

Parents Protest

Kindergarten Set Can't Ride Buses

MUSSELMAN'S LAKE—Unless the Area Board of Whitchurch Township provides some form of transportation for Kindergarten children to Ballantrae School, parents residing at Musselman's Lake may keep them at home.

This was the feeling of many mothers after bus drivers were instructed last week to accept only students holding 'privilege cards'. Kindergarten pupils do not qualify.

"The bus is going right by the door, why the heck can't they get on?" questioned Mrs. Robert Gray. "I don't see why they can't take them," agreed Mrs. Barbara Cooper, "we don't expect them to be brought home."

BUS OVERCROWDED

Harry Hunt, Principal at Ballantrae said that the bus on the Musselman's Lake route was overcrowded without the Kindergarten children. He said that they would have to provide their own transportation. "Some put their children on, hoping to get away with it."

Dr. Morris Smith, chairman of the Board said that the system at present was already costing \$45,000 without increasing the pickup service. "The Kindergarten class is an option that the Area is providing. We are supplying the space, the teachers and the equipment, it's up to the parents to provide the transportation." He said that the trustees' decision on the policy was unanimous. Kindergartens at Lake Wilcox and Bogartown School abide by similar regulations.

AID TO DRIVERS

Dr. Smith said that bus drivers had no way of telling which children were eligible for rides and so the 'privilege card' system was adopted. "We had to do something. The Department of Transport threatened to step in and shut the system down." Dr. Smith said that if parents refused to co-operate, the Kindergarten class at Ballantrae could be closed. "The Board is not obligated to provide this service below the age of six years. It's strictly up to the parent." The Chairman said that seven buses had been added in September. "It was a big step."



Plows His Way To Ontario Title

Grant Wells, 37, of Lemonville, plowed his way to the Ontario Title at the International Match near Seaforth, last week. Both he and runner-up George Dixon of Brampton will compete in the Canadian Championships to be held in Simcoe County next year. Grant received three 1st prize awards at the presentation banquet Friday night.

\$10,000 Price Tag

Ratepayers Say 'Hold Our School'

CEDAR GROVE — Residents of Cedar Grove are anxious to retain their 96-year-old schoolhouse as a Community Centre and even a price request of \$10,000 hasn't discouraged them.

The figure was set by the No. 2 Area Board of Markham Township but the executive of Cedar Grove Community Club plan to negotiate further on the matter.

At a public meeting in the school, Friday night, the directors were requested to keep the proposal alive. The ballot vote was 29 to 10.

SENTIMENT

Robert Dare, a member of the executive, said that interior space within the school was not adequate for community dances or even church parties if attendance increased. He suggested that many persons were being guided by sentiment and the same feeling would hold if the property was later put up for sale.

Austin Reesor argued that, in his opinion, the majority of residents

wished the building to remain as part of the community. He said he was confident that the project could be financed.

BUILD UP CAPITAL

Meeting chairman, Don McClennan said that in 1965, the Community Club had earned \$6,000 but had spent \$5,600. He said that receipts in 1964 were \$3,000. Mr. McClennan estimated that the income from the recent Apple Butter Festival would exceed the \$1,000 profit figure of 1965. He expressed confidence that a capital of \$400 could be built up each year. He said that two donations of \$100 each had already been received for the school project. He noted that a grant of \$5,000 could be obtained if a Community Centre program was established.

Although a deadline date of October 19 had originally been set by the Area Board for approval or rejection of the offer, it was noted that a 30 day extension had been granted.

"Why didn't you get 60 days and maybe we could have made some changes in the Board," came a voice from the audience.

Grant Wells Wins Provincial Title

Gibbins and Forsyth Second In Inter-School

STOUFFVILLE — Grant Wells, 37, RR 2, Stouffville, is Ontario's best tractor plowman.

He proved it at the International Match near Seaforth last week, by beating 20 other competitors in his class.

Both he and runner-up, George Dixon of Brampton will advance to the Canadian championships to be held at the site of the 1967 International near Barrie in Simcoe County.

Mr. Dixon edged out Ivan DeGeer of Mount Albert by only two-tenths of a point.

NEVER BETTER

For Grant Wells, it was his finest effort in 18 years of match plowmanship. He scored with three 1st prize awards, taking the Silverwood Dairies' Limited Award; the B.P. Canada Limited Prize and the Ontario Plowman's Association championship. Cash presentations amounted to \$135 in addition to a silver tea service, a cabinet of silverware and an electric vacuum cleaner. He used his own Massey-Harris tractor and a 12 inch Ransome trailer plow.

OTHER WINNERS

Other district plowmen were prominent prize-winners at the presentation banquet, Friday night. They were — Gerald Bell, RR 3, Woodville; Ivan DeGeer, RR 3, Mount Albert; Anthony Featherstone, RR 1, Milliken; Barry Timbers, RR 3, Mount Albert; Ted Smith, RR 1, Blackwater; Ron McGuckin, RR 3, Mount Albert and Herb Jarvis, Agincourt. In the Inter-Secondary School Competition, Peter Gibbins and Wayne Forsyth, both of RR 2, Stouffville, placed second. They were only 2.1 points back of the class winners from Waterford District High School.

Garbage Cost High

MARKHAM — The collection service on garbage in Markham Village is satisfactory but the cost is excessive, G. D. McKelvey, Drakefield Road told council, Monday.

The ratepayer said that he had obtained prices in other towns and found the Markham rates to be much higher. He asked that it be taken over by the municipality. He called the present system "a monopoly".

Deputy-Reeve Albert Laidlaw admitted that the council was not pleased with the present arrangement.

Reeve Alma Walker informed the speaker that a Hearing had been set for November 2. She suggested that a copy of the protest letter be sent to the Department of Transport.

Mr. McKelvey said that the contract could be let by open tender if the Village Council did not wish to become involved in the garbage collection business.

Withdraw Offer To Buy School

ALTONA — The Altona United Missionary Church has withdrawn its offer to buy the Altona schoolhouse for \$1,500.

In a letter to the No. 1 Area Board of Pickering Township, church officials said that to take such action in the face of opposition within the community, would go against their Christian principles.

Altona businessman, Fred Lewis indicated earlier that residents in the section were anxious to acquire the property for a Community Centre.

TWO APPLICATIONS

At an Area Board meeting, Monday night, the chairman, Mrs. Lloyd McKean said that only the church and the Altona Women's Institute had shown an interest in the building. The Institute later withdrew in favour of the United Missionary

Church. Mrs. McKean said she had hoped representatives from the community would have discussed the matter with the trustees.

In a prepared statement she said: "The sale of the Altona School has been tabled temporarily. However, negotiations concerning this property were held in public and the Board acted in the best interest of the community as they saw it."

NO OBJECTIONS

Mrs. McKean said that the church had approached the trustees in February, 1966 and until the time when their offer was formally accepted, no other bids or objections were received.

It was noted that when such a sale is completed, the title of the school and the lot would revert to the township but the control and responsibility would rest with the organization.

Shot Ends Argument

MARKHAM — A 50 year old Markham woman has been charged with wounding after she fired a .22 rifle bullet into her husband's right arm, Saturday night.

Sebastian, Werthmann, 51, of Rouge Street, Markham was taken by ambulance to the Scarborough General Hospital where the bullet was removed. Werthmann, known in ring circles as 'Tiger Werth', is a former Canadian Heavyweight boxing champion.

Police said that the shooting occurred during a domestic argument. The injured man was found at

a neighbour's home. His wife, Sally, was standing in the doorway with the gun in her hands.

Inquest Lauds Mother's Attempt To Revive Son After Accident

MARKHAM — A Markham mother's valiant but unsuccessful attempt to save the life of her 7 year old son through mouth-to-mouth resuscitation following an accident, August 29, was praised by Police Chief Fred White at an

Inquest Hearing, last week.

Chief White described how Mrs. Paul Malone, Abercorn Avenue, Markham had attempted to revive her son, Kenneth, seriously injured when pinned under an 80 pound flowerbox. He was pronounced dead on arrival at Scarborough General Hospital.

"I would like the jury to know that Mrs. Malone responded in a very expert manner at a time of extreme emergency," said Chief White. "She is deserving of every credit." Both parents attended the hearing.

PLAYING ON LAWN

Mr. White described how a number of children were playing on a neighbour's lawn at 19 Grenfell Crescent when Kenneth climbed atop a planter box to retrieve three hockey pucks. Both the boy and the box fell six feet to the ground. The lad's chest

and abdomen were crushed. He was able to walk part way home but then collapsed.

Joseph Assinck, a machinist and builder, said he replaced the flowerbox on its wooden brackets and applied all his weight to its side but could not tip it over. No one could explain how the boy, who weighed only 60 pounds, could have pulled it off.

Richard Bulmer, the home-owner where the accident occurred, said he built the box and brackets himself and had removed it only once in eight years.

NO BLAME

The jury, headed by Raymond Ostrander, returned a verdict of accidental death and attached no blame to anyone. No recommendations were offered. Other members were — William Gunn, Victor Reid, James Hiltz and Christopher Brophy. The coroner was Dr. John, Fleming of Markham.

Issue Warning

VANDORF — Persons who have taken up residence in cottage homes at Musselman's Lake, on a permanent basis, are causing Whitchurch Township Council concern. The solicitor has been instructed to inform each family of the bylaw governing the resort area.

Road Program Approved

STOUFFVILLE — The Ontario Municipal Board has approved the issuing of \$60,000 in debentures for a road improvement program here. Total estimate on the work is \$133,057. The balance of the expenditure will be covered by a government grant and current tax money.

Specified on the program will be the paving of Westlawn Crescent. Other work will include widening, storm sewers and paving on Park Road south as well as added paving.

Markham Approves New 25-Acre Bylaw

BUTTONVILLE — Over the objections of deputy-reeve Cleary Palmer, Markham Township Council gave its approval, Monday, to a new Rural Zoning Bylaw that restricts building lots throughout much of the municipality to a minimum of 25 acres. Previous-

ly, ten acre residential lots were permitted.

"It reminds me of the rule of Hitler," commented deputy-reeve Palmer. He charged that the bylaw was too restrictive and created a hardship on the farmer who wished to sell off several lots. Reeve Stewart Rumble had also expressed opposition but was not required to vote on the motion.

TO O.M.B.

The bylaw will now be forwarded to the Ontario Municipal Board. If any opposition is registered, a public hearing will likely be held.

Planning Director, Ian Keith addressed the Council and said that it was his department's desire to control the sale of land for residential buildup in rural areas. He said that for specific cases, an applicant could request the Council to amend the zoning restriction on a particular parcel and the merit of such a move would be considered.

Midnight Blasts

MARKHAM — Three shotgun blasts that shattered the late evening quiet of North Markham Sept. 2 cost Lorne Brumwell of Station Street \$50 plus \$11.50 costs in Richmond Hill Court, Oct. 11.

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Threatened To Bury Victim

GORMLEY — Stuffed in the trunk of a car following a beating, August 9, a Gormley district man told of three men's plans to 'bury him', during testimony presented in Richmond Hill Court, Tuesday.

Dayton Winston Platten described how he pried open the trunk with a tire jack and fled into a service station at the Gormley corners. Arthur Marinoff, 33, Roy Marinoff, 26, both of Richmond Hill and Wayne Gates, 29 of Toronto are charged with forcibly seizing and assault causing bodily harm. They elected trial by judge and jury.

Platten said that the accused attacked him in his barn on 18th Avenue, Markham Township, then dragged him outside and forced him into the trunk of their car.

Platten quoted one of the men as saying: "You stole my mother's money and we're going to get it if we have to kill you."

The preliminary hearing was adjourned to October 19 for further evidence before Magistrate O. S. Hollinrake.



Nosey Donkey Now Knows Better

This donkey's nose knows that he should have known better than to take up the trail of a slow-moving porcupine. But he didn't and now suffers the consequences. He is a member of Bud Smith's famous donkey baseball team at Island Lake, north of Stouffville.

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"How are you doing at night school?"