

Markham reeve opposed to amalgamation

MARKHAM TWP. — Reeve Stewart Rumble, seeking a new two-year term, told ratepayers at Parkview School Monday that Markham Twp. affairs are in good shape.

Debentures which were offered for sale in mid-November were taken up in the first few days.

The reeve said he felt this was an indication of faith in the township stability considering the tight money market and the fact that only one company (Bell, Gouinlock) tendered a bid for the \$340,000 debentures required for watermains, sewers and roads. Mr. Rumble also said the Roads Budget in 1968 was \$926,999, approximately \$300,000 more than in 1967 yet the millrate remains the same.

Industrial assessment is increasing, he said, and stated that only last week council approved a new industrial sub-division on the Steeles-Don Mills area "which will help to counteract the high residential rate."

He said fine residential developments in the township are also helping the municipality.

On the subject of amalgamation, Mr. Rumble was direct: "I'm opposed," he declared. "I fail to see how it would benefit Markham and I can see many disadvantages—too large an administration, for one thing." "I believe most people came here because they want to live here. We have our affairs in good order and are working for good services. I fail to see any advantage in amalgamation." Asked about a township planning director, Mr. Rumble said the Planning Board has hired K. Hidaka in this capacity last September.

Robert J. Sloane, opposing Reeve Stewart Rumble for the Reeve's chair in the Dec. 2 election in Markham Twp. said if elected he would give more than perfunctory attention to amalgamation.

He said Metro is anxious to take industry and residential areas, and warned that "if we don't take a stand, we are easy prey."



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move, we must face the consequences."

Mr. Sloane has spent one year on council as Councillor for Ward 1. He is a resident of Thornhill Green in the North Thornhill area and lists among his qualifications his interest and past presidency in Home and School Associations at Henderson Avenue School and a Willowdale school.

During his year on council, in 1964, Mr. Sloane's voting pattern is traced in a series of recorded votes called for by councillor Charles Hoover of Ward 3, and the present reeve Stewart Rumble. They opposed his views, particularly in the matter of subdivision agreements at Unionville and Thornhill, and the 'drag strip' which was proposed for the 9th conc. of the township.

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Box Grove launched their new school project with a highly successful dance in the school on Saturday night. We wish them the best of luck in their new venture. Catherine Ritchie, who will be Valedictorian on Friday

for Commencement at MDHS, is currently nursing a very sore eye due to a freak accident. Cindy Lou came home on Sunday and has brought much happiness into the Sisel household. Our sympathy to Karen

Tapscott who managed to catch the chicken pox in time to miss a very important wedding Saturday.

Julian Chapman is home again after spending a few days seeing the sights of Ottawa including the Mint, the House of Commons and the Art Gallery with his Mother and Dad.

We wish the Murray Milroys much happiness in their new home in Markham and are sorry to see them leave Cedar Grove. The last euchre in the present series at Cedar Grove had to be postponed to allow voting to take place in the schoolhouse. It will be held on Dec. 9. Christmas euchre and will include a lucky draw.



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