

Markham Twp. Council Asked to Delay Striking Tax Rate for 1957

Markham Township Council has received a wire from the Department of Municipal Affairs stating it would not be advisable for council to strike a tax rate until further advised by the Department as the form of grants were being changed, no information as to whether this change will increase or decrease the local demand. Any increase in the grant would be very acceptable as the audit will show a deficit in operations for 1956 of around \$20,000, largely due to increased expenditure on roads. It is anticipated the subsidy paid by the Dept. of Highways will take care of at least half of the amount.

Tenders for the supply of gravel were opened at Monday's meeting with a representative of the Dept. of Highways in attendance. Seven firms submitted tenders the lowest and successful tender being that of Frank H. Roberts & Sons.

The matter of continuance of Markham Twp. as game preserve received some discussion. Some members were in favor of discontinuance but it was drawn to attention that if such action was taken the government

patrol now covering the area would be withdrawn. Further consideration will be given if supply of pheasants are available.

Monthly police report shows cars covered 11,737 miles at cost of operation of \$362.26. Total calls were 492.

Communication was received from the Dept. of Game & Fisheries stating it was not considered advisable to hold an open season for killing of deer in the Twp. A number of property owners have complained of loss owing to increase in number of deer in the district.

The reeve was requested to interview Albert Reesor regarding continuance as Weed Inspector for another year. Mr. Reesor had expressed a desire to retire at the end of 1956.

A deputation from the Richmond Hill High School District requested permission of council to place a suggested program before them in order that they might be fully conversant with the amount required to be spent over the next three years. This covers an enlargement of Richmond Hill High School this year, classes now being on staggered

basis and not very satisfactory—1958, build new school at Woodbridge, which would permit of area taking care of students now being paid for at Weston, cost of this school \$700,000—1959, arrange for increased attendance at Thornhill. Chairman of Board stated he expected all the proposed accommodation would be required for years.

Council expressed appreciation for the action of the Board in giving information and realized that some action would be necessary but are rather at a loss to know how this continually increasing demand is to be paid or from what source funds are to be raised. Markham Twp. bears some 25% of the costs in the Richmond Hill area.

There was considerable discussion on passing a by-law for a new Court of Revision. The fee was set at \$7.00 for half day with 10 cents per mile for expenses. It was suggested the matter be further discussed on the evening of March 11th when parties concerned could be present. The replacement of at least one member has been suggested.

7.8 Mills Needed for Roads in Pickering Tp.

At a special meeting of Pickering Township Council last week a motion setting the requirements for this year's road budget at 7.5 mills made to be rescinded, and boosted to 7.8 mills. This amount which was found to be required, will raise \$96,880.00. The motion for the change was proposed by Councillor Chapman and seconded by Councillor James. Further to the road department, council agreed that tenders should be called for the purchase of a new maintainer without plow, to replace one of the graders now in use.

Council agreed to a recommendation of the finance committee that the following grants be paid in 1957: Soil and Crop Improvement \$25; Ontario and York Film Council \$25; Claremont Library \$50; Greenwood Library \$50; Whitevale Library

\$50; Brougham Library \$50; Pickering Library \$25; Fairport Boys' Club \$50; Markham Fair \$50; South Ontario Ploughing Match \$75; Brooklin Fair \$30; Crippled Children \$25; Red Cross \$100 Salvation Army \$25; Fairport Ratepayers \$15. The grants total \$645.00.

Dozen Local Dog Owners Summoned

Stouffville police, cracked down hard last week on local dog owners who persist in allowing their animals to run at large, and nearly a dozen summonses have been issued under the local bylaw.

The delinquent owners are called to appear in court at Newmarket on Wednesday of next week. A number had previously been warned and failed to heed the police warning, officers stated.



Mrs. Ann Liz Couse, Fairview Ave., Stouffville captured the South Ontario ladies' skiing championship in the slalom class at a recent competition held at Osler Bluffs, near Collingwood. In the "C" class entry, Mrs. Couse completed the difficult course in 2.06 minutes.

Her time bettered the top competitor in "B" class. Mrs. Couse proudly displays the cup presented to her, emblematic of her skiing prowess.

Mrs. Couse has been raised on skis. Born in the Caledon Hills, she skied to school at an early age. Her two sisters are

ardent ski enthusiasts. Helen of Brampton captured the South Ontario downhill and slalom championship in 1956 and Greta of Toronto won the all-Ontario honours last winter. Mr. Couse also enjoys the sport although he never enters into competition.

Land Erosion, "Act of God" Says Dep.-Reeve

At the regular meeting of Pickering Township Council on Monday evening, a letter was received from the West York Ratepayers Association requesting immediate action to stop the soil erosion caused through the wave action of Lake Ontario. Deputy-Reeve Sherman Scott said that certain interested parties had made a study of this problem and considered the wave action, causing erosion to be an "act of God" and could not be stopped. Dep. Reeve Scott said that the cost of an erosion prevention programme would be enormous.

Councillor Glenn Julian contended that the matter should be given serious study. Clerk L. T. Johnston pointed out that special committees of the Provincial and Federal Governments had been set up to deal with the problem. Reeve W. G. Lawson said he would contact Queen's Park with regard to the matter.

Tax Collections

A total of \$22,858 in taxes were collected during the month of February. The present tax arrears is \$103,972. Council felt that the collections were good, considering it was a short month.

Claims Township Dump Overrun By Rats

Ralph Spademan who picks up garbage in various parts of Markham Township told Markham Township Council last week that the dumping grounds being used by the municipality north of Ringwood, is overrun by rats and not properly controlled. He also complained of the approach particularly in mild weather. The dump is owned by Mr. Jacob Grove and is used by Markham Township, Markham Village and Whitchurch. There was said to be ample room for additional refuse if the place were properly supervised.

Deputy-Reeve Deacon stated that since the owner did not want the responsibility of looking after the dump, the township should do something about it. It might be a good idea also, he said, for Markham to look around their own township for a place to be used for dumping purposes.

May Hardtop Altona Road

A long-awaited and much-needed paving program for the Pickering-Uxbridge townline running from Echardt's corner just east of Stouffville to Altona has been scheduled by Pickering Township in their road budget this year.

The sum of \$2,600 has been allocated by Pickering for paving this mile and quarter of heavily-travelled thoroughfare. Pickering is prepared to go ahead with the work providing Uxbridge Township will agree to provide their share and a similar \$2,600.

Pickering councillors like many other neighboring municipalities are becoming increasingly aware of the folly of trying to maintain gravel roads with the traffic which they are called on to endure today, and are endeavoring with a restricted program determined by a restricted budget, to, over a period of years, hardtop the most heavily-travelled roads.

Assessor Wins Appeals Against Division Court

Assessor Archie Fleming of Markham Twp. has received a favorable decision in three of the five assessment appeals taken before the Ontario Municipal Board. Mr. Fleming was appealing against a change made by the local Court of Revision, and sustained by a County Judge.

In three of the cases the Board has re-instated Mr. Fleming's assessment of \$100 an acre. In the fourth, the owner had expressed some desire to subdivide but had been discouraged by Council, a move which swayed the Court of Revision in reducing the figure to \$50 an acre. The fifth and largest of the appeals is still to be decided by the Municipal Board.

Enter The "Cartoon Capers" Contest This Week

On Page Five of this issue readers will find the first of a series of contest adv. pages which will appear for the next six months as part of a combined promotion program by local merchants and The Tribune. On the page you will find more than thirty advertisements from local business people, also a cartoon in the centre of the page.

Extra words are placed throughout the page in the various ads, which make up the correct title of the cartoon. As a hint for the first week, we will tell you that there are seven words in the title. Read these advs., find the extra words and arrange them properly into the title.

Important: Once you have found the correct title, use your imagination and submit what you consider to be a better title for the cartoon. Mail your entry to "Cartoon Capers," The Stouffville

Catholic Diocese Buys Atha Farm For Cemetery

The Toronto Diocese of the Roman Catholic Church has purchased the 150-acre farm at Atha on the 7th concession of Pickering, previously owned by Mr. Ed Timbers. The property will be used for a cemetery. In a letter to Pickering Twp. Council, the Board of Health granted their approval. Councillor Syd Pugh stated that a petition signed by close to 30 neighbouring residents protested the purchase on grounds of inadequate drainage and reduction of property values. Councillor Pugh said, however, that he didn't believe the property would be used for some time as a burial ground. Council agreed that the matter was now out of their hands.

The Unionville Juveniles were ousted from the "B" class Ontario playdowns last week, losing two straight to Gananogue. The score in the second game was 11-5.

The final game of the Junior "C" group round-robin semifinals between Aurora and Brooklin will be played in the Port Perry Arena on Tuesday night, commencing at 8.30 p.m.

These entries must be in our office not later than Monday following the publication of each issue. The best entry will be selected each week and the winner will be awarded \$10 worth of merchandise certificates. These certificates are valid at any of the business places whose adv. appears on the Cartoon Page.

\$100 Grand Prize

When submitting your weekly entry, don't miss the chance to be eligible for the \$100 grand prize at the end of the contest. To do so you should attach to your weekly entry a sales slip from any of the business places competing in the contest, which will automatically make you eligible for the grand prize at the conclusion of the 26 weeks. The names of the weekly winner will be published each issue.

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Works Department For Some Time

While there is some additional land at the rear of the present building, it is not believed that the present site would be used. Some preliminary survey of possible sites has been made but no definite action has been taken in the matter.

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Seventeen New Homes For Starvale Subdivision

With the sale last week of the Starvale subdivision located north of Main St. east of Park Rd., this sub-division opened a couple of years ago will be virtually completed. Doug. Meharg Ltd., contractor made the purchase through the Thos. N. Shea, realtors.

The Meharg firm plan to erect seventeen 3-bedroom NHA bungalows in the \$12,900 bracket with down payments from \$2,295.00. A model home is to be erected almost immediately. Shea realtors report that three of the homes have already been sold.

Juveniles Score 6-1 Victory in New Series

The Stouffville Juvenile team, currently holding the hockey spotlight here, rolled to a 6-1 victory at Havelock on Tuesday night in the first game of a new goals-to-count series. The two clubs will meet here on Thursday night, commencing at 6:45 p.m. The winner will move on into the Ontario semifinals.

Tuesday's contest at Havelock was a hair-raising thriller. Bruce Smith, replacing "Bud" Thomas in the Stouffville nets, was sensational. In spite of a lack of practice, the local goal guard

held the fort and turned aside many dangerous Havelock scoring attempts. There was no score at the end of the first period. Stouffville led 1-0 at the end of the second and outscored their rivals 5-1 in the final frame. The entire team played well. Don Jackson was moved up on the forward line from his regular rearguard position and coach Jack Watson was pleased with his performance. A number of carloads of Stouffville fans accompanied the team on the 100 mile trip.

York County Mill Rate Unchanged For 1957

York County mill rate for 1957 was set at 10.15 when County Council met at Newmarket last week. The mill rate remained unchanged from last year's despite an increase in the budget of \$63,253 because of an increase in the equalized assessment of the county.

The 1957 budget is for \$1,015,350. Of this \$675,355 must be raised by taxation with the county levy accounting for the balance of \$161,928. The county's equalized assessment stands at \$66,500,000.

York County Council last week approved the proposed expenditure of \$63,000 for the York County Health unit and included that sum in its 1957 budget. This was an increase of \$3,000 over last year but \$13,256 less than the Health Unit board had requested.

The 1957 budget for York County Manor, the county's home for the aged, Yonge St., Newmarket, was set at \$65,000, \$3,000 less than had been requested by the Manor commission. Last year's expenses at the home totalled \$69,030.

Miscellaneous grants totalling \$1,300 were approved by York County Council last week when the 1957 budget was presented. A grant of \$200 was made to the Canadian National Institute for the Blind. A representative of the CNIB appeared before council to request a grant of \$1,000.

Other grants approved were: York Pioneers and Historical Society, \$200; York Musical Festival, \$150; York County Oratorical contest, \$150; Queen's Work Rangers, \$500; and Newmarket Centenary celebration, \$100.

In its 1957 budget, York County Council allowed \$5,750 for grants to Agricultural Societies and related organizations. Included were: Plowmen's Associations, East York, King and Vaughan, North York, each to receive \$150; Agricultural Societies, \$500 to each of Markham, Woodbridge, and Sutton; \$300, Schomberg; \$200 to each of Aurora, Richmond Hill and the Royal Winter Fair; and a grant equalling that of Peel County but not to exceed \$150 to Clairville.

Additional grants were approved to: Ontario Dept. of Agriculture, \$500; Jr. Farmers' extension, \$500; York County Agricultural extension, \$600; Barberry and buckthorn project, \$400; District Women's Institutes (four districts at \$50 each), \$200; York County federation of Agriculture, \$500; and Ontario Agricultural Council fees, \$50.

The first full year's report on the Juvenile and Family court, Aurora, was presented to York County Council by Judge Douglas Webster. The court was opened at Aurora in November, 1955.

A minimum staff was employed when the court was opened in Aurora, Judge Webster explained. It included one probation officer, William Outerbridge, his secretary and a clerk.

The salary for Judge Webster for the one day that he presides in court at Aurora and the salary of the court clerk are paid by the county. The Attorney-General's office pays the other two.

Judge Webster recommended that a second probation officer be appointed.

Band Competition Coming to Arena

The Parade of Champions, a band competition, is coming to the Stouffville Arena on Saturday, April 27th. The event is sponsored by the No. 180 York Lions Band, whose organization won the Miami championship in 1956. Six of the top bands in the country will be competing for cash awards with some three hundred bandmen participating.

The giant mass band display will include fancy displays, marching and use of American manoeuvres for the first time in Canada. This colorful event will draw band critics, some fifty of whom are expected from all parts of Ontario. It will be staged under the rules of Canadian Bugle Band Association who will supply the judges.

Present O.P.P. Hockey Trophy

Constable W. S. Hilliard of the Whitley O.P.P. presented the Unionville "Jets" with the police trophy, emblematic of the Midget "C" group championship. The presentation was made on Tuesday night to club Captain, John Pettit. The trophy last year was won by Stouffville.

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"Chicken Coop" Home at Green River Condemned

Mr. Arthur Thompson, the by-law enforcement officer for Pickering Township has condemned a two-room tar-paper "chicken coop" at Green River, the rented home of Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Bieri and their two children, Erwin Jr. and Bruno, 3. They must find new living accommodations within 3 weeks.

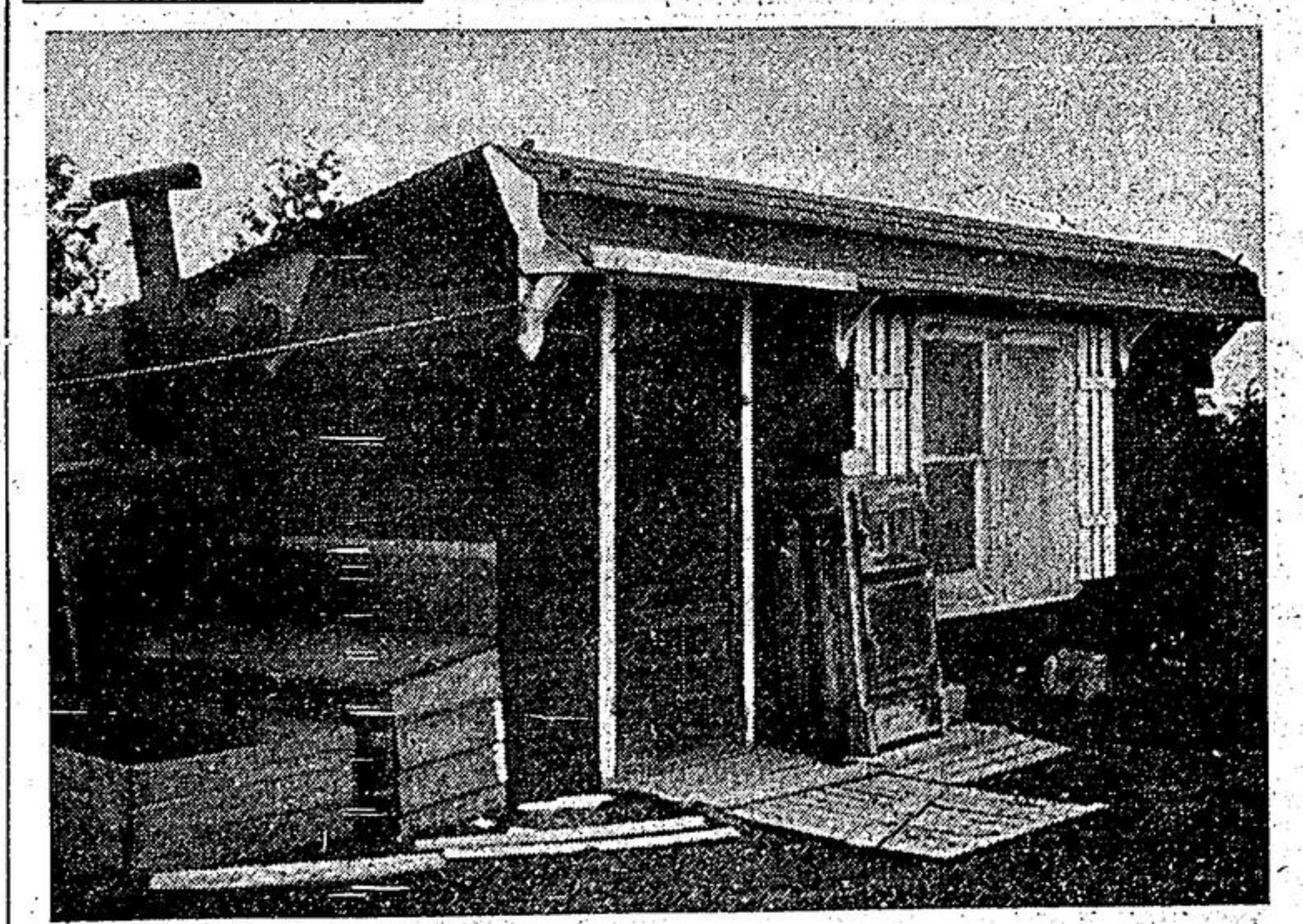
The Bieri family came to Canada from Switzerland last summer. They lived in Montreal for two weeks, later moving into Markham Township where they resided in a cabin on the 5th concession for a short time. The father is employed at the Homey Farms, east of Green River, as a skilled cheesemaker.

Mr. Bieri informed the Tribune that he has looked everywhere for better living quarters without success. He said that

the rent is either too high or the owners will not accept the children. They pay \$20.00 per month for their present dwelling. Although the quarters are cramped, the rooms are spotless. It is considered to be a fire trap, however.

Reeve W. G. Lawson of Pickering Township said that the Bylaw Officer can obtain a court order and have them evicted. He noted, however, that Mr. Thompson would probably be hesitant in this regard, especially in the winter. He said Council would be willing to discuss the problem with Mr. Bieri at a regular meeting.

Mr. Bieri said that if he cannot locate accommodations very soon he will be forced to send his wife and family back to Switzerland.



The "chicken coop" dwelling at Green River is the home of Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Bieri and family. It has been condemned by Pickering Township's Bylaw Enforcement Officer, Arthur G. Thompson. —Jim Thomas



The Swiss family who came to Canada last summer, are pictured above. From left to right they are: Mrs. Bieri, Erwin, Mr. Bieri and Bruno, 3. Unless the father can find more spacious accommodation, he will send his family back to Switzerland.