

# County Council Prepares To Spend \$173,000 For Addition To Building

Irwin Boigon was engaged this week as architect for an \$173,000 addition to County Hall. Approval of the extension will be financed from government grants and county surplus funds, was given by York County Council on April 30 despite a warning from County Auditor Jack Boudry that the surplus may be non-existent.

Council authorized the employing of an architect and calling of tenders to proceed with the addition immediately. The county's administration building was constructed last year for \$138,000.

Mr. Boigon was architect for County Hall, a two-storey structure, 60 by 80 feet in size. The proposed extension will be added to the north of the building and will necessitate the demolition of the Davis home, used as county administration offices prior to the construction of the new building.

The Davis house and property where the county established its quarters in 1934, were donated by Miss Mabel Davis in memory of her parents.

The new building project will be a two-storey structure. It will be larger than County Hall, being 65 by 90 feet in size, and will provide accommodation for the Children's Aid society, the Health unit and Juvenile and Family Relations court. A caretaker's apartment will be included.

**Surplus Funds—**  
In a report by the Finance committee, county council was told that surplus funds at Dec. 31, 1957 were \$224,190. This money has accumulated from surplus budgeting since 1953, when with the passing of Bill 80 the area municipalities surrounding Toronto left York County to become part of Metropolitan Toronto. Included in this figure is \$45,000, the continuing county's share of proceeds from the sale of Children's Aid society properties in Toronto.

Anticipated additional funds in this surplus account were listed by Finance Chairman Hodgson, reeve of King township, and brought the total surplus to \$296,790. They included: county share from sale of park, \$28,600; Children's Aid society grant to wards new building, \$17,000; York Manor subsidy, \$20,000; and interest on county loans to the Toronto and York Roads commission, \$7,000.

Deducted from the total were two amounts. One was the \$7,300 given the Health unit following the first cut of approximately \$15,000 in the unit's '58 budget. The second was \$81,000, taken from surplus funds to reduce this year's county levy. The final estimate of the surplus was \$238,290.

County Commissioner Clark, reeve of Markham township, questioned the reason for the accumulation of this surplus over the five years. He asked if the extra funds had been provided as a "cushion" for the time when the assets and liabilities of the old county are settled.

To date, no distribution of these assets and liabilities has been made with such exceptions as the sale of the park and CAS properties. Proceeds from these sales were divided 85 to 15, with the continuing county receiving 15 percent.

County Auditor Boudry warned council that Food Freezer spring special discount sale is still on at Raxlin Furniture & Appliances.

share of the assets by approximately \$73,500. He advised in view of this possibility that the county did not have a surplus fund from which monies could be taken to finance the construction of the proposed addition.

Mr. Boudry listed the county's liability on debenture payments at \$121,000. He said York Manor has been valued at \$50,000. If the county retains it, the county must pay the area municipalities 85 percent or \$42,500.

The balance of the former county's suspense account is \$470,000, said Mr. Boudry. The county's share, (assuming in all of this that the 85 to 15 ratio is maintained) would be \$390,000. This would mean that the county would receive \$90,000 to pay its share of the liabilities, \$163,500.

"What it boils down to," said Mr. Boudry, "is that the county really doesn't have any current surplus. If you go ahead and build the addition using money from the surplus funds, you will find you must produce the money elsewhere when the final disposition of assets and liabilities are made. I don't feel if all these things are resolved, you have any surplus at the present time," he added.

County Commissioner Pollock, reeve of North Gwillimbury township, asked if the surplus were used for the new building program and the county's liabilities later exceeded its share of the assets, would the county be permitted to debenture for the payments.

"If you had to find, say \$40,000 to buy York Manor, you would have the right to debenture," replied County Solicitor Lucas. "If the OMB found that the county would have to pay more than it had received from the distribution of assets and liabilities, the sum required for the adjustment might be debentured. But if you get money for one asset and spend it, you can't later debenture for another liability. Mr. Boudry has been trying to point out the danger of spending the county's portion of assets instead of keeping it in reserve in regard to liability items."

"It is a unique situation," added Mr. Boudry as he explained that both he and Mr. Lucas had discussed the problem many times. "The OMB can't advise us."

"This money is surplus," argued Warden Armstrong, reeve of Woodbridge. "At no time have we been asked to levy on county taxpayers for further liabilities."

"This surplus was built up since the passing of Bill 80," said Reeve Luck of Newmarket. "Are we going to continue to build it up for debts in the future?"

"This surplus was accumulated for a purpose," said Dep. Reeve Kirk of Vaughan Twp. "and I don't feel it was to build an addition to the administration building. Are we going to wipe out the surplus when it was built up against future eventualities?"

The motion approving the proposed addition was presented for a vote. It received the support of all but five county councillors. The representatives of Vaughan, Sutton and Deputy Reeve Choppin of Newmarket opposed the expenditure.

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## BUTTONVILLE

Neighbourhood Notes

Home & School executive members met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Storey on Wednesday evening of last week to lay final plans for the election of officers and annual meeting. Mr. Murray Roberts brought along a tape recording of part singing done by the older pupils at the school—the bass voices were a real addition. Following the meeting, Mrs. Storey served tea. Present were Mrs. S. R. Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. H. Bauthous, Mr. Ray McTavish, Mrs. Gordon Heister, Mrs. Gardhouse, Mrs. Russell Burr, Mrs. John Brown, Mrs. F. Maw, Mr. M. Roberts and Mrs. F. Leaf.

Vacation Church School on the Victoria Square Charge will be held in Headford Church and public school during the week of July 14-18, inclusive. Leaders met at Headford on Monday evening of last week to lay plans for the school. Present were Rev. and Mrs. A. F. Binnington, Mrs. Rose Acreman, Mrs. Heber McCague, Mrs. Stanley Boynton, Mrs. P. Bennett, Mrs. John Wilkins, Mrs. A. W. Miller, Mrs. Wilfred Turner and Mrs. F. H. Leaf. The next meeting will be held on Monday evening, June 2, at Headford.

There were four infants baptized at Brown's Corners United Church on Sunday morning at the Mothers' Day service. They were the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Gough, Sandra Ellen; John Alfred Martin (11), son of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Martin; Michael Gordon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Prentice and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Walker; and Robert Bennett, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Brett. Rev. A. F. Binnington officiated, assisted by Mr. Norman Reid, clerk of session; and Mr. John Donaldson, elder. Mrs. A. W. Miller sang "My Mother's Prayer."

At the Family Day Sunday school service Misses Grace Rodick and Irene Watters each told a story and Sandra Burr and Darlene Brumwell sang a duet. Scripture readings were read by Janet Craig and Jimmy Hood.

Wednesday, July 2nd, is the date reserved for the Buttonville W.I. Garden Party at Buttonville Hall.

When Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hooper visited relatives in southern Pennsylvania recently they arrived on the heels of a snowstorm that deposited 5 ft. of wet snow on the level and crushed several barns, garages, etc.

W.I. members plan to attend the District Annual meeting which will be held in Markham at St. Andrew's Church hall on Thursday of this week.

Writing of "Art and Artists" in last Saturday's Globe & Mail, Pearl McCarthy had some interesting comments to make on the work of Rebecca Sisler. Speaking at the Toronto Art Gallery, Miss McCarthy says: "Among the

## PINE ORCHARD

Neighbourhood Notes

Danny McGuire entertained several little friends last week in honour of his 7th birthday.

Mrs. G. Wood entertained a cousin from Toronto over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Reid and girls called on friends in the community on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitfield of Thornbury were recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. R. McClure.

The W.W. Met at Mrs. Earl Toole's home on Wednesday with a good attendance. Mrs. J. Hope gave an interesting paper on "God Speaks Through Nature."

Both churches were well attended Sunday in honour of Mother's Day. Mr. Carter at the Union Church sang a delightful solo and Master David Moddie sang "This is My Father's House."

young sculptors people may well put their eye on Rebecca Sisler of Unlonville. In the exhibition she has two unpretentious but significant pieces. One is a Crucifix of black walnut, with the merest abstract suggestion of the figure, by depression in the wood. This principle was often used by Henry Moore and is frequently copied, but in this case it is used as a means to deepen expression, not as a mannerism.

Of "Cat" in Belgian Granite, a picture of which heads the article, Miss McCarthy says: "Look also at Miss Sisler's stone cat. You forget to ask whether it is semi-abstract, stylized or real, because it is so basically sculptural and so caty. It is an example of a young artist beginning soundly and seemingly aware that an artist's first rule is to be himself."

The Cancer Campaign is well over the top, we hear, with several canvassers still to be heard from. Mrs. Gordon Purves tells us there is approximately \$1,000 received to date.

W.M.S. Meets—  
On Wednesday afternoon of last week Mrs. H. A. Roberts and her committee, Mrs. H. R. Paterson, Mrs. Ken Stots and Mrs. Jane McQuay convened the May meeting of Brown's Corners W.M.S. which was held in the church parlours.

Mrs. Norman Reid occupied the chair in the absence of Mrs. Wm. Rodick, and Mrs. S. J. English opened the meeting with quiet music. Mrs. Reid read the Call to Worship and a hymn was sung, followed by prayer. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, and letters of business were heard.

Mrs. Robert and her committee took the devotional after which Study Book material was reviewed by Mrs. H. R. Paterson. The soloist was Mrs. S. R. Patterson, accompanied by Mrs. English.

Following the meeting, tea was served by the hostesses.

I always admire the wisdom of those who come to me for advice.

## AUDLEY

Sunday School and Church services were combined on Sunday for the Christian Family Day Service. Rev. M. Buttars was in charge, assisted by the Superintendent, Fred Puckrin. Mrs. Geoff. Astley sang a solo, "The Lord Is My Shepherd" and Jeanette Astley read a story, "God Comes First." Mrs. Arch Bell provided the music. Mrs. Brian Churchyard and Mrs. J. Puckrin received the offering.

The Sunday School Anniversary Service will be on May 23 at 2:30 p.m. The Rev. Mr. Hillier of Brooklin United Church will be the guest speaker and the children's Choir will provide the music.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Rose of Markham and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Mitchell of Toronto visited Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Guthrie on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Powell, Grace and Alan visited Mrs. Powell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Petty of Cherrywood on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Puckrin and family visited Mrs. Puckrin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hollinger of Cherrywood on Sunday, also Fred's mother, Mrs. S. Puckrin and sister, Miss Margaret Puckrin of Oshawa.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Smith and Shirley visited Mrs. Smith's mother, Mrs. S. Puckrin and Miss Margaret Puckrin of Oshawa Sunday evening.

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