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A Good Turn For The Scouts

Boy Scouts and Cubs were out in full force last Saturday in the annual Scout Apple Day, the only money-making event of the year. As usual citizens were generous in their support. Above (left to right) Tom Pallas, 159 Ruggles Avenue and Bruce French, 26 Church Street North, both of 1st Richmond Hill Troop, find Mr. and Mrs. S. Parker and Jacqueline of 81 Willesden Avenue, Willowdale, willing customers, well aware of the benefit of Scouting in a community.

Town Council Seeks More Answers

(Continued from Page 1) the "estimate of the school board be investigated by the finance committee in conjunction with the school board, its architect, and Markham and Vaughan Townships."

The alterations to Richmond Hill High School actually totalled \$185,000 but the \$54,000 increase will be absorbed out of current school board funds. Work on the school will comprise the addition of a library, one administration office and guidance room. The present library will be converted to a classroom and the administration offices to staff rooms.

Booming construction costs have been blamed for the drastic \$120,000 increase in building costs at Crosby Heights Public School and elsewhere. Placing the blame were officials of the Richmond Hill Public School Board at a special town council committee meeting held Thursday afternoon of last week.

"The reason for the \$120,000 jump on the Crosby building," said Board Chairman Walter Hutchinson, "is the increase in the cost of contract."

"There's a general boom going on," he said, "and the contractors are not hungry at all. We only got bidders by phoning around. We finally got four bids, when we opened them up we

found the costs were 50 per cent higher than estimated." The board then asked for re-estimates from the companies to bring the costs down further. One contractor didn't even bother to offer a second tender, he said.

Mr. Hutchinson also blamed the strikes that hit the construction industry for rises in cost.

"The contractors were put behind in their jobs and when the strikes were settled they were committed to higher labor costs," he said.

Mr. Hutchinson also presented a list of projects at three other schools — all approved — which showed increases from original estimates.

This included an increase at MacKillop from \$45,100 to \$48,121.70 (including architect costs); Beverley Acres from \$38,796 to \$48,900; and Walter Scott from \$38,500 to \$40,000. The original estimates were supplied on May 28.

Business Manager Kenneth Turton pointed out that the last edition on Crosby was a nine-room one in 1962 and "cost \$10,988 a square foot. This year the price is around \$19 a square foot."

Mr. Hutchinson said the planned completion date for Crosby was April 30.

Mr. Hutchinson said the board had considered withholding the job until spring "but we would lose a percentage of \$58,000. Besides, all signs point to a continuing boom in construction and we need the school for September 1966."

Mayor Broadhurst commented that the contractors had apparently had the board at their mercy when it was practically forced to beg for tenders.

"I would have been happier," he said, "if the bids had come in the normal course and not under duress."

Both Messrs. Hutchinson and Turton stressed there were no frills to the addition.

"There are just the walls and floors," said Mr. Turton. "It will certainly be no palace." "We've cut out showers, four-stair circulation, anything that might look like frills," added Mr. Hutchinson. "The only ventilation there will be is what you get by opening the windows."

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- NOVEMBER 2, 1965 TUESDAY, 6.30 pm. York Chapter RNOA is holding a Pot Luck Supper at York County Hospital, Newmarket. There will be the election of the Executive 1966-67 and election of non voting delegates 1966 and voting delegates. clw18

Town Opposes Outside Servicing

(Continued from Page 1) Council should advise the board "that it is not in the position to make any service extensions outside the present limits. And until services for water and sewer are planned on an area basis that their request would appear to be premature."

Reeve Plaxton said responsibility for area servicing should be shouldered

by the OWRC and provincial government and not left to be settled on a piecemeal basis by hard-pressed municipalities. "Maybe this is a good way of putting some pressure on them," he said.

Councillor Scudds disagreed saying it was the responsibility of the town to provide for the needs of school children. "I can't go for this," he said. "We're here to look after the people and its our duty to pro-

vide schools".

Councillor Lois Hancey suggested it might be a good idea if the board applied to Vaughan Township for the services.

Mayor Thomas Broadhurst said earlier it was his own feeling that we "would not want to see town service extended for this sort of purpose" referring specifically to office buildings.

"We're in trouble already," he said. "We've contracted and are supplying the hospital with sewage disposal services and we have a limited use of existing facilities in our own town."

Councillor Scudds requested two recorded votes during the discussions but was ruled out of order on one of them.

The first was his own motion that council invite any concrete proposals on the schools — not office buildings — from the board.

A short-lived controversy followed as Mayor Broadhurst disallowed the recorded vote because Councillor Scudds hadn't made the request until the regular vote had been taken.

Councillor Scudds made no mistake on the second vote and it was recorded.

Favoring the second motion were: Mayor Broadhurst, Councillors Hancey, Eric Handbury and Mr. Plaxton. Opposed, Councillors Scudds, Lazenby, and Deputy-Reeve Floyd Perkins.

OMB Rejects King City Bid

(Continued from Page 1) lems might very well arise concerning police protection, problems with the water supply, the provision of sewers and the expensive grade crossing problem.

All these, suggested the report, "would be better handled by the township and all its resources rather than the limited means of an incorporated village."

With respect to the problems of administration the report stated, "We are satisfied from the evidence that the many achievements of the police village although instituted by the trustees would not have been possible without a high degree of co-operation from the township council."

The report continued: "The board will go so far as to agree that in some instances township council has not moved as quickly as the exigencies of the moment required. This, however, by itself should not constitute a ground for separation, particularly so when legal representation is available under recent legislation" — another reference to the possibility of a ward system.

In general, the board agreed fully with Municipal Planning Consultant Eric Hardy, who had

been the township's star witness in its opposition to the incorporation.

Quoting almost Mr. Hardy's actual words, the report stated "It would be unrealistic for this board to assume on the basis of present growth and the proximity of Metropolitan Toronto that there would not be a demand for further urban services in and around King City and perhaps in and adjacent to other police villages and urban outcroppings in the township."

"From the point of view of guiding an orderly development and giving encouragement to greater development to the township as a whole, it goes without saying that the guiding hand should and must be the township," the report continued.

In conclusion, the report noted that "if commerce and industry is to be attracted to the township to accomplish a well balanced economy, then in our opinion, this might best be accomplished not by King City, but by the township."

In turning down the application, the board made no order as to court costs but assessed costs of reporting the four day hearing against the police village of King City.

MARKHAM: Dogs roaming public school yards throughout the village are creating a problem. It is claimed they pose both a safety and a sanitation problem to small children in kindergarten and the lower grade levels. In some cases stray dogs have been found inside a school building.

Council Opposes Annexation

Richmond Hill Town Council is firmly opposed to any annexation by North York of parts of Vaughan and Markham Townships.

It is also against abolishment of local planning boards to be replaced by a planning committee of council.

Both possibilities were broached in the controversial Goldenberg Report mapping out the possible future of Metro and outlying areas.

The town's objections were prepared by Mayor Thomas Broadhurst, approved by council in a committee of the whole meeting, and sent to Minister of Municipal Affairs J. W. Spooner.

Mayor Broadhurst's report noted the Goldenberg Report would have little direct or immediate impact on Richmond Hill but definitely posed an economic threat on a long term basis.

"If any annexation takes place it destroys the existing economics of the County of York. The report recommends compensation be paid to the county for such separation — but obviously it would be more palatable with some form of compensation than without it. However, past experience has indicated that such compensations are rarely realistic and often long delayed."

Mayor Broadhurst said the government should recognize an incipient movement among the southern six municipalities of the county to "search for some means of recognizing their common problems and co-operating in finding a solution to them".

The southern six comprises Richmond Hill, Markham and Vaughan Townships, and the Villages of Woodbridge, Stouffville and Markham.

This co-operation between the southern six obviously holds the promise of an eventual form of regional government. For this hope to have any chance of becoming a reality the area should be stable in size and form an economic unit.

"The better and more lucrative assessment," in the report continued, "in fringe areas will tend to be found adjacent to its borders with Metro."

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