

Thornhill and District News

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Councillor Sumner Fights Alone

Wants Ceiling On Police Sick Pay

Councillor A. Sumner protested vehemently this week, and asked for a recorded vote of council, when a brief setting forth terms of a new 1963 agreement with Markham Township Police employees was presented by the police committee chairman, Deputy-Reeve Charles Hooper, for council's approval.

It was clause 10 of the brief, dealing with accident and sickness, which caused Mr. Sumner's outburst. It states:

"An employee off duty as a result of an accident or occupational illness incurred in the performance of his duties, shall be paid the difference between compensation and full salary by the employer while off duty until such time as the employee is physically able to return to duty. It is agreed this clause remain in force this year, but effective December 31, 1963, it be deleted."

Mr. Sumner believes there should be restrictions placed in this clause, and urged that it be changed immediately. "This leaves council open to the biggest bill of its life," he said, and intimated that the same clause had been bulldozed through council for the last two years, without change.

"I will not agree to this clause under any circumstances," continued Mr. Sumner. "It is absolutely ridiculous to leave ourselves wide open in this way." "I've seen this council quibble over a couple of hundred dollars but here they commit themselves to thousands without turning a hair!"

He went on to state that not one person sitting at the council table could expect to draw full pay indefinitely in the event of sickness or accident.

Councillor S. Rumble agreed with Mr. Sumner that the clause was unwise, but said he felt it would have to be honored this year.

Reeve Dean commented: "We should abide by a gentleman's agreement. Police should have been notified last December if the agreement was to be terminated."

In the recorded vote which was recorded by Clerk Harry Crisp, the years had it, and Mr. Sumner's was the one voice of protest. "Could we ask the clerk to put a heavy mark on his calendar 45 days prior to December 1, so we aren't backed into another hole next year?" asked Mr. Sumner.

"The clerk won't have to," replied Councillor Charles Hooper, chairman of the finance committee. "I have it marked in my book." And the police chairman, Mr. Hooper said he, too, would mark the date.

Clause 6, allowing police employees three weeks' annual vacation with pay following ten years of continuous service, was another point of contention. Some councillors felt that few employers allow employees with three weeks' vacation with pay until 15 years of service. However, in this regard it was pointed out that other Markham Township employees receive three weeks' vacation with pay after only five years' service.

The present agreement pertains only to full time members of the Markham Township Police Department, with the

exception of the chief constable and deputy chief constable. Recognition is given the Markham Township Police Association as the sole bargaining agent for all full time members of the police department, excepting the chief and deputy chief.

A salary schedule is in effect, and other benefits include a five-day, 40-hour week; lieu days; uniform and equipment supplied, including \$25 clothing allowance annually; 50% of health insurance paid by township; a sick leave credit system allowing a maximum of 150 days; service and good conduct pay for eight years uninterrupted service (15¢ per day after 8 years; 30¢ after 13 years).

York Centre MP HC Deputy-Whip

James E. Walker recently re-elected Liberal for York Centre became the first suburban member to be recognized by the Pearson government. Mr. Walker was given the post of deputy-whip, assistant to Alexis Caron, the Liberal MP for Hull, Quebec. The position of whip is comparable to that of the truant officer, it is his job to see that the members are in their places when a vote is called.

Another function of the whip and his deputy is to bring any member who has been absent up to date on what has happened during his absence. In matters of importance, especially with a near even house, the position of whip and deputy whip are considered vital.

The riding of York Centre covers all of North York Township plus that part of Vaughan Township lying south of No. 7 Highway. Mr. Walker was first elected in 1962.



The Professor Talks To Young Admirers

The "Professor", well-known Channel 9 TV personality, chats with youngsters at the Powell Road Public School Home and School Association annual fun fair held at the school last Saturday afternoon. The "Professor" talked to his youthful admirers and told them about his "hideaway" and gave each one of them an autographed photograph. Show above with the "Professor" (left to right) are: Shelly Webb, Teena Beattie, Mickey Bonner and Stephan Marre.

Thornhill Notes

All About People

It seems as if Thornhill must have been just about depopulated for most of last month. April is beginning to rival July as a holiday month.

Among those sojourning in Florida, were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Clark and son Brian of 16 Brightbay Cres. The Clarks drove down and spent two weeks at Daytona Beach. For the past several years they have stayed at the Royal Arms Motel there which caters to family groups and which the Clarks recommend very highly. They all enjoyed the lovely beach at Daytona, although swimming in the heated pool was also much enjoyed.

On their way home they spent a day in New York City, touring it to give Brian a look at the docks, the U.N. building, Central Park, Broadway, and etc.

Also at Daytona beach were Mr. and Mrs. Ken Hall of 63 Westwood Lane with daughters Janet and Diane and son Robbie, and the Halls and the Clarks spent a couple of evenings together. The Halls had spent a week at Indian Rocks Beach, near St. Petersburg, but on the Gulf side. Here they found the water much warmer and enjoyed swimming in the ocean. They then went on to Vero Beach, and Daytona Beach where they also stayed at the Royal Arms motel.

A note to summer holiday-makers: rates at this particular motel at Daytona Beach go up considerably during the summer months, as it is a popular summer resort also.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Clare of 148 Arnold Avenue went on what could almost be a safari. With their four children, five year old twins, and eight and eleven years old, they spent last month touring Florida, stopping at St. Petersburg, Fort Lauderdale and Daytona Beach among other places. They had a wonderful holiday, did lots of swimming, collected sea shells, visited Marineland where they went under a glass-bottomed 75 foot tank and saw sharks, porpoises, etc. from below, walked through orange groves, and saw an open-air bird show with trained cockatoos. Along with all this, they did a little school work with the two older children as they went along.

Several Thornhill young people have been creating considerable interest in sporting circles. One of these, Bill Gairdner son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gairdner of 7901 Yonge Street was in Sao Paulo, Brazil last week at the Pan American Games and came second in the 10-event Decathlon. (I hate to admit it but I really have no idea what that is, not being a regular follower of the sports pages). This was said to be the toughest event of the program and Bill scored 6,812 points, 505 points better than the Canadian record which he set here at the trials for the British Empire Games.

Bill is 22 years old, a graduate of Appleby College and now a student at the University of Colorado, majoring in psychology. He is at the university on a track and field scholarship. He gets home to Thornhill twice a year, at Christmas and during the summer holidays. During the summer he trains at the Don Mills Track Club, under his coach, Lloyd Percival. Bill has two sisters living in Thornhill, Carol and Norma, a grade 10 student at Haverall College.

United Church News
Banns were read in Thornhill United Church on April 28th for Katherine Wendy Anstey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Anstey, 18 Thornbank Road and Hugh Alexander Johnson, of 166 Gordon Road,

Willowdale.

Rev. G. Stephenson conducted the service at Thornhill United on Ecumenical Sunday, April 28th, while Rev. H. R. Howden of Holy Trinity Anglican Church preached the sermon. Rev. H. J. Veals, conducted the service in the morning at Carville United Church, with Rev. F. Jackson preaching. At 11 a.m., Rev. Veals preached at Emmanuel Anglican Church, Richvale Unit 4 of the U.C.W. met at the House of Concord, on May 2nd. Unit 5 held a very successful May day coffee party on May 1st and numerous homes in the Thornhill district will be brightened by the many gay geranium plants which were sold there.

The Thornhill United Church Bowling League held their annual banquet at the Old Mill on April 26th. Special guests for the evening were Rev. and Mrs. Higgins, President Herb Rogers was the M.C.

Winners for the year were as follows: for high averages ladies Gerry Hornsby 197, Men Len Gazez 201, high single flat ladies Nancy Short 276, men Walt Harris 314. High triple flat ladies Ev Brice 575, Men Jack Hornsby 766. High single with handicap ladies Lu Rogers 325, men Herb Rogers 346. High triple with handicap ladies Fran Clark 793, men Bill Landon 829.

For perfect attendance for 27 weeks, Jack Hornsby was awarded a prize. Presentation of a cup and saucer were made to Marion Duncan for her work as sub-captain and to Fran Clark for her secretarial work.

Election of officers for the next season was held and Jack Hornsby was elected president, Gerry Hornsby secretary, Roy Simpson treasurer and Audrey Landon sub-captain.

Holy Trinity News
The final teacher training session was held at Holy Trinity following the evening service on April 28th. Rev. Howden addressed the meeting. A meeting of the parish council was held on May 1st at which Rev. Howden outlined the set-up of the diocesan senate.

A committee is now busy arranging details of the parish picnic to be held this year on June 22nd.

During the month of May, Rev. Howden will be preaching a series of sermons on "Great Hymns and Their Messages". The first, on May 5th dealt with "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus." This will be followed by a discussion of "Nearer My God To Thee," and "Jesus Lover of My Soul". On May 26th, the evening services will close for the summer with the observance of Commonwealth Youth Sunday.

The April meeting of the Uplands group of the parish Guild was held at the home of Mrs. R. L. Moore, 16 Vista View Drive. Ten members attended and Mr. Howden informed them of the various activities of the church. The meeting was chaired by the group leader, Mrs. Betty Crawford. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Frank Dunbar, 21 Vista View, on May 14th. Following the evening service on April 28th, the Trinity Teens and Twenties held a youth rally. The program for the past year was discussed as well as plans for next year. The executive of the youth council for the 1963-64 season was held with the following members elected: Chairman Tom Gough, Vice-Chairman John Tucker, Secretary Linda Bogle, Treasurer Judy Allen, Council Members Helen Fraser, Eleanor Taylor, Nancy Tucker, Rosemary Cordingly, John Tucker, Ken Simmons, Warren Davis, Mark Spafford and Rod Dickson.

Village Merchant John McFarlane 65 Passes On

Thornhill was saddened last week to learn of the passing of a well-known and respected member of its business community, John McFarlane, 65, the operator for the past 16 years of McFarlane's Grocery Store.

Although he had suffered a severe heart attack some eleven years ago Mr. McFarlane's passing was very sudden. He was born in Hainsville, Ontario, near Iroquois Falls and before coming to Thornhill had operated grocery stores in Toronto on Parliament St. and on Wellesley Street.

Mr. McFarlane is survived

by his wife, the former Gladys Kennedy, a native of Banoroff, a brother Frank of Toronto and a sister, Mrs. L. Stafford (Betty) of Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Requiem Mass was sung at St. Paschal Baylon Roman Catholic Church, Steeles Avenue, on April 27th and the funeral service was conducted by Father V. LaSavoie. Interment followed at Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill.

Pallbearers were Frank Bannon, Toronto, Bob Ohlis Richvale, Sid Woolnough and G. Sutton, Willowdale, J. Finerty and W. Judges, Thornhill.

Pickering Residents Show Lack Of Interest

According to reports the ratepayers of Pickering Township have shown little interest in the official plan of the township which has just received approval by the Minister of Municipal Affairs. In order to stimulate an interest on the part of ratepayers and to point out the significance of the official plan, Pickering rural ratepayers are holding a meeting on May 9 at 9 p.m. in the municipal hall in Brougham.

Speakers at the meeting will include R. N. Percival, a member of the Town Planning Institute of Canada; John Pearson, of the Community Planning Branch, Department of Municipal Affairs and W. H. Craig, Pickering Township planning board chairman.

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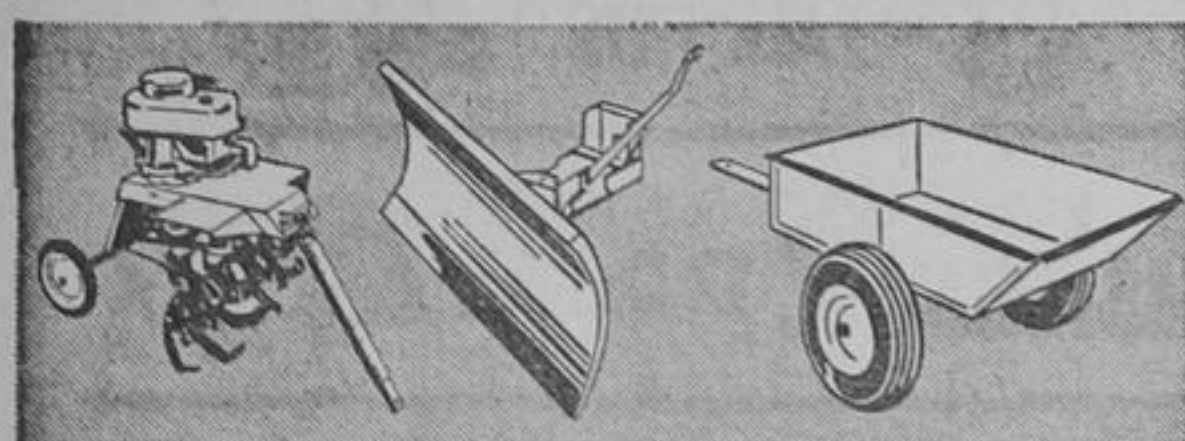
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