

Concord Residents Oppose Edgley Water Area

Possibility of the erection of a new \$2,000,000 coal storage plant near the intersection of Highways 7 and 400 was revealed at last Tuesday's Ontario Municipal Board hearing on the proposed Edgley water area.

David Jamieson of the OMB presided over the hearing, held in the Vaughan Township offices in Maple, October 16.

Bill Sills, an industrial subdivision in Thornhill, revealed plans for the proposed coal plant. Mr. Sills predicted the coal firm and several other small firms would likely make a definite commitment to move into the area as soon as they could be assured municipal water was available.

Mr. Sills told the hearing that since he opened an industrial subdivision in the area only a few years ago, nine plants with a total assessment of \$600,000 had moved in.

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Crothers Ltd., had earlier forecast a glossy future for the area. He predicted that within five years Highway 7 and 400 would become the "Crossroads of Canada", and that the land would become the most valuable land in Ontario.

The hearing was called when the Concord Ratepayers Association and Ronald Fenn of Keswick, who owns land in Vaughan Township, objected to a move by council to obtain approval from the OMB without a referendum.

Concord's objection was apparently based primarily on the fact that they were being asked to pay for a water system in Edgley when they couldn't get one themselves.

Township Engineer Keith Hopper, first witness called by Township Solicitor T. O. Fraser, testified the proposed well to serve the area at Doughton Road and Jane Street would have a

pumping capacity of 250 gallons per minute or 360,000 gallons a day. Additions to the well site include a storage tank with a capacity of 50,000 gallons and iron treatment facilities.

Twelve-inch feeder mains along Doughton Road, Jane Street and Highway 7 would be included in the project, he said. An existing Edgley well serves an industrial area east of Jane Street, but the present iron content there is too high, Mr. Hopper testified.

Mr. Hopper said that the first estimates on a new Edgley well were made in 1960, but the township did not proceed because development of the area was not far enough advanced to pay for the well.

The well in Concord is three miles from Edgley, Mr. Hopper stated. He predicted that Edgley would be the heart of the township's industrial area.

It would cost a great deal more to develop a well in Concord, because it would be necessary to go down an estimated 250 feet to get water. Depth of the proposed Edgley well would be only 70 feet.

Under cross-examination by D. K. Fraser of Concord, lawyer for the ratepayers group, Mr. Hopper conceded the proposed well would not serve the entire Edgley water area, if and when it became 100 per cent developed.

Mr. Hopper stated that as the area opened up and the CNR yards on Highway 7 came into full operation, other wells would have to be developed on Keele Street.

Township Water Superintendent William Norris told the hearing that the output of the present well is only 90 gallons per minute.

Three flaws in the present water system east of Jane Street were presented by Mr. Norris. He listed high iron content, inadequate pressure for fire protection, and lack of standby equipment for power failure as weaknesses in the present system.

An OWRC report indicated the iron content in the water is 1.2 parts per million. Maximum acceptable content is 0.3 parts per million. OWRC summed up its report by saying that the water was high in alkalinity, very hard, and had a very high iron content.

Mr. Norris added that the water from the present well has a rotten egg odor and yellowish clothing.

He suggested OWRC would have applied pressure if the township hadn't moved to begin plans for a new Edgley water area in 1960-61.

In response to a question from D. K. Fraser, Mr. Norris placed the potential of a known well at Langstaff at 250-350 gallons per minute and at Concord at 350 gallons a minute.

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Planning Board Chairman A. A. Kirk told the hearing that his board had recommended the establishment of an Edgley water area.

Harvey Keenan told the hearing that his firm, G. W. Crothers, plans to utilize 50 of the 118 acres it owns on Lot 5 between Highway 400 and Jane Street to build a head office.

Crothers have the Ontario franchise for Caterpillar Tractors, along with other heavy construction equipment.

Mr. Keenan said his firm had delayed construction of the plant until water becomes available.

The proposed \$2,000,000 shop and office building would have an area of 160,000 square feet.

If municipal water is turned down for the area, Mr. Keenan warned his firm would go ahead and build and find its own water supply. He admitted his firm would then be in the financial position of having to oppose any future plan for a municipal water system to serve the area.

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VICTORIA SQUARE NEWS

CORRESPONDENT: MRS. W. SANDLE
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I visited the new Community Hall in the park Friday afternoon to see just how far it had advanced.

As I entered it was coffee-break time, and the men were sitting around enjoying themselves over a cup of hot coffee.

I understand visitors are most welcome and coffee is served them by Bill Williams.

The furnace has arrived and the installation of it is being done by Les Hart. The wiring is being done by Ron Holmes of Gormley.

The usual gang on the job are Clarence Steckley, Gordon McWhirter, Fraser Gee, Mart. Styrmo, Leslie Hart, Charlie Hart, Frank and Bill Williams, and the boss, Herman Mortson.

On Tuesday of last week, the deputy reeve of Markham Township took the following members of council and township employees to see the hall. C. Hooper, C. Hoover, A. Sumner, Township Engineer Mikelas, Planning Director Ron Forrest and Clerk H. Crisp.

Mrs. Lawson Mumberson greeted the guests at the door. A guest book in charge of Mrs. H. McCague was placed in the hall for the guests to sign. Mrs. Binnington welcomed her guests in the living room.

Pouring tea were Mrs. Stefler, Mrs. Rodick and Mrs. English from the Brown's Corners charge, Mrs. Mabel Wellman, and Mrs. N. Brodie from Headford and Mrs. H. McCague of Victoria Square.

Tea assistants were group leaders, their assistants and other association leaders of the church: Mrs. H. Mortson, Mrs. L. Hart, Mrs. J. McCague, Mrs. N. Bell, Mrs. F. Donnelly, Mrs. C. Walker, Mrs. P. Bennett, and Mrs. F. McRoberts.

The manse committee of the United Church Women would like to thank all who helped in any way to make the tea such a success.

Another euchre party will be held in the old Community Hall on Don Mills Rd., October 26, at 8:15 p.m. Ladies please provide lunch.

Over two thousand hours of voluntary labor have been contributed by a group of men in the community to the building of the new community hall.

On October 27, commencing at 6 p.m., the Lions Club Barbecue will be held in the new community hall, thus enabling the residents to assist the building fund.

Barbecued half chicken, oven-fresh rolls, corn fritters, salads, and relishes are on the menu, followed by bingo in the evening.

All proceeds are being donated by the Lions Club to the community hall building fund.

A hallo'een party for the children of members of the Young Adult Club will be held in the Sunday School room October 27 at 7 p.m.

United Church Women

The October meeting of the United Church Women was held in the Sunday school room Wednesday evening of last week with 25 ladies in attendance.

Mrs. A. Wilson was in charge of the worship service. Scripture lesson was read by Mrs. S. Boynton. Mrs. Pope gave the meditation and Mrs. G. Brands led in prayer.

Mrs. N. Bell introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. G. Harmon, who gave a talk on the Thanksgiving theme. Mrs. Harmon was thanked by Mrs. F. Donnelly.

During the business session it was decided to have a shower of fruits and vegetables for the Victor Home for Girls at the November meeting. Final plans for the Fowl Supper November 7 were also made.

At the close of the meeting a "Bring and Buy" sale was held, followed by refreshments served by the group.

Silver Tea

A lovely autumn tea was held at the Victoria Square United Church Manse October 18. The manse was beautifully decorated with mums and the tea-table was covered with an ecru madras linen cloth. In the centre was a large table-cloth of gold and white mums in a silver bowl, and at each end a silver tea service.

Neighborhood Notes

Birthday greetings to Murray Mackness, 7, October 25; Barbara Mackness, 5, October 26; Mark Runney, 5, October 28; Christopher Cakbread, October 28; Douglas MacDonald October 28; Mrs. Donald Canning, October 29; Mrs. Lawrence Boyton, October 30; Shirley Boynton, October 30; and Betty Hill, October 30.

Mrs. Allan Orr underwent a tonsillectomy at the Branson Hospital last Friday.

Mrs. R. Perkins and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Barker and boys, had Saturday evening dinner with Mrs. Floyd Perkins and family, Richmond Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Boynton and Grace and Mr. and Mrs. Don Boynton, called on Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Boynton at Port Perry Sunday.

Miss Muriel Mortson had Sunday evening dinner with Misses Suzanne and Lorna Hibbard.

Mr. Desmond Meed, Bristol, New Brunswick, called on Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Nichols last week.

Mrs. G. Brands, Mrs. F. Donnelly and Mrs. S. Boynton, attended the coffee-party of the Markham Cancer Society last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Nichols had Saturday evening dinner with Mrs. Mary Buchanan.

Secure your tickets for the turkey dinner November 7 from any of the members of the United Church Women as they are going fast. Only 400 tickets are being sold.

A turkey shoot, sponsored by the Victoria Square District Lions Club, will be held in the park, November 3.

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Victoria Square Lions News

The fourth charter night anniversary of the Victoria Square District Lions Club was held at Buttonville Community Hall on October 16. About 120 members, wives, guests and visiting dignitaries were present to enjoy what proved to be one of the most successful and entertaining evenings in the club's history.

There were representatives from many neighboring clubs present including Richmond Hill, Markham, Unionville, Thornhill, Stouffville, York Central, Maple and Leaside, and these together with the head table consisting of Lions International Councillor Jack Filkin and wife, Zone Chairman Roy Bick, and his wife, District Governor Earle Bagsley and Mrs. Bagsley and Lion president Dr. W. J. Mason and Mrs. Mason from Richmond Hill, the sponsoring club, made this a real evening of Lionism.

President Forrest Dullege called the meeting to order and after the National Anthem and Royal Toast the Buttonville Women's Institute served a delicious meal which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

The president then welcomed the assembly and went on to give a brief history of the club since inauguration and some of the services it has provided for the betterment of the community and its residents. Lion Secretary Art Wilson introduced the head table guests, who included Reeve Wilfred Dean and his wife and the visiting executive officers. Brief but appropriate speeches of thanks and congratulatory were made by the receive and others.

District Governor Bagsley commended the club on its progress and awarded perfect attendance pins to thirteen members.

Amid warm applause president Dullege presented immediate Past President Frank Williams with a plaque and a cigarette lighter as a token of appreciation for his unstinted efforts during the past year. A presentation was also made to Lion Secretary Arthur Wilson for his contribution to the club since its inception in an onerous but very important office. Lion John McCague gave an address of thanks to the ladies, paying tribute to their help in various activities throughout the year, to which Mrs. Aubrey Stephenson responded in charming manner. Thanks to the women's institute were given by Lion Gerry Woods with a special mention for the lemon meringue pie.

The gathering was then turned over to Lion Frank Donnelly in charge of entertainment, and together with useful Lion Clarence Steckley, and an assortment of jokes old and new, he kept everyone singing and laughing until the main entertainment was ready. A lucky draw was held at this time with the following winners:

Mr. John Storey, Buttonville, Mrs. Don Boynton, Victoria Square, Mrs. Earle Bagsley, Agincourt, Miss Marjorie McMath, Toronto. The principal entertainment consisted of excerpts from the current revue "A Twist of Lemon" of the Richmond Hill Curtain Club. This smooth and witty production merits any and all superlatives one can think of, exhibiting a polish and timing not usually found outside the professional theatre. The cast which consisted of Rex Sevenoaks, Lou Donnelly, David Coon, Mary Monks, Madeleine Carroll, Phil McMillan, Denis Stainer, Pat Stanley, Mary Donnelly, set designer and stage manager, and Ed Midmer sound effects, were introduced at the end of the show by Mr. Coon, and adequately thanked by Lion Lawson Mumberson.

First vice-president Lion George Brands and his committee should be congratulated for blueprinting a most entertaining and enjoyable evening.

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TAKE NOTICE that David Hugh Meredith McLean of the Village of Thornhill in the Township of Vaughan, in the County of York, will make application at a Special Meeting of The Liquor Licence Board of Ontario to be held at the offices of The Liquor Licence Board, 55 Lakeshore Blvd., East, in the City of Toronto, in the County of York on Thursday the 22nd day of November, 1962, at the hour of 9:30 o'clock E.S.T. in the forenoon for the issuance of a DINING LOUNGE LICENCE, for the sale and consumption of liquor with meals, for the following premises: 255 Yonge Street South, Richmond Hill, Ontario and being composed of parts of Lots 5 and 6 Registered Plan 3801 Richmond Hill, with a frontage of 122 feet on Yonge Street by a depth of 165 feet more or less, on which is situated a 1-storey cement block and glass front restaurant known as DADS DRIVE IN.

Any person resident in the licensing district may object to the application, and the grounds of objection in writing shall be filed with Mr. H. J. Browne the deputy registrar of the licensing district, whose address is 55 Lakeshore Blvd., East, Toronto 2, Ontario, at least ten days before the meeting at which the application is to be heard.

DATED at Thornhill this 22nd day of October 1962.

DAVID HUGH MEREDITH McLEAN, applicant,
110 Thornbank Road, Thornhill, Ontario, address.

Rains & No Frost Aid October Flower Display

(By Elisabeth Grant)

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It was a teaching demonstration and the speaker began by showing many ingenious ways of using various mechanical means to keep the flowers and foliage securely fixed. "Consider where you are going to use your flowers," said Miss Dove and demonstrated suitable arrangements for the hall, the mantel-piece and the table centre, ending up with a gay Christmas Table decoration, made on stereofoam with yew greens, candles baubles and a big red bow.

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fun and relaxing," she remarked, and indeed the audience found it so much so, that when president Spence Urquhart announced that plans are underway to have Miss Dove return to conduct a course of lessons, almost enough for a class sign-up on the spot. It is hoped to start these classes almost immediately while there are still garden flowers to be used. Not only members but others interested are invited to join the class. The fee will be \$10 for 6 lessons and information about time and place will be published later.

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