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Town Public School Bd.

Schoolboy's Place Is At Home For Lunch Time

The schoolroom and the lunchroom are definitely not compatible, Richmond Hill Public School Board decided last week.

The board made its comments at its regular meeting Thursday night of last week following receipt of a copy of a letter written by R. L. Newman, principal of MacKillop School, to the father of one of the school's pupils. In his letter, Mr. Newman had asked the father to attend a school board meeting to explain why he objected to having his son go home for lunch.

Mr. Newman said the boy had persisted in bringing his lunch to school, even though regulations forbade anyone living within a 3/4-mile radius to do so. The father, however, had not answered the letter nor did he appear at the meeting.

"We'll just have to send the boy home again if the situation persists," said Superintendent Gordon McIntyre.

He said the boy had already been sent home on a previous occasion.

"Is there no responsibility for the boy at home," asked Trustee A. Hutcheson.

Mr. McIntyre said that was not the board's concern, so he was unable to answer the question. He said if the schools allowed the children to bring their lunches, there would be up to 3,000 students staying at school during the noon hour.

"Then we'd need programs for them and supervisors," Mr. McIntyre said.

He said parents unable to be home during the noon hour, could get help in this matter if they wanted.

Mr. Newman's letter was referred to the personnel committee for further study.

In another letter, the board approved a request from Mrs. W. Jones, 76 Beaverton Avenue to have her niece, who resides in Toronto, attend grade 2 of Walter Scott School for the month of March on a tuition fee basis, while she is visiting in Richmond Hill.

N. Davison, principal of Walter Scott, advised the board that accommodation would be available.

A recommendation by Business Administrator Kenneth Turton that the board hold only one regular meeting each month in an effort to avoid duplication in office accounts for the meetings, was rejected by the board.

The board agreed, however, to adopt the procedure of approving accounts for payment only at the first meeting of each month, and suggested that the matter of one board meeting be considered again in June.

A motion by Trustees David Stephenson and Jack Knott that the board ap-

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Mothers Marched Monday Night

As the annual March of Dimes got underway Mrs. W. Donald Paton (right above), 190 Driscoll Road, welcomes Marching Mother Mrs. G. D. McCarthy, who lives across the road at 191. Throughout the area the canvassers were welcomed warmly Monday evening and results of the march, not yet complete, indicate a substantial increase in donations from last year.

Mrs. Norman Todd, who heads the local committee, told "The Liberal" that the devoted work of captains and canvassers had made this encouraging increase in returns possible.

Theatre Owner Seeks Vote

Sunday Movies For Markham Twp.?

A plea by a drive-in theatre owner to Markham Township Council to consider a vote on Sunday movies has been set aside by council for consideration at another date.

Monday night, council told Barry Allen, of Brampton that it would ask the township clerk to find out just how much a vote would cost, as well as to ascertain the poll locations.

Mr. Allen said he would be willing to underwrite such a vote if council could stage it in the Township before his theatre opened, July 1.

He said that the theatre, which he was building near Steeles Avenue and Don Mills Road, was a "very expensive operation."

"Toronto has four good drive-ins and two mediocre ones," Mr. Allen said. "My competitive position here is greatly hindered if I fail to get Sunday movies."

Said Councillor Alan Sumner: "Why wasn't a vote held during the municipal elections in December?"

Deputy-reeve Stewart Rumble said the idea of a plebiscite had been turned down by council at that time as nobody asked for such a thing.

Mr. Rumble, however, objected to Mr. Allen's suggestion that he pay for a vote if it were forthcoming.

"Did you ever consider (when he was building the theatre) that you might not get Sunday movies here?"

Mr. Rumble asked Mr. Allen.

Mr. Allen said if it had been up to him, he wouldn't bother with Sunday showings, but that he was under the pressure of the suppliers to have the movies on those days, or else he wouldn't get any good pictures. In offering to pay for the plebiscite Mr. Allen said he would be glad to include in it any other issue council might be considering.

Township Clerk, H. C. T. Crisp, when asked how much such a question might cost, estimated it to be between \$500 and \$600.

A motion that the matter be postponed until the clerk could supply more definite figures, was approved 3-1, with only Deputy-reeve Rumble voting against it.

Police Crack Weekend Thefts

An unemployed Richmond Hill man, who has been charged with a series of robberies and thefts in Richmond Hill, appeared in magistrate's court Tuesday morning and was remanded for one week.

Appearing before Magistrate O. S. Hollinrake, was Douglas Brock, 25, of 48 Laverock Avenue, who was arrested January 29, following "round the clock" activity by Richmond Hill Police.

Police Chief R. P. Robbins said his men had been working steadily since the first of 11 weekend robberies was reported to police, January 22.

Businesses included were: Scotty's Variety, 79 Yonge Street South; Quality Utilities, 157 Crosby Avenue; Becker's Milk, 192 Yonge Street North; Mac's Milk, 26 Leventdale Road; Reitman's (Ont.) Ltd., Richmond Heights Centre; Butler and Baird Lumber Co., Yonge St., North; W&P Service Station, 178 Yonge Street North; Burroughes Furniture Co. Ltd., Richmond Heights Centre; and R. D. Little Ford Sales, 168 Yonge Street North.

Brock is charged with breaking, entering and theft in all of the cases, except Burroughes, where he has been charged with breaking and entering, only.

Palmer Suggests Markham University

A proposal by Councillor Cleary Palmer that Markham Township Council look into the possibility of establishing a university in the area, was given short shrift last week by Reeve Charles Hooper.

The reeve stopped discussion of Councillor Palmer's suggestion, which came after the regular meeting of council was finished, with a suggestion of his own that there were "greater men than us, who can handle these university things."

He said that good students were being kept out of university because of the high entrance requirements.

"Nowadays a student has to be a genius to get in," he said.

When asked by Councillor Alan Sumner if such a university would conflict with Toronto's York University in geographical proximity, Mr. Palmer said he didn't think it would as it would be a long range plan — possibly 10 years from now — and there would be need for both by then.

"We must put our oar in" said Mr. Palmer. "If we had an agricultural college here, it would have to do good."

"How much good would it do?" asked Reeve Hooper.

"Why didn't you speak about this when the minister (Education Minister William Davies) was here last year? I think there are greater men than us, who can handle these university things."

Deputy-reeve Stewart Rumble said he didn't see the matter in the same light as Mr. Palmer. It was hard enough to raise money for high schools in Markham, and a university required a different type of support, with grants being required by the provincial and federal governments, as well as individual sources.

"I can't agree either that you have to be a genius to get into university," said the deputy-reeve. "I have three children in university now. ... It's possible they're geniuses, but I don't think so."

Councillor Palmer said he may have misled council; that he had only intended the Education Minister be approached about the possibility of getting a university.

It was at this point that Reeve Hooper cut him off, ruling him out of order.

"You should make a notice of motion first and discuss it in committee," said the reeve. "This is something out of a blue sky."

He said also, that it shouldn't be brought up with one of the councillors absent. Councillor Charles Hoover had retired after the regular meeting.

"You mean I can't talk anymore about this," said Councillor Palmer.

"That's right," said the reeve.

Markham To Negotiate North Thornhill Easement

Markham Township Council will begin negotiations soon with Thornhill Ladies Golf Club with regard to the amount to be paid for easements expropriated for the North Thornhill Development, which has been hanging fire for the past seven years.

The development, which only received approval last fall, is between Yonge Street and Bayview Avenue, south of Holy Cross Cemetery in Thornhill.

At its Monday meeting, council approved a recommendation of the general committee to begin negotiations as soon as a commitment is obtained from the developers that they will assume all costs involved, in addition to the cost of land easements.

Solicitors for the golf club, on whose property part of the five-acre development will be built, recently wrote to council requesting that it take action in the matter as soon as possible.

Tax Discount

A proposal that residents of Markham Township be allowed a discount for prepayment of, or payment of the first and second instalments of their taxes together, was turned down by council.

The proposal was contained in a report of general committee.

However, council did approve an additional recommendation that provision be made this year for payment of the taxes in three instalments, and that every effort be made to deal with the 1965 rating by-law by March 1.

To do this, it authorized the clerk to request all budgets be submitted as soon as possible, with the school boards getting theirs in by February 20.

Council also agreed to a request from the industrial committee to look into a proposed industrial land purchase in the Don Mills area if the committee is not successful in obtaining it. Location of the proposed site was not given.

Appointed to the industrial committee as planning board representatives were J. S. Gadsby and Harry Maynard, Reeve Charles Hooper, Deputy-reeve Stewart Rumble and Councillor Cleary Palmer will also be on the committee.

Richmond Hill Has 2 Alternatives For Eliminating Blind Road Intersections

The town has two alternatives in remedying blind intersections and creating daylight corners, its Solicitor J. Ragnar Johnson informed council by letter Monday evening.

Under section 467 of the Municipal Act, Clerk Russell Lynett noted the municipality may make a deal with owners of property to have the corners cleared without acquiring title to any property. If this cannot be accomplished by mutual agreement, the matter can go before a judge for arbitration, he reported.

Under the Highway Improvement Act the municipality would have to acquire ownership of portions of intersecting lands. The solicitor noted that this method would necessarily mean expropriation of the lands.

Reeve Donald Plaxton noted that if the town acquires title to the property it would mean acquiring property for the eventual width of the street, an extensive strip along both roads. "What I am primarily concerned with is the elimination of blind corners. We went into the problem from the safety angle and you don't have to buy land to legislate on safety—all you need is

visibility. At least you will have people living with the conditions and less apt to be upset when future improvements are advocated."

Mayor Tom Broadhurst commented that the works committee is looking into the question. "It will be up to them to come up with a recommendation" the mayor reported.

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Legion Parking Still A Problem Solution Before Tax Discussion

Parking at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 375 Yonge Street property was discussed at a meeting of Richmond Hill Town Council of the whole held January 25, it was reported at Monday night's regular meeting of council.

Recommendations of the January meeting which were implemented Monday evening were that the Royal Canadian Legion be advised that taxation will be discussed after they have followed one or other of the following:

(a) Sign an agreement for the leasing of the Sunoco Parking lot as agreed to in their letter of October 10, 1963 or

(b) Make application to the committee of adjustment for definition of the number of parking spaces required by the usage of their property.

Senior Citizens

The council will lease accommodation for the senior citizens at 45 Yonge Street North from the Legion for the sum of \$100 per month.

Retirement Fund

A recommendation that all monies paid into the pension plan on behalf of H. Cable by the town be paid to him, as he is now employed by the county, was deleted from the minutes of the council as a whole meeting on motion of Councillor Walter Scudts.

Mr. Scudts recalled that council had been informed that it would be impossible for Mr. Cable to buy into the municipal employees retirement pension which covers county employees. The councillor reported he had been in contact with the offices of this plan and found that although buying in has not been done before it also has not been turned down. "I have been given information that if an application is made by county it will be given consideration," Councillor Scudts reported. "I don't believe the county has looked into this matter thoroughly," he said, "and if they do they might find it can be done."

Crash At Parking Lot Causes \$175 Damage

A two-car collision on Colborne Street resulted in \$175 damage, Richmond Hill Police reported.

The accident occurred January 30 about 8:10 p.m. when a car driven by Bruce Taylor, 22, of 150 Colborne Street, collided with a northbound car, driven by Elinor MacLean, 45, after coming out of a parking lot on Colborne.

No More Markham Gravel Pits

The opening of new gravel pits has been ruled out in Markham Township.

The order was made Monday morning at a hearing before the OMB, in which Township Solicitor J. D. Lucas submitted a by-law forbidding the opening of any new gravel pits in the township.

A previous by-law, advocating this, had been ruled out by the OMB, which stated that it discriminated because it contained two exceptions to the rule.

The board approved the new by-law, which eliminated the exceptions.

It is not retroactive and doesn't affect any present operation.



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Honour Chairman On Retirement

Knife poised over the gavel, Harold Sanderson, former chairman of Richmond Hill Public School Board, gets ready to cut the cake which was among the presentations made to him at a gathering in his honour held Thursday evening of last week at McConaghy Public School.

Mr. Sanderson was feted following his retirement from the board after seven years service. Besides the cake, he was presented with a more practical gavel from 1965 Board Chairman Walter Hutchinson, and a pair of cufflinks with the town crest from Mayor Thomas Broadhurst.

Prestolite Latest Vaughan Industry

Vaughan Township's industrial boom moved into high gear this week with the announcement at Monday's council meeting that two more parcels of the township-owned industrial land have been sold and a third optioned.

Prestolite Limited have purchased an 11.33 acre site on Keele Street for the erection of a 40,000 square foot plant. Construction will start in the spring and it is expected that the plant will be in operation by next fall. Containers will be manufactured initially but it is planned to build an addition in two or three years when other operations carried on at the firm's present Dupont Street plant will be added. Final plant will probably contain 100,000 square feet.

Council also agreed to a two-week option on a 16 acre site on Keele Street. Prospective purchaser was unnamed but it was indicated that it was an American firm, well known in Canada, connected with the automotive industry. A 40,000 sq. ft. plant is planned for this site also.

Selling price for the Keele Street sites is \$8,500 per acre.

A smaller parcel, 2.67 acres lying to the rear of the township land and backing on the CN line, has been sold to an unnamed food processing concern. A 16,000 square foot plant is planned for the site initially. Selling price for this parcel was \$7,500 per acre.

Councillor Warren Bryce stated that Industrial Commissioner Jim McDonald should be commended on the type of industry that has been acquired for the township. "It speaks well for the future of our industrial area," he said.

The township acquired 46 acres of land for industrial purposes in November of 1963, all of which has been sold. Two weeks ago, they acquired a further 40 acres, the expropriation of which was only approved by the Department of Municipal Affairs on January 29 and all but 20 acres of this has already been sold.

Councillor Hancey Suggests All Sidewalks Plowed By Works Dept.

"As everyone is aware I have a thing about snow shovelling," Councillor Lois Hancey told Richmond Hill Council Monday evening as she introduced a motion, seconded by Councillor William Lazenby, that the works commissioner estimate the cost and consider the possibility of the town clearing all sidewalks of snow and report to the works committee for the consideration of council.

"I believe a pedestrian is entitled to the same consideration as a motorist," Mrs. Hancey stated, noting that "A lot of people have tried to cooperate with my suggestion of clearing the snow from sidewalks. Then along came the road snowplow and piled snow on the freshly cleared walks. I don't think it's fair to ask them to do the job over and over again."

"We have equipment available now which will do the job and the works commissioner is the best person to learn if such a plan is feasible," she reported.

Deputy-reeve Floyd Perkins asked why a person should be required to shovel the public sidewalk which everyone for blocks around uses.

Reeve Donald Plaxton felt that to do all sidewalks might be too expensive and suggested that snowplowing of streets in the commercial area be considered as a starter. "I'm afraid of setting a precedent," he said.

Councillor Eric Handbury commended Councillor Hancey for her stand for the old and infirm people but went on to ask if the municipality could limit the snow plowing to a few areas. "I have a feeling it will cost more than a small boy charges to get rid of the snow" he said.

Mrs. Hancey also requested that the Toronto and York Roads Commission be contacted about the reason for timing on the traffic lights at Markham Road and Bayview Avenue. "I go snooping around," she reported, "and the green light is much shorter on the north-south crossing where the bulk of traffic is."

Councillor Walter Scudts commented that traffic counts had been taken before the lights were installed.