

Farmers Treated The Same As Others

(Continued from Page 1) abut on the street and that in being charged for a share of its cost, Mr. McClure was being treated in exactly the same way as the majority of the residents of the township. "He is entitled to no more relief from this than the residents of Maple," Mr. French insisted.

Similarly, he contended that the paving of Bathurst Street was essentially to provide a bypass around Richmond Hill and that people generally in the township did not receive a great deal of benefit from it. "But the people generally in the township, including Mr. Clure and residents of Maple, are on the same footing. He is treated the same as others in the township so he is not entitled to any relief whatsoever. He receives the same benefit as other people generally."

FARMERS COULD BENEFIT MORE

With respect to the small

part of the cost of the Edgeley water area spread across the township, Mr. French insisted that Mr. McClure and others like him would probably benefit more than others in the township because it attracted industry and development to the township and his lands in particular, on Highway 27, could well be in a future development area.

In his questioning of the township's roads accountant J. Plunkett, whom Mr. French had called to the stand, Mr. French elicited the information that of 1964 costs of \$30,000 for resurfacing of gravel roads in the township, approximately 90% of this amount was spent on rural as opposed to subdivision roads; that 90% of the \$20,500 spent that year for patching of gravel roads was spent on rural roads and that 90% of the \$6,000 spent on ditches and drains was on rural roads, as was 90% of the \$9,000 cost of weed

cutting and spraying.

With respect to costs of snow fencing and snow plowing, Mr. Plunkett testified that 80% of this was spent on rural roads while about 50% of the costs of sanding and salting was spent on rural roads.

Mr. Plunkett, under questioning by Mr. French, testified that he had, in 1964, apportioned costs of road maintenance 68% to rural roads and 32% urban.

Questioned by the chairman as to the township's policy on subdivision roads, he advised that developers were required to bring roads within subdivisions up to the township standard and they were then assumed by the township.

With respect to fire fighting services, Mr. French contended that not only was Mr. McClure treated as others in the township, but that special large size tanker trucks had been acquired to truck water to fires in rural

areas where no hydrants were available.

NO POLICE EXEMPTION

Exemption for police costs did not fall within the purview of Section 37, Mr. French stated firmly. Police protection was available wherever and whenever it was needed, he said with radio equipped cruisers covering the township daily. Mr. McClure was subject to losses, from the stealing of an ear of corn to cattle and other property and was given the same protection against this, and had the same forces at his disposal to apprehend criminals as all others in the township. "The minute you find he is getting what other people are, the act doesn't apply to him," he concluded.

Mr. French also denied that the township has acted in bad faith. In the township view, affirmed by the County Court judge, there was no requirement to pass the bylaw allowing the exemption requested, he said.



BETTE JANE TOMLIN IS BRIDE OF CLINTON R. SMITH

Wed In St. Mary's Anglican Church

St. Mary's Anglican Church, was the setting for the marriage of Bette Jane Tomlin, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth W. Tomlin, formerly of Richmond Hill and Clinton Richard Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert H. Smith of Simcoe.

Rev. James O'Neill officiated at the double ring ceremony, with baskets of colorful fall flowers as background, and Mrs. Evan Cover as organist.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She chose a floor-length gown of white organza and French chintilly lace on Empire lines with A-line skirt and scoop neck, with lily point sleeves. Her chapel-length train was completely fashioned of French chintilly lace. She carried her white bible with a cascade of Phalaenopsis orchids and stephanotis.

Cognac brown velvet and champagne crepe floor-length gowns trimmed with lace at the sleeves and bodice were worn by the bridal attendants.

Matron of honor was Mrs. Susan Sale of Willowdale. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Margaret Pratt, Mrs. Heather Tomlin and Miss Cheryl Ann Mitchell, cousin of the bride. Each wore a headpiece of crepe in a flab effect with bouffant style veil. The bridesmaids carried cascades of Gerberas in muted fall shades.

Best man was C. Richard Pond of Simcoe, and ushers were G. Douglas Carr, Kenneth W. Tomlin Jr., brother of the bride and David H. Smith, brother of the groom.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the Bayview Golf and Country Club for approximately 100 guests.

The mother of the bride, assisted by the groom's mother, received the guests wearing walnut brown imported French lace with floating panels of chiffon, complete with matching hat, bag and shoes and with a corsage of Woburn Abbey Roses. The groom's mother wore a blue lace ensemble with white hat and gloves and corsage of pink bouffant roses.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Tomlin, grandparents of the bride attended the wedding. Mrs. Tomlin wearing a brown ensemble with a corsage of orange sweet heart roses.

A. William Tomlin, uncle of the bride, proposed the toast to the bride.

Guests were present from Simcoe, Font Hill, Sarnia, Hamilton, Grand Rapids, Michigan, Kitchener and Windsor.

Later a buffet supper for out of town guests was held at the

home of the bride's brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. K. W. Tomlin Jr., in Richmond Hill (where the bride's father, Kenneth W. Tomlin Sr. was mayor for a number of years).

For travelling, the bride chose a three-piece camel hair suit with seal collar and snakeskin shoes and bag, complete with corsage of yellow roses.

After a honeymoon trip to Miami Beach, Florida, the couple have taken up residence in Toronto.

Prior to her marriage, the bride was honored at a linen shower, given by Miss Cheryl Ann Mitchell and Mrs. Mitchell, a miscellaneous shower given by Mrs. Susan Sale and Mrs.

Margaret Pratt and a crystal shower given by her co-workers of Chrysler Canada Limited.

The groom, a graduate of Queen's University in honors chemistry, winning the university medal for top graduate student in chemistry and gold key of merit, will complete his master's degree at the University of Toronto Graduate School where in January he will continue for his Ph.D.

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York Central Costs

Teachers' Salaries Take Up 60% Provincial Grants 37% In 1966

Salaries of teachers took the largest bite out of York Central District High School Board's budget last year — 59.43%.

This is almost identical to the 60.2% average spent for this purpose by all school boards in Ontario with less than 10,000 students.

Next biggest bite out of the pie went to plant maintenance and operation and administration costs — 14.37%, slightly less than provincial average of 15.4%.

York Central's 14.05% spent for debt charges and capital expenditures from current funds contrasted sharply however with the provincial average of 8.6% spent for this purpose, reflecting costs of the new schools and additions which it has been building continually in the past 10 years to keep up with the rapidly increasing high school population here.

Another 5.57% of the budget went for instructional supplies, slightly less than the provincial average for small boards of 6.2%. And in spite of the fact that the big yellow school buses have become more and more evident in the area, only 2.45% of the budget went to pay for this, compared to the average of 3.7% for other boards of similar size.

Miscellaneous expenses of 4.13% round out the whole, for York Central, 5.9% for the rest of the province.

And who provides the pie? Municipal taxes are the source of 57.28% of York Central's revenue while provincial grants last year contributed 37.02%. Other miscellaneous sources contributed 4.01% while 1.69% was a surplus from the previous year.

Thus, the amount paid in municipal taxes does not quite meet the bill for teachers' salaries.

Of the total contributed by local municipal taxes, Vaughan Township contributed the largest share, 38.5%, closely followed by Richmond Hill which pays 33.8%. Markham this year has contributed 22.5% and Woodbridge 5.2%.

A comparison of these figures with the enrolment by municipalities has long been a source of discussion — and discontent by some ratepayers. Here, Vaughan's and Richmond Hill's roles are almost reversed, with Richmond Hill supplying 38.81% of the pupils to the system's schools and Vaughan 32.31%. Markham Township accounts for 24.13% of the students and Woodbridge 4.69%.

This apparent discrepancy is accounted for by the fact the costs between the municipalities are apportioned on the basis of the assessment in each municipality. Another factor which at the moment throws them further out of line is that the apportioning is based on assessment figures two years old. Therefore, while the extensive residential development in Markham Township has already added numerous students to the system, the assessment behind these students has not yet been counted in and the other municipalities must make up the difference.

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