

E. Bartlett Wins Rezoning Request

E. J. Bartlett, owner of a piece of property with 100 feet of frontage on Yonge Street, Jefferson, found favour with the Ontario Municipal Board at its August 1 hearing when he asked that his area be rezoned "general commercial" from "rural residential." The township's proposed zoning bylaw had earmarked this area in the latter category.

Legal representative J. Rabinovitch said that the township's council and planning board had disagreed with the "no objection" view taken by Vaughan's legal department and wanted to know why. He said when the Bartletts built their house there were no surrounding buildings. "In the event of a chance to sell now, the rural residential setup will have a negative effect," he said.

Township Solicitor T. Fraser suggested that the owners press for rezoning when they receive a firm offer for the property. The board disagreed and said under the circumstances it would recommend the change sought. The board kept in mind the fact that the property's value had depreciated in value as a residential structure and would have more value as a potential commercial site.

Local Court Aids Police, Offenders Wideman Declares

Markham Township police had a reasonably quiet month on the crime front during July. Among the cases dealt with were six thefts. Three resulted in convictions being registered while three are still pending. Two "break and enter" cases saw convictions in each instance. Two false pretences charges, involving bad cheques, also brought convictions in both cases. The one "ability impaired" case also brought a conviction.

Seventy-four cases affecting Markham Township had been tried in the Buttonville court during the month, said Chief Constable Clarence Wideman. The local court, which deals with traffic and municipal by-law cases, had eased the situation greatly for its force, he said. Formerly journeys for policemen and witnesses outside the immediate area had taken a lot of time and expense, in addition to creating unnecessary inconvenience for those charged with offences.

WITCHURCH TOWNSHIP — Cost of dust layer purchased by the township this year to date is \$24,290.

"The Hilltoppers" Now Seeking Engagements

Former Musicians Give Helping Hand In Training 39 Boys Of Police Band

In the world of bands eight months isn't much time to start from scratch and become an integrated, reasonably proficient group, but on both counts the Richmond Hill Police Boys' Band ("The Hilltoppers") have come quite a long way. They are good parade material, properly uniformed in red, white and black and the individual members have a good command over the drums, soprano and baritone trumpets and French horns. The band's teachers, sponsors and drill-master consider it good enough to contribute to centennials and country fairs and to this end suitable literature has been dispatched throughout the country, to say the band is available.

Including the colour guard there are 39 uniformed members. All help relative to the training of the boys, who range from 13 to 17 years, is voluntary. This roster is an impressive one. Music director Art Burgin, who writes the band's music, was formerly with the National Ballet Orchestra, Corps Director Bill Parker used to be with Toronto's De La Salle Oakland Band, while Drum Major Ron Pollard is a former drum-major of the Governor General's Horse Guards. Local Constable Ted Green and Jack Williams, secretary-treasurer, who also is in charge of uniforms and equipment, have both been with the Second Signals Regimental Band. Also lending a hand

with general stores is Harry Thompson, who used to be with the Mount Dennis Boys' Band, Toronto, Chief of Police R. P. Robbins is president and Mayor James Haggart honorary president. Drill, horn and drum instructors also come from Toronto whenever time and circumstances permit, to contribute the benefit of their experience.

Said Chief Robbins: "We hope to get into some fairs this fall and we also hope to get into the junior novice competition at Waterloo, which is the Ontario country fair and with the reputation as the province's 'Big Band Town'." The band was actually started three years ago by the Chief, Ernie McMeekin, Jack Williams and Constable Ted Green, but the present group was organized last December.

They talked up the idea of a band, publicized it and sponsored fund-raising activities. The idea caught on and at one time about 80 boys were involved. This number was reduced to half by the force of circumstances. Most of the drop-outs were unable to meet the practice schedule because of part time work and for other reasons, none of which appears to have been lack of interest. When conditions improve for these boys they will be welcomed back.

In the last three years about \$3,500.00 has been spent on the band, which is supported by the

police force, Lions, Civitans, Kinsmen and Rotary. The needed money comes from fund-raising projects, club donations, private and general contributions. "Support is good," said the Chief. "I think everyone in the adult world connected directly or indirectly with the band appreciates its value. Band work provides an excellent outlet for young creativeness and a safe channel for the energy of the boys."

"The Liberal" was down at Lions Hall last Tuesday evening to watch the boys in action. They meet at the hall every Tuesday from 7 to 9:30 and receive individual as well as group training during practice sessions. All the music is their own composition. They are pretty proficient on three pieces and are hard at work on the fourth. What some might temporarily lack in finesse they make up in verve. One selection is titled "Richmond Hill" and another "The Chief," in honour of the president.

It's a pretty stirring sight to watch the boys in action forming up, wheeling into position, with the trumpets blaring and the drums booming and rattling. And there's a fine spirit of 'give and take' between the youthful bandsmen and their adult instructors. In short, the Richmond Hill Police Boys' Band is another very good reason for "The Hill's" consistently few cases of juvenile delinquency.



Practicing & Parading

Members of the Richmond Hill Police Boys Band are shown, in the top picture, getting advice from an expert, Jack Williams, secretary-treasurer of the band and a regimental bandsman himself, details some of the finer points. The lads in the picture are, from the left, Robert Pringle, Robert Lorein, Michael Romanish, Paul Hanna, Gregory Hanna.

And, in the bottom picture you see the lads all dressed up and ready to go on parade. Ready to sound are Ronald Robbins and David Cook. A story in this issue of "The Liberal" tells of the progress being made by this young organization. — Photos by Lagerquist

Establishing A Community Hospital

(Slowly but surely the new hospital to serve the southern part of York County is getting under way, under the direction of a board of trustees named by a meeting of the York Central Hospital Association and headed by Chairman Douglas H. Storms. As reported in a recent issue of "The Liberal" an administrator, Mr. Garry J. Chaffield has been appointed and is working on a part-time capacity, building up to the time when the progression of the hospital will call for his full time. Mr. Chaffield has undertaken to write a series of articles dealing with the establishment of a community hospital, which will appear in "The Liberal" for the benefit of the many residents of the area who are keenly concerned with the desperate need for

additional hospital accommodation for York County. The following is the first article in the series and deals with the relationship with the Ontario Hospital Commission. Editor.)

First of all, may I say that I consider it a very great privilege to have been asked to be the Administrator of your hospital when its doors are open to the people of York County. From my own experience in the hospital field I can appreciate the work and dedication by many people and the generous support of the whole community—that is so necessary in the planning and construction of a new hospital. It is a pleasure to witness the unselfish devotion and leadership which is being given by your hospital's Board of Governors, combined with the enthusiasm and the valuable assistance of the medical practitioners in this area. This is indeed a wonderful undertaking designed to provide the active treatment hospital facilities and services which are so desperately needed in this area. At this time, you as residents of the area which this hospital will eventually serve, will probably be anxious to know how the addition of a 130-bed hospital will affect the community and also perhaps get some insight into hospital affairs and the inner workings of a hospital in general.

Perhaps the most logical place to begin is with hospital financing. One of the most frequently asked questions these days when hospital financing is being discussed involves the comparative responsibilities of the Ontario Hospital Services Commission (which administers the hospital insurance plan) and the community, such as our own, which is on the threshold of establishing a brand new hospital. Specifically, the area of hospital financing is of definite concern to the people of the community and to those public-spirited citizens who must spearhead a project of this type.

On January 1, 1959, the Ontario Hospital Services Commission came into active being, with widespread effect on both the hospitals and the people of this province. The commission, as an agent of the provincial government, is charged with two major responsibilities.

1. Administering a province-wide plan for hospital insurance at a standard ward level;
2. Developing a balanced and integrated system of hospitals and hospital facilities throughout Ontario.

The primary intention behind the introduction of Ontario Hospital Insurance was to bring the highest possible standard of hospital care within the financial reach of every resident of this province. As you know, this has to a large extent been achieved, with approximately 95% of the population now insured on a premium basis—these premiums representing roughly one-third of the total costs of operating Ontario's public hospitals in any one year. From funds accumulated by these premiums and other monies from both the federal and provincial governments, the hospital is reimbursed for its operating costs incurred in providing care at the standard ward level, such as drugs and medical supplies, salaries and wages, maintenance costs, administrative costs and so on. The result of this activity is that the general public now has freedom from burdensome hospital bills and the cost of hospital care is no longer a deterrent factor for treatment which is medically necessary.

Moreover, annual operating deficits which for so long were traditional with many hospitals have now virtually disappeared. So far so good. However, there remain certain areas of hospital financing which are not taken care of through hospital insurance. It was never the intention of the provincial government to use the hospital insurance plan as a means to finance hospital construction or expansion nor to recover the original cost of equipment.

Such items are called "capital costs" as distinct from the reg-

ular "operating costs" which are now taken care of through hospital insurance. As the hospital remains a non-profit institution it therefore requires community financial support for programmes designed to expand or enlarge the hospital's capacity to render a useful service to the residents of that community. The quality of care given in a hospital can be deleteriously affected by inadequate financing, as evidenced in the areas of physical plant and equipment. It is axiomatic that other factors being equal, the hospital with an adequate plant and modern equipment should be in a position to provide better care to the residents of that community. We all believe that the people of this area deserve the best possible care and we must ensure that the physical plant and equipment are such that, with adequate human resources, such care is provided.

In addition to providing the means by which hospitals may be reimbursed for their operating costs, both levels of government are offering additional assistance to hospitals by means of grants towards the cost of construction, but these grants are an aid only, an incentive to the community groups to solve the problem of the lack of adequate hospital facilities within their own area—thus retaining the initiative and the final ownership at the community or local level.

Here in York County, our County Council has taken an important step in helping to alleviate the urgent need for hospital facilities through the provision of grants to supplement those of the senior levels of government. Councillors' wisdom in this matter will be of immense benefit to the people of this community for many, many years to come and their leadership should be an inspiration to initiate full and complete public support for the remaining funds necessary to see a modern, well-equipped hospital in Richmond Hill to serve the surrounding district.

The provincial commission is responsible, along with the federal government, for giving approval to the final plans of any hospital construction project. On approval, it pays established grants on the basis of hospital beds and floor areas of certain service departments within that hospital. In this case, county council is also contributing financial assistance to the capital nature. Finally, and of immense importance, the people of this community will be asked to contribute to this worthy project, thus bringing the pride of ownership to its logical level—the local level. The community, with the combined resources of the county council grants and public subscription, will finance approximately two-thirds of the total cost of constructing and equipping a hospital in Richmond Hill.

Fortunately, the need for public financial support no longer encompasses the realm of operating the hospital—community support is concerned solely with providing facilities to ensure themselves of adequate care in time of need. Money raised from other sources such as bequests, activities of the hospital auxiliary, etc., can therefore be used freely to maintain the hospital so as to be capable of employing modern methods in the performance of its vital role.

AURORA — Bicycles must not be left lying on sidewalks or footpaths in Aurora, but must be placed in a standing position, town council has decreed by by-law.

SCHOMBERG — Harold Russell, welfare officer and police constable of King Township, has been named deputy district Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, AF and AM of Ontario. He has been a Mason for 37 years.

WHITBY — The local OPP detachment investigating the second case of cattle-rustling in a period of two weeks. Three cattle valued at \$500 apiece, were stolen from a ranch in Reach Township.

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Accident
Our community was very sorry to learn of Mr. Aylmer Gray's accident last week. He fell from a load of hay and suffered a bad compound fracture of his left elbow and multiple bruises on his left side. He was removed to York County Hospital. His friends and neighbours wish him a complete recovery.

Sympathy
Quite a number from our community attended the funeral of Mrs. Aaron Grove at the Wideman Mennonite Church on Sunday afternoon. Sympathy is extended to the bereaved family and especially to Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Grove, who were Gormley residents until this summer.

Shower
A miscellaneous shower was held on Thursday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Aylmer Gray in honour of their daughter Cherry and Mr. Ken McQuarrie.

Socials
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barber and Timmy moved on Friday to Guelph. Harry is pitching for the Guelph Merchants Ball Team. Our good wishes follow Harry, Pat and Timmy as they leave our community.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Russell Ellas in the passing of her sister, Mrs. Goodman of St. Catharines. Mr. and Mrs. Ellas attended the funeral on Tuesday.

Recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. George French were Mr. Levi Steakley and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wideman.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Farmer and children spent the week-end at South River.

On Monday evening, seventy men, women and children met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Baker, Ballantrae, for the J. W. M.S. picnic. Following a delicious supper, coloured slides were shown by Mr. Allan Doner of Africa. Mr. Murray Bennett showed slides on the home mission work of the United Missionary Church, and Lloyd Harvey showed slides of Northern Quebec where he worked for a couple of years.

Work has begun on the town-line in New Gormley, preparing for widening the road and paving it. It is causing some inconvenience at the present, but just think how nice it will be when it is all finished.

Mrs. Frank Harvey is visiting with relatives in Creemore.

A number of local people are attending the United Missionary Camp at Stayner. Others are attending over the week-ends.

Misses Evelyn and Kathryn Reesor spent the long week-end at Fraser Lake camp.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hansen (at Mrs. Schelke's apartment) welcomed a baby son last week.

The Henderson Sisters were special singers at the Brethren in Christ Camp Meeting at Roxborough, Pa. Others attending were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Empringham, Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Vandenberg, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Beintema, and Misses Marjorie Heise and Jean Brillinger.

Miss Vera Doust is holidaying with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Doust. Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Doner were Mr. and Mrs. Ern Hunt of Bethesda, and Mr. Allan Smith of Edgeley.

Miss Susan Reed has returned from spending a month's holidays at North Bay.

Recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Elias Elliott were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gillen and family of Altona, and Mr. Jack Newsam of Caledon.

Misses Arlene and Judy Reesor were holidaying with their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Winger in the Niagara district.

Mr. and Mrs. John Reesor and two younger children spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Reesor and family of Joliet, Quebec.

Miss Susan Wilfred of Chilli-wack, B.C., is holidaying with Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Britnell.

Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. Gutwein and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kirstein were Mr. and Mrs. P. Engelmann, Mr. and Mrs. T. Baker and family, and Miss Susan Stier of Cheltenham, Pa.

Mrs. R. G. Britnell, Mr. Victor Britnell, Mrs. Wilfred of Toronto and Miss Susan Wilfred of Chilli-wack spent the week-end with Dr. Galliver of Owen Sound. Dr. Galliver is a brother of Mrs. Britnell and Mrs. Wilfred.

Vacation Bible School
Daily Vacation Bible School at the United Missionary Church was very successful. The course was "Living by God's Time" and the school was in attendance for eight days. The closing was held Thursday evening, July 27. The enrolment was 174, and the average attendance was 135. The highest attendance for one day was 142 and the lowest attendance was 128. The following teachers filled in very capably:

Nursery — Mrs. E. Jones, Miss Nancy Farquharson, Miss Norma Sandiford.

Beginner — Mrs. M. Bennett and Mrs. G. Cullen.

Primary — Mrs. K. Bacon, Mrs. C. Hunking and Mrs. L. Harvey.

Junior — Mrs. F. Yake, Mrs. R. Elliott.

Senior Girls — Mrs. G. Bolender.

Senior Boys — Rev. C. Hunking.

Pianist — Miss Florence Yake. Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Brillinger and children spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Weaver of Cobecok.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Climenhage, Mrs. Albert Reigle, Mrs. Earl Bossert and Miss Schaffer of Stevensville spent the week-end with Bishop and Mrs. Alvin Winger.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Appleton and family of Willowdale visited Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brillinger on Sunday.

Douglas Winger, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Winger of Queensville, was bitten by a rabid cat last week. Dougie now is having the rabies shot each day for fourteen days. Their many friends here were very sorry to learn of this misfortune.