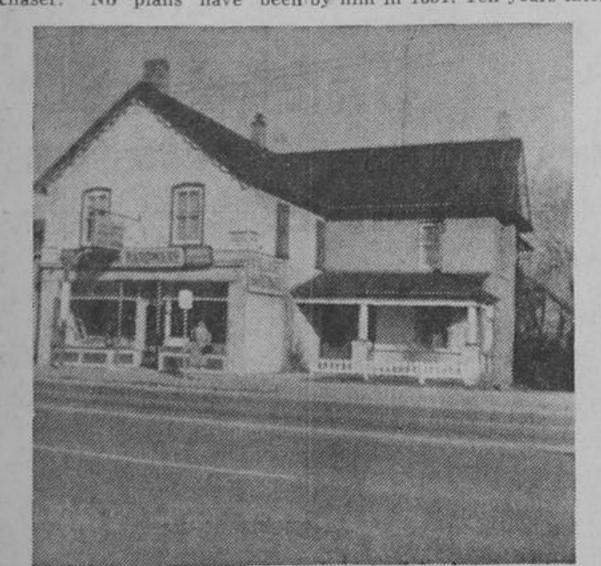
More Than Century Of Service Ends For Thornhill Landmark

After more than a century of predict that this old landmark Purkiss was appointed Thorn- of the Francis Block, was killed but actually they had been terior trim of chestnut wood the district had no such in-

continuous use a Thornhill store will eventually be torn down to hill's second postmaster. The by a radial car. J. "Ed" Francis keeping up with the times. Mail was erected for the McDonalds grained loyalties. Elgie and has been closed, perhaps for make room for a more modern post office was moved to a cor- died at the good age of 94 in order shopping had become by Wm. Riddell, Thornhill, Smith realized they would soon ner of his shop and remained 1960. He had embarked on a popular and there was a hard-builder. The space above the be competing with the superever. Recently Mr. Russell T. structure. Elgie sold his Village Hardware The white stuccoed building there, despite change of owner-second career in insurance and

and the deep lot on which it was erected by Josiah Purkiss, ship and postmasters, for 42 real estate, and, as the member stands, to an undisclosed pur- an Englishman, on land bought years. Mr. Purkiss, a promin- of many committees and as a

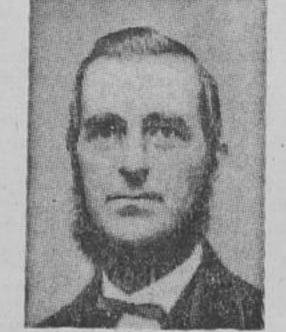


FORMER VILLAGE HARDWARE STORE Yonge St., Thornhill

chaser. No plans have been by him in 1851. Ten years later, ent member of Thornhill Meth- Thornhill Village Trustee, alodist Church, had a daughter ways took a helpful interest in named Jemima who married J. the community, and in Thorn-H. Martin a well known local hill Methodist (later United) builder. Their grandson Cecil Church. His daughter Miss Lil-W. Martin and his family lian lives in the village. moved a year or so ago from Mr. Johnston kept the store

for only a short time, selling it Centre St. to Willowdale. Following the death of Josiah in 1912 to John L. McDonald Purkiss the store was bought, of Markham Township, who had in 1885, by John T. B. Lindsay managed the store in Concord, and his brothers-in-law, John H. and spent a few years farming and J. Edward Francis of New- before coming to Thornhill. tonbrook, and became one of The McDonalds four sons Neil, the best patronized mercantile Bruce, Craig and Hugh helped Thornhill's Second Postmaster during this period the interior they bought on John St., are houses on Yonge St., doing a around the shop as youths, and big business in groceries, dry Frank Charlton clerked there ware store in the village so they and Mrs. Russell T. Elgie who and rest. Doubtless they will

They were responsible also for 1937. We remember them as ly trips to the Westwood Lane in the business.



JOSIAH PURKISS

was modernized. In 1946 Mr. enjoying a well earned holiday

goods, boots and shoes, flour for a long time before buying dealt chiefly in groceries rather had owned a store in Erin, sometimes miss the daily conand feed, hardware and stoves, the Grice's grocery store at than in general merchandise. Ontario, for 23 years, bought tact with customers, and cert-The partners ran a stage coach Yonge & Colborne Sts. (now In 1917 Mr. McDonald replaced the grocery and property, and ainly they will watch with interto carry passengers and mail Thornhill Paint Supplies). his horse drawn wagon with a Wib Smith, a returned man est any developments on their bags between Thornhill and the Because of advancing age Mr. truck for daily deliveries who had clerked for them be- former property. "We had a railway station at Concord, and Mrs. McDonald retired in around the village, and bi-week- fore the war became a partner nice garden," said Mrs. Elgie, bringing the first telephone to a dear old couple, always and Steele's Ave. areas. In It had always been custom- were well built. Even the old

the village. Mr. Lindsay died pleasant and obliging. To a 1920 the annex at the south end ary for local residents to pat- barn where we kept the car in 1895 and the Francis bro- former city dweller their shop of the store in which the Lind- ronize village merchants when was lined with tongue and thers carried on the business with its dark woodwork, bins say-Francis firm had kept stoves possible and some families even groove boards. There is still until 1911 when they sold out and barrels for bulk goods, and and hardware, was torn down traded week about with the some hay in the loft from horse

grow through.

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St. Mary's Anglican Vestry Approves Biggest Budget Ever

The annual vestry meeting of bunal; K. C. Ruffman, church St. Mary's Anglican Church school superintendent; Mrs. A last Monday night elected the L. Loughridge, Anglican World following officers for 1965: A. Mission representative; D. Mid-W. G. Farwell, rector's warden; dleton, W. Bedford, G. Taylor, W. D. Ross, people's warden; S. Tinker and K. Turton (elec-H. Stanford, warden emeritus; ted), P. Monck J. Hinks, J. D. Brodrick, treasurer; D. Collins, W. Kedwell, and Fettes, J. O. Graham, J. D. Nicol (appointed) members of Miller, delegates to synod; S. advisory board; W. E. N. Mann, D. Gadsby and G. L. Lewis, legal advisor; W. H. Hutchinalternates; C. R. Williams, en-son and W. C. Mathieson, audvelope secretary; L. T. Wain- itors. Members appointed to wright, chief sidesman; M. Great Chapters were: J. Stock-Ashkanase, stewardship chair- all, L. Bradford, D. Allen, D. man; D. L. Little and H. C. Dyson, R. Ratcliffe.

The financial report showed

regular budget the new church

had been completely furnished

by memorials and thank-offer-

ings. The vestry approved the

budget for 1965, presented by

Grant Farwell, which is the

Montgomery, committee; W. Lennox, finance chairman; J. all obligations met and that the M. Langton, planning and de-congregation had responded advelopment chairman; J. B. An-mirably to the added demands derson, vestry clerk; S. Appleby of its building year. It was reand D. C. Smith, parochial tri-ported that over and above the

Water Color Artist At Langstaff S. S.

school to an extensive degree in facing up to the meaning of Main Street, Markham Village. He is author of a weekly Canadian rabbi to study the culfield of creative arts.

20, Harley Parker presented a glican World Mission representtention to the brilliant discourse on their faith and vision. of a week his sermons and ad- observer of refugee operations ed speaker. of the talented guest, who is general display chief at the Royal Ontario Museum, is connected with Exposition '67 and the Centre of Culture and Technology, and is concerned with

An earlier event in the serles, which involves bringing creative artists into the classroom, featured Abel Lee, who gave a talk and demonstration on graphic arts, prints, lino cuts and mono prints. Mr Lee is an Estonian artist, who has exhibited in New York, Montreal and other large cities.

the curriculum for art and lit-

STOUFFVILLE: Mrs. Betty Acton, a prominent speed skater came out of retirement to win a silver medal in a 200 yard race at Rumble Pond January 23. Her 11-year-old son Kelvin won two silver medals for the 220 and 440 yard races.

TOWNSHIP OF MARKHAM Committee of Adjustment NOTICE OF HEARING

> CA/65/4 * * * *

Notice is hereby given of a hearing to be held by the Township of Markham Committee of Adjustment at the Municipal Offices, Buttonville, on Thursday, February 11th, 1965 at

The application to be heard has been submitted by John M. & Isobel M. Barbour, owners of Lot 65, Plan 2368. Release is requested from the provisions of By-Law 1442 as amended in order to erect a commercial building 30 feet from a highway rather than 40 feet as required by the by-law. Relief is requested in order to allow the present building to be demolished and removed and a new building to be erected in approximately the same location.

Signed written submissions on this application will be received by me at this office prior to the hearing.

> M. A. N. Shenfield, Secretary, Township of Markham Committee of Adjustment

R.R. 2, Gormley, Ontario.

Goodhead Opposes

Former North York Reeve Norman Goodhead appeared before a finance committee meeting of Vaughan Township Council last week and objected to the township operating a garbage disposal area in competition with private enterprise.

Mr. Goodhead with a partner, Max Solomon, operates Disposal Services Limited. Their landfill site is immediately adjacent to the township's on Conces-

Mr. Goodhead suggested that the township close its dump and enter into an agreement with Disposal Services Limited whereby Disposal Services would accept garbage from all township residents and business concerns at the rates presently being charged by the township.

When this was reported at Monday's council meeting, Reeve A. H. Rutherford advised that he has just had a complaint from a trucker about the condition of Disposal Services dump. It is in such poor condition that he refuses to back his truck over it. "He's had so many flat tires there that he says he wouldn't dump in their property even if it were free," reported Mr. Rutherford.

Conditions at the Disposal property were so bad last fall that the township threatened to close their operation down. Messrs. Goodhead and Solomon appeared before council early

this year and promised to abide by the regulations and keep their dump in better condition.

to a Mr. Johnston. Some years drawers full of fragrant spices, and in its place a commodious grocery stores. However the and buggy days,"

"If we are taking customers away from him, it is because we are operating an efficient service and he isn't" said Mr. Rutherford.

Councillor Warren Bryce was in firm agreement with the reeve. "Our industrial area will need these facilities. We shouldn't give them up", he stated.

Several ratepayers attending the council meeting also entered the discussion. "Should there be a private dump at all?" asked Dr. N. G. B. Taylor of Concord. "This is a service usually provided by a municipality." Council declined to take any action on the matter.

Dr. Rosenberg CMHA Speaker

Dr. Stuart E. Rosenberg will dresses reach thousands of and has travelled extensively That classroom walls are parish and reflects the heavy be the speaker at the seventh people. At his synagogue, in advisiting Iran, North Africa, Ausparish and reflects the heavy appual meeting of Vork County dition to members of his own tria Italy France and Israel at moving outward is evidenced demands of discharging the annual meeting of York County dition to members of his own tria, Italy, France and Israel at by a program being carried out debt incurred by the new Branch of the Canadian Mental community, Christians of all de- the invitation of the joint disin the grade 11 art classes at church building. The rector Health Association. The meeting nominations are in regular at-Langstaff Secondary School expressed appreciation for the is scheduled for next Tuesday tendance at the Sabbath ser-spring of 1961 he toured the Interest is focussed outside the support and loyalty of so many at St. Andrew's United Church, vices.

by providing personal contact being a member of the church Coffee will be served at 7:30 column "Lines on Life" which tural and spiritual situation of with unique individuals in the in the '60's. Reports were heard p.m., with the meeting starting appears in a number of daily Jews in the USSR on the spot.

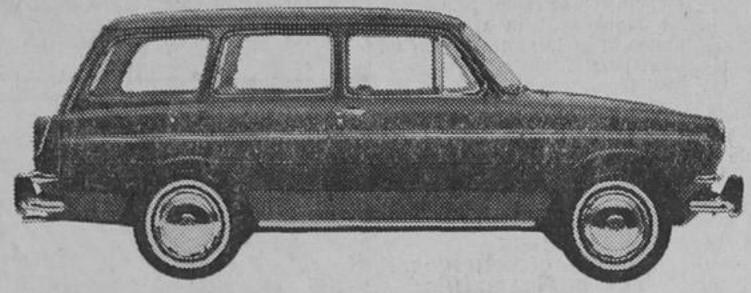
from the church school super- promptly at 8:30 p.m., President newspapers and of nine books With this background, the On the morning of January intendent, K. Ruffman; the An-Mrs. R. L. Moore has announced. Which include "A Time To Speak" and "Bridge to Brother-local branch feels they have demonstration and talk on wa- ative, Mrs. Loughridge and Dr. Rosenberg is rabbi of hood!" He contributes fre- secured a speaker who will ter colors to the grade 11 stu-Ron Ashkanase, manager of the Beth Tzedec Congregation, To- quently to various American, bring a message worth hearing dents at Langstaff. They were Fragments Coffee Club. Re- ronto, the largest Jewish con- Canadian and Jewish magazines to those attending the annual joined by the grade 11 students tiring Churchwardens W. R. gregation in Canada and one and periodicals on subjects of meeting and invites all people

from Thornhill Secondary Kedwell and H. C. Montgomery of the largest and most active general and scholarly interest. interested in mental health to School. All gave most rapt at-commended the congregation in North America. In the course Dr. Rosenberg was an official attend and hear this distinguish-





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store, said to have been used markets moving in to the area,

at one time by a casket maker, so they decided to become hard-

was remodelled, new shop win- ware merchants instead of

dows were installed and the grocers. When Wib Smith left

metal awning, supported on to open his own hardware in

wooden posts above the board Newtonbrook Mr. Elgie took his

sidewalk, was removed. This son Wally in to the business.

particular canopy was rather in- Wallace and his family live in teresting because holes had Nobleton and he is now a real

been cut in it to allow the estate agent. After the Village

branches of a nearby tree to Hardware was sold Mr. Smith

When the McDonalds retired former partner's stock, so clos-

the shop was rented, first to ing the store was a compara-

for two years, and then to Mr. Mr. and Mrs. Elgie, now com-

and Mrs. George Russell, and fortably settled in the house

Mr. M. L. Brown of Willowdale, tively simple matter.

bought the remainder of his

"This is a big work," said Col,

The founder of the Canadian friends organized the Col. Baker National Institute for the Blind, Foundation which promotes re-Col. E. A. Baker addressed the search, gives cash assistance to January meeting of the York needy graduates who wish to County University Women's study ophthalmology and en-Club, held at Kingcraft House. courages ophthalmologists to Losing the sight in both eyes locate in areas other than large

in the First World War, Col. Baker secured the help of prominent Toronto people and opened Baker and called on every man up an office, a training centre and woman to help. Prompt atfor war blinded called Pearson tention to any eye ailment is a Hall and a one-room library. necessity, he stressed, and added From these humble beginnings the CNIB came into being, spread from coast to coast and the needs of the blind, help them to lead useful lives, to now has a registration of 25,000. be self-respecting and respected.

He closed his talk by paying The CNIB has organized tribute to the women of Canada teachers to instruct the blind who have been the biggest help in their own homes, has estab- in making this program success lished newspaper and refresh-ful.

ment stands operated by the Col. Baker was introduced by blind, operates a placement pro- Mrs. Jan Ochalski of Aurora gram to place blind people in He was thanked by Mrs. James industry and maintains work- Langstaff of Richmond Hill. shops for those unable to fit Mrs. G. M. Duncan and Mrs. A. E. Jarvis of King City poured into the outside world. After Col. Baker's retirement coffee at the close of the meetfrom the CNIB in 1962, his ing.

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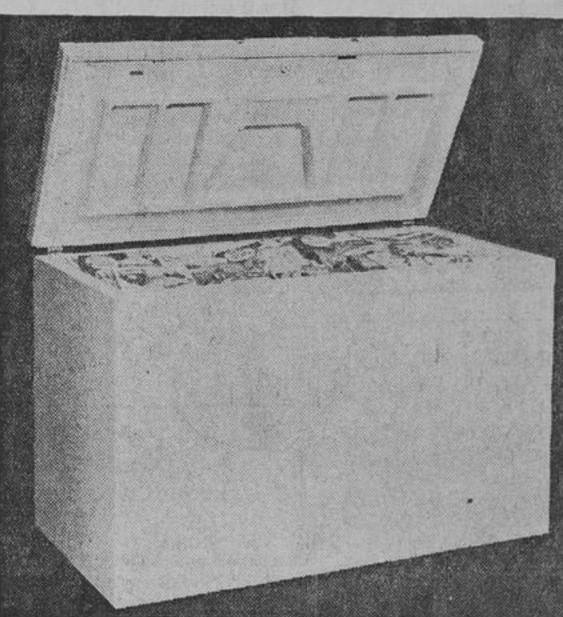
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