

## Markham Twp. Area Board Delves Into Heavy Agenda At Meeting

Markham Twp. Public School Area Board No. 2 held its inaugural meeting Wednesday evening of last week at the Inspector's Office, Richmond Hill.

Chairman Elson Miles, Vice-Chairman Arnold Mortson, and members, Mrs. Mildred Toogood, Eldred King, and Stuart Watson delved into a long agenda that included several items of major importance.

Reeve Charles Hooper addressed the Board and said that he was pleased that the trustees represented an excellent cross-section of the whole area. He, however, warned the members that it would be impossible to please everyone, and all they could do was their best.

The trustees decided on temporary headquarters adjacent to Inspector Maynard Hallman's office, for the next six months.

**Special Duties**  
Mrs. Patricia Kimbark, a teacher on the staff of No. 10 Public School will undertake new responsibilities for the remainder of the school year. She was named Itinerant Auxiliary Class Teacher and her new position will require her to teach pupils in a special opportunity class. Also included in her duties will be the task of teaching children unable to attend school due to physical disabilities. A noted example of this was 10 year old Charleen Milsted of Gormley, confined to hospital for four months from injuries she suffered in a Christmas Eve car accident. Mrs. Kimbark will visit the hospital for not less than 150 minutes each week, instructing the child on lessons being studied in school.

The Board will receive grants of about \$200 for each child's instruction.

**List of Supply Teachers**  
Mr. Hallman suggested to the Board that they keep a running record of supply teachers. The Inspector said that a good idea would be to have a common pool of supply teachers' names between Area 1, Area 2 and Markham Village. The list, complete with teachers' names and phone numbers should be in each principal's possession.

Students endeavouring to enter school but who live outside the boundaries will now have a chance to attend, on a first-come, first-served basis. Applications are being accepted by the Board and Chairman Miles stressed that accommodation is limited.

During the lengthy meeting, the question of school emergencies arose, and the Board agreed that in such a situation, the caretaker should contact the

closest trustee, and explain the difficulty.

School caretakers will continue to purchase supplies for their schools from stores that they previously patronized.

Also discussed at the meeting were transportation problems and the Board decided to have a representative appear at their next meeting, to discuss the possibility of adding more buses.

### HAWKS AND OWLS VISIT THIS AREA DURING WINTER MONTHS

Many hawks and owls have paused along Lake Ontario and in parts of York County, as usual, during their southern migration. This area has long been a congregating centre and many species may be observed daily soaring low on the hunt for small game and rodents or perching in large trees to rest.

Although many will eventually proceed further south, there are always some hardy birds which remain in the vicinity as long as temperature and snow depth does not inconvenience them. The Great Horned Owl is in his element and is joined, during the winter, visitation by the large Snowy Owl. Most species of hawks may also be observed regularly in their daily forage expeditions.

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Wild Geese and Ducks fly through the sky; While Song-birds flock the trees; Sweet flowers bloom to break the gloom And give us scented breeze.

So, be it River, Road, or Rail, By Air, or quiet walk; The things we see can always be, A theme for friendly talk.

Those Cars, and Boats, and Rail-road Trains, Are all by Man controlled; As Jet Air-janes, or slower Planes; Some new, but some quite old.

So, let us pause, and ponder well As we go down Life's Line; The sights we see must surely be Real proof of One Divine.

W. F. Riches.

### Forage Crops Make Good Feed If Handled Properly

(A. A. Wall, Agricultural Representative, York County.)

I thought Jack Winch from O.A.C. made some good points in his talk at the Crop Improvement meeting last week. His main theme was that forage crops, with the right management, could produce feed just as well as any other crop from the standpoint of both quantity and quality.

He put strong emphasis on the point though, that to do the job, management had to be right. He started with the need for getting a good stand, with direct seeding as a new practical method. He suggested that a new look at fertility for forage was needed. He had lots of figures to show that sod fields needed fairly high rates of fertilizer, and that increased yields would easily justify the expense.

Cutting at the right time is an old story but Dr. Winch had even more convincing evidence that cutting dates can make a great difference in both yield and quality. The recipe now is to cut at the right time to get three crops each year and still be able to rest the field in September.

Good, simple, mixtures were considered a must too, with Birdsfoot Trefoil getting more and more attention as an alternate to alfalfa. All in all, the information was useful and practical for the audience of over 300 at the meeting.

The TV series on farm management is now over and I hope a good number of York County farmers were able to see it. There is a pamphlet available with extra information on the topics covered in the programmes. Copies can be obtained

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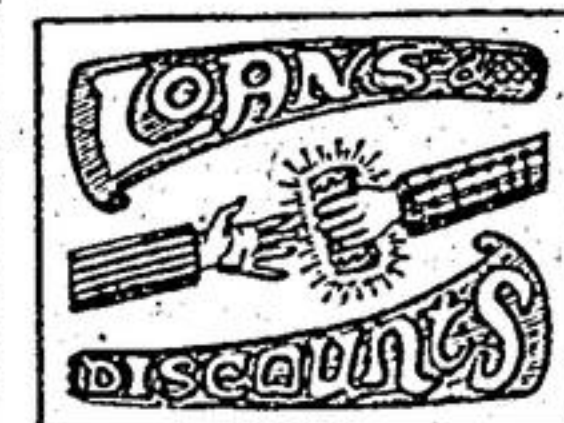
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