

Farm Assessment On Sale Prices Rejected By York County Council

York County Council in its April session acted to protect farmers from what they feared would be ruinous re-assessment.

A resolution was passed and three readings given to a bylaw designating that the provincial assessment manual, which bases assessment on sale value, be used only as a guide. As the vast majority of farm sales in the county are speculative and prices consequently inflated, farmers insisted that assessment on sale prices would put them out of business.

A meeting will be sought with Premier John Robarts to present a brief outlining the county's objection to this and other sections of the assessment manual. The question of basing assessment on the productivity of the land will also be discussed.

Re-assessment of properties other than farms in the county is about two thirds completed, it was reported, and the assessment staff is ready to begin the county-wide farm re-assessment. Farm houses and buildings will be assessed on the same basis as residential properties.

Council also passed a resolution that a strongly-worded brief from its planning committee will also go to Premier Robarts requesting assurances that there will be continuity of county authority with geographical and physical respon-

sibility for county planning as a whole, administration of justice and registration of county legal documents.

Until such stability and county responsibility was assured any study of local government in the area would be premature, the brief indicated. It traced, without comment, steps taken by the county since 1965 to have its views considered by Minister of Municipal Affairs Wilfred Spooner.

Giving strong support to Vaughan Township in its fight against proposed Metro dumps, county council also approved inclusion in the brief to the province a request that the section of Bill 81 giving Metro power to locate dumps in adjoining areas be withdrawn.

Council instructed its Solicitor J. D. Lucas to continue to represent the county in its opposition to the Metro dump application and also recommended that consideration be given to the engaging of competent technical advice to evaluate the McLaren Report commissioned by Metro to survey means of disposing of garbage in the Metro area in the future.

When Metro's application for the dump was made before the OMB earlier this year, both Vaughan and York County queried its jurisdiction in the matter and the question of jurisdiction was then referred to the court of appeal where it is expected to be heard shortly.

Your Legion Reports

Branch 375, Royal Canadian Legion
By Eric Chapman - 884-6021

The Legion Midget Hockey Team came to Legion Court two weeks ago and normal Legion business at a general meeting was dispensed with to welcome them.

Fourteen veteran skaters of the amateur ice between the ages of 14 and 16, none of them less than five feet six inches tall, had come to thank the membership for its sponsorship, and to receive some hard-won awards. And as they paraded at the front of the hall a seventy year old veteran was overheard to say, "They're a fine looking bunch of youngsters, but why do they call them midgets?"

His question went unanswered, and midgets or not, they have a fine record in the 1966-67 Ontario Minor Hockey season. Following the introduction of team members by Manager Nick Martin, Coach Pete Artemchuk had this to say to Legion members:

"May we assure you that the behaviour of the Legion Midgets both on and off the ice, throughout some 60 games, has been that of gentlemen and good ambassadors for their sponsors and the community in which they live. By sponsorship of the 66-67 Legion Midget Hockey Club you have allowed these young men to participate in the world's fastest game, and thereby played a large part in the development of healthy bodies, competitive spirit, good sportsmanship, and most of all, the development of good citizens. On behalf of all the team, the manager and myself - thank you."

Five trophies, donated by public spirited citizens were awarded, and were as follows:

Most Valuable Player: the trophy was won by goalie Steve Johnston for outstanding performance during the season.

Most Valuable Defenceman: the trophy was won by captain Bruce Hutchinson, for solid performance and team leadership both on the ice and on the bench.

Leading Scorer: the trophy was won by Left Winger Hal Murphy. Together with being the leading scorer, Hal scored some of the most important goals in tournament and play-off games.

Most Valuable Forward: the trophy was won by Centre Greg Bodnar. Greg wound up one point behind the leading scorer and was used on power plays and in all tight situations.

Most Sportsmanlike Award: the coveted trophy was won by Goalie Chris Amos, for exhibiting great sportsmanship as the standby goalie. Dressed for every game, he never complained on the occasions when he was not called to play.

The branch, of course, has every reason to be proud of our young Legionnaires and it is pleased to be able to serve the youth of the community in

some way. The operation of minor hockey teams, however, requires a large amount of financial outlay, both on the part of parents and the sponsors, and it is unfortunate that we do not have the odd millionaire or two among our membership like the North Bay and Cornwall branches.

In order that we may continue to serve our local youth, the midget hockey team committee has organized a fund raising event which is scheduled for May 27. Called "Millionaires Day" it will feature fun and games from 2 pm till 7 pm and dancing will follow from 8:30 until midnight. The committee is looking for support from all Legion members and friends at this event which is for a deserving cause, and in anticipation of a large turnout will present a grand prize consisting of a 21 day airplane trip to England for two.

An announcement which will be of interest to youth in the community was made at a recent general meeting. The 2nd Field Engineer Regt. RCE (Militia) has vacancies on a part time basis for young men residing in this area, as militia engineers.

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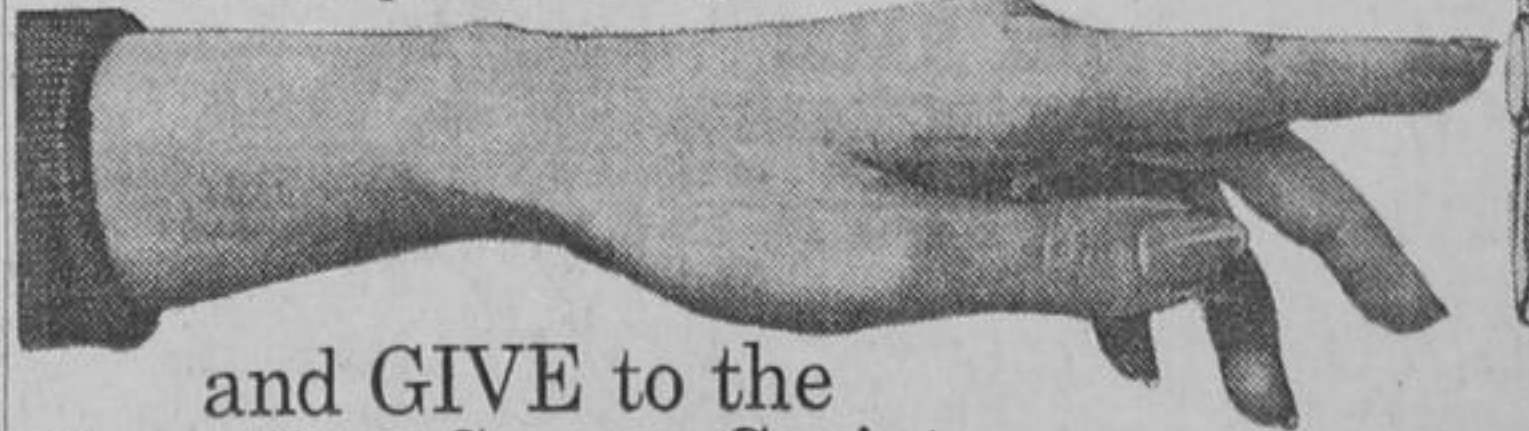
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Church News
Confirmation was administered by the Suffragan Bishop of Toronto Rt. Rev. H. R. Hunt, MA, DD, April 18 at St. John's Anglican Church. The following candidates were presented by Rev. E. C. Gerber, the rector: from St. Mark's, Jill Achilles and Gwendolen Howell; from St. John's, Paul Harnden, Harry and Joan Nelson, David

and John Robertson, Rosalie Stephenson and Karen Wilton. Leslie Eliot, lay reader at St. Mark's, read the first lesson and L. Lomas, lay reader at St. John's, read the second lesson and acted as the bishop's chaplain.

It was a great disappointment that so few of the regular worshippers of the parish, apart from the candidates' families and friends, were on hand for this holy and happy event and the reception which followed.

The young people's group took the service Sunday morning after a breakfast at the church. The opening part of the service was taken by John

Robertson. Jennifer Ensor led the psalms, Karen Wilton read the first lesson, Alex Wilton read the second lesson and the prayers were said by Anne Tanquity. The sermon was a joint effort by Harvey McPhee and Valerie Stephenson. During the offering, received by Robert Hughey and Arnold McPhee, Brenda Ash and Tom Ratchford sang a duet. Sunday school lesson boxes were also received at this service, being brought forward by Colleen Boyle and Beth Carson.

The choir sang the anthem, "Before the Lord We Bow," accompanied by Mrs. Harnden at the organ and Stewart Bell on the euphonium. The closing hymn was "The Lord's My Shepherd", sung to the tune of "The Happy Wanderer," accompanied by Rev. E. C. Gerber on the accordion. The congregation numbered 127.

A "mixed" Bible study took place at St. Mark's Tuesday at the Eliot apartment, with Rev. and Mrs. Gideon Kitsualok present. Wednesday, Rebecca Kitsualok spoke to the afternoon branch of the WA, to which all ladies of the parish were invited.

The service next Sunday morning will be morning prayer at 11 am. Holy Communion, which would normally be celebrated then, will be celebrated May 4, "Ascension Day" at 8 pm at St. Mark's.

Neighborhood News
Birthday congratulations to Gary Boyle, who was five April 24 and to Julia Lomas on April 28.

It is intended to arrange a meeting of parents of next year's kindergarten children during May to see what can be determined regarding transportation to Roselawn School. A Tuesday night has been suggested as the most convenient. Will all those interested please phone me at 884-3000 or Mrs. Irene Boyle 884-4332 and a definite date will be set.

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