

Mortson Ends Long Career As Trustee

It took Arnold Mortson right to the last minute before he finally decided he would call it quits as a member of TSA 2 in Markham Township.

Mr. Mortson, who is chairman of the board was nominated again at the November 22 nominating meeting but withdrew just before the final cutoff. Too time consuming was given as his reason for stepping down.

Two other nominees for the board, Myrl Smith, Unionville, township fire chief, and W. J. Jones, Buttonville, also withdrew. Neither had served on the board before.

The others, who were elected by acclamation, were present board members Mrs. Mildred Toogood, Elson Miles, Eldred King and newcomer Gordon Champion,



ARNOLD MORTSON
... More Time Needed

formerly a member of the Unionville Public School Board.

Born in Brandon, Manitoba, Mr. Mortson had lived in the township for the past 27 years. He entered school work around 1953 when No. 4 school was just one room.

In 1960, a new four-room school was built and Mr. Mortson became chairman of the board of trustees. The school remained a rural section until January 1962, when it became part of the new area. It was during this time that the board formed a January class for children, who will be six between January 1 and July 1. The class which is believed to be the only one of its kind in operation in Ontario, takes the place of kindergarten.

He was chairman of the board of trustees for the

three years it was in operation. When TSA 2 was formed in January 1965, he was named vice-chairman and became chairman this year.

Mr. Mortson has also been active with the Richmond Hill Fair Board and is the first vice-president of that organization. He farms at Headford.

Married, with six children, all of whom have gone to No. 4 School, Mr. Mortson said he will miss his work with the board, but is happy to be with it at a time when it moved progressively forward. He said he has seen the area board add television, oral French and even acquire a librarian, with the hardest job of all, however, still in getting proper bus services.

Despite the headaches, however, Mr. Mortson admits "It will be hard to step down."

Approach Stray Cats With Caution

Vaughan, Markham Residents Get Pasteur Anti-Rabies Vaccination

Indications that rabies is widespread amongst the wild life of this whole area is the fact that six persons in Vaughan Township are at present receiving the Pasteur treatment after having been bitten by rabid animals.

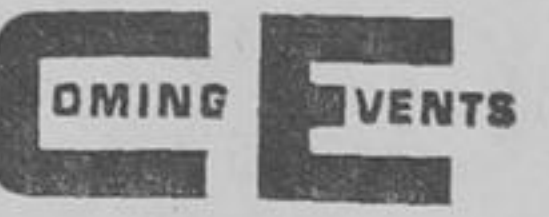
Markham Township also has at least one person undergoing this most unpleasant series of needles. Mrs. W. Von Kaitz of Don Mills Road was attacked by a stray cat as she was getting into the car with her husband to go shopping two weeks ago. She shook the animal off, but it returned again and bit her leg severely. Examination of the head revealed it was rabid.

Canine Control Officer James Ryan reports that it is most unusual for cats to become rabid, since they will not attack wild animals but will run

from them. The fact that this cat and others in the area have been rabid is proof that rabies is a serious threat this year.

All residents of the area are warned to be very careful about approaching stray or wild cats. Mrs. Von Kaitz' experience shows how simply one can be exposed to a rabid animal.

It is more important than ever this winter for dog owners to keep their animals under control and away from wild life which might infect them. A rabid death is a horrible end for a family pet and it also carries the danger that members of the family may be bitten and have to have the Pasteur treatment.



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"The Clear Spirit" About Canadian Women, CFUW Centennial Project

The Canadian Federation of Women - York County Club was privileged to have as guest speaker at its November meeting, Dr. Mary Quayne Innis of Toronto. The meeting was held at Kingcrafts, in King City, on November 28.

Mrs. J. F. Heard, Richmond Hill, who introduced Dr. Innis, mentioned that details of Dr. Innis' life were not well known. She is the wife of the late Dr. Harold Innis, a mother, a former dean of women at University College, University of Toronto, and at present vice-president of the University Women's Club of Toronto. Her most recent work is an edition of Mrs. Simcoe's Diary.

Dr. Innis' topic was "The Clear Spirit", a biographical account of 20 noteworthy Canadian women from Canada's past, edited by Dr. Innis and published by the University of Toronto Press. It was decided at the Winnipeg Conference 1964 that the Centennial project of CFUW would be a book by Canadian women about Canadian women. There was an "embarrassment of riches" when they found the names 70 over 150 subjects and over 70 authors had been submitted.

When Miss Vida Peene, chairman of the CFUW Centenary Committee, tabulated the names she found that Agnes Macphail was most suggested; Emily Carr came second. They decided that the women in the book should no longer be living as it would allow the authors more freedom and the women could be set in perspective. There were to be no eulogies - each account was to be factual and straightforward but not to the extent of footnotes. The women must have their own recognition on account of their own efforts and skills, not on account of husbands' prestige. The women chosen were to represent different periods in the development of Canadian society. Miss Peene was anxious to include an Eskimo woman but no information was available. Pauline Johnson was chosen to represent Indians. The book was to be divided both regionally and in time.

The problem of time spent on research resolved itself when it was discovered that some writers had known their subjects personally. e.g. Flora Burns knew Emily Carr and Dorothy Livesay had been a neighbor of Mary de la Roche in Clarksville, and other writers had already done work on their subjects (e.g. Marie-Emanuel Chabot had written a book on Mere Marie de l'Incarnation).

It was the dream of CFUW to publish two books, one in English and one in French but that meant twice as much money for publication plus the cost of translation. This problem was solved by members from Quebec who suggested that women from English-speaking Canada should be described in English and those from French-speaking Canada should be accounted for in French.

A grant of \$3,500.00 from the Centennial Committee for Publishing Assistance was to be used for writers and typing costs; the remainder of the money was supplied by CFUW.

As a side project, a bibliography of books about Canadian women was started. The title was suggested by Eleanor Harman and was obtained from one of Milton's poems. A coherent picture of women in Canada emerged from work on the book. Most grew up on farms. None of the early ones pursued their formal education farther than high school or possibly normal school. Many lost their mothers early and lived hard lives. The one thing that impressed Dr. Innis as a former dean of women was that these women knew exactly what they wanted to do at an early age, while present-day women seem to be "just drifting along". Cora Hind spent twenty years trying to get accepted on the staff of the Winnipeg Free Press. Maude Abbott was determined to be a doctor. Emily Carr was determined to paint. The writers were not content to sit at home and write but determined to have their works published. Most lived to an old age. Nearly all had families. Only three of the women chosen were University graduates - Margaret McWilliams, Dr. Alice Wilson and Dr. Maude Abbott.

Writing was an accepted feminine pursuit because pen names were used. Women with a cause (e.g. - Adelaide Hoodless, who had a hand in practically everything) were bitterly criticized. Other women who fought for causes were Emily Murphy, Nellie McClung and Margaret McWilliams. Among the first to step in a man's world at the turn of the century were Cora Hind, Maude Abbott and Emily Murphy. Dr. Innis was particularly enchanted by a picture in the book of Dr. Alice Wilson explaining rocks to a group of men. Dr. Wilson started her career with a CFUW fellowship and left money to CFUW.

Children's Party At Theatre

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