

Mkham & Vaughan Weed Control Not Best

Evidently having taken to heart the maxim that "a picture is worth a thousand words" York County Weed Inspector Frank Marritt appeared at both Vaughan and Markham Township Council meetings last week and presented graphic evidence that both municipalities were contravening the weed control act.

Absentee owners cause the greatest problem. Mr. Marritt said and showed slides of fields in a vacant farm on Concession 10 of Vaughan Township rampant with thistles with clean farm fields right next door.

Another shot showed a field of barley well laced with thistles, also on Concession 10 and a field of oats into which thistles had made large inroads on Highway 27.

Other colored slides showed equally poor conditions in subdivisions, particularly in the Richvale area. On Birch Avenue the roadside was high with a variety of weeds. The same condition was shown on Carrville Road both at Bathurst Street and at Yonge Street.

At Edgar Avenue at Pearson, the householder had cut to the ditch, but the ditch

and the roadside, the responsibility of the township, was high with ragweed and other weeds. One very weedy lot was shown on Pemberton Road, the only answer to which is spraying, Mr. Marritt said. Here too, one lot had been cut, but another was uncut. The roadside on Waldrick Road at Yonge Street was full of wild carrot.

Markham Township Council was also shown slides of non-sprayed vacant farmland high with weeds and in contrast, clean fields of treated active farms.

Mr. Marritt expressed the opinion that sprays are the only answer to weed control and recommended that the townships should spray some areas rather than cut them.

Hormone sprays, he felt, were "fairly safe" and 2-4D quite harmless to birds.

Markham Township Councillor Charles Hoover asked if he did not feel sprays could harm nearby crops such as tomatoes. In such cases, the spray operator should wait until the wind is in the right direction before spraying, Mr. Marritt said.

There are at least 27 varieties of noxious weeds, he explained, including various types of thistle, yellow rocket, wild carrot, goat's-beard, burdock, milkweed, bedstraw and goldenrod. They include annuals, biennials, winter annuals and perennials and each type requires special attention.

Describing a noxious weed as "one that won't stay home", he advised that any municipality may receive government permission to declare a weed noxious if it becomes a problem in the area. Where noxious weeds have been permitted to grow beyond a certain ratio, the municipality may enter and cut the weeds, billing the owner for the service.

Both townships, however, were praised for their work in cleaning up and restoring old burial grounds. Pictures were seen of cemeteries at Cashel and Eckardt in Markham Township and of the Hope Primitive Methodist Pioneer Cemetery and the Wesleyan Methodist Cemetery south of Maple in Vaughan Township. "Some years ago these were in poor condition," Mr. Marritt said. "Now

they are beautifully kept." In contrast, he showed one slide of an abandoned pioneer cemetery in another nearby township which had become a pig wallow.

"Here's something you don't have to worry about though," he said, and showed a shot of a man-high tumbleweed which he had photographed last summer in Texas. "They roll right into the towns from the country," he said.

Before leaving, Mr. Marritt presented council members with a booklet on weed control in lawns. He was warmly thanked by Vaughan Township Councillor David Fraser.

Deputy-reeve Garthnet Williams also thanked him and stated: "We are on the way to doing a better job in Vaughan."

Two township employees, Mel Lyons and J. L. Madill were recently appointed weed inspectors. Previously, outsiders appointed to do the job did not stay with it for more than one or two seasons.

Mr. Marritt is retiring shortly as York County weed inspector but will serve as a consultant. His post is to be assumed by Kenneth Hunter.

Police Accident Report

Rally Car Hits Bridge Railing 2 Richmond Hill Youths Injured

Two young rallyists competing in a car rally sponsored by Bayview Secondary School, were abruptly scratched from competition, April 7, when a tire blew out on their Volkswagen and they crashed into a bridge railing on Steeles Avenue east of Highway 48.

Ivor Jackson, 18, 149 Altamira Road and Allan Wilkie, 19, 28a Yonge Street South, both of Richmond Hill, sustained slight injuries in the accident and Allan Wilkie was taken to York Central Hospital by a passing motorist for treatment of forehead lacerations. Damage to the car was estimated at \$600.

Markham Township Police also investigated an accident Sunday afternoon which sent Mary Lynn Snyder, 16, RR 2, Gormley, to Scarborough General Hospital with possible head injuries.

Miss Snider was thrown from her horse which was frightened by a motorcycle which passed her on Concession 5 north of Highway 7. Police have not yet identified the rider of the motorcycle. Miss Snider was later released from hospital.

Richmond Hill Police were also called to investigate a motorcycle accident March 28, on Bayview Avenue at the Sopsprcar wash, north of Markham Sideroad.

Buster Brown, 18, RR 1, Maple, fell from his Honda

motorbike as a car driven by William MacWilliam, 24, of 38 Trench Street, Richmond Hill, turned in front of him to enter the car wash.

Brown suffered slight facial cuts and damage to the motorcycle was estimated at \$10. A Maple youth has been charged by Vaughan Township Police with careless driving following a rear-end collision, April 5, at the CNR parking yard on Keele Street.

Glen Saltern, 19, of RR 1, York, hit the back of a car driven by Donald Hencher, 40, of 333 Skopit Road, Richmond Hill as Mr. Hencher stopped to turn into the park yard. Damage to the vehicle was estimated at \$700.

Dominic Cavaliere, 36, of 78 Meadowview Avenue, Willowdale, was charged, April 7, with failing to yield the right of way at the intersection of Highway 7 and Dufferin Street.

Mr. Cavaliere was involved in a collision with Giovanni Spensieri, 43, of Toronto. Damage was estimated at \$100.

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Psychiatrist's Work Honored House Of Concord

More than 100 members of the Salvation Army and guests representing many correctional and rehabilitative services gathered April 3, for the 9th annual dinner meeting of the House of Concord.

Highlight of the meeting was the presentation of the Distinguished Service Cross and the Order of Distinguished Auxiliary Service to Dr. D. R. Buckner, psychiatrist at the House of Concord.

In making the award, Commissioner C. D. Wiseman praised Dr. Buckner's nine years of dedicated voluntary work for the institution and asked him to accept the award on behalf of General Frederick Coult and the many boys he had helped.

Dr. Buckner, who will be retiring soon and moving from his home in Acton, said that his work at the House of Concord had been an enjoyable and enlightening experience and that he had always received more than he had contributed.

The statistical report presented by Major A. MacCorquodale showed that of the 190 cases handled by the boards of admissions and review in 1967,

over 70 per cent had been discharged satisfactorily. The number of boys in residence at the House of Concord had risen during the year from 85 to over 100.

Major MacCorquodale thanked the many individuals, service groups and government agencies which have enabled the House of Concord to develop and extend the skills of the residence staff and increase the home's facilities. Courses are now available to the boys in carpentry, painting and decorating and food preparation. The farm course is utilized as both a training and therapeutic activity.

Tributes to the House of Concord were offered by representatives of several spheres of rehabilitation work.

L. H. Wilson, of the Child Welfare Branch, Department of Social and Family Services; Jack Amos, Director of Provincial Rehabilitation Services and D. W. Coughlan, Director of Provincial Probation Services congratulated the members of the Salvation Army on their fine work in the past and expressed confidence in the future of the House of Concord.

The meeting concluded with the presentation of awards to boys who have completed grades nine and ten and the vocational training programs. Two special trophies were presented to Allan Antoine for outstanding achievement and to Ken Bowlby, chosen as outstanding

resident of the year. Prior to the speeches and awards, guests were treated to a delicious three-course beef dinner, prepared and served by the boys in the food preparation program. The guests also enjoyed a vocal solo by resident Frank Finbow.

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WHAT REALLY CONCERNS US MORE THAN THE DAMAGE THEY ARE DOING IS THE FACT THAT WE SPRAY INSECTICIDES, QUITE OFTEN IN THESE HOUSES AND LEAVE IT IN ALL NIGHT. THESE SPRAYS ARE DEADLY POISON AND COULD MAKE SOME SMALL CHILD DEATHLY ILL ON RUNNING THROUGH AND IF THEY WERE TO STAY IN ONE GREENHOUSE FOR A LONGER TIME COULD PROVE FATAL.

WE STRONGLY URGE YOU AS PARENTS TO TRY AND HELP US TO STEM THIS AND INSTRUCT YOUR CHILDREN TO STAY AWAY FROM THE GREENHOUSE AREA AS THEY ARE NOT ONLY LEAVING THEMSELVES OPEN TO CHARGES OF BREAKING AND ENTERING, AND MALICIOUS DAMAGE, BUT ALSO EXPOSING THEMSELVES TO THE DANGER OF SERIOUS ILLNESS.

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