

To build Police College

MARKHAM — The Markham firm of Konvey Construction Company Limited, has been awarded a \$13.2 million contract to build the new Ontario Police College at Aylmer.

James Snow, provincial minister of government services, in announcing the decision, said the project would be completed in two phases so that present college programs can continue without interruption.

The site contains 65 acres at the former R.C.A.F. base, northeast of the town.

Phase 1 will be completed in 1975. It will include classrooms, a gymnasium, a swimming pool, a shooting range and sufficient bedroom accommodation for 608 students and 96 staff.

The existing college will be demolished during phase 2. The contract is scheduled for completion by 1977.

Reduce speed limit

MARKHAM — The speed limit on the 7th concession of Markham (McCowan Road), from 14th Avenue to a point 3,300 feet north of 17th Avenue, will be reduced from the present 50 miles per hour to forty.

The bylaw was approved at a meeting of York Regional Council, Nov. 29.

The decision follows an appeal at two levels of government for a cut-back in traffic speed in this area. Several pets have been killed by cars and trucks, and some residents feared for the safety of their children.

A report by the regional engineering committee cited broken pavement, strip residential development, a narrow two-lane bridge and inadequate road shoulders as factors that warranted a 40 m.p.h. limit.

The bylaw now goes to the Province for final approval.

Court case cost \$10,000

YORK REGION — The last non-capital murder case, in which Andrew Ralph Kessel and Robin Glen Thornton were convicted in the strangulation death of James Bowden, cost York Region \$10,000 in police expenses, councillor Ray Twinney of Newmarket revealed, last week.

Councillor Twinney, a Police Commissioner, recommended the Region secure a judicial court at a central location within its own boundaries and outside Metro.

He explained that a large portion of the \$10,000 cost resulted from police travelling to and from Toronto.

Mayor Joe Dales of Georgina agreed, but said the Region also needed its own registry office.

Chairman Garfield Wright suggested Council exert pressure on the Province to acquire both.

Administrator Jack Rettie said he had already discussed the matter with Attorney General Dalton Bales. The Council agreed wait on a recommendation from the administrative committee.

Seek radio licence

MARKHAM — Another radio station may soon serve the Region of York.

Ken Foss of C.F.G.M., has requested permission from Markham Planning Committee to erect transmission towers on a 20-acre site near Hagerman.

He attended a meeting, Tuesday.



Maurice Hamill (left), Markham Fair's official cameraman, has turned the chore over to his protege, Brian Armstrong (right) of Locust Hill. On Friday, the Board honored his efforts through the presentation of an engraved trophy.

His camera lens spread fame of Markham Fair

MARKHAM — Maurice Hamill, whose camera lens has captured the "magic" of Markham Fair for 14 years, was himself a subject for photographers, Friday, at the annual Awards Banquet in the upper auditorium of the Arena.

Maurice retired from this phase of his hobby following the Fair of '72. His protege, Brian Armstrong of Locust Hill, assumed the chore and did a commendable job in "covering" the Fair of '73.

In recognition of past efforts, Maurice received an engraved trophy from his successor.

For competition in various categories, the following received awards: Mrs. Lorna Widdis of Oshawa, the Thos Birkett and Son Trophy, highest points in Domestic Science and the Crothers Pharmacy Trophy, highest points in Women's Work; David Houck, R.R. 2, Gormley, Bank of Nova Scotia Trophy, champion 4-H dairy showman; John Houck, R.R. 2, Gormley, Bank of Commerce Trophy, champion 4-H dairy calf; Marion Norton, R.R. 1, Goodwood, Stouffville Co-op Special, Grand Champion

Tribute

MARKHAM — One minute of silence was observed, Friday, in memory of Mary Wilson, a director on the executive of the Markham Fair Board and a past-president of the ladies' section, Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies.

Mrs. Wilson passed away, Nov. 3, following a lengthy illness. She resided at 16 Albert Street.

The station, he said, could begin operation within six months of obtaining a licence. Studios would be located in Markham.

The application found favor with councillor Ron Moran. He said it would "tie the Region together."

The proposed venture was referred to planning staff for further study.

Ken Deacon — Howard Cosburn Honored by Board

MARKHAM — Two past presidents of the Markham Fair Board were honored, Friday, at the annual Awards Banquet in the upper auditorium of the Arena.

Ken Deacon, R.R. 1, Unionville and Howard Cosburn, R.R. 2, Markham were presented with framed certificates in tribute to their work in promoting the Fair and its programs through the years.

Ken Deacon served as President in 1944. Howard Cosburn held the office in 1965.

Other past-presidents in attendance, Friday, included — John Torrance (1947); Alex Davidson (1956); Harry Warriner (1961); Maurice Hamill (1962); Dalt Rummy (1963); Wally Reesor (1966); Chas. Reeve (1969); and Gerald Mann (1972).

The current president is Ellis Britton.

Pastor to step down from pulpit



Rev. Charles Beaton is part of a co-operative. On May 1, he will step down from the pulpit and ministry at St. Andrew's United Church, Markham, to enter the business world of real estate.

Dr. Omond Solandt "Land value increased by hydro lines"

UNIONVILLE — Public hearings into recommendations by Bruce Howlett of B.H.I. Limited for hydro's transmission corridor, are into their final week, revealed Dr. Omond Solandt at a meeting in Parkview School, Thursday.

However, neither staff or council of the Town of Markham was represented. Planning Director Bill Power, later explained that the Town had made its submission to the Solandt Commission personally, Nov. 14.

Paul Mingay, representing the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, read a resolution dated Oct. 2, 1973, that outlined Council's support of Howlett's preferred hydro route along the Parkway Belt with a line cutting north paralleling the existing line east of Buttonville Airport.

After approximately one-half mile, the line would jog west to join and parallel the proposed Hwy. 404.

Mayor Gordon Ratcliff of Whitchurch-Stouffville strongly supported the preferred route, saying his municipality is one of "slow-growth" with unique features.

"The proposed route along the Bloomington Road would have a tremendous impact on the community, farming, forestry, the general scenery, and certainly the water recharge area," explained the Mayor.

A second speaker emerging from the sparse audience was

Donald McClellan, delegating on behalf of the Cedar Grove Community Club. He indicated the Club does not want to benefit its "own backyard simply to hinder someone else," however the choice of B.H.I. Limited calling for a line down the 9th Conc. to Cedar Grove and another running along Steeles Avenue, is unacceptable.

"This route set out by Mr. Howlett would, in fact, destroy homes, farmland—land in Ontario that is rapidly becoming scarce at the rate of 625 acres per day," claimed Mr. McClellan.

Stan McKittrick of the Thornhill-Vaughan Association recommended the Commission seriously consider underground transmission lines.

Chairman Solandt replied saying the underground method had been used in Britain and although highly economical, it was unreliable.

"The cable can't be manufactured in long lengths and if the joints break, the time taken to repair the damage is prohibitive," explained Dr. Solandt.

The chairman also pointed out a flaw in the general belief that hydro transmission lines cause a decrease in land values. Research, he said, has shown that hydro right-of-ways act as substitutes for parks and adds to the value of residential lands.

Arena opening

Hockey 'oldtimers' don skates again

MARKHAM — The completion of a \$1 million recreation project warrants a "red carpet

reception, and that's what's planned for the official opening of Markham's new Centennial Arena, Jan. 12.

Featured will be the N.H.L. "Oldtimers" against the Markham "Millionaires" of yesteryears, including such "greats" as Ken Brennan, Moe Galand, Bert Baker, Ron Bell, Russ Robertson, Vic Sluce, Norm Gray, Mac Clement and many more.

Those hesitant to don skates, will be formally introduced from the stands.

Game time is 8 p.m. Prior to this, members of the Markham Figure Skating Club will display their skills, with intermission and between-period music by the Thornhill Band and Choir.

Admission is free. Councillor Carole Bell is the prime "push" behind the program, assisted by husband Ron, a formidable puck-chaser in his day.

"I want to pack the place," said Carole enthusiastically, "there's room for 3,500 and I hope to see it filled."

Autographed hockey pucks will be given away to the first 500.

The come-back team of the '40's and '50's, held a workout, Wednesday, with subsequent practices, Dec. 19 and Jan. 9.

Welcome Santa

MARKHAM — Markham will welcome Santa Claus, Saturday.

The procession, a half-mile long, will move out onto Hwy. 7 from conc. 7 at 10:30 a.m. It will travel east to Main Street, then north to conclude in the area of the High School on Church.

The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the event.

Ironically, Chuck's new office quarters will be just across the road from the church.