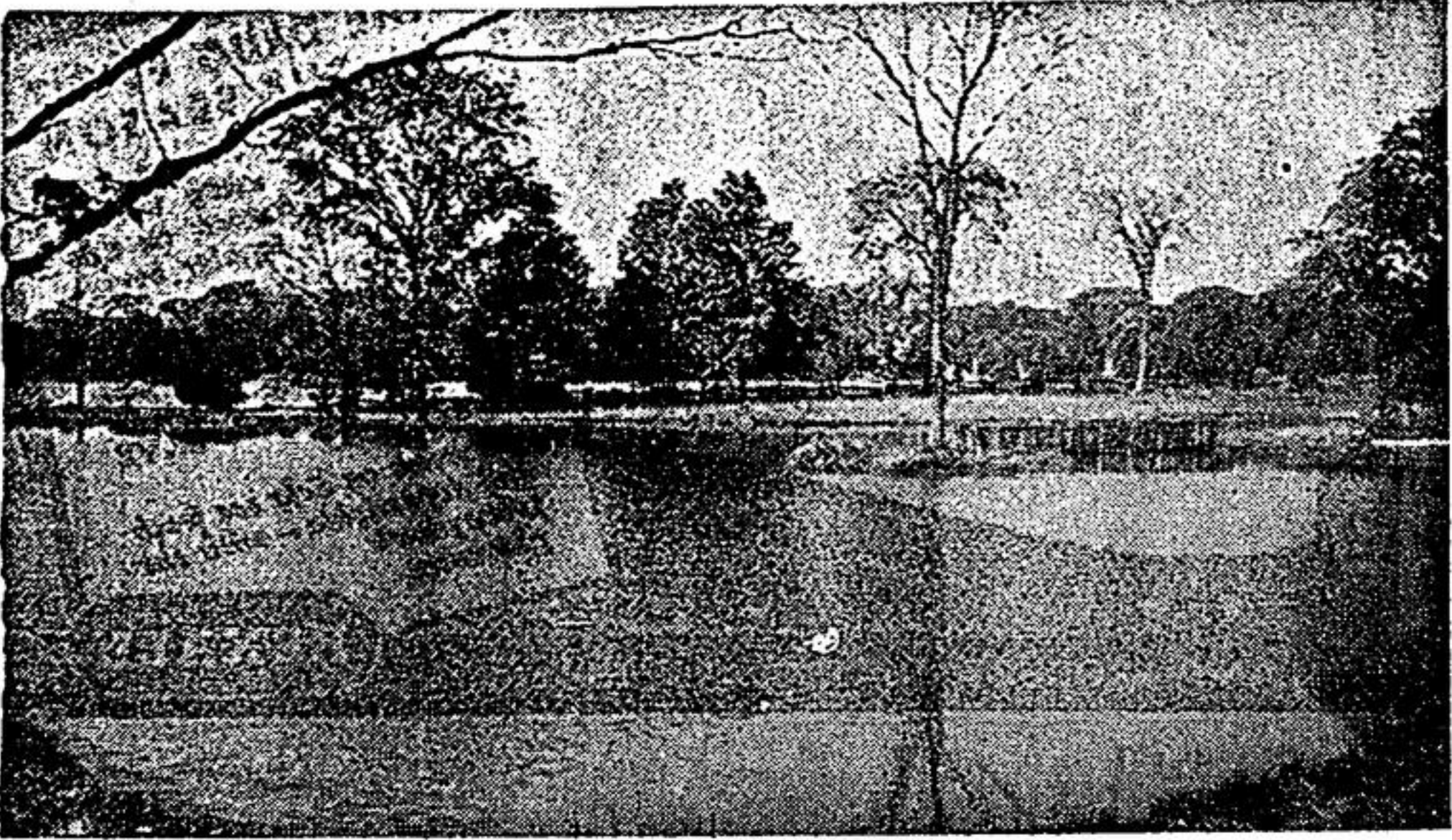


POPULARITY OF FARM PONDS INCREASING



We doubt if any district in the province can boast as many farm ponds as that part of the Twp. of Whitchurch lying between the 8th and the 4th concessions. Many of these farms have a spring creek and from this source of water they have constructed their ponds. In the top picture is a newly-constructed pond on the H. Macpherson farm just south of Lemonville on the 7th con. The site is a corner lot and

when completed will present a most pleasing setting for the farm home. In the lower photo is one of a half dozen ponds on the Chas. Ratcliff property, near the 6th con. Incidentally, there are no less than three farm ponds located on three of the side-road corners below Lemonville. While most of the ponds are located on farms and serve for water supply and fire protection, some have been constructed by city

folks who have come out and built their homes near here for the more pleasant life in the country. Dr. Crouch, 7th con., has one of the finest of these, and the pond on the Geo. Rodanz place is one of the prize spots of the countryside. Whitchurch is blessed with an abundance of spring water and information and help on the construction of these ponds is always available from the local Agricultural Representatives.

Faces Trial for Manslaughter

Ken Torrance and Terry Strain of Markham Township whose hearing on a manslaughter charge was postponed several weeks ago, appeared in Magistrate's Court at Newmarket on Tuesday. Charges against Strain were withdrawn, and Torrance was committed for trial on the charge to a higher court.

Debenture for Water Search In Markham Twp.

Markham Township Council in regular session on Monday afternoon completed reading of a bylaw authorizing debentures of \$10,000 for water exploration. The bylaw must have the approval of the Ontario Municipal Board. The township is presently engaged in test drilling on the third concession near wells which are supplying North York.

Pickering Building Nears \$2,500,000

At the regular meeting of Pickering Twp. Council on Monday, Building Inspector F. J. Prouse reported that 22 permits had been issued during the month of September for buildings valued at \$234,700. These permits included 14 dwellings which averaged \$10,000, 5 private garages, 1 school, 1 police office and 1 house addition. To date this year permits have been issued for buildings valued at \$2,456,600.

Markham Beats Buttonville in Playoff Opener

Frigid temperatures failed to cool off Markham's Peg O'Neil on Thursday night as the Aces rallied to beat Buttonville 6-4 in the first game of a best of five series for the Markham Twp. League Championship. The second and third games are scheduled for Markham's Morgan Park on Thursday and Saturday nights.

Pickering Council Praises Work of Road Department

Pickering Twp. Reeve Geo. Todd and Council were loud in their praise of Supt. Roy Ward and the road department for the work they had completed throughout the Township during the summer season. Earlier in the year, Council listed many sections of road that they believed should be gravelled, graded or ditched, and in reviewing the work they were pleased with the way the jobs had been completed.

Electrical Mfg. Firm is Interested In Locating a New Plant Here

Reeve Henry Ogden presented Stouffville Municipal Council with a request for negotiation with an electrical supply manufacturing company for locating a new plant in Stouffville. The Reeve told council that he had been in contact with the firm and that their initial building would call for at least ten thousand ft. of floor space. The firm was anxious to enter into agreement with the municipality or private capital for the erection of the plant to be paid on a rental plus share-the-profit plan.

The company is operating a plant in a new building in east Toronto now, one which is valued at \$300,000. The Stouffville plant would be for the manufacture of additional products. Reeve Ogden stated that despite rumours to the contrary and the apparent wishes of some to block the introduction of industry to town, Stouffville was most interested in obtaining industry.

Some water would be required by the firm if they came to Stouffville and this matter would have to be dealt with by the Utility Commission. At this point council discussion switched to water supply and the view expressed was that there was ample water if properly harnessed.

"Our water system needs a complete review, and I've been urging this for a long time on the Commission, but I can't seem to get them to do anything," declared the Reeve. "There's no use of us urging industry to come if we don't want to bring our water supply up-to-date; we can't develop without it," continued Mr. Ogden.

"What about the size of our line to town?" queried councillor Daniels. "We certainly need an alternate route," said councillor Ratcliff.

The general expression of opinion among the members was that there was plenty of water on the reservoir property if sufficient storage and feeder lines were provided.

Movement for York County Museum

The Women's Institutes of York County and the York Pioneers' Historical Society have an interesting piece of work underway in the development of the Sharon Temple Museum into a museum for York County.

The Institutes came into the project in 1950 when they joined the Historical Society in sponsoring a community picnic at the Sharon Temple Museum. Each Institute in the County has been encouraged to take a membership in the York Pioneers' Historical Society through the Institute convener of Historical Research. Individual members are also asked to join. These were the first steps toward developing the County museum.

To arouse the interest of people throughout the County, and to point out the importance of preserving local history, the Women's Institutes are organizing public meetings with outstanding speakers in each Institute district.

The East York meeting under the direction of the District Past President, Mrs. G. Franey of Gormley, will be held at Buttonville on Monday, October 25th at eight o'clock. Rex Frost will be the speaker and Miss Anna P. Lewis, Director of the Ontario Women's Institute Branch, will show colored slides on "Sharon Museum and Its Possibilities."

Centre York's meeting, in charge of the Women's Institutes' District President, Mrs. E. Reddick, will be held in Aurora in the High School Auditorium on Wednesday, November 24th at eight o'clock. The speakers will be John Fisher, Mr. W. E. Hanna and Miss Anna P. Lewis. Miss Lewis will again show her pictures.

Meetings for the other parts of the County will probably be held at Newmarket and Woodbridge in the New Year.

To License Junk Yds. and Restaurants

Stouffville Municipal Council meeting on Monday evening, instructed their solicitor J. D. Lucas, who was present, to prepare a bylaw for the purpose of licensing wrecking yards and a bylaw to license eating establishments. Council explained that the need was not as a money-making business but for control. The solicitor explained that licenses issued by the council can be cancelled at any time without reason and are not subject to appeal.

Plan Centennial Celebration for Ontario County

It now appears that Ontario County will observe the 100th anniversary of its establishment sometime in November. At a meeting of the County Council in Whitby, the entertainment committee, led by Reeve Rae Ferguson, of the town of Uxbridge, gave instructions to all Reeves on the council to forward histories of their municipalities to the County Clerk in preparation for a meeting on October 5th which may see the date set for the anniversary. It also appears that the official opening of the Registry Office addition will coincide with the celebration of the centenary.

The matter of the celebration of Ontario County's 100th birthday was broached at the one day meeting by Reeve George Todd of Pickering Township, who pointed out that the year was slipping by and if somebody didn't hurry up Ontario County would be celebrating a 101st anniversary.

This touched off a discussion among councillors and Reeve Ferguson was given the go-ahead to begin arrangements immediately. Discussion of the centenary celebrations had been delayed pending notification of the opening of the Registry Office addition which councillors indicated they wished to occur on the centenary date.

A hurried meeting of the entertainment committee was held and following it, Reeve Ferguson asked all Reeves around the board to have their clerks forward the history of their respective municipalities to the County Clerk by Oct. 5th.

Whitby's Reeve Duncan McIntyre also gave the Reeves a few pointers on what would make good historical sketches. He mentioned that his father had told him of farmers making the two-day trip to Whitby from Marlposa with wagon loads of grain only to find a line of loaded wagons from Rice's Hill to the harbour. Each teamster, he said, would tie his horses to the tailgate of the wagon ahead and then proceed to visit every tavern on the road.

By the time they reached the boat, he said, the unloading crew would "dump the grain out and the driver in, turn the team around and head them for home, give them a slap and they were off."

that over the years the road had been crowned up gradually until there was no place for the water to go but over against the theatre. She suggested that a sidewalk laid down would serve both the creamery and the public who made use of the parking lot at the rear of the theatre. Council promises to look into the matter. They had previously offered to provide two loads of fill to place against the theatre wall but Mrs. Schmidt stated that she had been advised this would only hold the water and not drain it off.

A communication was received from the Stouffville United Church Board requesting a light at the north-west corner of the church to serve both the large parking lot there and Duchess street which is completely devoid of any lights. C. H. Nolan, a member of the Board, speaking on the request told council that two lights based on the south side of the church were placed there some years ago by the town for public use, the church supplying the bulbs. However, these lights give no illumination to the parking lot which is used by the general public more than the church, thus the request. The matter was left to the Property Committee to investigate.

Clerk Gar Brown who is also secretary of the Public School Board presented a further request for more police protection for the children crossing the highway. Constable Hilliard was present at the meeting and explained that he and Constable Stewart were at the school whenever possible but that certain days it was impossible to guarantee to be on duty there, due to court and other calls. He also stated that he found it difficult to arrive at the precise moment school was let out, as classes came out at varying times. Council agreed that no guarantee could be given but that all help possible would be given. It was pointed out that Markham employs three school guards paid by council for this purpose.

Mrs. S. Schmidt appeared before council and requested council to take some action to stop water running down the west side of the theatre and doing possible damage to the building. Mrs. Schmidt stated

Public Skating Sat. Nite
On Wednesday and Saturday nights of this week there will be public skating in the Stouffville Arena. Skating will commence at 8 o'clock and will continue until 10.30. There will be skating on Wednesday, Oct. 13th also.

Markham Police Have Another Record Month

Only recently Markham Twp. Police Department reported their busiest month on record, a total of 400 calls. During the month just ended this record was broken as the officers made a total of 446 calls. Included were 20 accident investigations, 114 court summonses delivered, 69 delivered for other municipalities and 13 dog complaints.

The township monthly building report placed before council on Monday revealed a total of \$119,570.00 in the value of buildings. Included in this amount is \$102,400 for new residences. Commercial and industrial building amounted to \$10,450.00.

After some discussion with Road Engineer Howard, council agreed that all battered and broken street signs in the Twp. should be replaced and any new sub-division being opened up will be required to provide proper street signs for all new streets. Warning and safety signs are also to be erected in the municipality wherever Mr. Howard deems it necessary.

The problem of providing a road for the new High School property came under fire in council again on Monday afternoon and Reeve LeMasurier took the stand that unless the School Board was willing to provide the road with certain minor concessions to the Farmers' Market, they would be well advised to execute their power of expropriation. The Reeve stated that council was possibly in error in making any move in the matter in the first place since it was a school board problem and the school served Markham only slightly. "The Board got this landlocked school site, let them get-out of it, it's not our problem," he said.

Councillor Kathleen James strongly supported the view that if the high school was putting a road past the Market property, the market folks should pay their share of the cost, and since the township had moved into the picture to try and make a settlement, it should finish the job.

Lions Clubs Sponsor Free Chest X-rays for District

Lions Clubs in Stouffville and Markham are again sponsoring Free chest X-rays for everyone in the district. It is their hope that all residents in this area will avail themselves of this special opportunity. The dates and places of the clinic are as follows: Stouffville United Church Grounds, Oct. 12 and 13 from 2 to 9 p.m.; in Markham, opposite postoffice, Oct. 14 and 15, 2 to 9 p.m.; Unionville, Veterans' Hall, Oct. 18, 2 to 9 p.m.

This survey is part of the war on tuberculosis which began in 1945 by the National Sanitarium Association to find this disease in its early stages. The X-ray will take only a few moments of each person's time and is absolutely free.

The most up-to-date equipment, which uses 70 mm. film, and can handle 100 persons per hour, will be used. These miniature plates, when read by experts, compare favourably with the full-size X-rays.

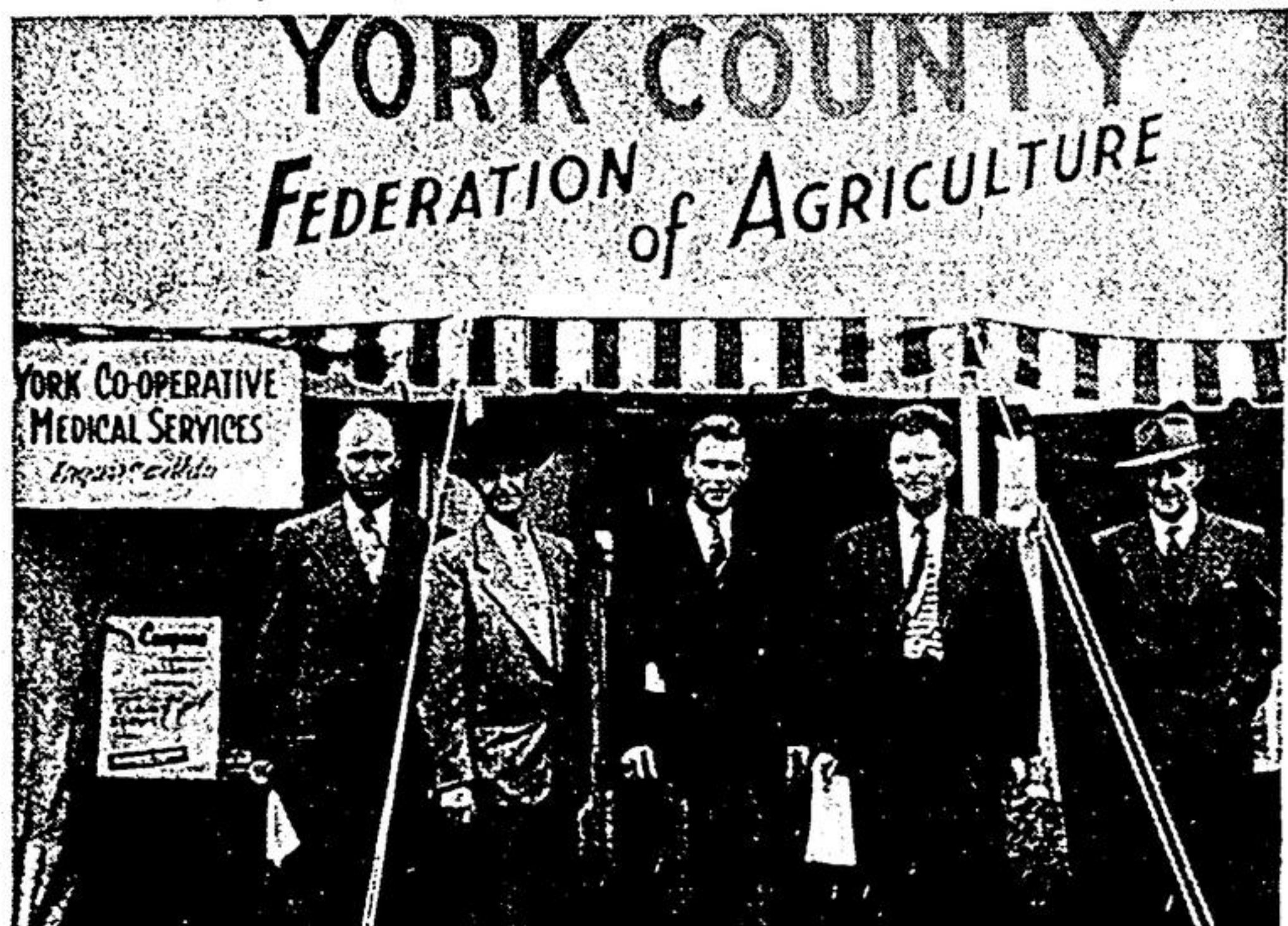
Can't Provide Services on Ten Dollars Taxes

"We can't look after roads, police, fire and schools on \$10 a year taxes," stated Reeve Geo. Todd at the regular meeting of Pickering Twp. Council on Monday. Reeve Todd made the statement after Mr. Albert Skelton of Frenchman's Bay said that he would appeal to a higher authority for the right to obtain a year-round hydro permit. Mr. Skelton has been living with his wife and one child in a small summer home since August. He wished to reside year-round in the house. Clerk Lloyd Johnston informed Council that the house which measured only 20 ft. square was assessed for \$175.00 and taxes for a year would amount to \$10.00.

Reeve Todd pointed out that it cost \$100 a year to educate one child not to mention the other necessary services that must be provided.

Council ordered Clerk Johnston to refuse Mr. Skelton the year-round hydro permit. anxious to become part of the Village in order to obtain water.

FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE



The Federation of Agriculture is one of Markham Township's most progressive organizations. Pictured above is the York County Federation of Agriculture tent at

Markham Fair which operates in conjunction with the Markham Twp. Association. The local unit is headed by President Fred Wicks, Don McIntosh, Vice Pres., and

Frank Brumwell Sec. From left to right in front of the booth are Donald Hunter, W. J. Buchanan, Don McIntosh, Frank Brumwell and John Sytema.

STUDENT COUNCIL, STOUFFVILLE HIGH SCHOOL



Members of the newly elected Stouffville District High School student Council are pictured above. The new President is Barbara Hastins

(seated) while grouped around her from left to right are Dianne Corbett, Press Rep., Marion Stouffer, 2nd Vice Pres., Barry Wilker,

Treasurer, Carole Lewis, 1st Vice Pres., and Frances Smith, Editor. Cathy Stover, Secretary, is absent.