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High Officials Discuss Level Crossing Problem Markham

"The purpose of this meeting is to gather all parties together in connection with the C.N.R. By-pass, and to hope we can come to some satisfactory solution of these level-crossing problems in the Township of Markham," Reeve Wilfred Dean stated as a special meeting of the township planning board was called to order Thursday morning of last week.

The crossings are situated at the 5th Line and 14th Avenue, south of Markham Village; the eastern boundary and the 9th Concession; and at the 7th Line which Metro calls Magowan Road.

Among those present, besides Markham Planning Board Chairman Alec Maynard, Planning Director Ron Forrest, and all members of Markham Township Council were: Mr. R. A. Shier, director of engineering, Board of Transport Commissioners, Ray Des Jardine, Metro Planning Board; Marshall Yard Project Engineer John Cann, and five other Canadian National Railway project engineers; Councillor Mrs. Ruth McKenney, Vaughan Township; Solicitor J. D. Lucas, Markham Township Engineer Dusan Miklas and Consultant Engineer Eric Jorgensen.

Members of Parliament, C. A. Cathers, M.P. (York North) and Frank McGee, M.P. from Ottawa, also appeared and Mr. McGee voiced a great deal of interest in Markham's concern regarding level crossings.

The consensus of the three-hour session was, further discussion should take place between the planning board, the CNR and the CPR, over the crossing on the 9th concession; and that the Department of Transport, having due regard to Mr. Shier's report of the anticipated danger at the other two crossings in question, would rule as it saw fit on the crossings on the 5th and 7th concessions.

Mr. Shier assured both council and planning board the Department of Transport projects its plans into the future — far enough to foresee danger spots that should be eliminated even before a railway line goes into operation.

Reeve Dean cautioned that a broad look must be given to the future increase of motor traffic over the crossings involved and said overpasses are being built three miles south of the township, and "this is supposed to be a similar development in our area."

The crossing at the eastern boundary of Markham Village, Concession 9, is to have an overpass erected by the CNR, but Township Solicitor Mr. Lucas stated, "From the point of view of Markham Township it will be very dangerous for vehicle traffic to go below it. There will be an obstruction of view on the CPR line, which also goes under the overpass. What we want is a three level crossing here."

Mr. Cann said, "We feel this is a quarrel between the CPR and the township." Discussion regarding a gate and warning system, such as a flashing light, was criticized by council and planning board, who maintained, a motorist seeing a train go over the CNR bridge — at the same time the warning light was announcing the approach of a CPR train along the level crossing — would make a mistake and drive across the track into the path of the train.

Mr. McGee asked, "Is it the statement of Markham Township Council that the only solution is to include representatives of council members?" "Yes," Mr. Des Jardine, Metro Planning Board affirmed, "This is the most critical part of this whole case."

And Mr. McGee asked, "When could another joint meeting be held, to include representatives from the C.P.R.?"

7th Line Crossing
 Regarding the proposed level crossing on the 7th concession, Mr. Shier said, "It becomes a problem we will deal with." Mr. Des Jardine stated, "We recommend specific separation for this road."

5,000 In Five Years
 Mr. Shier asked the basis of this recommendation and Mr. Lucas replied the development of Metro to the south was pushing development of the area further north. Mr. Des Jardine said, "There are now 600 vehicles crossing this spot daily, in five years there will be 5,000 a day."

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION BY THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VAUGHAN TO DISPENSE WITH A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS

TAKE NOTICE THAT:

1. The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Vaughan intends to apply to the Ontario Municipal Board for approval of the construction of watermains hereinafter mentioned, at an estimated cost of \$77,300 which shall be raised by the sale of debentures payable over a term not exceeding twenty years, and intends to charge the cost thereof, including debenture charges, and cost of maintenance and management, upon the lands in a defined area known as Concession One (North) Water Area.

2. It is proposed to raise the annual payments by: (a) a special rate on all the rateable property in the defined area which shall be a specific sum sufficient to pay the said payment after taking into account receipts obtained from clauses (b), (c) and (d) hereof or from any other source;

(b) a special tax in each year of 4 mills in the dollar according to the assessed value of the land fronting or abutting upon any highway in, through or along which the watermains are laid;

(c) a special rate of 20 cents per foot frontage upon the land fronting or abutting upon any highway in, through or along which the watermains are laid;

(d) a charge of water rates to consumers; The following is an example of the annual charge on an average dwelling property having a frontage of 103 feet and assessed at \$2,800.00

frontage tax — (103 feet X 20c)	\$20.60
Special levy (\$2,800 assessment X 4 mills)	11.20
Water Consumption rate	40.00
	\$71.80

3. The area upon which such water rate is to be levied is as follows:

CONSTRUCTION OF WATERMAIN EXTENSIONS ON:

- 1) YONGE STREET (Highway No. 11), from Elgin Mills Road to Oxford Street
- 2) ELGIN MILLS ROAD, from Yonge Street to Regent Street
- 3) OXFORD STREET, from Yonge Street to Lot 59, R.P. 1999
- 4) REGENT STREET, from Elgin Mills Road to Oxford Street
- 5) IREDALE ROAD EXTENSION (Lot 75, R.P. 1931) from Southerly limit Lot 75, R.P. 1931 to Northerly limit Lot 75, R.P. 1931

together with service connections and hydrants, and compound meter and chamber to be installed at the intersection of Oxford Street and Iredale Road.

4. Application will be made to The Ontario Municipal Board for an order to dispense with the assent of the electors and for approval of the said works. Any ratepayer may, within twenty-one days after the first publication of this notice send by post prepaid to the Clerk of the Township of Vaughan at the address given below a notice in writing stating his objection to such approval or to the imposition of the special rate, and the grounds of such objection.

5. The Ontario Municipal Board may order pursuant to the statute that the assent of the electors shall not be required and may approve of the said works, but before doing so it may appoint a time and place for a public hearing when any objections will be considered. DATED at the Township of Vaughan this 10th day of May, 1962.

J. M. McDonald,
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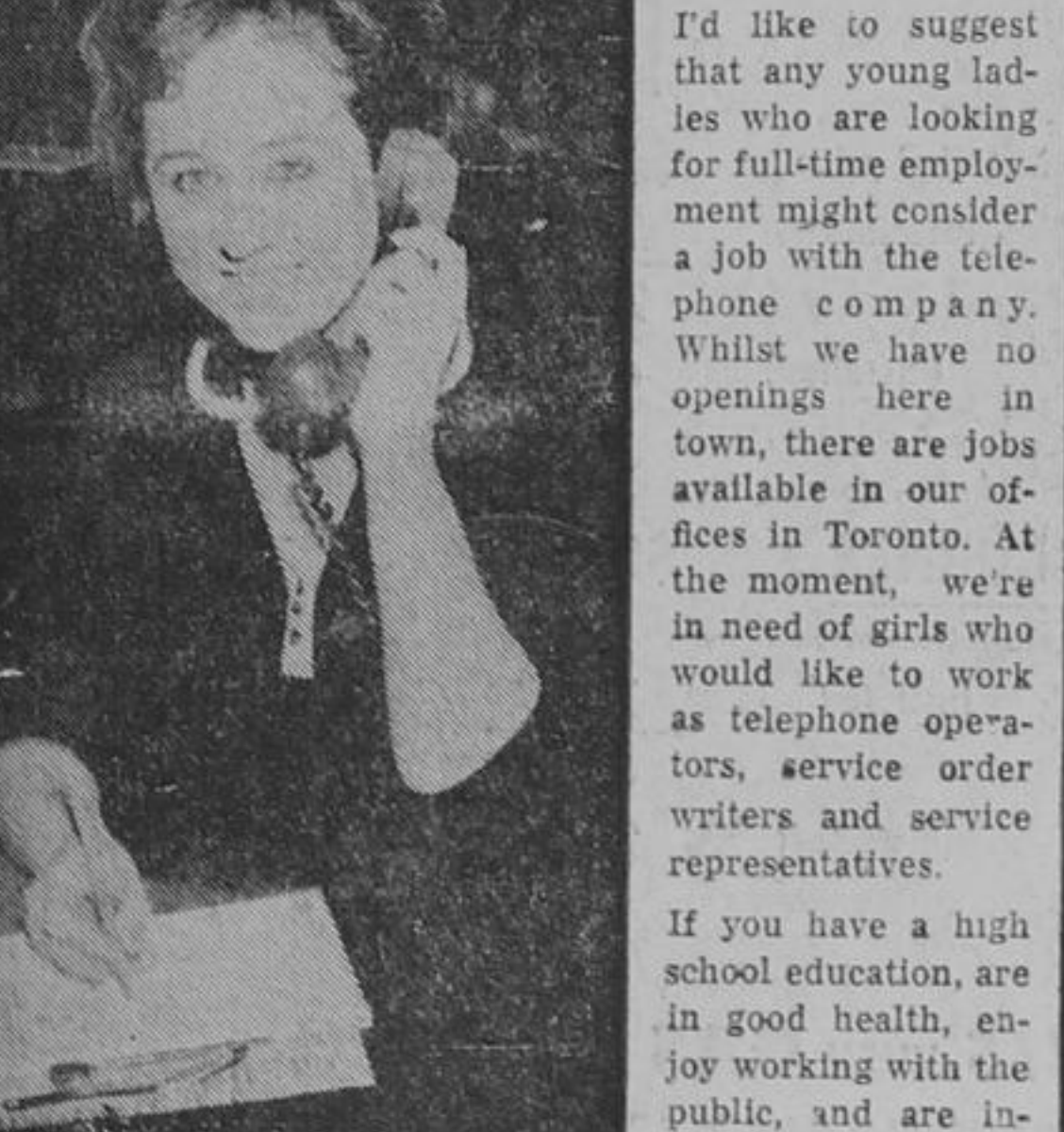


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Miss Nancy Buchanan joined our company recently. She now works as a service representative in our happy to have you office. Ask her about her job and drop in and talk she'll tell you she likes the people with us. Our ems meets and finds her work in employment office is at interesting and a constant challenge. 50, Eglinton East. I'm sure you'll find the Bell a pleasant place to work, and we're sure you'll enjoy working with other people on our staff.

Bill Barnes

CRESTWOOD ROAD NEWS

CORRESPONDENT: MRS. FRED ST. JOHN
 75 Crestwood Road, Willowdale Telephone AV. 5-3443

Fun Fair
 Powell Road Public School was the scene of fun and games last Saturday afternoon when the home and school association held their spring fun fair.

The school was carnival gay for the home and schools' venture into the world of fun and funds. The usually quiet classrooms of the school came alive with dozens and dozens of food 'n fun booths.

There was something there for everyone from fish pond to white elephant table. For the kiddies there was ring-toss, pin the tail on the donkey games. There were films for all ages — cartoons for the young, adventure tales and sports spectacles to thrill men and boys, and "Alice in Wonderland" especially for girls.

For the bargain hunters, the fair was a shoppers' paradise with sale items ranging from jewellery to toys, houseplants and home baked goods.

It was hard to tell who enjoyed the day most, the children who came in droves or the enthusiastic parents who came just for the fun of it. Festivities officially began at 1 p.m. on Saturday and closed at 5 o'clock, four full hours crammed with good old fashioned family fun.

One of the gay days' highlights was the cake baking contest for boys and girls. First prize for senior boys was won by Wayne Calder with Bobby Dewar taking first place junior honour. In the girls' division the best of the baking prize was won by Bonnie Beckett.

Honourable mention for their delicious entries go to Ivan Peters, Peter Webster, Brian Cummings, Lynne Webster, Melody Bradbeer and Susie Zepp.

Raffles and contests were high on the list of fair favourites. A beautiful bride doll, wearing a graceful gown of satin and lace and a complete bridal doll trousseau was won by Mrs. W. Palin, Crestwood Road.

George McKenna was the lucky winner of an exquisite brooch and ear-ring set. For guessing how many beans in a bottle, Barbara Nichols won the chip dish.

Another lucky raffle winner was Mrs. Smith, Crestwood Road, whose prize was a hammered aluminum tray designed and made by Powell Road School teachers.

When the fun games and fair shopping was finished, guests relaxed in the tea-room to chat and compare the afternoon's activities. Tea Room entertainment.

Girls Team
 Pitcher — Phyllis St. John. Catcher — Gloria Fuller. First Base — Patsy Verge. Second Base — Louise Shuster. Third Base — Lydia Higgs. Short Stop — Bridgett Mart. Left Fielder — Carol McGowan. Centre Fielder — Ann Marie Matsen. Right Fielder — Lydia Pettick. Sub. — Eva Silberberg.

Played first game at Thornhill Public School last Thursday. Score 36-12 in favour of Powell Road.

SCARBORO: The township's new municipal offices are holding open house May 12. A short opening ceremony will be held with Reeve A. M. Campbell unveiling the plaque. Entertainment will be provided by a number of bands and fire department and works department equipment will also be on display.

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Markham Level Crossings

Deputy-Reeve Lawson Mumberson Charges C.N.R. With Breach Of Faith

By Mona Robertson
 Following a recent meeting of Markham Township Council, Deputy-Reeve Lawson Mumberson stated, "I charge a breach of faith on the part of the CNR regarding level crossings. According to Hansard there will be none."

Afterwards "The Liberal" had an exclusive interview with Mr. Mumberson at his home, to get the story behind his statement, and the deputy-reeve disclosed a feeling of unrest among council members had existed for more than a year, regarding proposed level crossings — and the fact that security fencing was to be erected "only in areas immediately adjacent to schools."

Went to Ottawa
 Councillor Charles Hooper, over Mr. Mumberson's objections, sought for and received approval from the other members of council, to go to Ottawa with the township solicitor Douglas Lucas and Eric Jorgensen, the consulting engineer for Markham Township, to see representatives from the C.N.R., and members of parliament, regarding the crossings. "I couldn't see how sitting members of parliament had anything in the way of a solution to our problem," Mr. Mumberson stated.

"When the delegation returned and the township solicitor was asked to sum up the visit to council, I knew then 'mission was not accomplished'; and I then got busy myself to arrange a meeting, here, with all those concerned."

Sent Letter to Chevier
 With the aid of a prominent and interested taxpayer in the township, who knew former transport minister Lionel Chevier, the following (part) letter was drafted — and action began.

"I am enclosing a case history which, while not of national importance per se, nevertheless is quite vital to large segments of voters in York County. The attached is self-explanatory and I am sure any action taken in the area concerned."

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