

Education Takes 40% Of Whitchurch Taxes

Whitchurch Township devoted just a fraction less than 40 per cent of its 1960 expenditures on education, \$333,901.33. Total 1960 income was about \$800,000.00. There are 25 schools including three high schools, at Aurora, Newmarket and Stouffville.

It cost the township a shade more than \$21,000.00 in salaries and allowances while about \$5,500.00 was budgeted to take care of council fees and indemnities. Township business in terms of printing and postage came to \$2,415.75, about \$1,000.00 less than had been anticipated at the start of the year. Auditing fees came to \$1,350.00, and engineering services \$2,938.03.

Roads and bridges in the township accounted for the biggest outlay next to education, \$181,015.53. This was about \$17,000.00 less than provided for in the budget.

The County of York levy took \$52,532.44, a few hundred dollars more than had been earmarked. Cash relief for the year took \$26,605.53, about \$3,500.00 less than the Township had been prepared to spend. Another saving was realized when the outlay for law enforcement, estimated in January at \$6,500.00, came to \$5,309.21.

Other expenses were as follows: Ontario land surveyors, \$150; Planning Board fees and

expenses, \$2,223; maintenance of township buildings and grounds, \$2,354; township office equipment, \$726; maintenance OPP of offices and grounds, \$1,067; election expenses, \$560; water area vote, \$494; fire area, \$3,831; police, \$2,400; livestock claims, \$214; warble fly account, \$1,012; insurance, \$502; sanitation, \$154; nursing home care, \$4,187; bank interest, \$3,602; tax collection charges, \$451; discount on taxes, \$6144; taxes relieved or refunded, \$417; local improvement plan, \$3714; grants, \$530; Aurora War Memorial Fund, \$1300; Community Centre Board, \$3825; recreation committee, \$1350; sales and searches, \$139; conservation levies, \$1513; purchase part Lot 17 Concession 4, \$900; miscellaneous, \$555; Charity, \$1,220; care of dogs, \$1,220; weeds (custom), \$328.

Meticulous The average township clerk-treasurer is nothing if not meticulous, and Whitchurch Clerk-Treasurer John Crawford is no exception to this literally golden rule. A perusal of the township's 1960 statement of current liabilities reveals two illustrations of this painstaking attention to detail. In the statement we find listed .02 cents itemized as Road Improvement Plan 200-201 and .07 cents itemized as Preston's Lake Garbage Contract.

Grandview Ave. last January 24th when plans were discussed for the annual Father and Son Banquet to be held this year at Thornhill United Church on Friday, February 17th, 6:45 p.m. Cost \$2.00 for the boys are free, so please let the leaders know if you plan to attend, a good turkey dinner is being prepared and a most interesting programme planned. Another event is coming up for March, the boys are already practising for the mammoth Gang Show to be put on by Scouts in this whole district at Thornhill High School. I will bring this to your attention a little later.

Neighbourhood Notes Last weekend Bob Priestman celebrated his birthday by inviting four of his chums to accompany him to the family cottage at Lake Simcoe. Blake McMaster, Kenny Ross, Tom Kiddy and Doug Stewart were the lucky friends who enjoyed the winter fun including a skate across the lake. Donna Ross celebrated her birthday by a visit to the "Ice Capades" at Maple Leaf Gardens while Cameron attended his cousin David's birthday party in the city. The wedding took care of Ross' sr. so the whole family had a busy time.

Sorry to report Mr. Ritchie suffered an injury to his back at work last week which has kept him house-bound this past week. Except for the hurt I can't think of a better place to be in this terrific cold.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Johnson of Woodward Ave. spent last week end visiting friends in Ottawa. Although we were experiencing a storm here on Friday when they left they reported very fine driving conditions all the way and had a very enjoyable holiday.

Sunday afternoon many of the neighbours enjoyed a visit and cup of tea at the MacKinlay apartment when Pat held open house. This was the first visit for most of them to the new apartment.

Muriel Weaving of Meadowview Ave. is enjoying the company of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Moore of Bowmanville who are spending a week with her.

Thornhill United Church On Sunday, February 12, the 158th anniversary of Thornhill United Church was celebrated. This church so rich in history had its beginning when a circuit rider arrived in the vicinity, later became Wesleyan Methodist Church, the final move took place three years ago when this beautiful new building was occupied and dedicated to the Glory of God on February 16th, 1958. The guest speaker for the anniversary Sunday was Rev. E.E. Long, Secretary of the General Council of the United Church of Canada. The evening service that same Sunday saw the showing of that outstanding film "John Wesley" a follow up to the film "Martin Luther." Rev. H. R. MacDonald was absent on a preaching Mission at Hartland, New Brunswick last week and Rev. H. Veals took the service.

Last Tuesday morning Mrs. T. Pherrill very kindly picked me up to accompany her on a trip downtown to the Fred Victor Mission where we were very graciously welcomed by Rev. Hunnisett and introduced to Miss Struthers, who took us on a tour of the occupied parts of their lovely new building. What a busy place it is, and what a great need they are endeavouring to fill. It makes one very humble when the work of others is so great.

Hockey News I am most unhappy to report a loss for the Peewee team this week. It is their first, so either they are slipping or the others are smartening up. Come on boys we need one winning team!

The Bantam team played at Aurora on Tuesday night. It was a very close game and on two occasions were leading but in the last half minute of play they scored a goal to finish up 3 to 2 for The Church of the Transfiguration. The penalties were handed out fast and furiously to the other team—one lad receiving four during the game. Our boys sure look nice in their green and white uniforms.

WILLOWDALE — North York Council has refused rezoning for an exclusive discount store south of Highway 401 near Jane.

RICHVALE NEWS

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Home & School

An executive meeting for Charles Howitt School Association was held at the home of the president, Mrs. A. Pollock, Westwood Lane, on February 7.

The forth-coming meeting was discussed and it was decided to hold it on February 13, so that we might have an opportunity to hear Miss M. Manuel on the topic of her year in the North and to see her slides about the Eskimos.

A committee for Scholarships was formed and Mrs. Miller, representing the association, Mr. R. Robson representing the school, Mrs. Davies, who will represent the social committee. A meeting of this committee will take place in the near future to discuss a tea to be held at the school to raise money for this year's scholarships.

The March general meeting will be in the form of a Parents' night as the Easter reports will have been seen by then. Also that night the winners of the Talent Contest will put on an exhibition of their abilities.

1st Langstaff Group Committee A meeting of all interested Cub and Scout Fathers, was called for Monday, February 6, to be held at the Scout Hut on Pearson Ave. Elections were held under the chairmanship of Mr. Doug Toogood of Richmond Hill.

The new group committee will be Mr. A. Miller, Mr. A. C. Peck, Mr. D. Mills, Mr. W. Wilkinson, Mr. N. Perry, Mr. W. McBain, Mr. W. Collett, Mr. R. Clark and Mrs. R. Brash as secretary.

The executive met at the home of Mrs. J. Howard, Maryvale Cres., on February 8 to discuss the next general meeting which will be on February 15.

An all-out effort is going to be put forth to get the new mothers out; and to make it interesting for them, coloured slides will be shown of past Cub and Scout Activities.

All the costumes were turned in and were to be distributed to the Cubs at their Thursday meeting.

Indian night will be February 23, so all the Mothers receiving costumes get busy and decorate their boys out-fit with coloured beads and wool.

The Hobby Show will be held on February 25 at the Lions Hall in Richmond Hill. The parents are asked to see that their boy completes his entry and really make this a good year for 1st Langstaff.

2nd Richvale Brownies A Church Parade is being held for all Richvale Brownies on Sunday evening, February 19, at Emmanuel Anglican Church. The 2nd Richvale Brownies will meet at the church at 6:30 to form a marching order.

The Ontario Municipal Board gave tentative approval this week to proposals to provide municipal water systems for the Police Village of Schomberg and the Oak Ridges Area in King Township.

Cost of the water systems were estimated at \$278,100 for Oak Ridges and \$119,700 for Schomberg.

The average householder will be assessed on mill rate, frontage, consumer rate and connection fees. In Oak Ridges the assessment will be \$86.50 a year and \$69.90 a year in Schomberg.

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The institute is requesting the department to compensate farmers for losses and damages incurred by careless hunters, pass more stringent hunting regulations and bring in legislation enabling the farmer to maintain his authority on his property.

The institute charges that the department has been lax in its supervisory legal duties, that hunters have become a hazardous problem in farming areas, constitute a threat to life and limb of those at work and at play, have been known to fire buildings whether inadvertently or not is beside the point, maim livestock, damage roofs, fences and gates and arrogantly refuse to vacate private property when instructed to do so.

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There will be no Brownie meeting on Wednesday, February 15. The Leaders are attending an Area Meeting.

Cancer Society Social On February 22 at 8.15 p.m. the Cancer Society are having a Social night to hear and meet Mr. Jack Brockie, National Chairman of Education and Publications of the Canadian Cancer Society.

In private life Mr. Brockie is the head of publications and public relations for the T. Eaton Co. Both men and ladies are welcome, so make up a carload and get out to hear this excellent speaker.

Charles Howitt School The students of Grade 8 at Charles Howitt School are planning a trip to Ottawa on the week-end of June 23. The students are attempting to raise their own money for the enterprise, so that any odd job you would like done around the house you could contact the school and enquire about help from Grade 8.

Public Survival Program To Cost \$20,000 In 1961

Civil defence in York County will cost \$20,000 during 1961, members of York County Council were told at Newmarket this week. The estimate was presented by W. F. A. Preston, recently appointed co-ordinator, public survival, for the county.

In addition County Council will spend \$14,000 on rescue equipment, \$12,600 of this amount will come from federal and provincial governments. The amount, Mr. Preston told councillors, was available because a sum had been earmarked for the county in 1960 but had not been used. A co-ordinator had not been named until the end of the year.

Each county in Ontario, said Mr. Preston, is encouraged to recruit, on a voluntary basis, at least one rescue company of 88 men. The 1960 holdover of funds would permit acquisition of enough material to train a company.

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A home designed specifically for total electric living in Ontario is the object of an architectural competition announced today by Ontario Hydro.

Endorsed by the Ontario Association of Architects, the competition calls for designs which meet the electrical industry's Gold Medallion standard. First prize is \$2,000, with \$1,000 and \$500 for the second and third place designs.

The all-electric home is intended primarily for middle income suburban families, and must be readily adaptable to individual family requirements. It will incorporate all modern electrical conveniences such as cooking, refrigeration, water-heating, washing and drying. Electric heating and air-conditioning will

also be featured. Special lighting effects of atmosphere and balanced illumination, as well as ample circuits and outlets for additional appliances, will be basic requirements.

The contest, announced to coincide with National Electrical Week February 5-11, will be open until July 3 for entries from members of the OAA practising in Ontario. Awards will be announced late in July and the winning designs will be on display to the public at the 1961 Canadian National Exhibition, in the Ontario Hydro Building.

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Vaughan Approves A Total Sum Of \$12,000 In Accounts

Vaughan Township Council at its February meeting authorized various payments in the total amount of \$12,809.50. Of this outlay, the biggest item was relief to hard-pressed citizens during January, \$4,323.56, of which 80% is recoverable from the province under general and welfare, \$2,060.00 was ordered paid and a portion of this therefore, combined with the relief measures, emphasized the adverse economic conditions in among 176 persons who qualify for township aid.

Other accounts dealt with included roads, \$2000.00; water accounts, \$3,570.00; Salvation Army grant, \$50.00; nursing home care, \$300.00 and police and fire accounts, \$256.00. Eighty per cent of the nursing home care charge will be rebated by the Ontario Government.

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HEADFORD NEWS

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W. A. The regular monthly meeting of the Headford W. A. will be held at the home of Mrs. W. H. Willman on February 14th at 8:00 p.m. The word for the month will be "Love."

Congratulations to Sharon Rumble who passed her grade 8 music this last week.

Mrs. N. Brodie and family had dinner on Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Brodie of Langstaff.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Wellman and family of Queensville had supper Sunday evening with his mother Mrs. W. H. Wellman.

Belated birthday greetings to Mrs. W. Leuschner for January 31 and February 5. Tommy Clarkson and birthday greetings to Mrs. Freeman Barker February 10.

Mrs. D. Calder and Mrs. W. H. Wellman attended the W. A. Annual meeting at Trinity United Church at Newmarket on February 2.

Sorry to hear several of the school children had the chicken-pox.

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