

Department Says 'No' to Release of Local Areas for County Planning

Dr. L. Cumming, Deputy Minister of the Municipal Affairs Department advised a full meeting of York County Council Friday that the suggestion the county be allowed to form a planning area taking in the six southern municipalities, now in Metro, was not acceptable to the Minister. He said that the Department thought it would be unfair for Metro to discontinue its association with the six, which had existed for seven years. The six municipalities are, Stouffville, Markham, Markham Township, Vaughan Township and Richmond Hill.

He said, however, that it would be quite reasonable for the eight remaining municipalities to form an area. Six other counties are now in the process of setting up County Planning Boards and he said he would like to see York included, but this was a matter for the members to decide.

The meeting was called Friday as the result of a resolution forwarded by York County to the Department, some time ago, requesting permission to form a new area including all fourteen municipalities. Since no answer had been received, the special session was called to hear from the Deputy Minister. Most of the planning boards in the south part of the township were also represented, but a number of the northern members do not have planning boards.

He pointed out that York County was the only area having part of its territory under supervision of Metro. He said that during the past seven years Metro had given considerable assistance to these municipalities without charge, and so far as he knew, none had asked to be withdrawn.

Reeve Joe Dales said he wasn't a planner but just a member who was afraid of a repetition by Metro of taking over further area and leaving York County in a poor financial condition as was the case when Bill St. Laurent through.

Dr. Cumming stated no person could be definite as to the future or what areas might be

the first to be quickly developed. He did not consider any present boundary as sacred, they were serving at present but might serve better through future change. He considered inability to adjust was dangerous.

Reeve Sellars asked that in view of Metro having six municipalities would they not be prepared to take in the remainder. Mr. Cumming did not think this feasible.

Reeve Alma Walker of Markham requested to know if a County Board was formed would each of the six now in Metro have a representative on the Board.

Cumming replied, "yes".

Reeve F. Perkins of Richmond Hill requested to know in view of the above suggestion, why only one member on Metro for Richmond Hill, Markham Township, Markham Village and Stouffville Dr. Cumming said he would be pleased to see each have a representative, but the control of expense had to be observed.

BUTTONVILLE

Euchre fans will be interested to know that the Doncaster Community Ladies Club are holding another Marathon and Progressive Euchre at Buttonville W. I. Hall, Monday, March 11.

Friends will be happy to know that Mr. Wilfred Turner is home from hospital and making good progress.

Miss Mary Rodick visited Mrs. Ann Savage at "The Villa" recently, and found her in good spirits.

Mrs. James McQuay visited relatives at Oshawa last weekend.

Friends in the community were sorry to learn of the death of Chief Clarence Wideman of the Markham Township Police.

Mrs. W. J. Russel of Unionville will open her home on Saturday of this week for the Unionville Library Ass. tea. All friends of the library are cordially invited to attend between the hours of 2:30 and 5:00 p.m.

Buttonville W.I. members will hold their meeting at Buttonville W.I. Hall on the evening of Wednesday, March 20, at 8 p.m.

The guest speaker will be Miss Elizabeth Barker, who will show pictures of her recent trip to Great Britain Service World Day of Prayer Service.

Mrs. E. Christiansen was key woman for the World Day of Prayer service on the Victoria Sq. charge, and the speaker was Mrs. S. R. Patterson, of Brown's Corners, United church, where the service was held.

Mrs. Donald Reesor of Brown's Corners Unit No. 1 was organist, and Mrs. Aubrey Stephenson was soloist.

Assisting in the prayer service were Mrs. Heber McCague, Mrs. Lawson Mumberson, Mrs. McRoberts, Mrs. Joyce, Mrs. Stan Boynton, Mrs. Cecil Story, all from Victoria Sq. United church; Mrs. Burton, Mrs. Wesley Clarke, Mrs. George Barker, Mrs. W. Wellman and Mrs. Loren Guild from Headford; Mrs. Christiansen, Mrs. Brumwell, Mrs. Ross Hord, from Brown's Corners church.

Proceeds from the service will be sent to the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada for Christian Literature in many lands.

Buttonville Branch YCHA.

Mrs. Henry Harper of Thornhill was hostess Friday morning for the Buttonville Branch of YCHA. Mr. Gary Chatfield, business administrator of the York Central Hospital, told the group that the hospital will be opened by November, and 250 persons are needed to staff it. Of this number, 45 will be graduate nurses, 55 nursing assistants, 10 orderlies and 15 ward maids.

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J. Robinson, conducted the meeting and officers were re-appointed for another year: Chairman, Mrs. J. W. Robinson, co-chairman, Mrs. George Kelly; secretary, Mrs. Charles Hooper; treasurer, Mrs. Douglas Hood; membership, Mrs. N. Reid; programme convenors, Mrs. G. Robinson, Mrs. Russell Boyington, Mrs. A. W. Miller; telephone committee, Mrs. Fred Porter, Mrs. Aubrey Stephenson, Mrs. Kelly was also named Honorary Chairman. During elections Mrs. F. Leaf and Mrs. C. Hooper presided.

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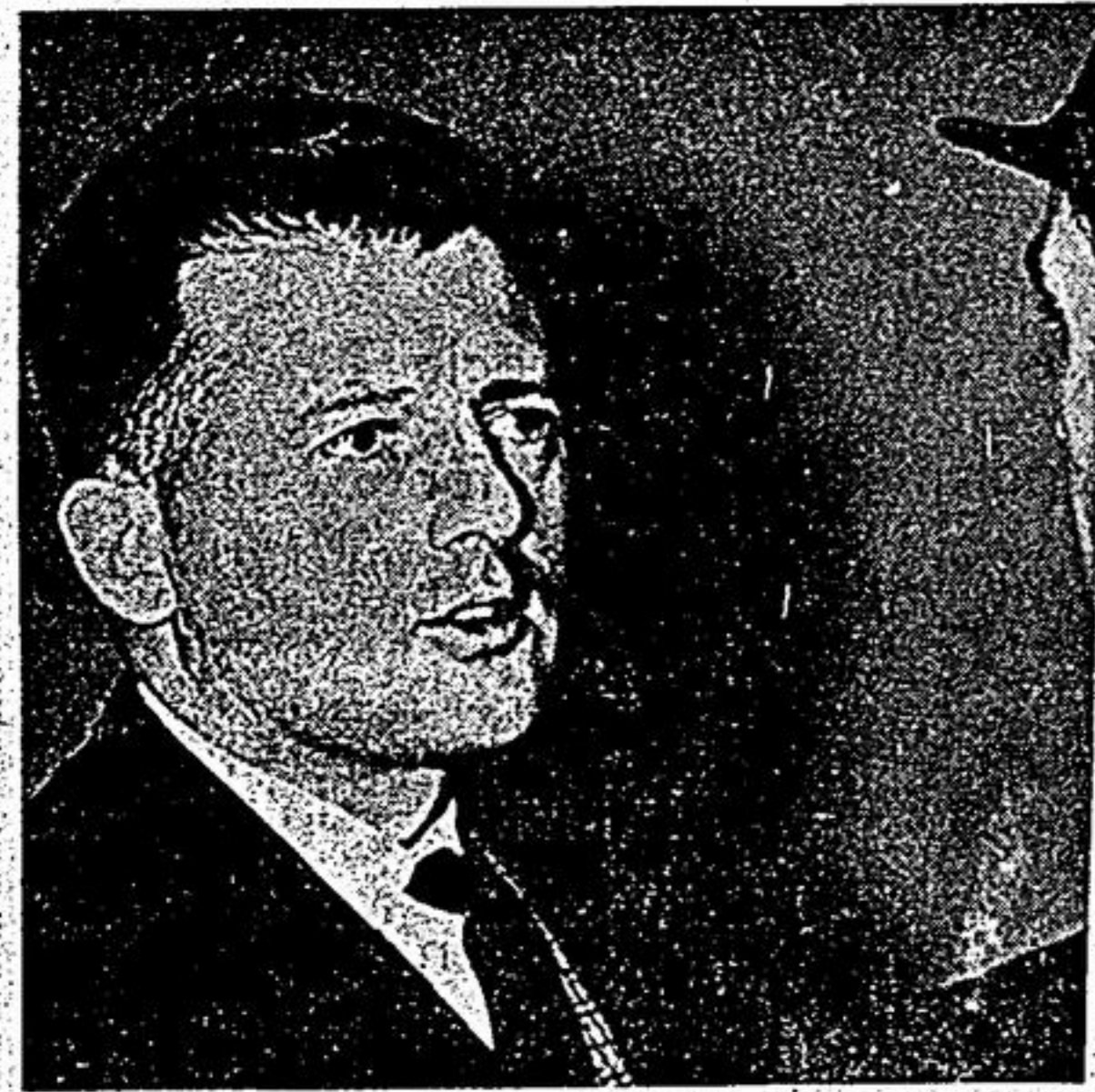
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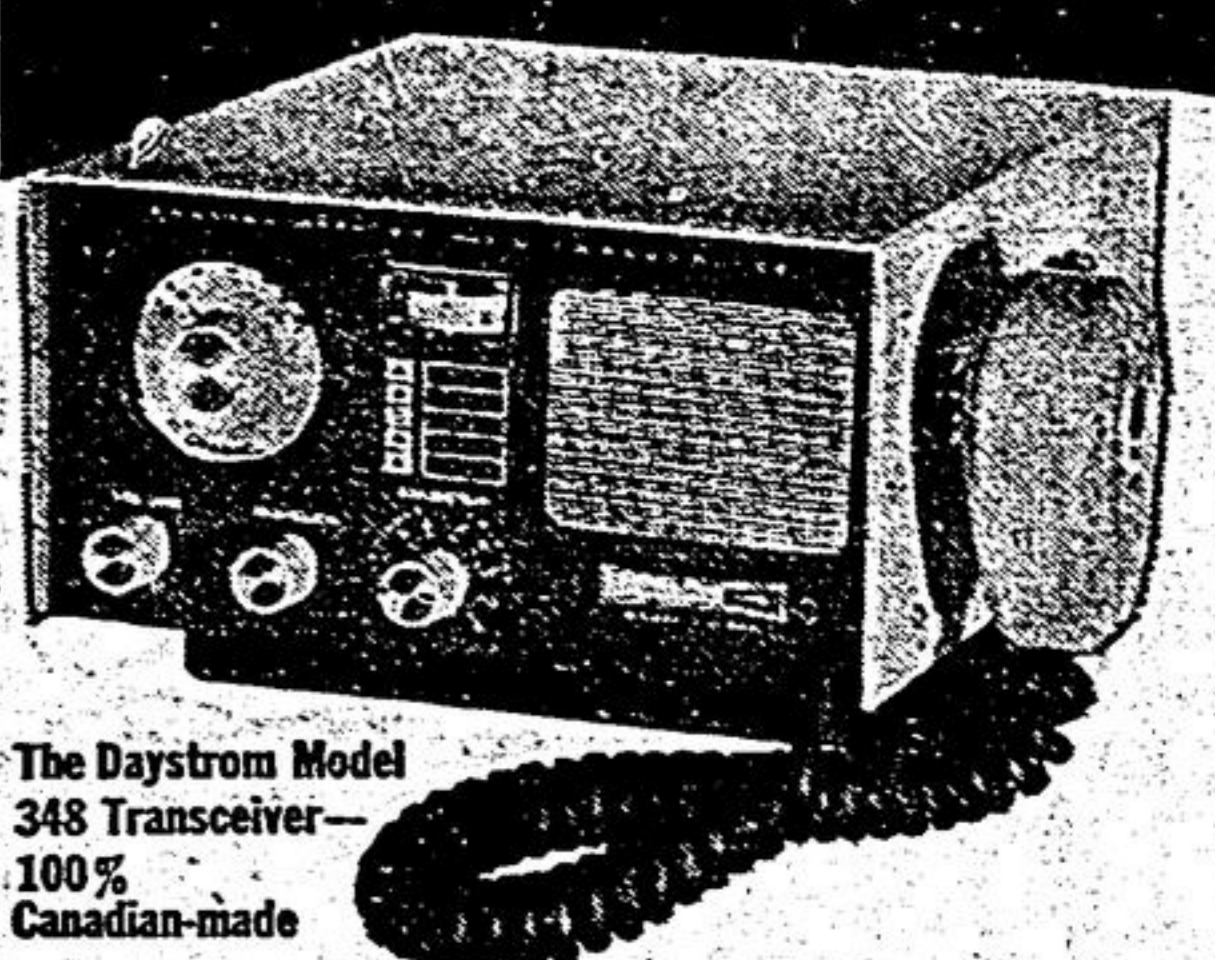
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