

Markham councillors win raise

MARKHAM — Keeping pace with inflationary trends, Markham Town Council accepted a committee report, Tuesday, and voted themselves a raise.

Mayor Tony Roman will receive \$11,000 in '74, an increase of \$1,000.

Councillors will be paid \$6,000, up \$500 over 1973.

Opposed to the pay hikes were councillors Bob Adams and Ron Moran.

Judge raps "deliberate" shoplifter

MARKHAM — A dog collar and a carton of cigarettes cost a 24 year old lady \$50 when she appeared in Richmond Hill Court, Friday, charged with shoplifting.

The woman, Linda Bradbury, was stopped by a Markham store detective and, according to evidence, admitted taking the items. She declined to speak in her own defence.

However, Judge Russell Pearce had something to say. "Shoplifting is a frequent crime. Storekeepers are continually being victimized with losses amounting to millions of dollars. This was a deliberate theft. The fine must be such as to represent a form of deterrent".

Charge dismissed

A second lady, also charged with theft from a store, had her case dismissed. Jean Mary Powers rejected a security guard's evidence that an item in her purse had been taken and not paid for. She said she had purchased it previously and had neglected to remove the price sticker.

The police officer connected with the case was not in Court, so the Crown recommended the charge be withdrawn. Judge Pearce agreed.

Lions aid Guyana boy

MARKHAM — Five-year-old Mark Alleyne of New Amsterdam, Guyana now has partial hearing, thanks to efforts of the Markham-Unionville Lions Club.

Mark was born deaf and because of this, was unable to speak. His father Neville Alleyne, an official of the New Amsterdam Lions Club, expressed his concern to Gord Pearce, a Canadian teacher on exchange.

Mr. Pearce had previously been a member of the Markham-Unionville Lions and wrote to the Club asking if members could provide help.

The result was that in November, 1973, Mark with his parents came to Toronto to be examined at the Hospital for Sick Children. The flight and hospital stay was paid for by the Lions.

The tests showed the youngster completely deaf in one ear, but able to obtain 30 per cent in the other with a special aid. The Markham-Unionville Club paid for the hearing aid.

Mr. Pearce told The Tribune that the only hope for the boy was to come to Toronto because there are no facilities for the deaf in Guyana. The Alleyne's arrived as landed immigrants and hope Mark can attend a school for the deaf in Scarborough.

The cost of helping the youngster has amounted to \$1,000, according to Lion President Gord Forgie. "It's money well spent," he agreed.

In a recent letter to the Markham-Unionville Club, Mr. Alleyne expressed his thanks. "You have demonstrated to us the truly wonderful spirit of Lionism," he said.



Old house moves to new home

Markham residents undoubtedly rubbed their eyes in disbelief, Friday, when they observed a two-storey house moving slowly up the street. No, they weren't dreaming. The 30-ton structure, with bricks removed, was being re-located from its original site on

Church Street to a farm on the Ninth Line, north of 16th Avenue. Lloyd Baker and Sons contracted to move the house and the operation took under three hours.

—Don Bernard

Minister to tour 'city' site

MARKHAM — Hon. Robert Welch, Minister of Housing for the Province of Ontario, is planning a visit to the North Pickering (Cedarwood) Area, to meet personally with local residents. The Tribune has learned.

The tour of inspection follows a plea by residents in the hamlets of Green River and Cedar Grove that their communities, like Locust Hill, Whitevale and Cherrywood, should also be spared.

A spokesman for the Cedarwood Branch of P.O.P.,

claims the following—directive from the Minister, applicable to property owners in Cedarwood. The recommendations follow: (1). Property owners whose home lie close to hamlets or the open-space area and who wish abandonment of expropriation, should write immediately to the project director, Larry Forster at the Project Office with a copy to Mr. Welch, Minister of Housing, Room 411, Queen's Park, Toronto. (2). Property owners desiring appraisal should call the North Pickering Project Office. Appraisers will

not call door-to-door. (3). Planning activities by the Plantown Team have stopped until new guidelines are set down. (4). Residents in expropriated areas who might wish to re-gain title to their homes at a later date and whose homes are considered compatible with new planning, should write to Larry Forster, with a copy to the Minister of Housing.

Shoot-up!

YORK REGION — York Regional Police are attempting to track down the culprit who 'shot up' a section of the Provincial Courthouse on 18th Avenue near Bayview, Monday night.

Four bullet holes were discovered in the building, Tuesday morning, when court employees arrived for work. Lead fragments were scattered about the interior.

No one reported hearing shots, a police spokesman said. There are no homes close by.

Girls crowd boys for hockey room

MARKHAM — Is there room for organized girl's hockey in Markham's busy recreation program.

June Boys of Talisman Crescent thinks so. And so do fifteen enthusiastic players.

These girls, ranging in age from 12 to 27, take to the ice in the Centennial Arena every Friday night. They practice or compete in exhibition games for an hour each week, beginning at 11 p.m. Mrs. Boys is their coach.

It all started back in May, she explained. She placed an advertisement in the paper calling for recruits. There were 27 replies. "I was really looking for enough to make a house league, and then intended to select the best for an all-star team," she said. However, the lateness of the hour made it difficult for some of the girls to continue.

June comes by her hockey interest honestly. At age 13, she was a performer with a team in West Hill. She 'retired' five years later.

June feels the age spread between the girls is too great. However, she endeavors to give them all equal ice time, regardless of experience. Tammy Peterson and Debbie Coxworth share the netminding chores. The lineup also includes: Heather Dunkeld, Vicki McDonald, Carol Clarke, Linda Elliott, Julie Parish, Heather Whittall, Linda Ireson, Jo-Anne Montgomery, Cathy Adamac, Pat Ireson, Donna Clarke, Sandra Krainyk, and Kelly Fenimore.

Bob Riddell of Riddell's Towing, has given the team a tremendous boost through the purchase of sweaters and socks. He also pays half the ice-rental fee.



Tammy Peterson guards the goal for the Markham girls. She shares netminding chores with Debbie Coxworth. The team includes fifteen regulars, ranging in age from 12 to 27. —Jim Thomas

Re-consider watermain tax-Mayor

MARKHAM — A 10 inch watermain has been installed along the east side of Hwy. 48, between 16th and 17th Avenues.

Under Local Improvement, the Town of Markham had expected each owner to pay a share of the cost on a frontage assessment of 96 cents a foot, over a debenture period of 20 years.

However, Council learned Tuesday that residents have no such intention. A delegation, headed by Lloyd Coxworth, Markham, R.R. 2, urged members to look into some other financing method for a service "that not one of us wants".

Mr. Coxworth suggested that since the watermain was installed initially to serve the needs of Emerson Electric Co. Ltd., and since the Town as a whole benefits from the industrial assessment it provides, then the entire municipality should assume the cost.

Paul Mingay, a Markham lawyer, appearing on behalf of his mother, pointed to the fact that her property, with frontage of 1,000 feet, would be taxed almost \$1,000 per year. By comparison, he said Emerson Electric would pay only \$750. He termed it "a travesty of justice".

Councillor Ron Moran, in whose Ward the project is

located, urged members to find some way to relieve residents of the tax. "In primarily agricultural area, such a levy shouldn't be charged on a frontage basis," he said.

Councillor Bob Adams said action of this kind was common. He admitted, however, that the Town had been remiss in not notifying the people personally.

Councillor Roy Muldrew suggested an arrangement whereby owners would be taxed only after they hooked up to the service.

A recommendation by Mr. Mingay that the Ontario Municipal Board be asked to review the original application, was questioned by councillor Harry Crisp. He doubted that such authority existed. He wondered too, how the municipality could spread the cost over-all, when none of these would benefit.

Mr. Mingay suggested the Council arrange a meeting with representatives of the delegation, in an effort to work out a solution.

Mayor Tony Roman promised to review the matter in detail. He said too, that the Court of Revision would be reconvened and all residents would be notified of Hearing dates.

Don Deacon urges

Cedarwood inquiry

MARKHAM — The new plan for Cedarwood, that would preserve three of the original hamlets in the area, and provide a greenbelt buffer zone around the exterior, does not earn the praise of Don Deacon, Liberal Member, York-Centre.

Mr. Deacon, in a press statement this week, calls it "just a poor attempt to adjust a terrible nightmare into something less disastrous".

Mr. Deacon is calling for a full public enquiry into the Cedarwood plan, that would provide people an opportunity to present alternatives to the continued Metro sprawl.

Mr. Deacon admits to a housing need. He observes, however, that the current 'crisis' is caused by a shortage of land on which the building of a house is permitted. He feels more non-agricultural lots should be made available for this purpose.

"The cost of such a

procedure would be a fraction of the amount involved in the government's present land-buying approach," he says, "it would also eliminate the serious injustice being done to those who own land in 'frozen' areas and for whom the government provides no alternative".

Guest speaker

MARKHAM — Don Deacon, M.P.P. (York-Centre), will address a meeting of the Markham-Unionville Newcomers' Club, Monday, Jan. 28 at 8 p.m., in the auditorium of the Markham Centennial Library.

Mr. Deacon will touch on such current topics as regional government, the North Pickering (Cedarwood) Development and the Pickering Airport.

Late Hugh Macdonald

Hydro manager

MARKHAM — A former well known Ontario Hydro Central Region Operating Superintendent, Hugh S. Macdonald, latterly Operations Manager for Northeastern Region, died Jan. 16, in North Bay.

Mr. Macdonald was widely known in Markham and district. He was active in local affairs and was a former president of Markham Tennis Club.

Memorial service for Mr. Macdonald was held at St. Andrew's United Church in North Bay, Saturday.

Hugh Macdonald joined Ontario Hydro's engineering staff in June, 1955, after graduating from the University of Saskatchewan with a degree in electrical engineering. He served at head office and in the Niagara Region and was Operating Superintendent for Georgian Bay Region before coming to Central Region as Operating Superintendent in 1965.

He continued in that post until Jan. 31, 1971, when he was appointed Station Manager for Sir Adam Beck-Niagara Stations and transferred to the Niagara Region.

A year and a half later Hugh Macdonald was promoted

to Operations Manager for Northeastern Region and transferred to that Region on July 1, 1972.

Hugh Macdonald is survived by his wife Vivianne and three sons, Ronald, Graeme and John. The family resided on Walkerton Drive for more than six years when they lived in Markham. They now live in North Bay.



HUGH S. MACDONALD