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## County Health Unit To Cover All Municipalities

York County Council in session, Wednesday, Jan. 27th voted 14 to 8 to extend the services of the York County Health Unit to the three municipalities which have not been covered by the health unit since its inception.

Reeve Asa Cook, of Aurora, and Deputy Reeve Kenneth Tomlin of Richmond Hill, members of the Board of Health Unit, spoke eloquently on the services rendered. Well baby clinics, T.B. and V.D. follow ups plumbing and restaurant inspection (several eating places in the county have been instructed to clean up or close up), milk inspection, school nurses, sanitation. Septic tank installations are being inspected by the Health Unit. Now, under new Provincial regulations, the Health Unit will be responsible for all plumbing inspection in the County. When a building permit is purchased it will be necessary to purchase a plumbing permit, and the inspector will visit the building during its erection to see that all plumbing is installed according to regulations. Mr. Jesse Cox of Kingston is the new plumbing inspector (chosen from 33 applicants). He is a master plumber with years of experience at his trade, and in training others.

Warden Rye said that in East Gwillimbury their M.O.H. and the Board of Health had given satisfactory service but "service to our children cannot be measured in dollars and cents" and Reeve Cook said that "the county's 100% enrolment would make for a continuity in treatment and an improvement in health services."

Reeve Dales of Newmarket said a M.O.H. should be considered a thing of the past and "we are here to legislate for the county as a whole." Dr. King, director of the County Health Unit said "with all the townships participating the grants will be larger." The Provincial and Dominion grants amount to two-thirds of the cost. We have opened offices in Sutton, Stouffville and Richmond Hill. A full time clerk is employed in each office. The Federal Government pays the salary of the clerk and the rent of the office. This will bring services much closer to the people.

Mr. A. Bissett, Q.C., president of the Children's Aid Society of York County and member of the Board presented the report of the Society to County Council at this meeting. This report showed that during 1953 2420 children were under "protective care," 850 were adopted, and 1409 children cared for in boarding homes. "We have made substantial improvements in our adoption department and have speeded up our adopting procedures." "It is our policy to pay a boarding home rate to foster parents which will not make the financial aspects of boarding children an attractive consideration but rather to seek homes where a contribution to welfare and the companionship of the child is a major factor. It became increasingly apparent that our rate was unrealistic and it was raised to \$1.00 a day from Jan. 1, 1951." York County's share for 1954 is estimated at \$60,807. 17% of children cared for are from York County and 83% from Metropolitan Toronto. Reeve Ralph Corner moved that the report be referred to the finance committee.

## Holstein Fanciers Buy Markham Farms

The sale has been completed of the Walter Smith farm, lot 25, con. 5, Markham Township and the Reid Brumwell farm, concession 4. Both places were bought for a reported substantial price by the Roman brothers, operators of Romandale Farms, King, and renowned Holstein breeders. Mr. Smith has been on his 114 acres since 1921, having purchased the place from Geo. Gee. The Brumwell farm contains 200 acres and was the former Avison place. Walter Smith has purchased the Henry Dyck place on the 10th con. of Markham just south of Stouffville and will hold a large sale of his registered Holstein herd and farm equipment this coming March.

## BIG LOADER REMOVES SNOW IN RECORD TIME



Here is the Stouffville Sand & Gravel Co. huge loader removing the snow from Main St. into waiting trucks. The entire operation of clearing both sides of Main St. business sections required little more than six hours to complete. More than an estimated one hundred and twenty-five tons of snow were removed. Allan Hoover was operating the loader and Everett Jones is seen receiving a load on Rennie's truck. Four trucks were employed on the job.

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## School Boards Notified Of Contract Suspension

Stouffville and Markham High School District Boards have now received official notification from the W.F. Rich Construction Co. that they cannot complete their contracts for the two new high schools being erected, the one here and the other at Markham. Contracts for the two schools amount to close to \$900,000.

Both contracts are bonded and the Boards are certain that their own financial position in the matter is quite sound. An announcement of the firm which will undertake completion of the schools is expected some time next week.

Heat is on in both new structures so that no damage can come through the delay. While the work stoppage may continue for several weeks the schools will definitely be ready for occupancy next September.

Glad to see the mild weather come has been the Stouffville Floral Co. Mr. Smith reports that the big flower greenhouses consumed a hundred and forty tons of coal in January, the largest month's consumption in the last four or five years. Last year the great expanse of glass was all reglazed for more warmth and this he reports has aided materially in fuel saving.

## Whitchurch Sets \$93,000 Road Budget for 1954

Meeting in a lengthy six-hour session on Thursday evening, Whitchurch Council set the figure of \$93,000 for the 1954 road budget and passed the annual road appropriation bylaw. Last year the budget was set at \$75,000 but the Dept. of Highways cut this figure by eight thousand. The sharp increase this year is necessitated by the purchase of a new road maintainer which is in the offing.

The total budget is allotted to the various road requirements as follows: road and bridge construction, \$10,800; maintenance \$54,500; new machinery, \$20,000; and miscellaneous \$7,700.

Council discussed the calling for tenders for a new grader and the possible turn-in value of their one 14-year-old machine.

Leary Crossing  
The clerk read to council all the correspondence concerning the Leary crossing, lot 6, con. 3, west where a fatality occurred recently. On several occasions last year council discussed this dangerous railway

## Ask \$500 Standby Time for Fire Truck in Markham

Acting reeve Elmer Daniels, councillor Burk and clerk Garfield Brown of Stouffville appeared before Markham township council on Monday regarding a new fire agreement with the township. The Stouffville representatives asked an agreement of \$500 per year standby time with \$60 a fire for the first hour and \$24 per hour thereafter. Markham Township is presently paying Stouffville \$60 a call with no standby time.

Mr. Daniels explained that the local fire brigade had only recently had to shoulder a \$2,000 expenditure for a new pump on their large No. 1 truck and it was maintained that this pump was practical exclusive for rural calls. He also stated that if an agreement was forthcoming, Stouffville would install a second portable pump at a cost of some \$700 which would be of exclusive service to rural fires.

Reeve LeMasurier told the delegation that the matter would be turned over to the fire committee.

## Heated Debate Over Forming Industrial Committee

Although the hour was well past midnight, Whitchurch Council entered into a heated debate on Thursday evening over the formation of an Industrial Commission.

The matter arose following a recommendation received by council from the Planning Board which stated that since numerous enquiries were being received for land for light industry, the Board recommended that an Industrial Commission be established.

Following a long and involved argument on who should be members of the Commission, a resolution was placed before the reeve calling for a Commission composed of L.P. Evans, chairman of the Planning Board, deputy reeve Timbers and councillor E.L. McCarron.

Councillor McCarron strenuously opposed the resolution and said that he would not act as he was not in favour of a Commission constituted in this manner. Councillor McCarron stated that the Planning Board should name the Commission from among its own members. "It's not necessary to have another Board. The more bodies you have, the more delays in doing business with these people when they want to come here," he declared.

Councillor Legge who proposed the motion took the view that a separate Commission was best and would make for more co-operation with council and the Planning Board.

Councillor Graham who seconded the resolution said that he would be willing to lay the resolution over until the council and Planning Board could get together on the matter. Councillor Legge declared that the reeve had to call for vote on the motion which eventually carried. He stated that a resolution could be brought in at the next meeting rescinding the contentious motion if councillor McCarron wished.

## Deputy-Reeve Asks Improved Road Department

Dep. Reeve Dr. Kenneth Roberts requested at the regular meeting of Pickering Twp. Council on Monday that each member of the Road Dept. should fill out a daily work sheet. These forms will show the number of working hours per day for each employee and the work completed in that time. At the end of each month the hours may be totalled. "We're paying out large amounts of money but we don't know what for," stated Dep.

## Wilmot Warriner Served Fair for Over Thirty Years

On Sunday, Jan. 31st, Mr. Wilmot Warriner, a farm resident on the 7th concession of Markham for over 50 years, passed away in the Stouffville Brierbush Hospital where he had been confined for five days.

Born at Keswick, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Warriner, in 1870, the deceased was very active in the O.E.S. and Masonic Lodges in Markham and also served on the Markham Fair Board for over thirty years. He was a past master of the Markham Masonic Lodge and held the office of Secretary for a number of years. He was also a past patron with the Markham O.E.S. The late Mr. Warriner was a familiar figure at Markham Fair and was a former President on the Board. His wife, the former Ina Morton passed away ten years ago.

He is survived by one daughter Ella (Mrs. L.A. Brown) of Markham and one son Harold on the home farm. There is also one brother Dave in Miami, Florida.

Special services were held by the O.E.S. and Masonic Lodges in the Dixon Funeral Chapel, Markham on Tuesday evening with a public service on Wednesday afternoon at 2 p.m. Rev. G. Robins of Peaches' United Church conducted the service assisted by Rev. Geo. Thomas of St. Andrew's United Church, Markham with interment in Elmwood Cemetery. The pallbearers were Ken Prentice, Jas. Smith, Roy Crosby, Gordon Lunau, Nelson Smith and Walter Brignall.

## BIRTHS

BELLMAN — Mr. and Mrs. Cy Bellman, Stouffville, are happy to announce the birth of their son, Cyril Douglas, at the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville on Thursday, January 28, 1954.

MCDOWELL — Mr. and Mrs. Harold McDowell, R.R. 1, Unionville, announce the birth of their son Charles Edward on Wednesday, January 27th at the Markham Nursing Home. (still born.)

"We'd all be a lot happier if it were only the skiing season that is giving our country the jumps."

Reeve Roberts.  
Dr. Roberts pointed out that in his business he had a daily check on each man under his employ. The Dep. Reeve stated that he would construct a form and work out the proposed system with Road Superintendent Roy Ward. Councillors Lawson and Newman agreed that they were willing to give the plan an honest trial.

## Markham Will Ask County Council to Shoulder Huge New School Debenture

### Vaughan Twp. Refuses To Issue Share of Debenture - May Hold Up \$800,000 High School.

Markham Township Council threw up the first bulwark on Monday against rising school costs which would jeopardize the financial standing of the municipality. Council on a recorded vote agreed to ask York County to assume the issuing of an \$800,000 debenture for a new high school at Thornhill. The only dissenting vote was that of councillor Arthur Lennie.

The move to ask county council to issue the huge loan was brought about by Vaughan township's refusal to issue their share of the school debenture which is 47%. In most cases of which taxpayers locally are familiar, the municipality in which the school is located, has issued the total amount of the debentures. However the Act provides that each municipality may issue its share.

Markham Township, reeve LeMasurier pointed out is presently carrying very large debentures and will surely find their borrowing power curtailed should another three-quarter million loan have to be floated. It was therefore proposed at last week's meeting that Vaughan Twp. should be asked to assume their share of the loan which is 47%. Markham's share of the debenture is 24%.

Members of Vaughan council appeared at the Markham meeting on Monday and gave a definite "No" answer to the proposal. In reviewing the township's debt picture Reeve LeMasurier stated that if Markham had to shoulder this large debt the Municipal Board might refuse by next spring to allow Markham to proceed with the needed public schools and in addition all contemplated water debentures would have to be dropped.

Clerk Jim MacDonald of Vaughan Twp. provided comparative debt figures which revealed that Vaughan's total debt was slightly below Markham's at the present time, but had been higher for four to five years previous. The Vaughan Township debt had been brought about mainly by public school debts along Yonge St. in which Markham Township could not have shared had council even chose to do so since no provision is in the Act for the sharing of debentures in the case of public schools.

Solicitor J.D. Lucas who was present at the meeting advised Markham council that they should reconsider issuing the debenture if Vaughan refused to shoulder its share.

Deputy reeve Rutherford of Vaughan stated that the Metropolitan Board might refuse at any time to allow their pu-

## Window Peepers "Beware" in Pickering Township

At a special meeting of Pickering Twp. Council on Wednesday evening of last week a bylaw was passed prohibiting the practice of "window peeping" in the municipality. The bylaw was introduced following the hearing of a case in Whitchurch in which a resident in the South Pickering district was caught red handed in the act of "peeping" through a window. The curious offender was released however when the judge discovered that Pickering Twp. had no bylaw governing such an offense.

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Raxlin, recently married couple have returned home from Florida and will make their home in the new Sanders subdivision on Rose Ave., Stouffville.

plis to attend Weston school which would necessitate a new school at Woodbridge.

"I have no objection to issuing their share," said reeve LeMasurier. "We're ready to handle our part and Vaughan apparently is not, so if the ratepayers who need the school want to kick they had better go to Vaughan," he continued.

Councillor Lennie stood out as the lone opponent to forcing Vaughan to issue their share of the loan. "We gave commitment to the Board that we'd issue the debentures last fall and we'll have to go through with it," he declared.

Reeve LeMasurier replied that the financial picture changed considerably since then and it was up to council to give first consideration to their own ratepayers.

Councillor Little suggested that it might be best to ask the county to issue the loan.

"I'm not going out on a limb to burden debt on the people of Markham and it's they who put me here and they I'm working for. Let Vaughan pay their 47% share and if it's a case, as Mr. Lennie says, of hurting Vaughan's feelings, we'll have to hurt their feelings as far as I'm concerned."

Council, with the exception of Councillor Lennie, all concurred in the reeve's stand and agreed to ask the county to issue the debenture.

Failing this, it appeared that the school would be at a standstill unless Vaughan would change their mind about taking on their share of the debt.

## Destitute Families at Lake Problem for Whitchurch

Relief Inspector Mulholland of Whitchurch Township reported to council on Thursday evening that the requests for relief from families at Wilcox Lake were posing a problem and asked direction in carrying out his duties. Constable Mulholland stated that almost all the men of these near destitute households were employable out of work. He cited that in two cases there were six small children to be considered and almost all the families had two and three kids.

"There are 34,000 out of work in Toronto and apparently some just can't find work," he said. The matter of providing township work for some of the men was mentioned and Reeve McLaughlin said that he believed there was work to be had on the east side of the township.

Constable Mulholland told council that the breadwinners of some of the families were in jail and some families had been deserted. "It's keeping the police on the run checking

up the thefts," he reported. "The situation is much worse than a year ago."

The reeve, he reported were extremely high and relief aid would only just keep them alive. Some are receiving notices to vacate, he reported.

"Unless there are extenuating circumstances, I'm not in favor of giving able-bodied men relief when there's work" declared councillor McCarron. "There may be some deserving but I feel many are not."

Clerk Jack Crawford explained that unless the breadwinner was arrested or they could produce a doctor's certificate of unfitness, the province refused to pay their 50% of the relief.

"If you open the gate for one they'll all hear about it and flock in like sheep," said councillor Legge.

"Why should the township help pay rent for some greedy individuals," continued councillor Legge.

The relief officer was instructed to carry on as best he could under the circumstances.