

# Elgin Mills And Jefferson News

EVENING BRANCH ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH - 884-3008

## Will Annex Only If Economically Feasible

At the April 13 meeting of Richmond Hill Planning Board, Mayor Thomas Broadhurst told Max Bacon, consulting engineer, whose firm Proctor, Redfern, Bousfield and Bacon, is working on an official plan for Richmond Hill, that council is agreed that the plan should proceed on an extended area, it being understood that there is no commitment on council to annex until it is economically feasible.

He also noted that the direction of extension of boundaries had been raised, since the new force main to be installed on Crosby Avenue was designed to allow for a possible 5,000 growth in population in the northern section of the municipality.

Mr. Bacon told planning board members, Reeve Donald Plaxton and County Planner Conroy Dowson, that he expects to put into the official plan policies of development which will not be detrimental to the financial standing of the town. "It is quite true this has not been done in Ontario as yet, but we feel it can be done," he stated. If the town decided to stay within its present boundaries during the next 20 years, he predicted that the district would be faced with applications for development in the neighboring municipalities on wells and septic tanks. "This would be

a dreadful thing. They might work for a while and then prove to be nothing but trouble. These private wells might also seriously affect the town's water supply," the engineer noted.

"If we decide here and now not to look at a larger area," Chairman Howard Whillans commented, "we may wish we had. We are not committing ourselves and can narrow the area under consideration at any time." The chairman also noted the consultants have devised a unique scheme to enlist the co-operation of the provincial government in providing safeguards against uneconomic development during the lifetime of the plan.

Mr. Bacon noted provincial bodies have been saying "We'll help," and have been recommending that economic policies should be included in planning. He suggested they be approached for help in formulating the financial section of the official plan.

"If they help in formulating the plan we will run less chance of it being turned down," commented Chairman Whillans. "I feel we would be derelict in our duty if we take the narrow-minded view, but think we should look at the broader picture."

Reeve Plaxton said he felt the type of residential development can be just

as important to the official plan as commercial and industrial development. "I'd like to see low density, high assessment residential development included," he stated, continuing, "I'm extremely concerned about our sewage facilities, and don't want to get panicked into annexation. Our sewage potential is nearing exhaustion. We can plan everything, but without these services we're wasting our time."

Mayor Broadhurst warned that this town is not remotely in the position to undertake extending its boundaries and taking on the burden of providing storm sewers, pavement and curbs on all town streets to bring them up to the standards of two new subdivisions. He suggested that this could amount to \$450,000 a year. "Where can Richmond Hill find that kind of money?" he asked, concluding, "We all wish it were possible, but to my mind it just isn't in the cards."

The reeve suggested that in areas requesting such work be undertaken, it be done on a local improvement basis, when all ratepayers concerned are aware of the cost and willing to pay for it.

The mayor concluded the discussion by stating, "You can't develop internally, as you develop externally."

### Community Club

The monthly meeting of the Jefferson Community Club will be held on April 28 at the home of Mrs. A. McFee on April 30. The packages will be delivered on May 1 by the Cubs, Scouts and Brownies who are now busy soliciting orders from their friends in the district.

### Scout, Cubs and Brownies

The mothers' auxiliary decided at their meeting last week that, instead of the usual spring tea, they would have a home made cookie sale. All mothers of Scouts, Cubs and Brownies are asked to bake three dozen plain cookies which will be collected and packaged at the home of Mrs. A. McFee on April 30. The packages will be delivered on May 1 by the Cubs, Scouts and Brownies who are now busy soliciting orders from their friends in the district.

### Neighborhood Notes

Your canvasser for the cancer drive will be calling this month if she has not already done so. Give generously - it is an important way to help in the fight of this dreaded disease.

Belated birthday wishes to Paul Ratchford for April 13, to Judy Dodson and Freddy Duval for April 18 and to Andy Davis for April 21. Sorry to have missed you last week and hope you had a very happy day.

Birthday greetings to Gary Boyle who celebrates on April 24, and to Julia Lomas whose special day is April 28.

Visiting for a few days of the Easter holiday at the Gamble home on Naughton Drive, are Kay's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Spain, of Port Dover.

Mrs. D. Goulding, who was a recent patient in York Central Hospital, is convalescing at the home of her son, Mr. Geo. Goulding, Bathurst St.

Last week, Miss Linda Patton entertained about twelve guests when she was hostess to a surprise birthday party for Miss Linda Locke.

Those attending an Easter family gathering at the home of Mrs. Giles Kerswill, Jefferson, were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Holmes and family, of Falconbridge, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Rumble, of Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Rumble and family of St. Catharines, and Mr. and Mrs. Norm Rumble and family, of Richmond Hill.

The sympathy of their many friends and neighbors is extended to the family of the late Mrs. E. P. Leno who passed away last week. Mrs. Leno was in her 93rd year.

While the elementary and secondary school pupils are enjoying a much looked to vacation, university students are deep in the midst of their final examinations. Best wishes to all for a successful year.

Last Wednesday evening in the parish hall, Miss Ann Davis of the Bible, medical and missionary fellowship showed a very interesting and colorful

film on India. The film shows glimpses of the new India, industrial as well as the new generation of young people. The missionary work includes the fields of medicine, work among the lepers, schools, orphanages, and a special school for the blind - and a bible seminary for the training of teachers and writers. Miss Linda Flood and Miss Marjorie Stephenson attended the meeting sponsored by the inter-school Christian fellowship on Good Friday afternoon, at the Inn-on-the-Park, Scarborough. The special speaker was Dr. Leighton Ford whose address was entitled "Life Is To Live".

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### Your Legion Reports

Branch 375, Royal Canadian Legion  
By Eric Chapman - 884-0045

In these first few months of the year, with awards of all descriptions scurrying to find a place on the walls at Legion Court, we find another letter in the mail. The message from Chairman Clarence Wood of provincial command's membership committee, stated that Branch 375 had won an award in class six of the eight classes, for membership achievement in the past year. The provincial award is in the form of a Certificate of Merit and will be accompanied by a voucher worth \$100.

At the last executive meeting the coming provincial convention was discussed. The meeting was held in the Maple Leaf Room at Legion Court, and was interrupted at times by the bumps produced with the leaps and bounds of the ladies auxiliary and their daughters taking pot luck in the banquet hall. When the executive meeting ended, our congenial president thanked the ladies in no mean terms for their interruptions and was at once engulfed by a deluge of women folk. He ended up by congratulating them on the originality of their Easter bonnets.

At the meeting, Zone Commander George Wood, said he felt the branch should send its full quota of delegates to the convention this year. It will be the first time that our branch has had representation at the provincial level, and awards are to be made. Important legislation is also to be enacted concerning the Legion's million dollar centennial fund. He said that under the Dominion plan PEI would perhaps contribute as much as our Zone E2. A levy of \$5 per member was suggested.

Later, he said that Ontario command alone could raise a million dollars which might be used for the benefit of our own members. It comes to mind that certain premiers had

thoughts along the same lines when discussing the merits of a federal pension plan. (Details of the centennial fund are to be found in the current issue of the "Legionary", a report on the salient features will be given in this column next week.)

The executive decided to send five accredited delegates to the North Bay convention at the end of May. It is hoped that others will attend as fraternal delegates. Comrade Ernest Benton proposed that ways and means be found to assist the colour guard to attend. North Bay has an exemplary colour guard, but he felt our guard could provide some stiff competition for the award that is to be made.

The motion was carried and plans for a sportsman's night at the Court were laid. The date will be May 6 at 6:30. A steak dinner will be provided with refreshments. A total of 300 tickets will go on sale at \$5 each.

The president reports that although the ladies have been conducting a very good Saturday evening dance, a man is required at the helm. With George Wood now taking up his duties as zone commander he announced the appointment of Comrade Charles Hawkes as entertainment officer.

June 13 is the date set for the Legion's drumhead service to be held in town. Stan Hanns was appointed chairman of the drumhead committee, with Comrade Benton as deputy. The committee will be all the members of the colour guard.

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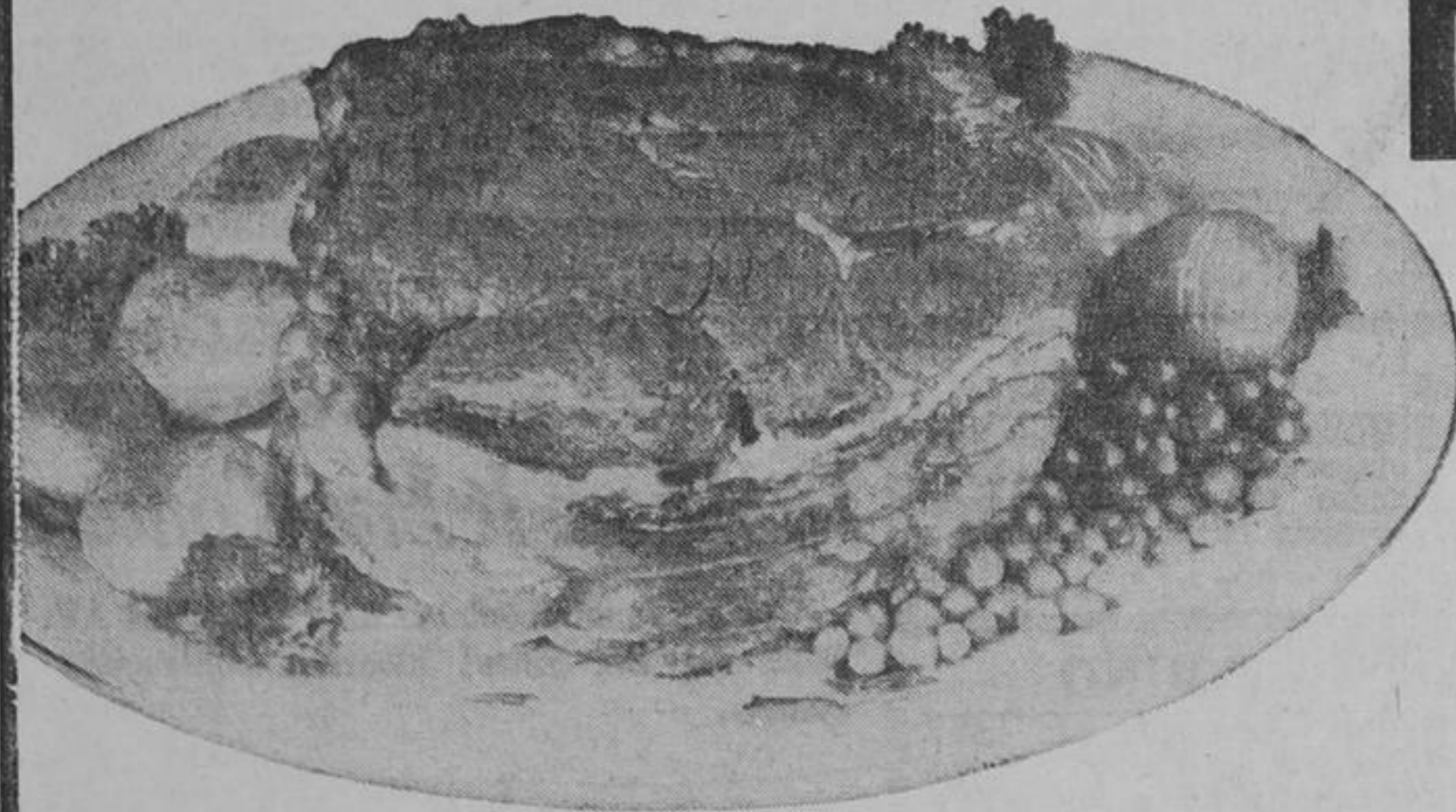
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