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The Rumneys Married 50 Years

Fifty golden years of marriage were celebrated October 7 by Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Rumney when they entertained 50 relatives and friends at dinner at the Victoria Square Community Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Rumney were married at Port Sydney, Muskoka, September 30, 1922 and farmed near Victoria Harbour and on the Dundas Highway before moving to Richmond Hill in 1929, where Mr. Rumney went into the milk transport business. They moved to Victoria Square in 1931 and have lived there since. Their wedding attendants a half century ago were the bride's sister Kathleen (Mrs. R. Start of Brantford) as maid of honor and the groom's brother, Dr. Wilfred Rumney of Hamilton as groomsmen.

The happy couple have three sons, Philip and George, who live on neighboring farms and Jack of Richmond Hill; a daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Stephenson of Buttonville; and 12 grandchildren.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Rumney have been and still are active in the community. Mr. Rumney served on Markham Township Council and as deputy-reeve; and has given leadership and a great deal of hard work to the Richmond Hill and Markham Agricultural Societies, the Junior Farmers and the Federation of Agriculture. He has enjoyed curling as a member of the Unionville Club for many years. Mrs. Rumney is active in the Women's Institute. Both are cornerstone members of St. Mary's Anglican Church, Richmond Hill.

Congratulatory messages were received from Prime Minister Trudeau, Premier Davis and the Town of Markham.

Protest Bayview Fairways Golf Club Subdivision

By HAL BLAINE

A local land development controversy something like a miniature York Downs situation appears to be developing in Thornhill where a golf club wants to sell two holes for subdivision purposes.

In the recent York Downs situation in Metro a huge public reaction developed and the provincial government ended up taking over golf course land to prevent its development and to preserve open space for the community.

Owners resident only a few months in new high priced homes in the Bayview Fairways Subdivision are faced with removal of 17 acres of adjacent golf club open space and construction of possibly lower priced homes on smaller lots. They thought they were protected by the local Official Plan that designates the golf club lands as major open space.

SCHOOL THREATENED

They feel a new experimental local "open concept" school with its "one room idea" is threatened with the addition of portable classrooms even in its first year of operation. Narrow residential streets are threatened with through traffic and already standard park areas are threatened with heavier loading.

The Bayview Fairways Ratepayers Association opposed severance of the golf club lands before the Markham Town Committee of Adjustment. The committee nearly a year ago turned down the application. Bayview Fairways is south of John Street and east of Bayview Avenue.

JFM Developments Limited, prospective purchaser of the land, applied to the town for approval of a subdivision plan but the application didn't get off the town shelf.

APPEAL TO OMB

So Bayview Country Club Limited appealed the adjustment committee refusal to the province's Municipal Board. The golf club contends it must sell the piece of land because of financial considerations.

Then the proposed buyers appealed to the Minister of Municipal Affairs "over the town's head" to have the plan of subdivision sent to the Municipal Board for approval since they felt the town was holding the application up unduly. The minister referred the subdivision plan to the OMB as requested.

WEDNESDAY HEARING

The OMB hearing on the adjustment committee severance refusal appeal came up Wednesday of last week at Buttonville

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The town planning department report said the only way to satisfy the ratepayers with regard to schools, parks and traffic circulation would be either to reject the proposal or allow development of the whole golf course.

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The planners listed the following as reasons for refusing the application:

- There is a need to assume a strong position on the preservation of open space in urban areas and these lands immediately north of Steeles Avenue are vulnerable to development pressures.
- The proposal is on a piecemeal basis and doesn't relate to any overall plan.
- It isn't in the best interest of the community with regard to the loss of major open space, lack of suitable park land and traffic circulation through adjoining subdivisions.
- It doesn't comply with Section Six of Amendment 17 (Official Plan) which designates overall population density for the Leslie West Community.
- Financial hardship shouldn't be considered sufficient reason to permit development which is inconsistent with the Secondary Plan.

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