

# Markham Council

Representatives of Markham Township Council and the Board of Transport Commissioners will meet on March 27 to discuss the proposed installation of automatic railway signals on 14th Avenue. The meeting is the result of application submitted to the Board of Transport Commissioners by Markham Council asking that signals be installed at this location.

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# School Orators Vie On April 9

The 1963 Richmond Hill Public School Public Speaking Contests will be held on April 9 with the grade 4, 5 and 6 contests taking place at Crosby Heights School, the grade 8 contestants at McCaughey School and the grade 7's at St. Mary Immaculate Separate School.

The grade 7 pupil with the best prepared and impromptu speeches from Our Lady Help of Christians School and St. Mary Immaculate School will compete in the grade 7 division of the Richmond Hill public speaking contest.

Speeches will be timed. For prepared speeches the contestants will deliver a speech between 3 and 5 minutes long, while for the impromptu speeches they will deliver a speech 3 minutes long. These times will be the same in all competitions.

Impromptu - Individual copies of the topics will be given to each contestant.

In the prepared class each school is responsible for checking that no speech of any final contestant is a direct copy or piece of any article.

A contestant may enter either the impromptu or prepared speech contest, but not both. Grade 7 students may not enter the grade 8 prepared or impromptu contests.

On the night of the contest, contestants will draw slips of paper telling them in which order they will speak.

A timekeeper will time each of the speeches and will stand at the 4½ minute mark of each prepared speech, and at the 2½ minute mark of the impromptu speech, to signify to the speaker that he or she has 30 seconds left to complete the speech.

Each school will supply three judges. These judges will rate only the competitors from the other schools. After assigning a mark to each speaker they shall turn over their sheets to the vice principal in charge who will then make the necessary deductions. The vice principal shall then rate his ratings. The contestant with the lowest rating will be the winner. The judges must follow the standard marking procedure.

The judges must give a mark for each of the following: material, style, language, and delivery, according to the rules for judging public speaking. Judges must also total the mark given to each contestant.

In the event of a tie the assistant will break the tie on the basis of total marks. Deductions are at the rate of 10 points for every 30 seconds overtime.

Prizes and their donors to be awarded at the contest are as follows: Home and School Association, prize for best prepared speech for grades 5 and 6; Harold Nils Trophy for best impromptu speech, grades 5 and 6; Richmond Hill Public and Separate School Board Award for best grade 7 prepared speech; vice principals and assistant to the vice principals trophy for best grade 7 impromptu speech; Floyd Perkins trophy for best grade 8 prepared speech; Dr. Langstaff trophy for best impromptu grade 8 speaker; and a shield presented by the public school board for best grade 8 speaker.

# To Investigate Charges For Excessive Seepage

Mr. G. R. Greer was spokesman for a delegation from the Grandview Estates Ratepayers' Association which waited on Markham Township Council Monday evening. This delegation was augmented by representatives of the Highland Park area.

The brief presented by Mr. Greer dealt with the payment for domestic sewage service, which the ratepayers consider unfair, as the area is charged for disposal of an excessive amount of sewage water. Suggestions were that council, without further delay, set a sewage service rate based on the water meter readings of users directly connected with sewers, and based on the gallonage used in the winter months; the balance to be budgeted and paid for by a mill rate over the entire sewage area number 1.

Reeve Dean agreed that there was an unreasonable amount of seepage in the area, reporting that last year 26,000,000 gallons of water were used but sewage disposed of from the area and charged to Markham Township by North York was 84,000,000 gallons. The reeve said, "I'm in the area, too, and I'm greatly concerned."

Councillor A. Sumner assured the delegation that as other districts are attached to the sewage system, the charge for seepage will be spread over the whole area. He recommended a survey by means of private tests to determine if the seepage is excessive and exactly how much seepage is handled by the sewers.

Council decided to go into

# HEADFORD NEWS

Mrs. Loren Guild Phone TU. 4-3040  
R.R. 2, Gormley

Sunday morning the daffodils in the church reflected the spring sunshine and Dr. Binnington reminded the congregation that the symbol of the renewing of life was also the symbol of a great need, aided by the Cancer society.

The service was the final one for Mr. K. Deer who has assisted Dr. Binnington on the Victoria Square charge for the past year. Mr. Deer is facing his final examinations in theology which will be followed by field mission work. He spoke on the subject of prayer and the necessity of prayer with God. He suggested that set times for prayer was a good habit but prayer should become a constant way of life and not a cry of distress as a last resort.

Dr. Binnington extended the best wishes of the congregation to Mr. Deer for his success in his future work and thanked him for his past services.

No classes were held in Headford Sunday School March 31 as the period was spent in open session for mission instruction. Mrs. C. Lee presented two films of contrast, one of Alaska showing the intimate life of an Eskimo family and the second one, a journey on the Nile with an Egyptian lad. Mrs. Lee explained that missionary interest must include a knowledge of other people and their way of life as well as gifts of money.

The Testor women have been busy for three years working to help pay off the mortgage for the addition to the church and the party was just a spring treat for themselves and their friends. Each member brought a friend.

Mrs. Guild exhibited dolls, parade of fashion from 1060 to 1960 and gave a brief historical sketch with each group.

Mrs. Burton delighted the audience with her informal presentation of songs accompanying herself on her guitar.

Headford talent added interest to the March meeting of Buttonville WI when Mrs. Burton provided musical numbers, the 4-H girls demonstrated table setting and Elisabeth Barker showed interesting slides.

Mr. and Mrs. John Simpson were guests at the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hore of Little Britain March 30.

Recent weekend guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Burton were Mr. and Mrs. Philip Lecouve, Montreal. Mr. Lecouve is a brother of Mrs. Burton.

Mrs. Harry Burton and Mrs. Loren Guild were guests of the Teston United Church Women at a special meeting of their group March 27.

# Speaking Engagements Are Widely Separated

The schedule of activities during the last week of the current federal election campaign saw John Addison, Liberal, York North, speaking on behalf of his party from as far west as Lloydminster, Alberta to his home riding of York North.

Mr. Addison's itinerary from March 30 to April 6 calls for the following engagements:

Saturday, March 30, 1963. Speaking on behalf of the Liberal party and Liberal candidate Don Trapp in the constituency of Biggar, Saskatchewan - evening rally in Rosetown, Biggar.

Sunday, March 31, 1963. Speaking on behalf of the Liberal party at a Rally in Edmonton, Alta.

Monday, April 1, 1963. Speaking on behalf of the Liberal party at a rally in Lloydminster, Alta., in support of Stan Perka and Jim Maker, Liberal candidates in the ridings of Battle River and Camrose.

Tuesday, April 2, 1963. Morning and evening - returning

from Western Canada, 9.30 p.m. coffee party at the home of John Mann, 227 Ford Cres., King City.

Wednesday, April 3, 1963. 10 a.m. - Canvassing in Richvale area; 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. Coffee party at the home of Mrs. Murray Brown, 7 Wildwood, North Road, Lake Wilcox; 8.30 p.m. - Rally at Newmarket Town Hall, Newmarket. John Addison, speaker; Mitchell Sharp, guest speaker.

Thursday, April 4, 1963. Morning - Canvassing in Richmond Hill; 2 p.m. - coffee party at the home of Mrs. W. R. Outerbridge, 43 Cousins Drive, Aurora; 9 p.m. - modern and old time dance at Jersey Public School, Keswick, Ont. - John Addison to make short speech.

Friday, April 5, 1963. Morning - Canvassing in Richmond Hill; 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. Visiting The Villa, private hospital, Bathurst Street, Thornhill; 8 p.m. - Pearson Rally, Maple Leaf Gardens.

Saturday, April 6, 1963. Canvassing; locations to be determined.

# Deplores Inability Of School Bd. To Reduce Its Demand For Money

The 1963 millrate for Aurora as set by council shows an increase of 6.7 mills for residential property and 8.7 mills for industrial and commercial property. Resulting new millrates are 61.5 for residential (54.8 last year) and 68.7 for commercial and industrial (59.9 last year).

Reason for the hike is increased school costs - this year they are up \$100,000 for public schools and the

town's share of high school costs plus \$9,000 additional for the county levy.

In the past year the town has managed to keep its controllable expenditures almost steady.

Total assessment for Aurora is \$15,046,055 an increase of roughly \$300,000. Total expenditures jumped \$103,000. The amount of money to be raised by taxation is up \$118,690 establishing a new peak of \$973,893.

It was pointed out that Aurora's share of the Aurora District High School Boards two schools at Aurora and King City is 42.5 per cent. This year the town's commitment to these two schools, including the operation of the new King school, is up by \$39,000. Public school costs in Aurora have increased by \$56,789.

In commenting on the increases Deputy Reeve Stoddart said, "We can control our own council expenditures but we have no control at all over the budgetary expenditures of the school boards."

He went on to say that the town had turned down requests from its employees for salary increases and had curtailed departmental expenditures in a move to save taxpayer's money. In addition the town has scrapped plans for the purchase of new equipment and in view of the demands of the high school boards, plans for sidewalk and curb improvements would have to be severely modified if not completely eliminated.

The reeve made note of the fact that the public school board had modified its original estimate for funds and that this had helped to save the taxpayers.

"This council appreciates such revision, as much as it deplores the apparent inability of the high school board to reduce its demands by as much as a single dollar," said Deputy Reeve Stoddart.

The high school board's demands were termed as "colossal" by the deputy reeve.

Mayor Keith Nisbet commented that while no one was overjoyed with the budget the town had fixed its own controllable expenditures to an increase of 7/10 of a mill. He said that education now takes 60 per cent of the taxes in Aurora and that he was afraid for the vitality of the town if improvements to them continue to be delayed year after year.

# Wedding Anniversary Marred By House Fire

The celebration of the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. William Thompson, Saigeon Drive (formerly Morgan Avenue), Langstaff, which should have been a most happy occasion, was marred by two incidents last Saturday.

During the afternoon at the reception in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Thompson which was held at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Robert Hamblin, on Fairview Avenue, Langstaff, Mr. Thompson complained of not feeling well and returned to his home with his son-in-law, Mr. Hamblin.

During the evening the lights in the Thompson home blacked out, and upon investigation Mr. Hamblin found the garage and part of the home in flames. The garage was attached to the house by a closed in breezeway and by the time the Vaughan Township Fire Brigade was able to bring the flames under control they had spread to the main part of the house. The garage was completely consumed and the car was damaged by falling timbers. The kitchen also suffered considerable

damage and the rest of the home was extensively damaged by smoke.

Mr. Thompson who had gone to bed on his arrival at home inhaled considerable smoke and is now undergoing treatment in Sunnybrook Hospital.

Fire Chief Davidson of Vaughan Township reports he believes the fire was caused by a fault in the electric wiring.

Attending the reception were relatives and old friends from the area with members of the Women's Institute of Mark-Vaun, Thornhill and Richmond Hill and Richmond Hill Senior Citizens. Members of Mark-Vaun Institute, of which Mrs. Hamblin is president, were happy to cater for the event. During the afternoon Mrs. M. Roy of Langstaff and Mrs. C. Sinclair of Thornhill poured tea at the attractive tea table centered by golden tapers, and in the evening Mrs. W. Drew of Concord and Mrs. Mary Jones of Langstaff took over this pleasant task. The anniversary cake was made by the honored couple's daughter, Audrey.

Many lovely gifts were on display.

# Will Oppose Oral French In Vaughan Tp. Schools

Many areas were represented among the number in attendance at Vellore Hall last weekend who met to plan an organized protest against the introduction of Oral French in the schools of Vaughan Township next

September. A committee had met previously to draw up a brief which has been sent to the Ontario Minister of Education, Hon. W. G. Davis, and to Vaughan Township School Area Board. The group feels, first of all, that taxpayers were misled by the March 7th meeting held at Maple, the purpose of which was to acquaint the taxpayers with a proposed plan to introduce Oral French into public schools, and to obtain the feeling of those present on the subject. They also consider this meeting was of no value, since a vote of 2-1 against the introduction of French was not recorded. Furthermore, they state, the vote was ignored completely on March 11 and 14 when the board made plans for authorization of and finally, the adoption of this plan.

The large group protesting this action has many strong and valid reasons for believing that the introduction of the plan at this time is not in the best interests of the taxpayers of Vaughan. The group has prepared a petition which is being presented to as many taxpayers as possible in the township with the hope of getting even more support to put before the board at its April 11th meeting.

Following is a brief outline of the information contained in the petition as well as other facts gathered by the committee in their research.

Oral French is not part of the school curriculum, according to the Department of Education. Other areas where Oral French is being, or has been, taught have not yet reported fully to the department, so an assessment of the true value of the subject cannot be ascertained. No rural board has ever before applied to the department for permission to teach this subject. Over 50% of the schools in Vaughan are classified as rural, having two rooms or less, and classes are of course small, five or six children in one grade. This would mean disrupting half or all of a school for the sake of a half dozen children, since this is an oral subject. Most of the rural schools have no "extra" room such as a teachers' room where those taking French could go.

Other special subjects being taught now are designed to assist the regular teacher and can be carried out by her during the week. Oral French is not so designed. Whereas most teachers can teach art or music or reading, very few would be capable of giving the pupils even a review of their French. This is no reflection on the teachers - their curriculum is full now, with subjects which they are required by law to teach. When the Department of Education sees fit to include the subject in its curriculum, when it sets up a standard course to be followed, and when school facilities in all of Vaughan Township are brought up to the standard of the better groups in the area, then the group feels, Oral French will have a place in our schools.

In 1960 when the area board was formed, it was faced with many immediate problems. Some of these are still problems, over three years later. Edgeley is without drinking water, Old Pine Grove has toilet facilities condemned for some time by the York County Health Unit, yet still in use. Children wash at the drinking fountain or not at all.

Similar conditions exist in other schools in the township. The board, it is claimed, is more interested in trying to



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