

# Dickson's Hill 'driveway' poses a problem

**MARKHAM TWP.** — Controversy continues over the division of property at lot 30, conc. 8, Markham Twp. near Dickson's Hill. The land is owned by Bruce Cooper.

At the most recent meeting of council Jan. 27, Cooper's lawyer, W. B. Thomas of Unionville attempted to find some solution to the situation but received little encouragement.

Last year the township Committee of Adjustment approved five lots for development pending payment of a \$500 fee per lot and the construction of a 66-foot roadway.

Mr. Cooper followed instructions. He divided the property, built the road and proceeded to sell the lots. But there was one fly in the ointment. He neglected to find out if council would take over the road on its completion. This, council has so far refused to do.

Without acceptance by the Township, no building permits can be issued. Thus a stalemate has resulted.

Mr. Cooper has termed it "the most expensive driveway in Canada."

Mr. Thomas said Monday that all conditions laid down by the Committee of Adjustment had been met by his client. He charged that by refusing to accept the road Council was acting contrary to its own Official Plan.

He said that in the Official Plan, Dickson's Hill is an area where small developments are permitted.

"I have here a request from twenty property owners in area lands affected — people who for one reason or another have requested Council to reconsider and accept the road," Mr. Thomas told Council members. "This is an attractive property. There is no possible provision for extension. The road goes to a millpond, conforms to the by-law."

Reeve Stewart Rumble remained adamant, stating again "We never agreed to take over the road. We have no objection to the decision of the Committee of Adjustment) we just object to taking over the road."

Councillor A. R. Sumner asked why, under the circumstances, Mr. Cooper had not put a plan of subdivision on the lots: The situation is stupid — ridiculous — five lots on one side of a street and none on the other — there either has to be an ulterior motive, or there should have been a plan of subdivision."

Councillor Eldred King who lives in the Dickson's Hill area, asked whether the lots had been sold.

Mr. Thomas said there were agreements of sale at one time "but nothing has been completed — everything is in abeyance."

Concluding the discussion, deputy-reeve Roman and Councillor King moved that the matter be referred to Committee of Council for further consideration.

## Student queries reeve

**PICKERING TWP.** — Denise King of Frenchman's Bay Public School, had a few pointed questions to ask Pickering Twp. Reeve, John Williams at a council meeting, Jan. 20.

The Grade 8 student represented her class on a school project.

To her question: "Why didn't the reeve want to join Oshawa in regional government?" Mr. Williams replied that council was looking at it from an economical point of view for the future development of the municipality. Looking at it from a long-term view, he said, we don't want to go into a situation for 10 or 20 years prior to development taking place.

The reeve told the young

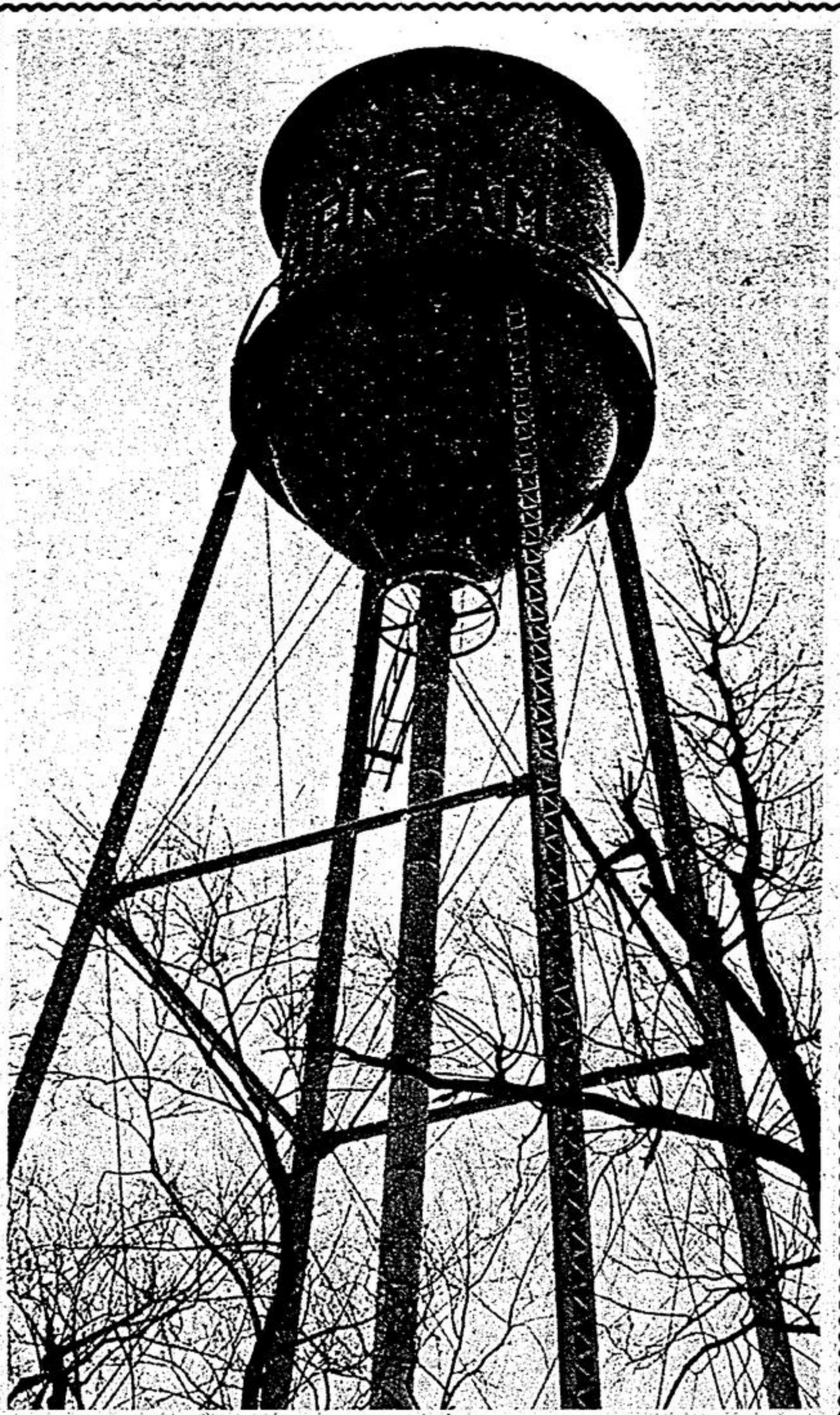
student that he wasn't against the municipal franchise to exclude those under 21, but such a step as this had to be initiated by the federal government.

Denise' third question was: "What are the duties of a councillor?"

Reeve Williams said it would take all night to tell her, but explained council briefly as similar to a board of directors of any corporation, determining expenditures, while the shareholders (residents) receive dividends and pay taxes.

"What we provide the shareholders with are services — roads, waterworks administration, planning, industrial development, garbage collection — you name it."

Denise is the daughter of Councillor Arthur King.



Markham landmark still in use

Markham Town's elevated water reservoir is still very much in use — and may be for some time to come. The decision to build a new one has been delayed. The present tower, erected nearly 50 years ago, measures 767 feet in height and has a capacity of 60,000 gallons. —Staff Photo

## Exchange salary proposals

**YORK COUNTY.** — On Jan. 23, at the Aurora Public School Board Office a meeting was held between representatives of the York County Board of Education and representatives of the York County Secondary School Teachers' Salary Negotiating

Committee. Both parties exchanged salary proposals which they will attempt to justify specifically at the next meeting. Much of the meeting was devoted to the fundamental general principles which prompted their proposed salary structures.

Present were: S. L. G. Chapman, Director of Education, York County; Wm. Bales, East Gwillimbury; Marvin Hunter, King Twp.; Ross Jolliffe, Thornhill and Deena Simpson, Richmond Hill.

The Secondary School Teachers of the County were represented by Douglas Booth, Richmond Hill High School; John Munro-Cape, Richmond Hill High School; Mark Everard, Bayview Secondary School; Lin Jones and Eric McLean, Stouffville Dist. High School and Jim Slanton, Newmarket Dist. High School.

## Health improves

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A toboggan party is planned for Saturday at 1.30 p.m. by the leaders of the Happy Hour and Ambassadors.

The annual meeting of the Baptist Church congregation will be held Jan. 31 at 8 p.m.

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Wilbur Reesor

## Centennial chairman

**By Pat McClennan**  
**CEDAR GROVE** — Arrangements for a centennial celebration of S.S. No. 20 are making progress. At a recent meeting a steering committee was formed to appoint local residents to positions of importance. The chairman of the former S.S. 20 committee is Wilbur Reesor. His selection won unanimous approval. The steering committee chairman is Austin Reesor. His special interests are displays and exhibits. Helen Little will take charge of the food; Evelyn Whittamore, the program; Gordon Reesor, grounds and property; Vera Taylor, mailing; Norma Cornelius, decorations and Lloyd Clendenen, finance. Anyone with addresses of former pupils who have been absent from the area for a time should get in touch with Vera Taylor or Ruby Reesor.

The thaw washed out the Mothers Club skating party last week so they will try again this Thursday (tonight).

Mr. and Mrs. Nash, Sheila and Gordon, and their two young children are temporarily living in Mrs.

Lapp's newly remodelled house.

Euchre winners were: Edna Oden, Allen Jefferson, Cec. Latham. Consolation went to Kevin Collings. Next euchre will be held Feb. 5.

## Community centre

**By Pat McClennan**  
**CEDAR GROVE** — The Board of Directors of the Cedar Grove Community Centre have announced the new slate of officers for 1969. They are: Pres., Barry Little, Vice-Pres., Austin Reesor; Sec., Shirley Bears and Treas., Don McClennan.

It was a perfect night for the community skating party and over 65 people enjoyed the occasion. This record-breaking winter we are experiencing is wonderful for Cedarena where skating has been excellent. Notes About Neighbors

Aif Smith is home again after a hospital stay following a snowmobile accident.

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