

No Agreement Yet By Vaughan Twp. Richmond Hill On Yonge Watermain

"This is one area where our neighbors aren't being too co-operative," stated Councillor Gordon Risk at the March 16 meeting of Vaughan Township Council. He was referring to the installation of a watermain in the Elgin Mills Road and Oxford Street area on Yonge Street.

"We are still negotiating," countered Reeve Garnet Williams, "and will talk with Richmond Hill again."

Early last spring township council authorized the township engineer to proceed with the installation of a watermain on the west side of Yonge Street between Elgin Mills Road and Oxford Street so that it would be completed before reconstruction and paving of Highway 11 by the Department of Highways. Due to telephone, gas and storm sewer installation in addition to the department's conditions, cost of this small section of watermain was finally estimated at \$24,000 — a sum believed not in relevance to the benefits to be received.

Richmond Hill was approached to extend the watermain directly across Yonge at both roads to obtain a loop. (Vaughan buys water from the town to serve its residents in that area).

The first meeting with the town was held November 12, and it was felt their consideration would be favorable since the connection at Elgin Mills would loop the town's main on the east side of Yonge, it was reported at Vaughan's recent council meeting. Unfortunately the town had to extend its watermain on the east side approximately 300 feet north to reach Elgin Mills Road and serve the Ford Motor Company located north

of that point. The motor company was requested to pay for this extension by the town.

Because of this the matter was deferred until another meeting with the Richmond Hill Council works committee December 8. At that time it was agreed that Vaughan would extend the watermain across Yonge at Elgin Mills and Oxford Street and install a six inch main in the middle of the block with a fire hydrant on the west side. It was understood that the recommendation would receive town council consideration within a few days.

However, it was reported that no further word was received from the town until March 4, when Richmond Hill's Works Commissioner Otto Whalen wrote the township setting forth the following conditions:

(a) a connection at Oxford Street to the existing six inch watermain on the east side of Yonge;

(b) a connection at Elgin Mills Road across Yonge for connection to the extended main on the east side of Yonge;

(c) a six inch tapping valve and sleeve with a crossing with a hydrant on the west side of Yonge;

(d) \$3,000 from the township to be paid the town as its share of the extension of the Richmond Hill watermain.

The township engineer was authorized to reply stating that since the looping of the watermain can be satisfactorily accomplished by (a) and (b) only, the Township of Vaughan is prepared to install only these items at the township's expense.

York County Board

Renovate Unused Schools To Accommodate Retarded

In September York County Board of Education will be operating five schools for retarded children. It now has three — Thornhaven in Richmond Hill, Fairmead in Newmarket and Elm Grove in the Sutton area.

Until the county board was formed in January, 1969, schools for the retarded were governed by local authorities subsidized by the province. Now all are under jurisdiction of the county board, although the local associations continue to function, to aid the schools, and have representatives on the board's special advisory committee.

As the number of retarded children in the county continues to grow in proportion to the general increase in population, and the board was faced with the alternative of adding to existing schools, or making use of other facilities.

At a meeting on March 9, trustees agreed that in September, the two-room Melville School in the former SS No. 13 Markham Township area, will reopen to accommodate children from the Village of Stouffville, the Town of Markham, and those in Markham Township east of the middle of Concession 2.

In a staff report it was pointed out that more than 20 children from this area have to travel daily to Thornhaven, that Thornhaven now has an enrolment of 69 pupils and anticipates an enrolment of 76 in September, although it can only suitably accommodate 50.

An addition to Thornhaven proposed earlier would cost

\$120,000 and could not be completed before January, 1971. Armitage School in King Township near Yonge Street will also be re-opened to accommodate two classes from Fairmead School for Retarded Children. The school was built to accommodate about 40 students. It now has an enrolment of 61, and an anticipated enrolment for September of 63.

To provide new accommodation at the Newmarket school would cost about \$180,000 and the addition could not be completed before September 1971.

In both instances, the staff noted, the forecasts have not been approved by the Municipal Board, and that it is unlikely the board would approve the costs estimated.

"The matter of transportation was considered, and it is noted that the establishment of the Melville School as a school for retarded children will reduce the distance for most of the students in the area to be served," states the staff report.

"The additional transportation from Fairmead to Armitage is not considered to be a major problem, and for some children, in Aurora and in King Township the distance to be travelled will be reduced."

Recalling that, until last September, the children at Elm Grove had had their classes in a church in Sutton, the staff report points out, "The experience of the pupils and staff at the Elm Grove School support the view that a good program can be provided for children in accommodations similar to that available at the Melville and

Armitage Schools." Meanwhile, board staff will prepare a feasibility study regarding any further addition to the Thornhaven School which has been recommended by the advisory committee for schools for trainable retarded children.

The trustees also approved a committee recommendation that the board recommend to the Department of Education that a child may enter school for a full day at the beginning of the term at which he reaches his tenth birthday.

This would require a change in provincial legislation, which at present permits retarded children under ten to attend school for only one half day.

Elgin Mills And Jefferson News

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Neighborhood Notes

Birthday greetings are extended to Daryl Bolton and Erna Wessels on March 29.

No regular meeting was held Tuesday by the Guides, but they plan to attend "Disney on Parade" Thursday afternoon.

Due to the mid-winter school break the Brownies will not meet until April 6.

Fifteen Cubs attended the ramble through the Passmore property and encountered the heavy snow in spite of the thawing spell of the past week. Also on the walk were Rev. Earl Gerber, Robert Savers and Akela Peter Hughey.

Miss Adele Costoff, Yonge Street, has returned home following an enjoyable three

weeks spent in Vancouver and a further two weeks divided between California and Mexico. While in Vancouver, Miss Costoff, who flew both ways, visited Beverly and Linda Locke, formerly of this area.

Tickets for the Caribbean Dance, sponsored by the community club are now on sale with Mrs. Bonnie Thompson in charge. The event will take place April 3 at Richmond Hill Lions Hall and admission is \$6 per couple.

Jefferson School Grade 6 students accompanied by five grade 5 pupils spent a most interesting day March 18 at the Ontario Science Centre. The party split up into five groups under Mrs. Verna Seel

Mrs. Betty Vent, Mrs. Bonnie Thompson, Mrs. Helen Snider and Mrs. Joyce Watson.

Parents of those grade 6 children going to Jamaica met at the school Wednesday to learn of possible date changes for the Jamaican visit. It was decided to send Principal Donald Hansen to Jamaica on Monday to discuss the situation with the authorities and make reservations for accommodation.

Merit Awards were distributed during last week to a number of pupils for "outstanding behavior".

On Tuesday and Thursday of last week, parents had interviews with the teachers to discuss their children's progress and to receive the report cards.

Church News

Holy Week and Easter Services at St. John's Anglican will be a celebration of Holy Communion to mark the institution of the Lord's Supper Thursday (tonight) at 8 pm. On Good Friday morning prayer will be held at 11 am and on Easter Sunday celebrations of Holy Communion will be at 9 am (said) and at 11 am.

Commencing next Sunday there will be a 9 am celebration of Holy Communion on the first, third and fifth (when applicable) Sundays of every month. The main service at 11 am will be Holy Communion on the second and fourth Sundays of every month, with the Litany on the first, morning prayer on the third and a family service on the fifth Sundays. The summer hour change to 10 am for the main service will commence with the first Sunday in May — May 3.

Palm Sunday was observed

with a family service and service of dedication for the new pews and other furnishings.

Nave pews were dedicated in memory of Edith Maude Capell (nee Legge), Russel Reeves Grant, Mr. and Mrs. Giles, J. D. Kerswill, their son James G. Kerswill and of William Giles Kerswill; the hymn boards and credence table in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Giles, J. D. Kerswill and James G. Kerswill; choir stalls in memory of Ethel Annie Laurine Phillips (nee Dibb).

Dedication was made by the rector, Rev. Earl Gerber attended by Warden Peter Hughey (rector's) and Leonard Lomas (people's) and Clifford Rumble (deputy). A large number of the families and friends of those in whose memory the gifts were donated were present at the service, making a total congregation of 160. Special thanks were also recorded to other persons who have made generous donations towards the purchase of the pews.

Palm crosses were distributed to the congregation, given as a memorial to the late Godfrey Kenney of Bradenton, Florida by his widow.

The second lesson, the parable of The Good Samaritan was acted as it was read by boys of the senior Sunday school. A new updated version was then read and acted in the same manner.

The choir sang the "Jubilate" as an anthem and also rendered the anthem "Seek Ye The Lord", with Brenda Ash as soloist.

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Your Legion Reports
Branch 375, Royal Canadian Legion
By Bill Hughes

HOCKEY, HOCKEY, HOCKEY — that's the password this week in town. May we extend a warm welcome to all the visiting players and their coaches, management, and last but certainly not least, to the inspiration behind all of these boys — their parents. Please do enjoy yourselves, and come back again.

Saturday, March 14, Branch 375 hosted the district darts tournament because the local team was winner of last year's tournament. They repeated the feat this year, so will again be hosts next year. Fellow Legionnaires congratulate the members of the team.

Among the comrades who made it such a successful day were Gord Mills, Art Spence, "Auggie" Ogden, and Mel Collier, but there were many others who lent a helping hand.

The St. Patrick's dance in the evening, another successful event, rounded out the day.

Future events include the following — pub night — this very popular event, featuring Wally and Mac from Aurora will be held tonight (Thursday). Now that is the night a lot of you will get "The Liberal" — so drop everything and come on over to the hall. The ladies' auxiliary host this evening, and for those of you who have been in attendance before, we look forward to seeing you out again, and bring a friend.

An old time dance will be held this Saturday. This is a repeat of a successful evening some weeks ago. Square and round dancing, and if you get in early enough instructions can be had prior to the dancing (square dance instructions, man, that's what I am talking about).

The district convention will be held April 4 and 5. Hopefully we will all be recovered from the hockey tournament before this convention hits us. Briefly, the program for delegates is outlined in the bulletin on the board in the club room.

Entertainment for our guests will commence on Friday evening, April 3 with the free and easy dance. Then on Saturday, we are holding the district convention dance in the banquet hall. Please refer to the above mentioned bulletin for times, etc.

A hard times dance will be held April 11 — featuring Roy Grant and orchestra. This is one event we can all attend without worrying about "Will I Wear a Suit, or jacket and slacks, or what." Just come in your work or knockabout clothes and enjoy yourselves.

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