

(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

### IODE Presents Painting

Richmond Hill Reeve Donald Plaxton is shown above, right, June 14, as he accepted a painting, a gift to the town from the IODE. Centre is Mrs. Arnold MacNaughton, regent of the Richmond Hill Chapter who made the presentation. Looking on, is well known local artist Otto Grebze who painted the picture.

The painting is the most recent of Mr. Grebze's works and was commissioned by the IODE. Entitled "Stooks in the Evening Sun" it was painted on the east side of Yonge Street, just south of the town.

Following the ceremony, Library Board Chairman Alex Campbell spoke a few words of thanks to the IODE for the picture which has been hung in the library. Cookies and coffee were then served by members of the library board.

## York Downs Golf Club Members Veto Markham Twp. Move For Second Time

The first step in moving the exclusive York Downs Golf and Country Club from North York to Markham Township "for all time", was made last week when representatives of the club appeared before council to seek a zoning amendment for the proposed site just north of Unionville.

Appearing were David Black, and fall months, and would be H. Campbell and Reg. Powell, who said the club had an option on the 420 acre - Glenburn Farms, owned by Donald and Kenneth Deacon. The former was recently named Liberal candidate for the new provincial riding of York Centre. The club has been forced to seek new quarters because of encroaching apartments, vandalism and thefts of golf balls by children in the area.

Mr. Black asked council to amend its rural area zoning by-law to allow the establishment of the club. "We have a most generous budget for a clubhouse and we hope we'll be there for all the time," Mr. Black said.

Mr. Campbell said they hoped to build "perhaps the finest golf club in Canada." It would provide employment for the area for the spring, summer

A stream runs through the Deacon property. Mr. Powell said they had met with the Ontario Water Resources and had found that another well was needed, so that they would probably be adding to it.

At a meeting last week, shareholders of the club decided against selling their present site.

It was the second time in the last year and a half that the project had been defeated, and it was done this time by a scant nine vote difference.

The final vote showed 361 in favor of selling the land to real estate developers and moving to the Markham Township site, and 195 against. A two-thirds majority is necessary to pass the motion.

"I can't see any reason why an amendment to the bylaw can't be put into effect," said Councillor Anthony Roman. "I'll be happy to move a motion."

The motion was carried by a 2-1 vote.

York Downs at present is located at the southeast corner of Bathurst Street and Sheppard Avenue, and may eventually become the site of a giant complex of high-rise apartments, which would necessitate rezoning of the club for multiple housing.

### Pay Hike, Too

## Markham Township Weeds To Take Beating As Add Extra Inspectors

Fast-growing weeds in Markham Township had better take it easy from now on.

Last week, council decided not only to have its present weed inspector campaign with a little more zeal against any of the obnoxious plants, but also decided to appoint two other inspectors, so that there would be one for each ward.

Councillor Allan Sumner said that weeds in the Clarke Avenue-Dudley Avenue area in South Thornhill had all gone to seed and were being scattered to the winds.

"The weed program is a joke," he said. Councillor Roman suggested the clerk instruct the weed inspector to get after the errant growths.

When asked about the state of the budget for such work, Mr. Roman replied that the inspector was paid by the people he cut the weeds for.

The motion to appoint additional inspectors was made by Deputy-reeve S. J. Gadsby, while Councillor Sumner suggested they also receive a pay hike from \$2.05 an hour to \$2.25.

Both proposals were agreed to.

Almost equally obnoxious so far as council is concerned, are scrapyards in the township.

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According to officials, the club has been broken into several times and motorcycles have damaged the 17th green, while others use the course "as if it were a public park."

The present clubhouse is also deemed inadequate and prohibitive costs prevent building a new one. The club is also worried about expropriation of some of its land for traffic uses.

Realtor R. G. Walton made the offer to purchase the property on behalf of the development group under a "Dutch auction" agreement. Under the latter, members will have seven days after the deal is closed to produce a better offer. If they do, Walton must meet 95 per cent of it or turn Glenburn Farms over to the club at a cost of \$950,000, the price currently being paid for it by Bomart Investments Ltd.

If he can't meet it, the club must pay him five per cent of the new offer to compensate him for relinquishing his offer.

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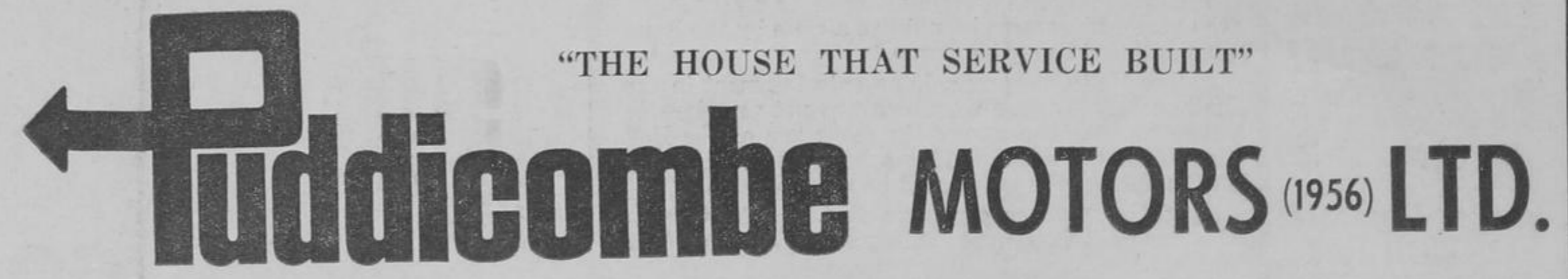
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