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Abandoned Boy Gets Home With Policeman

A Markham Village police constable and his wife are looking after a five-day-old boy, who was left abandoned in the front seat of a car in Markham, July 5.

Constable Roderick Junkin, father of six, said they would care for the baby until somebody turns up and claims him.

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"Autocratic" Says Mayor Municipalities Becoming Province Whipping Boys

Describing the Ontario Legislature's action in passing an amendment to the Provincial Police Act, which will make a board of police commissioners mandatory in Richmond Hill, Vaughan and Markham Townships, as "autocratic," Mayor Thomas Broadhurst took strong exception last week.

The new legislation requires every municipality with a population greater than 15,000 to have a board of police commissioners. Formerly this requirement applied only to cities. The nine municipalities in the province to be affected include the three neighboring local municipalities along with Burlington, Toronto Township, Oakville, Gloucester Township, Nepean Township and Saltfleet Township.

"I have always believed that the province should assume responsibility for all policing within its borders," the mayor stated, "but by this legislation they are only removing authority from the municipality and leaving it up to the latter to find the money."

With the mandatory commission being composed of a county judge, one other person (usually a magistrate) appointed by the provincial cabinet on recommendation of the Attorney-General and the head of the municipal council, the mayor noted, that it is quite possible (indeed probable) that the majority of control will lie

in the hands of non-residents of the municipality. He also pointed out that the Police Act provides that if the municipality does not agree with the recommendations of the local board of police commissioners in respect to the number of personnel, amount of equipment or quality of accommodation, its only recourse is to the provincial police commissioners.

Mayor Broadhurst also noted that the automatic appointment of the head of municipal government to the commission adds to the burden of that office. "In Richmond Hill Councillor Walter Scudds has been doing an excellent job as chairman of the police committee," the mayor said. "He has been genuinely interested in providing the best police force possible without making it an undue burden on the taxpayers, and has devoted much time and effort to the task."

Now the local elected representatives have lost control of the police budget and there will be nothing we can do about it," the mayor stated. "It seems to me that the provincial government have left us as 'whipping boys.' Their appointees will call the tune and we must pay the piper."

"I sincerely believe the municipalities involved should have had advance warning of this legislation, either from their elected representatives or from the Attorney-General's Department," he continued.

The mayor stated he would be bringing the matter up for discussion during a meeting held with Markham Township on Tuesday night of this week. The meeting has been arranged to discuss matters of mutual interest between the two municipalities.

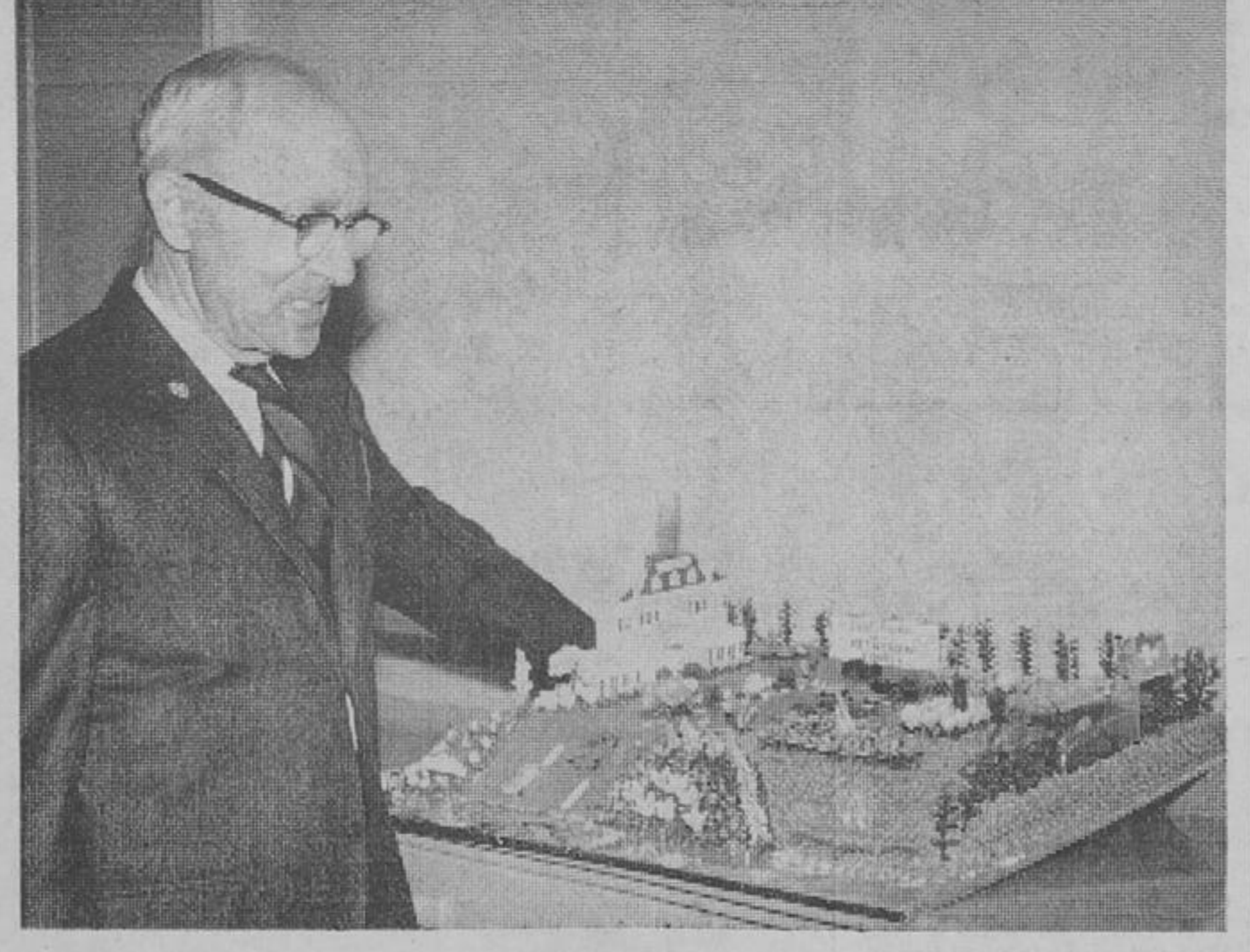
Similar concern about legislation which hands more and more power to appointed organizations was expressed last week by municipal representatives at the annual meeting of the Association of Ontario Mayors and Reeves in Kitchener. "We want to know what legislation is to be enacted while it is being prepared," the president said. "We want to co-operate with the Municipal Affairs Minister to get legislation passed that would be good for the province and the municipalities. But we want to express objections to legislation that is not in our interest, before it becomes effective."

He said the association would try to get the province to accept financial responsibility for several services, listing education, welfare and administration of justice.

The association approved a resolution from Toronto Township which asked an amendment to the Police Act to permit appointment of the third member of police commissions by municipal councils.

Mayor John Ellis of Belleville objected to recent statements by the Ontario Police Commission that if municipalities did not set up police commissions an application could be made to the province to hold up their grants. Mr. Ellis termed this a step toward a police state.

STOUFFVILLE: Kathryn Hambley and Peter Sanderson, who each averaged 87.8 percent on their year's work, were awarded the Dr. Richardson academic award last week in a ceremony at Orchard Park Public School.



Ernest Kohler, who has been in charge of the grounds at Shouldice Surgery for the past 12 years, was honored on his retirement last week by the presentation of this gaily decorated cake, designed to represent the surgery and the beautiful gardens he has made there. The cake was made at Woolworths by Jim Henry of Thornhill. Mr. Kohler was also honored at the June meeting of the Thornhill Horticultural Society.

Horticulturist Honored

"A night with Ernie" was really a night to remember at the last meeting of the Thornhill Horticultural Society, when Ernie Kohler was honored for his 25-year contribution to the society and wished "bon voyage" on his return to his native Switzerland.

Half a dozen former presidents of the Thornhill society were on hand to say goodbye. One of these, Tom Pherrill noted that Ernie would always be remembered for his direct forthright manner. On behalf of the society, he presented Ernie with a print of J. E. H. MacDonald's picture "Tangled Garden" which had been painted in Thornhill.

Clair Tennant of District 15 of the Ontario Horticultural Association presented Ernie with a copy of "Thornhill, an Ontario Village" by Doris Fitzgerald. MC Allan Summer later pointed out to Ernie where his name was mentioned in the book. "A good many village homes are more beautiful because of his work," he said.

Douglas Boyd of the Richmond Hill Horticultural Society also presented a gift to Ernie, noting that the Richmond Hill society had enjoyed his largesse for many years.

President Joseph Wain of the Thornhill society presented a framed life membership in the society, and also a roll of film so Ernie could take pictures of his new home and send them back to be shown at the society next winter.

Ernie returned a modest thank you for the gifts and good wishes. "After 43 years in Canada and 25 years in the society, it is not easy to leave all my friends," he said, and added "Thanks for everything". He received a standing ovation from the audience.

While these festivities were taking place, judges were marking the society's annual peony and rose show. Due to poor growing weather, however, there were few roses on exhibit, and even fewer peonies. (They all bloomed profusely the next week, of course!)

In the first nine classes, there were only four entries. The Kings were given a first for their spray of climbing roses; the McLeans for a spray of grandiflora roses; and two more firsts went to the Kings for a red hybrid tea rose and one AOV rose.

For a peony, any color, first prize went to the Kings, second to C. Williamson; three white peonies, first, C. Williamson; for three light pink peonies, first M. Riley, second the Mannings. There were no entries in the next four classes of peonies.

Other winners in the specimen flower class were: 3 spikes lupins, the Mannings; 1 bearded iris, N. Lightfoot, the Whatleys and Bett Hansen; 3 bearded iris, N. Lightfoot, the Whatleys, the Mannings; Siberian iris, first, the Mannings, third, Bett Hansen; 1 to 3 stalks day lily, the Mannings, Miss L. Wakeley, Mrs. M. Riley; 6 pansies with foliage, Mrs. E. Sikorski, the McLeans, the Kings; 1 to 3 stems AOV perennial, the Mannings, Miss L. Wakeley, Mrs. W. Thompson; 1-3 stems AOV biennial, Miss L. Wakeley.

In Section II, decorative arrangements, there were 19 entries in eight classes. For a coffee table arrangement, winners were the Kings, Mrs. E. Sikorski and Mrs. M. Riley; for "date bait", a corsage of roses, the Kings; for an arrangement using one peony and any foliage, the Mannings, C. Williamson, Mrs. W. Thompson; for an arrangement in a silver container, Mrs. M. Mizen, the Kings, Mrs. W. Thompson; a mantel arrangement of iris, the Mannings, Bett Hansen, Mrs. M. Riley; "Summer Snow", an arrangement of white flowers, the Mannings, Bett Hansen, the Kings; a composition inspired by the name of a book, song or play, first prize to Mrs. W. Thompson for an arrangement called "The Flower Drum Song".

Winners in the vegetable classes were: for 6 spears of asparagus, the McLeans; 6 radishes with tops, second, the McLeans; 3 stalks of rhubarb, N. Lightfoot, C. Williamson, the McLeans; 6 green onions, the McLeans, C. Williamson.

Each of the junior sections this year has been divided into four sub-sections. These are (a) for boys 6 to 9 years; (b) boys 10 to 12 years; (c) girls 6 to 9; (d) girls 10 to 12.

There were four classes for juniors in the June show. Winners were: for "Tom Thumb" an arrangement not more than

Support For Locust Station

Markham Township Council Monday night decided to postpone its decision with regard to stating any objections to the closing of the CPR station at Locust Hill.

Council was informed of the proposed closing last week in a letter from J. F. Crate, superintendent of the CPR, who said that lack of business at the station didn't warrant retaining either it or the caretaker there.

Mr. Crate asked council if it would forward any objections it might have.

Monday, council received a letter from the caretaker at the station, who said he had received a "good many calls" after the story of the closing appeared in the local papers, and all favored keeping it open.

Council also accepted the tender of Armo Drainage and Metal Products of Canada Ltd., Toronto, in the amount of \$3,902.56 for culverts in the 7th concession, south of 17th and 19th Avenues. Other tenders were: Ontario Culvert Metal Products, Ltd., \$4,671.60; Westeel Products Ltd., \$4,411.50; Robertsteel Canada Ltd., \$4,683.84; Rosco Metal Products Ltd., \$4,400.20.

Received an invitation to attend the County of York Warden's picnic, July 14 at 2.30 pm at Jackson's Point.

Ward 1 Ratepayers

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set of figures which would give a more precise estimate of costs. The clerk took a sampling of one of the areas described in the Hisey & Barrington Report and came up with the following estimates: (again I must point out these are only estimates and could vary somewhat due to increased costs etc.)

"Storm sewers: on a lot having a frontage of 37.5 feet \$51.37 per year; on a lot with 50 foot frontage \$68.50 per year; on a lot having a frontage of 60 feet, \$82.20 per year. These would be for a 20-year period.

"Pavement reconstruction and curbs based on the average road life of 10 years: 37.5 foot lot \$64.12 per year for 10 years; 50 foot frontage lot \$85.50 per year; 60 foot lot \$102.60 per year.

"This would mean \$115.49 per year, per house for the first 10 years and \$51.37 per year for the remaining 10 years on a 37.5 foot lot.

"If road intersections were paid for by the town, the costs would be reduced by about 20%. Total cost per house with 37.5 foot frontage would then be: \$91.51 per year for the first 10 years and \$41.10 per year for the second 10 years.

"I would like to stress that these figures are only the closest approximations that can be made without going to a lot of expense."

The mayor also questioned the town's ability to finance the more than a million-dollar project in light of the auditor's recommendation that no more than half a million dollars should be debentured in any one year for all town purposes. Known requirements of public and high schools will eat up more than this safe debenture capacity on their own, without even considering the possibility of a new sewage treatment plant, he stated.

Mr. Broadhurst also pointed out that the law required two-thirds of the property owners in the area covered by the work, comprising no less than 50% of the assessed value, must petition for a local improvement before council can undertake the work. He expressed the hope that the figures compiled by the clerk would help people in making individual decisions about signing the petition.

Councillor Walter Scudds, Ward 1 representative on council, noted that the proposed increase in taxes would mean that each house in the area would be taxed as if its value were half again as much. This would no doubt have an adverse effect on sale of many houses, he claimed.

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Vaughan Refuses Lot Fees To School Board

A request from Vaughan Township School Area Board that lot fees from small subdivisions be turned over to the school board to aid education costs was flatly turned down by Vaughan Council at Monday's meeting.

The finance and general purpose committee report indicated that the committee had studied a letter from the school board, prompted by a proposed two-lot subdivision of part of Lot 10, Concession 7, suggesting that in view of the incidence of such small two, three and four lot subdivisions, capital lot fees levied against them should go to the school board.

The finance committee's report concluded, "The committee is not in agreement with the board's proposal and recommends that the request not be approved."

The recommendation was accepted by council without comment.

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