

**Ned Hill Property**

**Town To Be Neutral  
Private Road Appeal**

A motion, described by Mayor William Lazenby as covering a commitment made by councils in the past to one local landowner and commitment by the present council to other residents of the area, failed to win enough support to carry at the November 26 meeting of town council.

**PURPOSES OF BYLAWS**

The motion coming as a recommendation from the works committee of the whole held November 22 was that "Council acknowledge that the 66 foot strip of land (fronting the property of Ned Hill) is a public street for the purposes of the zoning bylaws and that the planning director, in consultation with the executive staff be requested to make a report on the merits of the application to the Committee of Adjustment, and upon presentation to council, council decide whether to support or oppose the appeal."

It was reported that Mr. Hill is appealing to the Municipal Board the Committee of Adjustment's decision to turn down his application for severance of part of his property facing one of that strip of land. Three reasons were given by the Committee of Adjustment — that there

was opposition from other ratepayers on the road, that the application was premature in view of the proposed planning of the whole area and that the road was not a public street.

**HISTORY OF ROAD**

Town Solicitor Tom Fraser traced the history of the street and stated that the governing zoning bylaw referred to a public street or public road which was not defined. "The first two lots were created by Mr. Hill when the bylaw did not require a lot have a frontage on a public street. Bylaw 509 passed in January 1960 required frontage on a public street for the first time. In April 1960 Mr. Hill wanted to sever the lots fronting on Vaughan Rd. He appealed to the Committee of Adjustment under the minor variance bylaw but since the remaining lots did not front on a public street the C of A decision was that it was not a minor variance and it was suggested that Mr. Hill go back to planning board and offer to deed the 66' to the town as a private road. He did agree to give them 66' and 27' for widening of Vaughan Road. All parties at that time felt they had fulfilled the requirements of the bylaw for frontage on a public road."

**Legion Reports**

Branch 375, Royal Canadian Legion  
By Eric Chapman

**Lady Veterans Play Vital Role In Legion Affairs**

The lady veterans of Branch 375 are an ingenious group who will try their hand at anything — whether it be Rita Hopson organizing a "Helpers' Hop", Nancy Pollard and Betty Barrett travelling the length and breadth of Richmond Hill obtaining orders for wreaths during Remembrance Week, Edith Considine co-ordinating events with the ladies' auxiliary, Chris Ratchford writing news stories from Bedlam Abbey, Alison Hughes recording minutes and typing correspondence as branch secretary; or Madge Barrott, like a regular CPA, counting shekels into separate envelopes as lady treasurer.

As former members of the armed forces during World War II, all ladies have received training in the noble art of hard work, are fully equipped to conceive new ideas when a challenge arises, and are capable of some pretty nifty foodwork in the Legion kitchens.

Indeed, if Charles Kingsley had been a member of Branch 375 in this liberated age he would, no doubt, rewrite his Three Fishers to read, "Women must work and men must weep — for there's little to earn and many to keep."

Over the past few months, the ranks of the lady vets has increased with the addition of volunteers who are wives of Legion members. Ms., such as Anne McKeage, Elsie Smith, Jean Surtees, Helen Oakley, Terry Chapman and Pauline Munroe assisted the group in providing snacks at the weekly bingo, securing donations for draws and preparing food at dances.

As a result of this collective female labor, the branch has profited in many ways. The organ in the lounge, and duplicator are among items now gracing the scene. The Poppy Trust Fund for needy veterans has been swelled, and at the recent November general meeting the ladies presented the branch with a cheque in the amount of \$1,000.

Even the troubled situation in the Middle East has received the undivided ingenuity of the Legion ladies. As Rita Hopson explained, "If a third world war should develop we have to be ready. A secret weapon is in the hands of our demolition squad if we're invaded". The demolition squad Rita referred to is in the form of Lady Vets' Nancy Pollard and Betty

Barrett. Known as the "Bobby Twins", the pair apparently has discovered a neat way to clear a kitchen of all personnel in ten seconds flat. The recipe includes placing three dozen eggs in a large saucepan covered by a thimbleful of water and boiling at high heat for 30 minutes.

The effect produces a series of explosions similar to the splitting of the atom bomb. Eggshell fragments fly at speeds up to 60 mph in all directions, and where once existed a plain white ceiling there is now perforated acoustic tile. The smell produced is similar in many respects to a battery of out-houses, and is equalled only by the poisonous gas employed at the First Battle of Ypres in 1917.

Besides this patriotic chivalry in support of national defence, the ladies also have plans to further the morale of the people. In conjunction with the ladies auxiliary, it is understood that a combined effort will be made to produce an ingenious double billing of a ladies, Fun Show, sometime in January. Recruiting of amateur talent is now in progress. Instrumentalists, singers, comedians and comedienne et al should report to the ladies Friday evening at 8 pm. Object of the new project is to supply fun and funds for curtains to drape the stage.

All of the foregoing appears to point to the fact that while man may be seated at the pinnacle of success — in the broad sense he is still on his behind!

The branch extends best wishes for a speedy recovery to Treasurer John Tsinonis who is a patient in Room 409, York Central Hospital; and to Comrade Chris Ratchford, Allan Blow and Bill Simpson who are patients in Sunnybrook Hospital.

Sam Tomlinson is recuperating at St. Johns Convalescent Hospital and at home are Rev. Fred Jackson, Leo Butler, John Harrison and Pat Dapello.

A limited number of tickets (150) are now available for the Legion's New Year's Eve Dance. Cost is \$25 per ticket which admits one couple and includes all the usual paraphernalia. Members are also reminded that annual dues are now payable. An Early Bird Special is presently available at \$9 if paid by December 31. Higher dues are payable in 1974, and the moral here appears to be Pay Now—Fly Later.



**Volkswagen Radio Sales Contest Winner**

John Moss, Volkswagen salesman at W&P Motors Limited, 178 Yonge Street North, Richmond Hill, this month was the happy winner of \$1,000 or a two-week trip to Munich Oktoberfest. This was his prize for winning in the Volkswagen Canada Limited Blaupunkt radio sales installation contest for his record

of 83.78%. For family reasons Moss chose the cash prize. Shown (left to right) at the prize presentation are radio company Robert Bosch (Canada) Limited Representative Bob Grootenhuus; Richmond Hill Salesman Moss; and W&P Motors Owner Kurt Wichtler.

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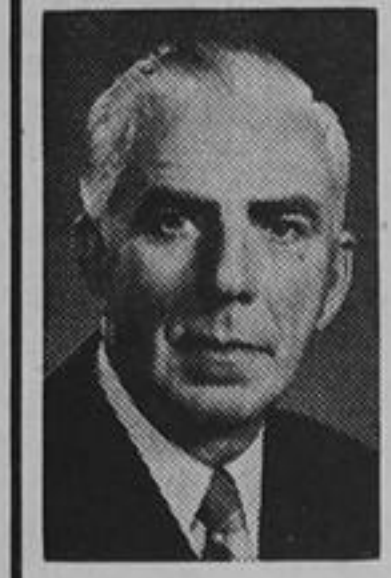
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**Queen's Park Report**

William Hodgson MLA,  
York North



**Education Costs Must Be Carefully Controlled**

Minister of Education Tom Wells made some pertinent comments on this province's education system and public attitudes towards it when he introduced the 1973-4 estimates for his Ministry to the Legislature recently.

He traced the accelerated growth of provincial expenditures on education through the last 20 years to the present contribution of \$1.374 billion.

By the early 1970's, after two decades of extraordinary expansion, the Ministry pointed out, public concern shifted away from purely qualitative educational matters toward provincial and local education spending. These requests for constraints were met in this province when the government raised its share of the costs to 60% of the total. As a result Ontario mill rates were contained or even reduced in many areas.

The public has come to realize, without criticizing the achievements of Ontario's education system, that growth in expenditures on education must be controlled to protect citizens against unrestrained tax increases. To effect some control over spiralling costs, in 1971 the Ministry of Education implemented ceilings on the INCREASE of annual per pupil expenditures by school boards. Mr. Wells reported that these ceilings have "clearly achieved their intended purpose without adversely affecting the quality of education in Ontario classrooms, which we have worked so long and so persistently to achieve."

He also noted that spending constraints over the past three years have led to "new insights and fresh ideas that have enriched the Ministry through the SECURORA. An attempt to have speed limits on roads within this municipality reduced from 30 to 25 miles per hour, except on Yonge and Wellington Streets by Councillor Walt Davis failed to find any support in town council.

ondments and exchanges arranged with school boards to meet the needs of the Ministry."

The disturbing confrontation of Metro area teachers and the Ministry is also a matter for concern. I think it most important to remember that the ceilings are on INCREASES in per pupil expenditures and that specific constraints are exercised by the school boards, not by the Ministry. The government's contribution is paid to the boards in lump sums. The board then decides to contain or reduce expenditures in non-teaching areas or in the classrooms. I don't think the boards have had their fair share of attention as determining agents in how these ceilings are implemented.

Every citizen has to cope with the rising costs which affect our business and our private lives. We all have to tighten our belts, businesses particularly. Businessmen are trying to make a profit, they cannot increase expenditures without considering income. There is no reason I can see why the education system should be exempt from the financial pressures which face the entire economy. Certainly their expenditures are the most justifiable in the province, but that should not exempt them from scrutiny.

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