

# ELECTORATE REJECTS YORK COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD SYSTEM



Donald Deacon, M.P.P.

**YORK-CENTRE:** A cross-section of residents, replying to a questionnaire distributed throughout the Riding of York-Centre by M.P.P., Donald Deacon, have indicated an almost total rejection of the new County system of education.

This was only one of five questions posed by Mr. Deacon. Fifteen hundred persons replied.

While constituents turned 'thumbs down' on jurisdiction of education under the present County Board plan, there was also overwhelming rejection of the former system. Residents are asking for a modified program which permits more community control. This, according to Mr. Deacon, should be possible and practical when a new system of local government is developed. At that time, he suggests, the merging of councils and school boards to ensure a

## Request more local jurisdiction

co-ordinated effort and maximum utilization of community facilities and financial resources.

On the question of Local Government, 18% said they would like to join Metro; 52% wish a re-organization into more logical communities of local government and 27% are satisfied to leave things as they now are. It is interesting to note that Thornhill (25%) and Woodbridge (27%) wish to become part of Metro while in the Town of Markham, only 9% favor such a move and 38% want the community to remain as is. Mr. Deacon points to the 68% turnout at the last Markham municipal election as an indication that a strong satisfying community of interest exists there.

Tax support of independent schools is overwhelmingly opposed, the survey shows. While approximately 30% of the residents are Roman Catholic, only 20% which includes many who are not Roman Catholic, wish such schools to receive provincial tax money.

On the question of marijuana, adults are strongly opposed to any change in the present laws related to this problem. Mr. Deacon expresses concern over this attitude. He feels that an answer must be found to the communications barrier between adults and young people, reflected in the widespread use of drugs among today's teens. Mr. Deacon suggests that organizations such as the Markham Family Life

Centre may help 'bridge the gap' before irreparable damage is done. He recommends too, that all parents show a willingness to face the fact of the breakdown in understanding between generations and help seek a permanent solution.

On the question of welfare, the replies were inconclusive, leading Mr. Deacon to believe that the question was not worded properly.

While only 7.5% of the constituents responded, Mr. Deacon says the result is considerably above most question polls of this kind. Many of the replies were accompanied by letters of explanation.

"The advice is of great value in maintaining communications with you as your elected representative at Queen's Park," he concluded.

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Ellen Carter

## Her life - a symbol of courage

**CLAREMONT** — Seven years of residence in a community like Claremont is considered a brief.

It was just that long ago that Mr. and Mrs. George Carter and family moved to the village from Toronto. They purchased the former Will Palmer home.

Ellen Carter was then 12 and a Grade 8 pupil at Claremont Public School.

On Tuesday, Dec. 30, Ellen died in Princess Margaret Hospital — but the courage she showed through twelve months of declining health won her the admiration and esteem of everyone in the area.

The deceased was a member of the Claremont Baptist Church and a memorial service in her honor will be held there, Jan. 18 at 2:30 p.m., conducted by the pastor, Rev. F. A. Luck and Dr. Ivan Morgan, Dean of Divinity College, McMaster University, Hamilton. Dr. Morgan has been a long-time friend of the family. He will read the eulogy, written in Ellen's memory by her sister, Georgia (Mrs. Robert Wilson) of Agincourt.

Ellen, a lovely looking girl with high ambitions and ideals, was stricken with a disease known as lymphoma. An honor student in Grade 13 at Pickering Dist. High School, she could

not return to class following the Christmas vacation period of 1968. In spite of this, she was

accepted for the fall enrollment at the University of Guelph. She later found it necessary to

withdraw. It was Ellen's ultimate desire to become a veterinarian. She

loved horses and had become an excellent rider. She also excelled in many other fields. She was a beautiful swimmer and had earned her bronze medal in lifesaving. She was an expert canoeist, a skipper in sailing and had won her best campers' award. She was a member of the Girl Guides in Toronto and later in Claremont.

While everything related to outdoors life was her first love, Ellen was also a fine pianist and had advanced to Grade 10 in music. The past year had been an agonizing ordeal for the family as Ellen underwent many weeks of almost continuous tests and treatment. She was able to be home from hospital to serve as a bridesmaid at her sister's wedding in October and while her health deteriorated, she never lost hope that she would one day be completely well again. She sent out all her own Christmas cards and wrapped her own Christmas gifts from her hospital bed. She would have marked her 19th birthday, Jan. 7.

An in life — so in death, the courage displayed by this pretty teenage Claremont girl has won her the respect of the entire community. The late Ellen Carter is an example to all young people everywhere.



Eighteen year old Ellen Carter of Claremont — displayed the courage that won the hearts of an entire community.

## Uxbridge gravel by-law quashed - Supreme Court

Township assessed costs

**UXBRIDGE TWP.** — Uxbridge Township gravel — considered an asset by some and an evil by others, still poses the council's most serious problem.

The municipality suffered its most serious setback to date when, on Dec. 19, Judge J. C. Moorhouse ruled in favor of an application filed by the firm of Markham Sand and Gravel Limited and quashed the only bylaw established to control this type of operation.

The case was heard Dec. 17 in the Ontario Supreme Court, Toronto. Colin L. Campbell represented the company. William C. Parsons appeared for the corporation.

The judgment handed down reads in part: "In my respectful opinion, the declared purpose, while highly laudible in character, goes far beyond the purposes authorized. In reading the bylaw as a whole, I can only conclude that the general nature thereof is prohibitory in character rather than regulatory. In view of this conclusion, the bylaw should be wholly quashed, and I so order. Signed — J. Moorhouse.

All costs relevant to the case have been assessed against the township.

Councillor Clark Muirhead, a strong advocate of stiffer controls over the gravel industry, expressed disappointment over the Judge's ruling. He said the bylaw had represented weeks of work and had incorporated provisions included in at least ten other bylaws from other municipalities.

Mr. Muirhead said council's only hope now was for approval of the Official Plan and Zoning Bylaw, scheduled to be heard by the Ontario Municipal Board at Whitby, Jan. 19.

"If they are thrown out, then Uxbridge Township can be considered nothing but a mining camp, to be torn apart from one end to the other," Mr. Muirhead concluded.

## Lawyers honored

**MARKHAM** — Markham solicitor, J. Lachlan Cattanaich is one of 128 Ontario lawyers to be appointed as Queen's Counsel by Provincial Attorney General Arthur Wishart.

Mr. Cattanaich of the firm of Cattanaich and Hindson, Main Street North, resides on Savannah Crescent. His father, Mr. John Cattanaich is a solicitor of long standing in the town.

Other lawyers in the area similarly honored are Milton J. Mowbray of Kinsale William Bruce Affleck, Whitby and Henry Stephen Polak of Ajax.

To qualify for Queen's Counsel recognition, a lawyer must be a member



Lachlan Cattanaich of the bar for at least 12 years.

## To close Ringwood postoffice

**RINGWOOD** — The Ringwood Post Office, a mail pickup service that has operated in the community for 111 years, will be closed at the end of this month.

Residents, numbering about 50, within a half-mile radius of the depot, have been obtaining their mail there. The office is located in the general store, operated by Ken Phillips.

Three alternatives have been offered. Residents

may erect individual mail boxes and accept delivery on the rural route; pick up their mail at one of two group boxes to be located east and west of the Hwy. 48 intersection or call for it at the Post Office in Stouffville.

Postmaster Jack Sanders of Stouffville said all current mail recipients at Ringwood had been informed of the proposed change and had voiced little opposition to the move.

## Markham Twp. office employees in salary stalemate

**MARKHAM TWP.** — Negotiations between the Twp. of Markham and Local 1219, Canadian Union of Public Employees, have broken down at the Conciliation Officer stage and the matter will now be referred to a Conciliation Board, The Tribune learned this week.

The case may not be heard until some time in February.

Douglas Flood, president of Local 1219 said no settlement would be accepted short of parity with surrounding areas. He is supported by Bill Baker and Clifford Davies, other members of the local union committee.

Frank Kitchen, national

representative of CUPE charged that the attitude adopted by Markham Township was "very irresponsible" and similar to the "horse and buggy" approach experienced in Vaughan.

"I think they need and will get, at the appropriate time, a damn good strike to waken them up to the fact that they can no longer treat their employees as second class citizens," he said.

Mr. Kitchen observed that the council had voted themselves up to a 200% increase in salaries but expected the office employees to settle for about 5 percent.

## Lady passenger suffers broken hip

**MARKHAM TWP.** — A two-car collision on the Markham - Whitchurch townline, Friday, sent two persons to hospital and caused an estimated \$3,500 damage.

Most seriously injured was Mrs. Edgerton Clubine, Westlawn Crescent, Stouffville, a passenger in a westbound 1959 Ford

driven by her husband. She suffered a broken hip.

The second auto, a 1970 Ford Station wagon, was driven by Douglas Lye, Richmond Street East, Toronto. He was not hurt.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Clubine were admitted to York Central Hospital, Richmond Hill. Mr. Clubine was released the same

day.

Police said the Clubine auto was struck broadside as the driver attempted a left-hand turn into the canine control premises of Jim Ryan, west of conc. 6. A son Charles resides directly across the road and this created some confusion until an officer had an opportunity to speak to the injured later.



## The once-bustling C.N.R. station stop now "sleeps" under a blanket of snow.

A jay-walking dog trots across the snow-covered tracks near the Stouffville station, the only sign of activity on the local C.N.R. line. The passage of trains through here has become so infrequent that even general maintenance has been reduced to a minimum. — Jas. Thomas

## Oratorical contest

**STOUFFVILLE** — The annual public speaking contest for high school students sponsored by the Lions Club, will be held in the Masonic Hall on Monday evening, Jan. 12, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Residents are invited to come and hear these young people in this oratorical competition which takes in both junior and seniors grades. The winner will advance to the Zone and later the Regional finals.

Chairman of the committee in charge of this event is Lion Bill Murphy.

## Snowmobilers meet

**MARKHAM** — A public meeting to which all snowmobilers and other persons' interest in proposed snowmobile legislation for the Town of Markham are invited to attend, will be held in the council chambers, Jan. 12 at 8 p.m.

## 9th line — county road

**MARKHAM** — Markham Town Council has passed a resolution requesting the County of York assume the Ninth Concession Road between Steeles Avenue and the Bloomington Side-road, and include its reconstruction in their 1970 estimates.

It was agreed by all members, Monday, that the existing system of arterial roads was of little use to the people of Markham, and that the reconstruction of concession 9 would benefit not only the

Town but also the Village of Stouffville in alleviating traffic problems.

It was pointed out that the town's share levied in the county roads budget during the past three years was \$346,823.00 but there are no county roads in or near enough to Markham to be of any benefit.

The councils of Whitchurch and Markham Townships and the Village of Stouffville will be asked to support the recommendation.

## Copter pilot safe brother aids search

**STOUFFVILLE** — Thirty-six year old Roland McNeil of Grandview, Washington, missing 12 days in the frozen ice-lands of Alaska, has turned up safe and sound at Umiat, 200 miles north of the Arctic Circle.

A brother, Bob resides at 20 Church Street North in Stouffville and left by air Jan. 1 to assist in the search.

Roland, a pilot of a 206-A helicopter, crash-landed his craft while en route from Prudhoe Bay to Anchorage. He was accompanied by Brendan Kil-murray, 28, of Astoria, New York.

The two sought safety, trudging a distance of 40 miles in temperatures that dropped to 34 degrees below zero.

"Bob couldn't sit around, he had to help," said Mrs. McNeil. She said the search party gladly accepted his offer to assist. The news of Ron's whereabouts was received here Sunday morning.

The two men were picked up at Umiat and flown to hospital in Anchorage for treatment and obser-

vation. Carl Brady, president of Era Helicopters Inc. of Anchorage and owner of the downed copter said the pair was warmly dressed and carried sufficient food for another five days. Mrs. McNeil said she expected her husband home later this week.

## Girl suffers broken leg

**STOUFFVILLE** — A 14 year old Markham Township girl suffered a broken left leg and will be confined to traction in Scarborough Centenary Hospital for six weeks, following a snowmobile accident on her father's farm.

Debbie Cox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Cox, Stouffville, R.R.1, was a passenger on the machine that tipped over on its side after crashing into a wire fence. The driver escaped injury.

Debbie is a Grade 8 student at Mark II School, Unionville. In order that she may keep pace with her classmates, a tutoring service is provided three days per week.