

'Apartment Sewer Charge 'Not Exactly Justified' Says O.M.B.

MARKHAM — The Ontario Municipal Board has ruled that a \$250 per suite sewerage charge on apartment house dwellings in Markham Village "is not exactly justified" and has given the municipality three months in which to submit an alternate amount.

In the interval, the by-law will stand pending a second hearing. If a new application is not filed, the by-law will automatically lapse following this period.

The O.M.B. met in Markham June 29. They found no fault with the \$50 per suite charge for capital water costs nor did they rule against the method of collection on application for the building permit.

The request as it now stands, would mean that Douglas Meharg, who proposes to erect a new 90-suite apartment at the rear of Dublin Street in Markham, would be required to pay in \$27,000 on receipt of a permit. Mr. Meharg appeared to oppose the by-law.

COMPLETE IT FIRST Mr. Meharg said that he was not objecting to the by-law in principle, but to the amount of the per suite charge and the time when it is to be paid.

He said that he had adopted a policy of renting his apartments to only couples or single persons but no families. He said he planned to do the same in the new one. He argued that this type of project did not represent comparable burden on water and sewer services as an apartment where children were permitted.

Mr. Meharg charged that the fee should be collected, not when the permit is issued but when the apartment is completed. "It's a great imposition on any builder," particularly a small one to pay out such a sum on application for a period.

Honor Retiring Pastor

By JEAN LEAF

BUTTONVILLE — The Brown's Corners United Church Sunday School picnic was a real success Friday. There was swimming before the supper hour with races and games planned by Garnet Stewart and Bruce Armstrong in the evening.

The high spot of the event was a presentation to Dr. and Mrs. A. F. Binnington who have served the congregation for nine and a half years. Norman Reid, clerk of session, read an address and gifts were presented — an orchid to Mrs. Binnington, and a purse to Dr. Binnington.

Dr. Binnington will take a year's rest. They moved from the Victoria Square manse on Tuesday of last week and are now at their cottage on the Rouge. In the late summer they will go to Mount Albert where they have purchased an old church and are renovating it as a home.

Neighbourhood Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Craig had their four-year-old granddaughter Michele as their weekend guest; Mrs. John Rodick and the two children spent the weekend with Mrs. Wm. Rodick — John was working.

There were graduation ceremonies for grade 8 students at Parkview School last Wednesday evening among them John Stephenson.

Reg and Joy Crawford spent last weekend with Reg's family at Bancroft. On Tuesday Joy begins summer school.

Grace Rodick will teach a Guidance course for secondary school teachers this summer. In the autumn she will transfer from her present school at Burlington to another in the same town where she will be in charge of student guidance.

Friends were sorry to learn last week of Ken Stiver's sudden illness. He was taken to Branson Hospital and is making a good recovery.

Jack and Dorothy Bishop left early Saturday for a camping vacation at South River.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Stotts spent Centennial Day at Stouffville, where they joined the celebrations with Mrs. Topham.

Congratulations to Mr. Dick Jones who celebrated a birthday on Thursday, June 29. Guests at the party were Gordon and Doreen Vaughan and the three children.

Bob and Mary Lou Hood were at Delawana Inn, Honey Harbour, last week where Bob attended the Police Convention as Deputy Chief of Markham Township Police Force.

Congratulations to Don and Pamela Tribbling who were married at Grace Anglican Church on Saturday, July 1, 1967. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Norman Reid, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Musselman, Mr. and Mrs. Rick Tribbling, Merv Johnson and daughter Mary Ellen, and Don's grandmother, Mrs. John Johnson. Doug Tribbling was his brother's best man, and Richard was an usher.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Benson and children spent the weekend with relatives in Owen Sound.

Miss Arvilla Forrester entertained her music pupils at a picnic at her home.

The U.M. Sunday School picnic had to be cancelled because of the rain. How-

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D. Deacon Says, 'Good Neighbor Policy Not Garbage Contract'

UNIONVILLE — Residents and ratepayers of Markham, Markham Township, Richmond Hill, Vaughan Township, Woodbridge and other area municipalities must be on their guard against any harmful encroachments from the metropolitan area, he added.

Deacon said special attention must be paid to the possible effects of the Metropolitan Toronto Act Amendment (Bill 81), which was enacted by the provincial legislature last year.

Deacon said a proposal by Metro to expropriate 600 acres south of Woodbridge in Vaughan Township as a sanitary land-fill garbage disposal site "has alarmed district residents."

Mr. Deacon, former dep-

uty reeve of Markham Township and Liberal candidate in the provincial riding of York Centre, said residents to the immediate north of Metro "have many reasons for regarding Metro as a good neighbor."

"Many of our people work in Metro and enjoy its amenities. While the growth of Metro has brought some problems, we have grown with our neighbor and shared in the prosperity of the whole area," Deacon said.

"But recent developments require that resid-

ents and ratepayers in suburban communities be on their guard against any harmful encroachments from the metropolitan area," he added.

Deacon said special attention must be paid to the possible effects of the Metropolitan Toronto Act Amendment (Bill 81), which was enacted by the provincial legislature last year.

Under this amendment Metro assumes the responsibility of providing refuse disposal service for its constituent municipalities and can do so anywhere in the Metropolitan Toronto Planning Area.

This solution must include the possibility of first exhausting all potential but unused Metro sites, and only then negotiating with the neighboring municipalities for alternate sites.

Deacon added, "Metro must not be allowed to solve its problem by creating a new problem for one of its neighbors. This is what concerns residents of Vaughan Township."

There is also the underlying principle of proper democratic procedure—an issue which involves the entire Metro planning area.

"All our communities want to co-operate with Metro, but Metro must continue to treat its neighbors as responsible municipalities with a right to be consulted," he added.

Mr. Deacon concluded, "All residents of fringe municipalities could be threatened by arbitrary Metro action."

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