



Ontario Hydro has announced the merger of four of its area offices into two. An office will be established at Newmarket and the one at Markham will be closed. Offices at Sutton and Richmond Hill will be closed. —Hydro Photo

Merge four hydro areas

Ontario Hydro has decided on a merger of rural hydro service involving four of the Commission's Areas in York and Peel counties establishing them into two larger, more efficient Areas, for greater economy of operations.

Extensive studies were carried out as a result of the formation of Vaughan Township Hydro Electric System and their decision to take over administration of their own affairs on January 1, this year. These studies showed that because of this and anticipated further annexations elsewhere, it has become uneconomical to continue with the present Rural Service Areas.

The following changes will take place:

An Area office will be established in Newmarket administering to the area now served from Sutton and including parts of the areas now served from Woodbridge, Richmond Hill and Markham.

The remainder of the area now served from Richmond Hill will be served from Markham.

Ontario Hydro's Sutton and Richmond Hill Area offices will be closed within the next two years depending on the availability of office facilities in the vicinity of Newmarket.

The remainder of the Area now served from Woodbridge will be served from Brampton, where a new larger Area office will be occupied on April 1, at 380 Main Street North in Brampton.

Ontario Hydro's Woodbridge Area office will be closed approximately May 1.

Ontario Hydro Chairman George Gathercole pointed out that these organizational adjustments are in keeping with the pattern that is being gradually adopted throughout the province. So far they have achieved a reduction from Ontario Hydro's original 105 Rural Hydro Service Areas to about 70 larger and more efficient Area organizations. Economies running into hundreds of thousands of dollars annually will be available to help combat rising costs.

Teen dance

By MAY BROWN
GREENWOOD — The teen dance in Greenwood church recreation hall is a new kind of program and was well attended by young people of the community.

Mr. and Mrs. Denis Owen attended the annual meeting and banquet of the Supreme Aluminum Company at the Tam-o-Shanter Club.

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Hamlet to grow by one house

BALSAM — Residential growth within the Township of Pickering is coming under close scrutiny since the Ontario Municipal Board handed down its order restricting the municipality to a maximum of 100 homes.

With this thought in mind, the Committee of Adjustment discussed at length an application by Mr. D. C. Turner of Balsam for permission to divide his acreage on conc. 9. Approval was finally granted although at least one member expressed doubts as to the legality of the division.

Member Gladys Backstead considered the request a "borderline case." She admitted that it was difficult to say whether the Turner property was actually a part of the hamlet area. The application was supported by Balsam storekeeper, Orr Graham.

"I feel that Balsam could do with this kind of development," said committee member Melvin Johnson.

"Morally, I agree with the members," debated David Lewington, "but if we hold to the letter of the law, I would have to say no."

"All I can say," commented chairman Dennis Horsfield, directing his remarks to Mr. Turner, "is that you are a very fortunate man."

Purchase Restaurant
Mary and Hong Ing of Harold's Grill, Main St., have purchased a restaurant near Guelph. They will leave on the weekend and plan to open their new premises early in April.

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Oppose amalgamation of health units

ONTARIO COUNTY — Members of Ontario County Council are advising a cautious approach to the idea of amalgamating the present County Health Unit program to include also the County of York and the City of Oshawa.

One meeting to discuss the plan has already been held at Newmarket and another is contemplated.

In a drastic cost-cutting bid, the Council rejected a committee recommendation that \$199,369 be appropriated as the County's share of the cost of operating the Unit during 1968. The reduction motion was headed by Pickering Twp. Reeve John Williams. He asked that no increase in personnel be allowed and that the budget be reduced accordingly. Reeve Williams also warned that amalgamation with Oshawa and the County of York would mean that Ontario County would lose its present control over financing. He noted, however, that certain benefits could possibly accrue.

Reeve W. H. Gould of Uxbridge said he could see some purpose in amalgamation with Oshawa but warned against inclusion with York.

Dr. Hoffman, Medical Officer of Health argued that due to an increase in

County population, more staff was required. At the present time employees number 43. "A decision to not increase staff will spread services thinner," he said.

Birthday gathering

By Ada Steckley
RINGWOOD — Friends and neighbors called at the home of Miss Priscilla Pipher and Mrs. DeRosier, Feb. 29 on the occasion of Mrs. DeRosier's birthday.

Mrs. Walter Vague attended the birthday celebration for their one year old grandson David, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Vague, Mar. 1.

Surprise visitors

By Bertha Pattenden
VANDORF — Surprise visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carr in honor of Mr. Carr's 83rd birthday were: Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Carr and Mr. Roy Carr of Aurora, Mrs. Esther Carr, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Kernohan and son Neil of Keswick.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Summerfeldt

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Summerfeldt have returned home from Mont Serrat in the West Indies.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. David White on the birth of their son David in York County Hospital, Newmarket.

The World Day of Prayer

meeting held in Melville United Church was well attended. The speaker was Mrs. Eldon Boettger of Stouffville.

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