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Dedication Service—Brown's Corners United Church



The Service of the Keys, marking the official opening and dedication of the new building of the Brown's Corners United Church, was held last Sunday morning. The church located at the corner of No. 7 Highway and the Don Mills Road has had a long and distinguished record of Christian service to the residents of Markham Township. It was officially dedicated by the Rev. Roy Webster President of the Toronto Conference.

Taking part in the impressive service are left to right, Architect Kenneth Cameron, Contractor Frank Speckert, Chairman John Brown of the Board of Trustees, Rev. Webster, Dr. A. F. Binnington, Minister of the Church, Building Committee Treasurer Norman Reid, Building Committee Chairman Henry Coleman and Walter Craig representing the Board of Stewards.

—Photo by Lagerquist

King City Youth Finds Pearl

Handsome young Larry Monkman of King City really has pearly teeth.

As he was eating oyster stew served by his mother, Mrs. Thomas Monkman, his teeth bit on a pearl.

An Aurora jeweller assured him it was a good one. Larry did not know which brand of tinned soup had included the unadvertised bonus.

Still surprised over his find, the young post office employee hasn't decided what to do with it and has yet to learn the gem's value.

He says he isn't usually lucky finding valuables or winning prizes. But maybe there was a shade of luck last summer when the King City Junior Girls' Softball Team he helped to coach won the cup for being the best of six teams entering the King-Vaughan-Whitchurch League.

Congratulations, Larry! We'll all be out to the Lions' Oyster Supper!

Controversial Zoning Bylaw Referred Back Town Planners

Gordon Longhouse New Metro Rep.

Mr. Gordon Longhouse of Woodbridge has been chosen to represent Vaughan and Toronto-Gore Townships and Woodbridge on the Metro Toronto Planning Board. The three municipalities were unanimously agreed that Mr. Longhouse would be impartial in all matters relating to the planning policies of the three areas. His name was mutually agreed upon by all parties at a January meeting. Mr. Longhouse replaces former Vaughan Councillor W. (Bill) Anstey.

Briefs Critical 70 Ft. Set-Back High Rise Apts.

"We should encourage the redeveloper instead of discouraging him as we have done up to now," declared Mayor James Haggart at Monday night's town council meeting. It was a meeting which lasted well over four hours and which saw the controversial zoning by-law requiring a seventy-foot setback in certain parts of Yonge Street sent back to the town planning board for revision.

The council chamber was well filled as the meeting started. Attendance was not as large as at the public meeting held a couple of weeks ago, when the provisions of the revised zoning plan were thrown open for discussion, but still large enough to indicate live public interest.

Many Briefs Received

Following the invitation extended at the public meeting, council received a considerable number of briefs bearing on the proposed new zoning. Without exception they were critical of the plan, in one phase or another.

Approve Apartment

Members of town council who were more or less favourable to the planning board zoning proposals bowed to the weight of public opinion. Deputy-reeve John Bradstock summed it up by saying that he thought a good solution for some of the zoning problems had been advanced but that property owners disagreed.

Deciding to return the zoning plan to the planning board for further consideration, council members heard Councillor Tom Broadhurst suggest that the board should be given some indication of what council wanted. "We're meeting them next week, we can tell them then," said Mayor Haggart.

Several Resolutions

Among the critical briefs received was one from Jack Seaton Real Estate, representing 25 property owners in the section of Yonge Street affected by the seventy-foot setback proposal.

Mr. Seaton, as he did at the recent public meeting, led the attack on the proposed zoning revision. "You need a little more faith in the people who are going ahead," he told councillors. Parking, he declared, should be arranged for at the rear of buildings. "You can write proper restrictions into the by-law," he declared.

A letter from a group in the Richmond Heights area, with 68 signatures attached, expressed disapproval of high-rise apartments. Like the 70-foot setback, this subject will be rediscussed by the planning board and council. Mayor Haggart asserted that the question of density of population had been over-emphasized. He promised to provide information for those concerned about taller apartments.

Buildings on the property

were old and his project would improve the general character of the neighbourhood, the developer, T. A. McQueen wrote to the planning board in detailing his plans. Parking problems would not be created as 125% parking had been allowed for.

Waters Of The Moon Accepted For Regional Festival



"The remnants of middleclass respectability," Mary Monks (Helen Lancaster) and Carl Weinsheimer (Julius Winterhalter) shown above in a scene from the Curtain Clubs highly successful production of "Waters of the Moon", presented at the Lions Hall last week. The play has been selected for the Central Ontario Drama Festival to be held at Hart House, beginning Monday, March 20th.

—Photo by Lagerquist

If you saw "Waters of the Moon" which was produced in the Lions Hall last week we think you'll agree that "The Curtain Club" did themselves proud. It was not an easy play to produce and we feel we should pay tribute to the long hours of work extending over a period of many weeks which the director and the members of the cast put into this play. And all this at no fee whatever. Their work is completely voluntary and unpaid.

It is hard to single out individual performers for special mention. Naturally the heaviest (Continued On Page 17)

Back Where It Started

County Approves, Then Reverses Extension Of Hospital Facilities

It was "on again - off again" for expansion of hospital facilities in York County last week, when county council first gave approval to a report of the York Hospital Commission which would have started action and then, the next day, reversed itself by rescinding the original approval.

At their Wednesday meeting members gave approval by a 14 to 13 vote to a report presented by the Hospital Commission. It recommended, as a first stage in hospital expansion for the county, the extension of York County Hospital at Newmarket and the building of a hospital at Richmond Hill. That stage would have provided a total of 325 beds. Later stages would see the number of beds available in York increased to 700 by 1971.

Also recommended was the issuance of debentures for \$2,900,000. This amount, together with contributions from federal and provincial governments, would have provided \$4,350,000 for the first stage. Under the terms of the report, it would have been left to the finance committee to study the imposition of a levy for 1961.

Overnight Change

The closeness of the vote brought an overnight change of heart. Fearing that the 14-13 division would leave bad feelings,

Reeve William Sellers of Sutton and Reeve Norn Garrlock of Woodbridge introduced a resolution the next day recommending the rescinding of the original resolution.

The report, they said had been presented too fast and they felt that all members of county council should have a further chance to study the proposal. They were not against the hospital plan, they asserted, but wanted further information. There was no desire to force anything through, they declared.

Only One Against

With a two-thirds vote required to effect rescinding, only one member of council was not in favour - Reeve Sydney Lezge of Newmarket.

On the last day of its four-day session members of county council adopted another resolution, asking the provincial government to increase the percentage given to hospitals for capital expenditures. It was given unanimous endorsement. The government gives high grants to many projects, said Reeve Wilfred Dean of Markham Township in presenting it, including roads, bridges, welfare, and he felt that hospitals should draw at least as great a proportion of provincial money. He was backed by Reeve Clarence Davis of Aurora, seconding the motion.

All Out Of Order

Members of council preceded their 14-13 vote in favour of hospital expansion by a lengthy debate which saw amendments, amendments flying thick and fast during two and a half hours of discussion. Main plank of the opposition was that, while additional hospital accommodation was beyond any doubt desirable, taxpayers simply could not afford any further tax increases at the present time.

The forest of amendments and alterations grew so dense that County Solicitor Douglas Lucas was called on for an opinion. Everybody was out of order, he declared. As a result of his advice the report was passed back into open council from committee. There the 14-13 vote in favour of the one to be rescinded the next day - took place.

Need Said Paramount

The need for more hospital facilities was paramount, said Mrs. Elton Armstrong, wife of a former Reeve of King Township and a member of the York Hospital Commission. Halls in the present hospital at Newmarket were, she said, so full of beds that it was a problem to get past them. Patients were being turned out of hospitals too soon, she declared.

Effect of the two votes, one in favour of going ahead and the other rescinding the decision, is to put the hospital extension plan back exactly where it was prior to its consideration by York County Council. It remains as a proposal to council by the York Hospital Commission, subject to further discussion and voting, said County Clerk J. L. Smith.

Can Carry Fight To OMB

Discount Store Land Change Gets OK—Markham Council

Residents of Thornhill who are opposed to the rezoning of land on Yonge Street which will permit the establishment of a large discount store will now have to carry their fight to the Ontario Municipal Board. Meeting on Monday afternoon, with Ward I Councillor A. Sumner absent, Markham Township Council members voted unanimously to give third reading to the by-law which would permit the rezoning. The land, which has been the centre of bitter debate in recent weeks, is situated on the east side of Yonge Street at the top of the hill running up from the river bed. It was formerly the site of the William H. Wright stables, where the mining millionaire who rose from butcher to become one of Canada's wealthiest men kept his racehorses.

Represented by F. A. Brewin, Toronto lawyer, a delegation of Thorn Hill Park Home Owners Association members attended the council meeting. Also present was Chairman J. H. Timmins of the Thornhill Village Trustees. Both Mr. Brewin and Mr. Timmins asked council to defer decision on the third reading, saying that they wanted further time to study the possible results. The group he represented, said Mr. Brewin, had already retained a consultant and wished to obtain expert advice on the conditions created by a similar venture in Scarborough and others in the United States.

Says Noise Creator

The new project would create a great deal of noise and traffic, said Mr. Brewin. Mr. Timmins' claim was that it would affect other properties in the village. Both suggested that they had not been given sufficient notice of the project. That was not so, Reeve Wilfred Dean and other members of council asserted. They declared that it had been given a considerable amount of coverage in the press since the beginning of December.

Advised that it would probably take a minimum of a month to get a Municipal Board hearing, council members decided that the objectors would have plenty of time to prepare a case even if they agreed to third reading of the by-law. That case, they said, could then be presented at the Municipal Board hearing, notice of which would be given to all those interested. Representatives of the projected discount store asked for earlier action. Mr. Ben Rosenberg saying that the suggested delay would be detrimental businesswise. "What a shame," said members of the delegation loudly, forcing Reeve Dean to call for order in the council chamber.

Other area residents were in favour of the project, declared Reeve Dean after the delegation had left. "Our school taxes need this help," he declared as he estimated that it would bring in fifty to sixty thousand dollars yearly in taxes. (The same estimate was made by Councillor Chas. Hooper, speaking while the delegation was present.)

There was a lot of tax free property in Ward One, Reeve Dean declared, including the jail farm and the cemetery, and the revenue was needed by other taxpayers. "We would be questioned by people in the rest of the township if we didn't act," he asserted.

Mayor Haggart Vice-Chairman Flood Control

At the annual meeting of the Metropolitan Toronto & Region Conservation Authority held in Richmond Hill on February 9th, Mayor W. J. Haggart of Richmond Hill was elected vice-chairman of the Flood and Pollution Control Advisory Board. This marks the first time since the authority was formed in 1957 that a Richmond Hill representative has been elected to any position within the authority. The 1961 Chairman will be Deputy-reeve Grant Henderson of Woodbridge.

COMING EVENTS

"Coming Events," the community directory of interesting dates to remember in coming weeks, appears on page three of this issue.

Funeral Held Tuesday—

Lifetime In Ministry Ends With Passing Of Rev. H. E. Wellwood

Rev. Harold Everitt Wellwood, for the past twenty years a highly esteemed citizen of Richmond Hill, passed away Saturday, February 11th at the Open Gate Nursing Home, Highland Creek, after a lengthy illness, and the funeral service was held Tuesday afternoon at the Wright and Taylor Chapel of the Pipher Funeral Home.

The service was conducted by Rev. C. G. Higginson of Richmond Hill United Church who paid sincere tribute to the late Mr. Wellwood who gave a lifetime of devoted service to the Christian ministry.

Born at Collins Bay, Ontario in 1876 the Rev. Harold E. Wellwood was the eldest son of the late Rev. Nathaniel Wellwood. Brought up in Methodist surroundings, he graduated from Victoria University in Divinity in 1902 and commenced his ministry in Copper Cliff, Ontario. During his pastorate in Warminster, Ontario he married Miss Amy Ball in 1905.

He had a succession of charges in Chatsworth, Flesherton, Sunderland, Aurora and Collier St. Barrie in the Methodist Church. Following Church Union he came to Toronto and preached in Kingston Road United Church for five years. Terms in Weston and Napanee followed and in 1940 he retired from the active church ministry and he and Mrs. Well-

wood came to Richmond Hill to make their home with Mr. Wellwood's sister, Mrs. George Gee, Centre Street East.

For the following fourteen years he was actively engaged as a representative of the Ontario Temperance Federation, travelling throughout Ontario on its behalf and rendering outstanding service.

In 1955 Rev. and Mrs. Wellwood celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. The following year Mrs. Wellwood died.

Because of failing eyesight in May of 1959 Mr. Wellwood moved to Clarkwood, the residence of Canadian National Institute for the Blind where he was able to help others while being benefited himself.

Seventeen months ago he suffered a stroke, and since then has been cared for at the Open Gate Nursing Home at Highland Creek. He passed away peacefully on Saturday, February 11th, 1961.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his son Macdonald Wellwood, and his daughter Evelyn (Mrs. W. A. Campbell) both of Toronto, three granddaughters and two great-grandsons, his sister Mrs. George Gee, and three brothers Dr. Milton B. C., Dr. George of Barberton, Ohio, and Frank of Toronto.

Interment took place at Richmond Hill Cemetery.

York In Vanguard?

Refer Mental Health Budget To Committee

Mental illness was now the "number one health problem," said Dr. R. M. King, Medical Health Officer for York County, presenting his report to York County Council at its four-day session last week.

The opportunity now existed, he said, to provide a mental health clinic at a "bargain rate" of approximately one-third of the actual cost of the service. It would place the County of York in the vanguard of public service to citizens, Dr. King declared. Stressing the value of early

treatment, the report of the M.O.H. asserted that, during the past year in the course of its routine health service, his unit had encountered 114 recognizable mental health problems.

A budget for a proposed Mental Clinic was introduced. It called for the expenditure of \$35,642 during 1961. Of that amount the Province of Ontario would put up \$23,642, leaving York County cost at \$12,000.

County councillors referred the matter to the finance committee for study.

BROTHERHOOD WEEK - FEB. 19-26

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