

Markham Vets Urged To Take Stand in Peace as Well as in War



President Art Underwood (left) of the Markham Veteran's Association was officially installed to the office on Friday night. He is shown here receiving the gavel from the immediate Past President, Mr. Bill France. The annual banquet was well attended, Magistrate James Butler of Richmond Hill was the guest speaker for the occasion.

In a challenging message spiced with anecdotes of humour, Magistrate James Butler of Richmond Hill addressed a large audience in the Veteran's Hall, Markham on Friday evening and concluded one of the most successful Past Presidents' Nights in the history of the organization. The guest speaker was introduced by the Past Padre of the Markham Veteran's Association, Rev. D. R. McKillop. He was thanked by Mr. Fred Hooper, a Past President. Magistrate Butler's remarks were centred around the "law" and its influence on the people as individuals from birth until death. The title of his address was "Protection By Sacrifice."

Take A Stand

The speaker challenged the members to meet their obligations in peacetime with the same courage and determination that they displayed so valiantly during the war years. "Our nation's strength comes from an individual's ability to stand on his own feet," he said, "our share in the battle is not yet over. Those who would split this great nation in half, make it known which side they are on. We should be more concerned with what is undermining our

119 Accidents in Markham Village In '64; Two Killed

(Fred W. White) (Chief of Police)

Two persons died in traffic accidents, and there was one sudden death reported; twelve persons were injured in automobile accidents, and there were three industrial accidents reported.

One case of armed robbery occurred, this at the Markham Motor Marine on #7 Highway early in December. The night attendant was robbed of \$54.00 at gunpoint. Police officers Gunn and Ward responded to his call, and all Departments in the area converged in the chase. Constable Grimshaw of the Stouffville Police caught two in a car at the rear of a factory building in Stouffville, and a day later a third man was arrested in Metro. The money was recovered, and the three received five yrs. each in Penitentiary.

One officer was injured on duty. Constable Gunn responded alone to a domestic quarrel, and was injured trying to protect the wife. The husband was charged with assaulting the officer, and the case was dismissed, the Magistrate ruling the policeman had no right in the house, even though the wife had called him in.

One hundred and fifty premises were found insecure at night, the majority of them stores, which is quite a high figure, but points out the effective value of protection during the night hours, by the police car.

Charges under the Liquor Control Act were down from the year previous, as were Juvenile complaints. Highway Traffic Act charges were about the same.



Chief Fred White

"We continue to receive complaints of speeding on many of our streets, and again request consideration of the purchase of the newer type Radar unit. The Police car cannot be everywhere at once, and while it is taking up observation at any given location, traffic moves within the speed limits. The opportunity given the Department to assign an officer for long periods on traffic control, will cut down the speed, and the complaints.

In June another strike occurred at the Amalgamated Electric plant. For the first few days some two to three hundred strikers and sympathizers gathered at the gates during the day, attempting to prevent employees still working from access, and also blocking vehicles from entering whenever possible.

On the third day the tension had reached a point where it was felt a show of police numbers was necessary to keep the peace, and on request, Officers from Markham Township, Richmond Hill and Vaughan Township came in, and their presence was sufficient to permit the plant to continue operation. In addition to this the local Police Committee co-operated with the addition of officers when necessary, to ensure movement of transport vehicles in and out of the factory.

At this same time, the Company obtained an injunction against the strikers, limiting the number of pickets at any one time to four on each gate, with certain other restrictions. This took off some of the pressure and tension, and Police numbers were restricted also. From then on, the Chief was able to handle the matter during the day, with assistance from one officer when necessary, to permit vehicles in and out.

Charges laid

There were many incidents of violence, alleged violence, and various other complaints, which resulted in a number of charges being laid, both by Company, employees, and strikers. As the summer wore on, many employees gradually returned to work from the picket lines, and towards the end of October the strike petered out. The Police Committee, and the Council, co-operated with Police in every way during this unfortunate labor dispute.

Constant pressure is still necessary with certain premises where young people gather. The co-operation of owners has been requested, but it is still necessary for Officers to be constantly in attendance, checking cars and drivers, to keep disturbances down. We have reached the point where the presence of one officer is sometimes not sufficient to keep the peace, and should there be a situation where control became impossible, the far reaching effect could be loss of respect for the law, defiance, and the result, a community where a certain element would feel they could do as they pleased. This is happening all the time in various parts of the Province, and we trust Council will ensure it does not happen here.

450ft. Wide Dam To Be Built In Markham Village

The Ontario Provincial Police have handled two fraud and theft cases for us, where it would have been necessary for us to visit several Municipalities, some of them quite a distance away.

Dog Complaints

Dog complaints continue to increase, with the growth of the residential sections bringing in new families, with their pets. The local press have co-operated with us, when requested, to advise owners of the by-law, but it has only a temporary effect. It is felt that we could again reduce the number of dog complaints, to offset the cost of some service which would satisfy complainants, make available a pound, while at the same time giving owners concern to "keep control of the dog at all times", as provided in the by-law.

Domestic complaints continue to absorb a lot of officer time, not always apparent to the public. Hours are often spent bringing harmony into a home again, as opposed to costly court appearances and time. We have about a dozen such families, who periodically require police service in this category.

The same applies to Juvenile complaints. It is not our policy to proceed through the courts, with first offenders in many matters. We prefer our own methods, guiding the parents whenever possible, getting the young person involved in some inter-est such as scouts, girl guides, etc., or some similar organization, making a friend of them, and, in most cases, this young person will respond to this treatment, and cause no further trouble. Families appreciated this form of handling much more than the embarrassment of prosecution, and the complainant is also much more satisfied with the procedure. There are several groups in this community operating with young people, and they never hesitate to assist us when requested with cases, such as are described above.

Safety Program

Our safety program continues with school children, with the help of the school authorities, and no little help from the motorists and truck drivers. Some of our citizens give as much credit to these drivers, as to the children, or some of them. Robinson School passed nine years in the "Elmer the Safety Elephant" program. St. Patrick's have six, Franklin working on their second, after attaining 8,

and the new Crosby school got under way when it opened late in the year.

To give this program its needed attention, involves much time in the schools, and this has not been possible during the year for many reasons. The system on the roads has changed somewhat, although we still have some Patrols operating at various points.

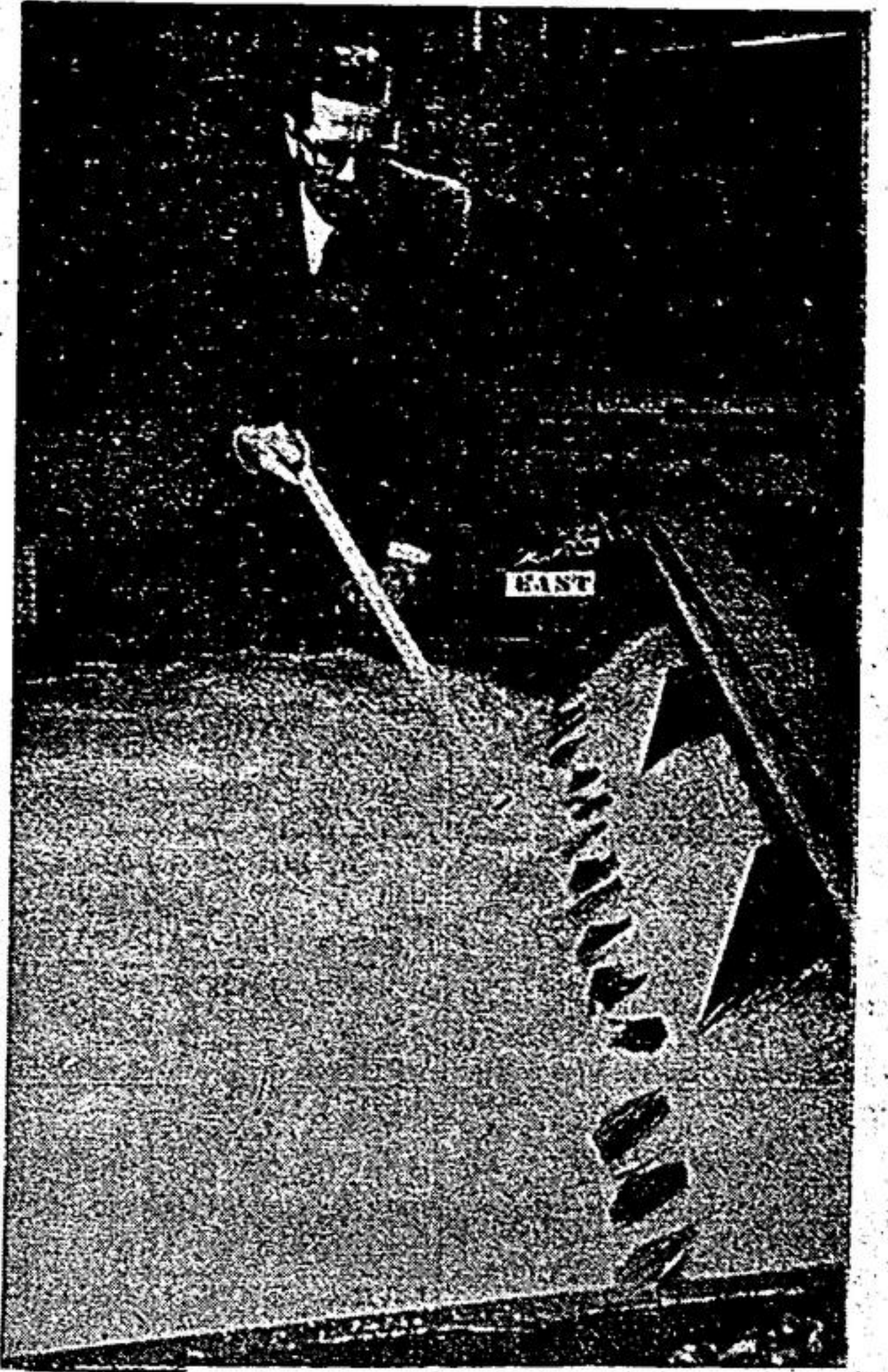
In this connection, bicycle safety plays an important role. We have had two of the familiar and popular rodeo days, and these were well attended. We are now working out a plan of examination of equipment, and the issue of a safety card after a check of equipment and accessories. The Home & School Association are interested in this venture, and have promised some assistance. It is possible the time has come for a licensing policy by the Municipality; the sale of a license providing a number plate, and these materials assist in location of bicycles, stolen, lost, etc.

Much overtime has been put in by all the Staff, and when the Chief was hospitalized in August were hard pressed to provide the necessary service, particularly when an officer resigned during this period.

Court time, both in Richmond Hill and Newmarket, have increased the difficulty of continuous coverage of the area at all times, and this factor will continue in the future, rather than diminish. These facts are not apparent to the public generally, and this applies in every community. A citizen is usually unaware of the police service, until the need arises, and there is apathy towards the operation. When an officer is needed, there comes a need for immediate service, and if it is not forthcoming, criticism results: sometimes, before the person involved knows the facts concerning the amount of service available.

Often too, the public is not informed of correct police procedure in some matters, and here the press can play an important role in making public at times, various phases of police work for the information of the people. Locally, we have been fortunate in press relations, which are excellent.

In conclusion, we express our thanks for the co-operation of all surrounding Police Forces, and the Ontario Provincial Police, the R.C.M.P., Custom Officers, and Immigration Authorities.



Prof. S. S. Lazier of the Civil Engineering Department, Queen's University points to a portion of the miniature model dam, similar to the large one that will span 450 feet on the Rouge River at Markham and create a lake covering 60 acres of land. It will be located on the site of the partially demolished Milne Dam but a portion of the original concrete structure will provide fill for the new structure.

Once again the waters of Hurricane Hazel are swirling over a dam on the Rouge River. But now, more than 10 years after the storm, the dam is a model in a testing basin at Queen's University. In it engineering tests can be made under controlled conditions to gauge the effect of torrential flows of water on proposed dams.

Not long after Hazel slashed across the Toronto area, forcing river and stream levels to unprecedented heights and taking a heavy toll in human life and property, the Metropolitan Toronto Regional Conservation Authority initiated a plan with a fourfold aim.

A ring of dams would be built on water courses around Toronto to conserve water, provide recreation areas, reduce flood damage and hold emergency supplies of water.

Each dam, before construction has undergone tests in model size. So it is with the dam proposed for the Rouge River near Markham.

Working from sketches provided by consulting engineers, technicians at Queen's created the model of fibreglass, plywood, cedar and aluminum. The real dam will be of earth fill, with concrete spillway, wings, and downstream apron.

Calibration of the spillway is one of the major jobs facing Professors S. S. Lazier and Arthur Brebner of Queen's civil engineering department, who are in charge of the testing.

In other words, they must determine how much flow the spillway will handle efficiently under the varying conditions anticipated and to be simulated in the testing basin.

As well, they are concerned with measures to prevent erosion of the dam structure itself, and with the design of the apron.

To answer their questions about points of the dam's design, Professors Lazier and Brebner plan to have varying volumes of water pumped over the spillway. Peak flow, of 1800 cfs, is equal in proportion to the runoff from Hurricane Hazel, which sent 9,000,000 gallons a minute tumbling over the Milne Dam near Markham. At that time, the Milne Dam, built in 1911, was heavily damaged.

The new dam will be 450 feet wide, with more than 200 feet of its width taken up by the spillway. Upstream from it will be created a lake of approximately 60 acres with a maximum depth of 15 feet. A bridge, using the dam as a foundation, will span the river.

The Milne Dam, still standing, will be demolished and part of its concrete structure will form fill for the new dam.

Several weeks of testing are necessary, says Professor Lazier before the model's job will have been completed. By that time, it will have been studied by Metro conservation authority officials, and any necessary refinements of design will have been made.

Fair President



Mr. Howard Cosburn, 16th Ave., Markham Twp. is the new President of Markham Fair for 1965. He was named to this office at a meeting of the executive on Wednesday night. The 1st Vice President is Wally Rescor of Cedar Grove.

—Staff Photo.

Late R. J. Rogers Was York County Agric. Rep. 1922-28

The passing on January 21st of Russell J. Rogers in his 72nd year in York County Hospital was learned of with regret by a wide circle of friends throughout York County, where as one of the early Agricultural Representatives he had given outstanding service from 1922 to 1928.

Born at New Lowell, "Rusty" as he was affectionately known, served in France throughout most of the first war, graduated from the O.A.C. in '22, and was appointed Assistant Ag. Rep. in York. That fall he succeeded J. C. Steekley as Ag. Rep. at Newmarket, and besides giving leadership in the various agricultural organizations, including the Junior Farmer Clubs, he took a keen interest in community activities throughout the county.

Leaving the Ontario government service in 1928, he went into life insurance and purchased a farm at Sharon. During the last war, he was engaged by the Federal government to acquire land for small holdings for the ex-service men, and later acted as farm appraiser for the V.L.A.

A keen hunter, he had been a member of the Boom Island Hunt Club since it was formed in 1926 and a member of the Holland River Conservation Authority. A staunch Anglican, he served as warden of his church at Sharon.

He is survived by his wife, the former Jean McCrae; three sons Bruce and Richard of Sharon, and John of Fort Nelson, B.C.; also two brothers, three sisters and five grandchildren.

His pastor, Rev. J. M. Wiseman, assisted by Canon J. T. Rhodes of Newmarket, took the largely attended service at Roadhouse & Rose Funeral Parlour on January 25th, with interment at Stayner Cemetery. Pallbearers were Norman Sands and C. M. Meek of Toronto, Lambert Willson of Aurora, Harry Ferguson of Keswick, Jos. Hall of Sharon and W. M. Cockburn, Newmarket.

Ajax Co. Boosts Economy

Du Pont of Canada's Ajax Works injected \$500,000 into the local economy last year in wages and salaries, local taxes and purchases from local suppliers. Works Manager John G. Hall reported last week.

Local purchases from over a dozen firms ranged from office stationery and label printing to insulated plastic foam shipping containers. The plant employed about 100 persons at year end.

Work was begun during the year on a major expansion that will see the plant more than double in size while adding significantly to its product lines during 1965.

Ajax Works currently makes "Dulux" enamels, "Duco" lacquers, under-coats, thinners, putties and adhesives for the automotive refinishing industry and industrial firms that manufacture a wide variety of products ranging from bicycles to bowling alley supplies. Further diversification in industrial and furniture finishes is being carried out and with completion of new facilities this year the complete line of "Flo-Glaze" house paints will be made at Ajax.

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Aces & Chrysler-Dodge Battle To 3-3 Tie

Markham Senior hometown rivals, Markham Aces and Markham Chrysler-Dodge, met for their final, regular-schedule game tonight and neither conceded anything as they matched goals for a 3 to 3 tie. Markham Aces split their scoring between Bill Offord, Ray Pipher and Ken Beckett, while Markham Chrysler got two from Pete Slezak and one from George White. The hometown rivalry hasn't ended yet as it appears both these teams will be in the playoffs.

In the other contests Leaside Wanderers downed Quickway Excavating 7 to 5 in a wide open game and Phoenix Bros. Construction dumped McQuaide's 6 to 1. Scoring for Phoenix Bros. were Paul Smart and Bob Murray with doubles, while singles went to Ken Mason and Brian Bridger. Ken Ridd tallied for McQuaide's. Leaside scorers were Daryl McBurney 3, Jim Godin 2 and Ray Cowan, Larry Kalyumuk 1 each. Replaying for Quickway were Guy Weeks and Bill Robins, 2 each, and Barry Porteus with 1.

Standings	W	L	T	Pts
Phoenix Bros.	13	2	1	27
Mark. Chrysler	11	3	2	24
McQuaide's	8	8	0	16
Markham Aces	7	7	2	16
Quickway Exca.	3	12	1	7
Leaside Wand.	3	6	0	6

Status of Farmer Revealed In Poll

For the past two years, individual farmers and their organizations have been concerned about the farmer's image. In order to find out what urban people really think about farmers, a survey of 2,000 urban Canadians was taken across Canada. Findings from this survey formed the basis for the broadcast and study material for Farm Forum discussion.

Farmer's image, as seen through the eyes of the urban citizen, is that he is less educated, but more hard working; he is more anxious to get ahead, but earns less money; he requires more training for his job, has a better business sense, is more efficient, but less up-to-date. He is a better citizen, gets along better with people, has more political influence, but pays less taxes.

Forum members were asked what they thought of these views. 82% stated the farmer's image was much better than they had expected. They felt this was due to the change in farming methods, increased travelling of both rural and urban people and social intermingling of both groups.

Quite a number were of the opinion that even though farm image is good, the average urban dweller does not understand agricultural problems. However, they believe the business and professional city man, would have a better understanding than the unskilled urban worker. Forum members felt the press presents an unfair image of the farmer.

Some said farm subsidies, which are often criticized, actually are of more benefit to the consumer.

The farm image could be improved, suggested the Forums, by accurate publicity and they

urged farm organizations to improve and expand their public relations departments. Farmers can improve their image by dressing like business men when they go to town and by sprucing up the appearance of their farms. Farmers also need to change their own attitude towards their occupation, by being proud of their chosen profession.

Inter-change between rural and urban people at all levels, would create a better understanding, recommended the Forums.

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