

Say Several Industries Consider Move to Ajax

Central Mortgage and George Finley Push Major Redevelopment of War-born "Town" South of Stouffville — Build 100 More Houses

The war-born "town" of Ajax, 24 miles east of Toronto is being developed as a major new Canadian industrial community embodying latest town planning ideas, according to a new statement on the project by Ottawa's Central Mortgage & Housing Corp.

CMHC, which recently assumed responsibility for the property's future and is directing its current development, envisages eventual establishment of a "model municipality of perhaps 30,000 people on the 3,000-acre site bordering Lake Ontario.

Now serving primarily as a division of University of Toronto for student veterans majoring in engineering and drafting, Ajax is one of scores of "emergency towns" which sprang into existence across Canada during World War II to produce war materials. It was at Ajax that Defence Industries Ltd. built its huge 100-building plant

to make shell fillings. The site, potential industrial development and geographical location make Ajax a "natural" for development into a permanent industrial municipality, according to CMHC's George W. Finley who from an on-the-spot office is directing the community's rebirth.

Major portion of the property will remain under the University's control until its lease on the site and buildings terminates next spring. But active steps are already under way toward an expected influx of industries and workers as the planned development proceeds.

One of the steps: Central Mortgage recently started building 100 new houses to supplement existing 600 rental houses on a 106-acre northerly sector of the property. In accordance with a master plan by community planning experts, the houses will face on an interior network of streets, eliminating most traffic hazards, especially for children. Some of the new houses will be completed early next year.

Roughly, the townsite will consist of five housing neighborhoods zoned and restricted to allow for construction of all classes of houses, from the modest dwelling of the average worker to more pre-

WOMAN DIPLOMAT IS FIRST FOR U.K.



Britain's first regular woman diplomat is Joan Caroline Petrie, who has been appointed second secretary on the staff of the British ambassador at The Hague. Miss Petrie is one of five women now in the diplomatic service. When she leaves England to take up her duties she will take a new car, plenty of "pretty evening frocks."

Brougham Farm Forum Meets

The Brougham Farm Forum got under way again at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bayles and Alan Ellicott was re-elected secretary. The topic discussed was The Press in all its phases and the way it served and influenced the community. It was generally agreed that local papers are better without the interior stuffing known as "ready print" and could be made more attractive with the space given instead to lively local happenings. The following statement with regard to the dailies was endorsed:

"Whereas the daily papers are widely read by farm people we believe that more discussion and publicity should be given to their problems and doings and if space is not available it could be obtained by the elimination of the many columns of descriptions of murders, sex crimes, details of court proceedings and other vulgar material."

Farm papers proper were considered to be doing excellent work within their scope and their further study and support were recommended. As in the papers our discussion wandered all over the globe and even during refreshments went on unabated.

Owing to a counter-attraction Monday the Forum did not meet; but on Dec. 13th those interested are invited to the home of Andrew Glen when the topic will be "The Movies."

Cause of Drought

According to expert engineers, deforestation is the cause of the increasing water shortage which is being felt keenly by farmers throughout Western Ontario in recent years.

In the early days of agriculture in Ontario water famine was never experienced. On the other hand it puzzled the farmers at times to rid their land of the surplus water that interfered with the cropping and cultivation of the soil.

But with the steady clearing of the land and the introduction of drainage on a large scale there were occasions at certain seasons of the year when the water supply was not as plentiful as it had been. Not so many years ago practically every farmer retained a wood lot; that is he saved a few acres from the axe to maintain his fuel supply. Now, in many instances, even that is gone on many of the farms where practically every acre is under cultivation.

The result has been that with no bushland to conserve the snow, the snow melts rapidly in the spring and not gradually in a way that would do the utmost good, and unless rainfall is plentiful there is soon a noticeable shortage of water in the wells. In seasons when rainfall is below normal, farmers in many districts are obliged to drive livestock several miles to water.

To assure a proper water supply, it is claimed that ten per cent of the acreage of farm lands should be forest. Farmers in a number of counties where the water supply has failed, realize that they made a mistake in entirely denuding their farms of swamp and bush lot, and are reforesting the poorer sections of their holdings. Were this plan followed all over Ontario, a sufficient water supply at all times would be assured.

—Chatham News

EXPECTANT MOTHER CAN'T SWIM, RESCUER



Mrs. Molly Molyard, 36, of Richmond, B.C., saved a two-year-old boy from drowning in the Fraser river, the third time she has plunged into the river to save a drowning person. She grabbed Clifford Guiltner by the seat of his pants, hoisted him to safety. Last year she rescued her mother; five years ago she saved her son, Jack. An expectant mother, Mrs. Molyard cannot swim.

HERO OF 15 MEN AND ONE WOMAN WHOM HE RESCUED



The guide from Tobermory, Ontario, who risked his life in pounding seas for 18 hours to rescue 15 men and a woman from two grounded crafts, Stuart Peacock is shown with

wife and son Bruce. Wife did not know of rescue until later. The tug Patricia McQueen had foundered in a storm off Ontario's Manitoulin Island.

Loses Legal Battle to Get \$8,283

Last week a widow in Toronto lost an 18-year legal battle to collect \$8,283 she said was owing her husband's estate.

The Appeal Court of Ontario ruled Mrs. Williamina Luna had failed to establish her right to sue in Ontario. She was appointed administratrix of her husband's estate by the Surrogate Court of Essex County, N.Y. She brought action in Ontario courts to collect the amount of two promissory notes.

She was upheld by Mr. Justice Gale in a suit last June but the decision was reversed by the Appeal Court of Ontario, which said an administrator appointed by

foreign courts cannot sue in Ontario until administration papers are issued here.

About thirty million dollars will be required for construction of essential school buildings in Canada in the next ten years.

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tentious homes. Each neighborhood will have its own park, school and shopping centre.

Rental housing built by the corporation will contain all domestic services and each house will have its own 50-ft. lot varying in depth from 125 to 150 ft. Houses will have a minimum of five rooms and a complete three-piece bathroom.

Basic idea behind the Dominion Government's plan for redevelopment of new and expanding industries on the site. In this CMHC is co-operating with the Federal Dept. of Trade & Commerce and Ontario Dept. of Planning and Development.

Negotiations are reported with "several interested industries" and one company — Pye Ltd., Britain's largest maker of radio and television equipment (The Pops, Aug. 14 and Oct. 2) — has leased 14,000 sq. ft. in one of the plant buildings. Soon it is expected, Pye will send in advance parties of technicians with equipment from England to get trial production rolling.

Ajax's 2,700-acre plant area may have strong appeal. It contains several hundred thousand square feet of industrial buildings, with good roads and railway sidings serving most. It is serviced with 60-cycle electricity and has its own pure water supply, with surplus capacity over present requirements of more than two million gallons a day. All major buildings are heated by a central heating system which is considered adaptable to serve new buildings.

Main double track Canadian National Railways line runs through the site, paralleling the modern four lane, concrete-surfaced highway linking Toronto and Montreal. Water transportation too is available from a nearby Lake Ontario harbor.

University to Vacate
At war's end the plant buildings were leased to the University for five years as additional facilities for accommodating thousands resuming studies after discharge from the services. In the fall of 1945, approximately 3,000 students converged on the centre. Most took up residence in former war worker dormitories while married veterans found accommodation in some of the wartime houses. Nearly the same number returned in 1946 and last fall but, with a substantial drop in the number of students resuming classes this year, the University has decided to terminate its lease on the project in 1949 instead of a year later.

The wartime housing development is already fairly well established as a self-sustaining community. A modern groceries constructed during the war is located in the centre of the property and fills all household requirements of the residents. An up-to-date school at the west end of the housing development provides educational facilities up to grade 10, while a recreation hall is the scene of all social events, movies and meetings. There is also a local branch of the Canadian Legion and the Canadian Red Cross Society.

Each year the residents "go to the polls" to elect a tenants' council. This group works closely with the Central Mortgage administration during the year as an advisory body on matters affecting the welfare of the citizens.

Policing is provided by two Provincial Police constables stationed at Ajax under arrangement with Central Mortgage and Ontario Provincial Police Department, while a 14-man fire brigade provides fire protection.

With the Royal Marine Band playing, "Horsey, Keep Your Tail Up!", the only horse on the strength of the British Navy recently stepped jauntily between ranks of a smart guard of honor at Plymouth, to be demobilized.

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