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MORE TREES AND MORE FARM PONDS

More tree planting and assistance to establish farm ponds is the policy of the Upper Holland Conservation Authority for 1956. The members of the Authority met at the town hall, Newmarket, Thursday night and set the budget for the year.

Harold Pringle, Aurora, the chairman of the Authority, said "We should be spending more than we did last year to justify our existence. More tree planting and pond work should be done this year."

In some areas, farmers are being canvassed to find out if they wish trees to be planted on their farms. The Authority hopes to have 40,000 trees for planting but members are not sure they will be able to obtain that many.

A levy of \$105 on each municipality in the Authority plus a balance based on equalized assessment will raise \$1,500 for conservation work. The province provides for another \$1,500 grant. Last year only \$750 actually was spent and members expressed opinions that more conservation work should be done.

Members of the Authority, representing 5 municipalities, are Reeve William Hodgson of King township, Harold Pringle of Aurora, Lambert Willson of Whitchurch township, Arthur D. Evans of Newmarket, R. J. Rogers of East Gwillimbury and Wesley Brooks, secretary-treasurer, Newmarket.

Perhaps the most widely practised and most ill-advised "do-it-yourself" activity is doctoring oneself.

"Who Was Caught Boiling Down Sap?" Asks Old-Timer

This is about people who lived in the early days at Baker Hill. Starting at Lot 16 on the west side of the St. a gentleman, Mr. Leathers lived there. On property now owned by Will Fockler (a son of Hugh's who had the sawmill across the road). An Uncle Samuel owned the farm on the west end, out against the railroad, now owned by Jacob Grove.

Lot 15 was owned by Archie Leaney who ran a store east of Church Street in Stouffville. I remember hearing my father say he was in that store when the doubleheader engine blew up in Stouffville. West of Mr. Leaney's was Mr. Pugh's farm. He had quite a large family, 3 or 4 girls and two boys. One boy went up to Chatham.

I met a gentleman in Stouffville recently who knew John James and said he has driven past his farm. A sister of his married Martin Fockler and lived on the north-west corner farm at Ringwood where his two daughters still live. A son, Aylmer lives on the townline north of Stouffville.

I don't know the exact year when the Sutton branch was started, but my father had a team on it before there was any word of me. I can remember walking on the track and could see the marks on the ties that held the rails of the narrow gauge track, 3 ft. 6 inches. The next farm south was then owned by the Monkhouse family of Altona. There was a good bush on that farm and a host of virgin pine. I can remember Oscar Baker and Johnnie Piper drawing the logs to the mill at Stouffville, after the mill was torn down at Baker Hill. Johnnie has a son Cliff now living in Stouffville. This good farm is now owned by Bert and Merlyn Baker. It is high and dry right on top of the ridges.

Lot 12, owned by Jacob Ramer, is still owned by his son Ira, who also runs the elevator at Richmond Hill. I understand he keeps a fine herd of Ayrshires on this same farm. Lot 11 was owned by the McClintock. There were several different families lived there. Lewis Paisley was the first and I remember his auction sale. I was too young to go, but have been to several since. If my memory serves me right, Nelson Smith sold, that sale. Mr. Cockerill was the next. Father of Fred and Wellington.

There were two girls, Eva and May. May attended the old school at Bloomington. Why didn't I mention that before? There were older members of that family but they lingered at Newmarket. Mr. Robert Pollard was next, father of Hector, who was jeweller at Stouffville.

Next to occupy that farm was Jacob Lunau. He was a distant relative of the historian at Markham. Jacob had two daughters Alice is still alive and lives at Victoria Square. She married the late Ralph Perkins. I think her sister, Greta lives in the West. Jacob Ramer

owned that farm. It was farmed by his son Ira before he went to Richmond Hill. Fred Dennie bought that farm. It is now owned by his son Charlie. Herb Simpson's wife (Ballantree) is Charlie's sister.

Lot 10, east half, was owned by Mr. Hare, west half by Jonathan Baker. Mr. Hare, grandfather of Robert, the bicycle rider.

I have a vivid recollection of the barns that were once on those farms, and the log house on the east half. I remember the good Tallman Sweet apple tree I swiped apples from. All the buildings are gone now, also the apple tree. That farm was then owned by Alfred Baker who also owned the farm south and west of there. There was a bush on the east end of the south farm.

Albert Hoover, Sam McKuen and Frank Ramer cut logs for Ratcliff, one night by moonlight. The cemetery is just south, on the north side of the old Lemonville lane. Jonathan Baker owned ten acres, with 80-rod frontage, on the eighth at that time. I well remember the wind and sleet storm in 1893. That was the same time that Mr. Jamieson died. It uprooted a host of trees in the bush and Luke Jordan and Will McKuen cut them into cordwood.

The farm west of Alfred's was owned by Jonathan Baker. It ran up to the sideroad north. There were two barns burned on that farm, and both burned on a Sunday night. They stood where the present barn now stands. Alex Ratcliff now owns that farm, and the fifty acres that Ben Hare owned, also the one on the east side of the St. where Johnnie Baker had 50 acres. Alex owns all that, down to the Commercial gravel pit.

There was a barn burned in 1897 on Lot 11 where Jacob Lunau farmed. A dog upset the lantern. On the ten acres that Jonathan Baker owned (where the bush stood, on the north side, south of Alex' line fence) Eugene Baker's son Clarion built a fine house. I understand it has since been sold. Clarion is one of the best organ or piano players to be found for miles around. Another house south of his, is owned by another fine couple, Mr. and Mrs. Orvil Drewery. He works on the county roads gang.

Just while I'm circling around this maple bush, I wonder if any of the young boys around Lemonville would recall being caught boiling down sap to taffy off in this bush? A barking watchdog of Alfred's was the cause of their being noticed. However, they were caught by Alfred and given some good fatherly advice and ordered to go home. One of those well behaved boys lives in Markham at present, another in Stouffville on Church Street, and another between Goodwood and Uxbridge on No. 47 Highway.

I have now arrived at the old Baker Hill lane. I will quit for this time and get to work.

—OLD-TIMER

\$10,000,000 Addition For Royal York Hotel



This architect's drawing shows how the Royal York Hotel in Toronto will look when the new \$10,000,000, 400-room, air-conditioned addition east of the present structure is completed by late in 1958. In announcing

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Local High School Chatter

By Ed Sanders

This week it's congratulations to the Stouffville Jr. girls basketball team. During the season they won all their games in the local league with Thornhill, Markham, Newmarket and Richmond Hill. The junior girls are now entering the Cossa League and if the team does well in this league, they may go on to the Junior B finals for Ontario. The girls' first game in the Cossa League is with Bracebridge in Orillia on Tuesday, March 6th. If they win the game with Bracebridge, they will go to Toronto on March 10.

The Jr. girls' team has a good line of players — Judy Johnstone, Pat Barry, Mary Cole, Laura Mae Brubaker, Ann Dickenson, Marg Lintner, Diane Kennedy, Muriel Byer, Wanda Olshevski, Shirley Fostick and Joan Elson. The top scorers of the team are Mary Cole with 34 pts, Judy Johnstone 28, and Pat Barry 25. This team has put up a fine performance for their first year, and much of the credit is due to the fine job of coaching by Miss Holt. She has done exceptionally well because this is her first year, too.

The boys' team had a game this week with Pickering Boys College at Newmarket. Stouffville Jrs. came out on top with a score of 34-30 and the Srs. lost theirs. On Tuesday Agin-

court came to Stouffville and lost to the Jrs. 38-31.

The Boys' Athletic Society are having their annual dance this Friday. There will be a basketball game between the Stouffville Seniors and Agincourt High School. It has been hinted that the men teachers will be now entering the Cossa League and if the team does well in this league, they may go on to the Junior B finals for Ontario. The girls' first game in the Cossa League is with Bracebridge in Orillia on Tuesday, March 6th. If they win the game with Bracebridge, they will go to Toronto on March 10.

On Monday the Lions had their annual oratorical contests. The winners were Barbara Hewlett, Grade 13; Ron Thompson Grade 12, and Elizabeth Rae, Grade 10. These stu-

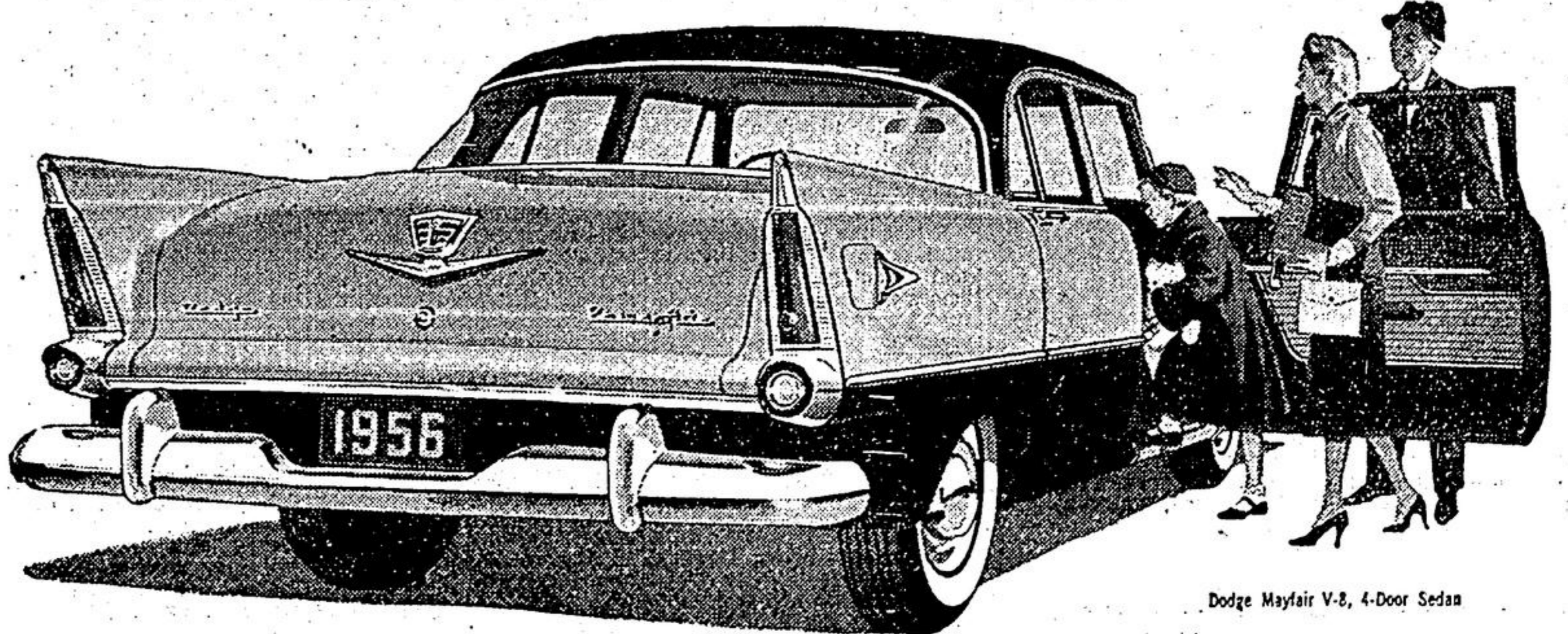
dents will compete in the district Oratorical contest and we wish them luck.

The editor of our year book, Bob Hammersly, has issued a last call for all articles and the material is off to the press next week.

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