

OTTAWA REPORT

By Sinclair Stevens
MP-York-Simcoe

PCs want to get on with business of the House

The debate on the Speech from the Throne continues. It is likely there will be a final, quite predictable, vote ending the debate tonight.

We in the Progressive Conservative caucus have attempted to adjourn this debate so that the government may bring in their pending legislation without delay. With unemployment and inflation worsening, we believe it is urgent that steps be taken to help right the economy immediately. The government in consort with the NDP appears to be in no rush. So they have allowed eight days of needless debate to consume precious time in Parliament.

When the government indicated they would not adjourn the debate, Mr. Stanfield indicated that at least the debate could be adjourned to allow the government to put legislation through to assist old age pensioners. This motion was defeated on Tuesday last week when the government, with the assistance again of NDP Members of Parliament, defeated the PC motion. This move was a surprise to the PC caucus who fully expected the government, and certainly the NDP members, to willingly help old age pensioners as quickly as possible.

To vote for such an adjournment would not have brought down the government. Such a vote to adjourn a debate would not have been a vote of no confidence in the government.

David Lewis, leader of the NDP, may have dropped a secret the following day when he indicated that there was no purpose in adjourning the debate because the government didn't have old age pension legislation ready any way. But that is odd. In the Throne Speech it was stated, "Certain immediate steps will be taken by the government" including legislation to improve the economic situation of old age pensioners.

It is unfortunate that our senior citizens are being put in this position with respect to pensions. To date they have had only nominal increases and in my opinion, a sizeable increase is long overdue to allow the recipients to better cope with Canada's runaway inflation.

The inflation trends in Canada were highlighted last Friday when the Consumer Price Index rose another point. The government has proposed setting up a committee of Parliament to enquire into rising food prices trends in Canada. This may or may not be helpful. I feel it is unfortunate, however, that the government is highlighting the increase in food prices and yet it is not proposing that the same committee review the rise in shelter costs which is a larger component in our Consumer Price Index, than food. Shelter, in the last month jumped 1.2 points and is up almost 10 points over last year. With this in mind, on Friday I asked the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs if he would consider amending his motion to establish the Food Price Committee so that it may also enquire into rising shelter costs. The Minister said he would consider my suggestion.

I have now had an opportunity to review the full Toronto Commuter Rail study submitted by Dr. Soberman to the Minister of Transport. The report runs

for some 174 pages. Up until late last week I had only had an opportunity to review the press release from the Department of Transport which referred to the Soberman report and reproduced certain pages from it. The press release seems to have distorted the full report with respect to a proposed service through to Newmarket and Barrie. For example, the press release stated that data from Dr. Soberman's work was used by the ministry to predict the likely level of patronage on the demonstration service between Toronto and Barrie. The release then stated, "The passenger usage on the service validates previous forecasts used in Dr. Soberman's report."

But in the full report it is stated, "Patronage estimates were also obtained for the CN Newmarket subdivision as far as Newmarket... but they have not been included here... Furthermore, cost estimates were not obtained on the Newmarket and Uxbridge subdivision and consequently the potential of these lines with respect to supply and demand could not be assessed in relation to other lines considered."

In general the study has chosen to review only four potential commuter runs in the Toronto area out of the eight possible services. Of the four possible new services, Dr. Soberman has indicated that the Richmond Hill line would have the lowest capital cost—approximately \$7.1 million—and could be instituted at the earliest date.

In the Department of Transport news release, it is interesting to note that they refer to the predictable losses on the experimental Toronto to Barrie service of some \$6 per person for each trip, and yet in the Soberman report it is stated, "New commuter rail service can be provided at an operating deficit ranging from 26 cents to 84 cents per trip."

One would expect the department would have found it odd that the CN should claim there was a loss of \$6 per person per trip on the experimental run while Dr. Soberman says such service can be provided for about 4 per cent to 14 per cent of that amount.

I intend, and the PC caucus intends, to press the government strongly on urban transportation generally and particularly with respect to a service into our area.

It has been proposed by the Electoral Boundaries Commission for Ontario to change the boundaries of York-Simcoe Riding. There are maps and descriptions of these changes available at my action office or at most of the newspaper offices in the riding. If you are interested in reviewing the proposed changes, I would recommend that you drop into my office or a newspaper office and see the proposal first hand.

Should you wish to make representations on the changes you must write to the head of the Commission by Friday, at the latest, indicating the nature of the subsequent hearings. Any representation should be addressed to: Brian S. McCool, Secretary, Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Ontario, Room 326, 241 Jarvis Street, Toronto, Ontario, M5B 2C3.

Unruly conduct not tolerated

MRS. RENE RENNIE

CLAREMONT — The Claremont Community Centre Committee met with a delegation of young people from Rovers and Youth Club to discuss the problem of disorderly conduct at dances held in the Centre. The Committee concluded that it did not wish to discontinue their dances, but rules must be observed. In future, any persons creating a disturbance or causing damage to the building would be arrested, or letters sent to their parents.

Basketball and volleyball sessions will be held at Claremont School Feb. 1, at 8 p.m., and every following Thursday. The games will be directed by Mrs. Pat Creet, 649-2033, and are open to anyone who is 16 or over.

Although the Sports Pad in the park is no longer in operation, there is skating at its future location. Claremont Lions Club reports that more money is needed to continue improvements to recreation facilities. An account has been opened at Claremont bank for donations.

Rural Bus Lines, Brougham, are considering opening a bus route from Claremont, Co-op south on Brock Rd., to the new Sheridan Mall Shopping Centre. A bus

would operate once a week, initially, for the convenience of shoppers. Anyone who anticipates using such a service, is requested to contact Rene Rennie, 649-2312, to submit names or further suggestions. The lists will be compiled in a few weeks and, if the response merits it, presented to the Department of Transport for approval of the proposal.

Winners at the bowling green euchre were Marge Norton, Adine Evans, Ella Hammond, Owen Grey, Tom Hammond, Joan Postill. Lone hands: John Vanderlight. Travelling prize: Margaret Baker.

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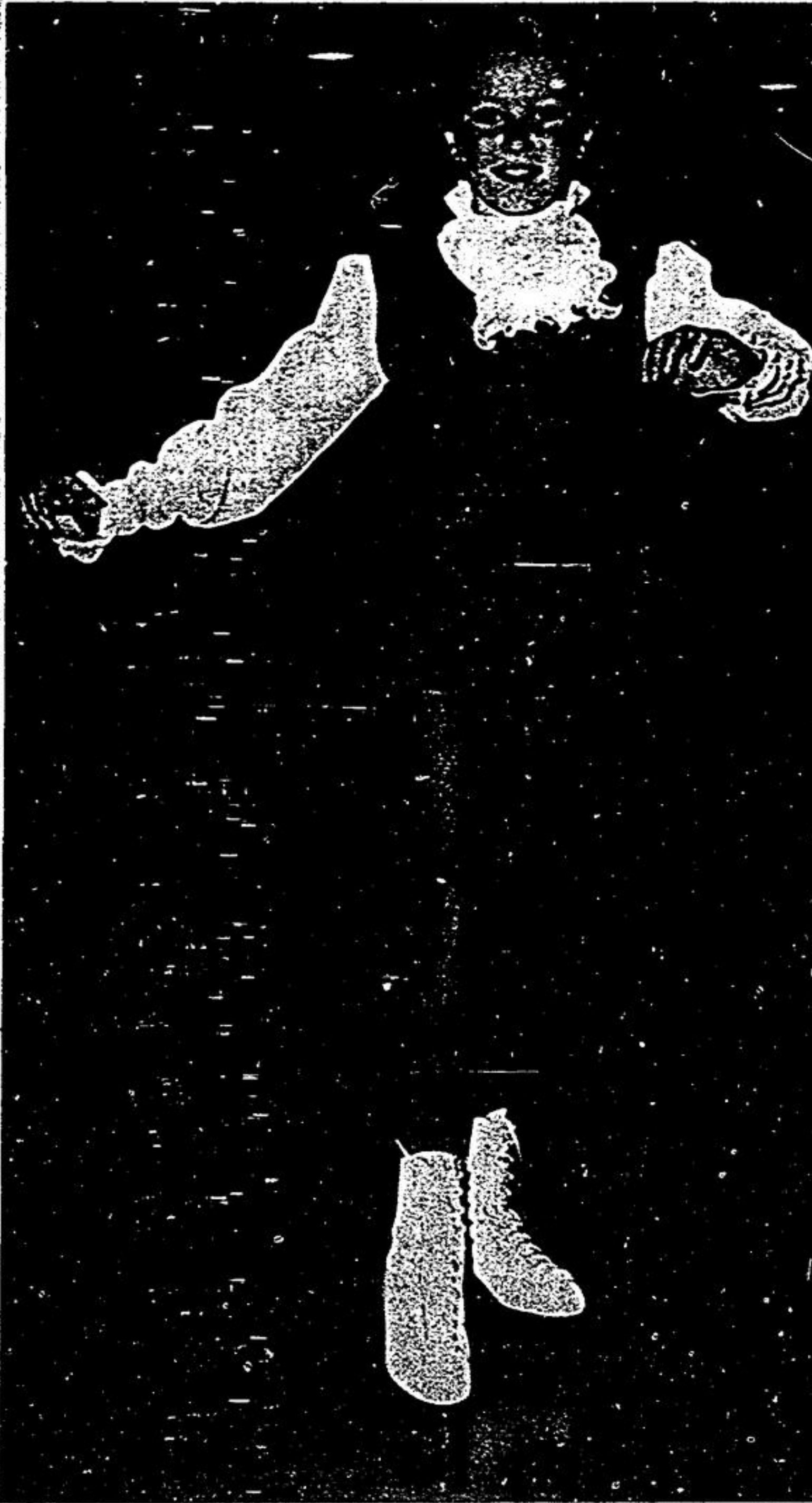
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Pretty Markham Miss

Run-offs were required, Saturday, to select a contingent of Unionville skaters for competition in an inter-club meet, Centennial Arena, Feb. 4. One of the participants was a pretty Markham, Miss 12-year-old Joanne Warne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Warne, 69 Lincoln Green Drive. — Jim Thomas



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1973 TAXES

The 1973 Interim Taxes are due on the following dates:

1st instalment — January 31, 1973
2nd instalment — March 27, 1973
3rd instalment — April 25, 1973

A discount of 1% will be allowed on the total interim bill if paid on or before January 31st, 1973.

If there is a default of payment on the first instalment by the due date of January 31st, 1973, the total interim tax will become due and payable.

C. E. Ettinger, R. I. A.
Treasurer - Collector
Township of Pickering

THE YORK COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Invites
Parents, Pupils, Teachers and Other
Interested Parties
To Attend
a
CONFERENCE ON CURRICULUM
For Grades 7 to 10
To Be Held At
AURORA HIGH SCHOOL
155 Wellington St. West, Aurora
on
Thursday, February 1 at 8 p.m.

The Ministry of Education in its cyclic review of curriculum has asked for input from the public on curriculum for the intermediate years, grades 7 through 10 inclusive. The York County Board of Education has arranged this conference to explain this cyclic review to the public and to facilitate the formation of local community committees to discuss curriculum content for the intermediate years of schooling.

Senior secondary school students who have recently completed the intermediate curriculum should have helpful advice; parents of children in earlier grades will be able to express their curriculum priorities for coming years; parents of students now in these grades will be able to express their opinions of present curriculum; teachers will have much valuable experience from which to draw during discussion. Comment from the local committees will be compiled and forwarded to the Ministry.

To register for the conference, please complete the form below:

York County Board of Education
CONFERENCE ON INTERMEDIATE CURRICULUM
February 1, 1973
Registration Form

Name _____
Address _____
Nearest Secondary School _____
I am a: Parent _____ Pupil _____ Teacher _____ Other _____
Return to: Communications Officer Margaret McLean,
York County Board of Education, Box 40, Aurora.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION to The Ontario Municipal Board by The Corporation of the Town of Markham for approval of a by-law to regulate land use passed pursuant to Section 35 of The Planning Act.

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Markham intends to apply to the Ontario Municipal Board pursuant to the provisions of Section 35 of The Planning Act for approval of By-law 119-72 passed on the 21st day of November, 1972. A copy of the by-law is furnished herewith. A note giving an explanation of the purpose and effect of the by-law and stating the lands affected there by is also furnished herewith.

ANY PERSON INTERESTED MAY, within fourteen (14) days after the date of this notice, send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the Town of Markham notice of his objection to approval of the said by-law, together with a statement of the grounds of such objection.

ANY PERSON wishing to support the application for approval of the by-law may within fourteen (14) days after the date of this notice send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the Town of Markham notice of his support of approval of the said by-law together with a request for notice of any hearing that may be held giving also the name and address to which such notice should be given.

THE ONTARIO MUNICIPAL BOARD may approve of the said by-law but before doing so it may appoint a time and place when any objection to the by-law will be considered. Notice of any hearing that may be held will be given only to persons who have filed an objection or notice of support and who have left with or delivered to the clerk undersigned, the address to which notice of hearing is to be sent.

THE LAST DATE FOR FILING OBJECTIONS will be **FEBRUARY 1st, 1973.**

DATED at the Town of Markham this 18th day of January, 1973.

N. J. Pickard,
Town Clerk,
Town of Markham,
8911 Don Mills Rd.,
Markham, Ontario.

EXPLANATORY NOTE
RE: By-law 119-72

The intent of this by-law is to prohibit heavy commercial vehicles from parking on residential property in the area defined on the accompanying map.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MARKHAM
By-Law Number 119-72
A By-law to amend By-law 11-72

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MARKHAM:

- That By-law Number 11-72 of the Town of Markham as amended, be and the same is hereby further amended by deleting from Clause 4-7-1 the words "No parking space shall be located in a driveway in a front yard." and by substituting therefor the words "No person shall in any residential (R-3, R-4, RM-1) zone, use any lot for the parking or storage of any commercial motor vehicle in excess of one-half ton capacity.

Notwithstanding the above provision, the owner or occupant of any lot, building or structure in any residential zone, may use any garage or carport of which he is the owner or occupant for the housing or storage of one commercial motor vehicle, not exceeding one ton capacity operated by himself, provided such use is for housing or storage only and such commercial motor vehicle is not used in connection with any business or other use prohibited by this by-law in any such residential zone.

"Commercial motor vehicle" means any motor vehicle having permanently attached thereto a truck or delivery body and includes ambulances, hearses, casket wagons, fire apparatus, police patrols, motor buses and tractors used for hauling purposes on the highways.

- No part of this by-law shall come into force without the approval of the Ontario Municipal Board.

READ a first and second time this 21st day of Nov. 1972.
READ a third time and passed this 21st day of Nov. 1972

Anthony Roman
Mayor
N. J. Pickard
Clerk