

Dog Control Officer Urges Heavier Fines

GORMLEY — Several deterrents can be introduced effectively to prevent the spread of rabies from wild life to domestic pets. Canine Control Officer James Ryan said this week.

Mr. Ryan feels the most effective deterrent would be for the courts to take a serious view of people charged with letting dogs run at large and impose

the maximum penalty. This would effectively cut down the number of domestic animals running at large by day and by night, he states.

Most dog owners have read about the high incidence of rabies and the danger their pets face when allowed to run at large. But some people are totally indifferent even to the danger that exists to the members of their

own families. The most effective way to deal with these is to mete out real punishment — preferably through the pocket book. The maximum penalty, impartially imposed, could help stamp out the disease in domestic animals, emphasizes Mr. Ryan.

Annual anti-rabies vaccination of pets is also a deterrent.

Poisoning of wild ani-

mals with a fast-acting poison is also effective, since this acts while the animals are in their dens or in nearby areas. However, there is always the danger that domestic animals might also consume the poison. With proper placing and public notification, poison can be used quite effectively to cut down the wild fox population, Mr. Ryan noted.

Plan May Opening of Markham Twp. Library

UNIONVILLE — Philip Mihorean, well-known Unionville district realtor, hopes that Markham Township's new \$100,000 centennial library will be entirely completed in May. Mr. Mihorean is a member of the library committee.

The library, which is being built on the east side of Kennedy Road in Unionville, has been under con-

struction for the past month.

Total cost of the library is \$100,000, but a \$28,820 Centennial grant, reduced the amount to be debentured to \$71,180.

Last October, however, council decided to group its three main projects — the library, the purchase of Heintzman House for use as a community cen-

tre, and the three-storey extension to the municipal offices in Buttonville, together. As a result, council approved a bylaw calling for a five-year \$50,000 debenture issue, with the rest to be paid for out of lot fees.

By locating in Unionville the library will be close to the geographical centre of the township, while the de-

sign is expected to be in keeping with the character of the village.

The library will consist of an adult area — 30 by 40 feet — including a reference section in one wing while the other wing will house a children's library and reading room, as well as a workroom for processing books.

The lower floor will be

excavated for future use for meeting rooms, or extra library space.

Members of the board are seeking contributions for furnishings and other equipment. Members are: Mrs. Mildred Toogood, chairman; Mrs. J. E. Donnell, Mrs. Louise Aimone, Gaiher Zinkan and Mrs. W. J. Russell.

Farmer Jim Gibson To Take A Holiday

BETHESDA — After 44 years on the same farm, Jim Gibson of Bethesda feels he's earned himself a holiday. He is 76.

Mr. Gibson is selling the farm he rented in 1923 from Miss Nancy Brillinger and has owned since 1943. The sale was completed through the office of Harold Wood Real Estate, Stouffville.

The farm is said to be the one settled by Abraham Brillinger when he first came to Canada. The earliest of nine stones in a small graveyard not far from the house is dated 1812.

A saw and feed mill once stood by a dam on a stream on the property and a circular saw and a millstone can be found near the house.

Before he moved onto his present property Mr. Gibson rented for five years at lot 14, con. 5. Previously he had worked on several farms in Whitchurch Township.

In 1915 he married the former Ada Scott and they

had two sons, Fred and Harold. She died in May, 1964 at the age of 72.

Mr. Gibson was born in East Gwillimbury Township. He was the second of seven.

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He was working with horses and helping his father from the age of 13. Even then, he could handle a team and plow like a grown-up. He says he must have had a way with horses. In fact he only sold his last horse last summer.

Jim Gibson never did like school. During his last two years he went to school "catch as catch can" and left when he was 15 and went to work on farms during the summer and cutting wood for three winters.

He says that the price of a cow today could almost buy the equipment he had when he started farming on his own. In 1923 the rent on his farm was \$275 and the taxes, \$90. Today the taxes are almost \$700. Jim Gibson owes himself a vacation. He's earned it.



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