

Public meeting attracts 150

Council favors penitentiary

(continued from page 1) reception centre; let's call it a jail." He said he wanted "good industry," not a jail.

Councillor Eleanor Todd voiced her support for the centre saying that "this is an industry I can live with." It would provide all the jobs "without all the smoke," she said.

Mr. Ballinger presented slides of six penitentiaries he had visited recently, and he told of interviewing residents living immediately next to the institutions. He said he

found real estate values rising at the same rate as here, and no paranoia or fear among the residents.

Only one or two suggested they owned a gun, he said.

Mr. McKnight said he had visited the penitentiary at Millbrook last week and was "impressed with the security" and found he had to "discount" some of his earlier fears after talking with nearby residents. However he said most people he has talked with in his riding are opposed to the centre and "we have to find a

suitable location where the local people don't object to it."

Expressing their views from the audience were two residents who felt the penitentiary could be an opportunity for community service. "We ought to help take care of the people who need help," said Harry Hudson of Brock Road East. "It's about time that we realize that we have a very definite responsibility to help correct the people who have become involved in crime."

Rev. Dr. E. Sidney Kerr of Temple Baptist

Church, Cambridge, said that as one who had worked in a variety of prisons he felt Mr. Bennett's assessment was accurate. The inmates are "a type of personality who need a whole lot of help," he said, and new facilities are "certainly needed."

Mr. Bennett had explained that the new facilities were needed because the combined reception centre, psychiatric hospital and maximum security prison in Kingston was being phased out. Smaller centres were being created in favor of the huge institutions, he said.

The reason this area is needed for a reception centre, he said, is that 998 of every 2000 Ontario prisoners come from within 30 miles of Toronto.

He said the proposed reception centre would require 25 to 40 acres, including a landscaped "bumper zone."

Mr. Bennett added that "we are not looking for prime residential or agricultural areas."

In answer to a question by Mrs. Todd, he

added that he could "see no reason why a worked-out gravel pit would be unacceptable."

The centre would probably need to be located within two to four miles of a built-up area to cut down costs in servicing, according to Mr. Bennett.

As for local jobs, a large number of them would be for correctional officers, with the prime qualifications being a grade 12 education. All guards must take a 12-week training course, Mr. Bennett said.

Also locally, plumbers, carpenters and other trades-people would be regularly employed as well," he said. "A small percentage" of the positions at the centre would be filled by transfers from Kingston, he estimated.

A total of 180 inmates and 180 employees would be present at the centre, where prisoners would stay for eight weeks while being diagnosed, analyzed and classified.

No temporary ab-

senses would be granted to prisoners while at the centre, Mr. Bennett said, and a similar institution in Quebec has had no escapes in its three years of operation.

The position of councillor Joe Esmonds on the penitentiary was that "The economics speak for themselves," and "we meet more dangers on the highways that we would ever have here."

Mr. Esmonds seconded Mr. Ballinger's motion.

In his speech in favor, Mr. Ballinger said that the last industry to come to Uxbridge was 25 years ago. "We are a million-dollar business; we can't support it on residential taxes alone."

He said that with the increases in taxes, soon the "only people who'll be able to live here will be those who live in Toronto and make \$40,000 to \$50,000."

Councillor Mac Meyer recorded his vote as against the motion, while Mayor Carl Futerbough voted in favor.



Alice Maude Coleby (right) of Bromes, Suffolk, England isn't letting the fact that she is 90 years old slow her down. She is visiting Canada. Beside her is her sister Kate Bird, who at 88 is just as active. Mrs. Bird lives in London, Ontario.

Letters received object to penitentiary

UXBRIDGE — Two Uxbridge ratepayers sent letters to council strenuously objecting to the location of a federal penitentiary reception centre within the municipality.

Gerald F. Hayden, who owns property on conc. 6 and conc. 7, said the centre "would not

only... decrease property values but it would cover the area with an atmosphere of depression, and perhaps fear in a lot of local citizens."

C. E. Michener of lot 4, conc. 4, wrote that the centre would raise insurance rates and "create an image for

Uxbridge as a penitentiary town." He felt council should "turn it down before emotions are aroused."

Mr. Michener also opined that "any local residents who become prison guards would eventually become brutalized themselves."

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Trip across Atlantic enjoyed by 90 year old

STOUFFVILLE — Some people would say that once a person reaches the age of 90, he or she would be content to stay quietly in a comfortable nursing home.

Not Alice Maude Coleby of Bromes, Suffolk, England. She arrived last week in Stouffville for four-week stay in Canada.

It is remarkable that Mrs. Coleby's younger sister Mrs. Kate Bird of London, Ontario is also very active at the young

age of 88. She is the mother of Mrs. Ray Norton of Glad Park Ave.

Mrs. Coleby said that she thoroughly enjoyed her trip over, saying that she, "loved it very much, the stewardesses were lovely."

It is her first trip to Canada and was her first plane ride. Mrs. Bird had visited England two years ago. The two women lead parallel lives, although the Atlantic Ocean divides them. Both live in their

own houses and do their own cleaning and cooking. They are both widows. Mrs. Coleby had been the district nurse in the Bromes area.

She is also very active in senior citizens clubs. She recently retired from the local church choir after 50 years. The sisters are two of 12 children. Mrs. Bird came to Canada in 1914.

Mrs. Coleby was accompanied on the trip by Walter and Florence Barfield. They expect to make a number of trips, including one to Niagara Falls. Such places as Ontario Place, the CNE, Pioneer Village, the Zoo and Castle Loma are also on the itinerary.

This past Sunday members of the Norton family gathered at the Glad Park residence. Mr. and Mrs. Norton's four children and seven grandchildren were on hand to meet Mrs. Coleby.

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Grievances to be heard

YORK CTY — A Personal Grievance Bureau will be set up following a decision taken at the Aug. 18 meeting of The York County Board of Education.

This will be supplementary to the grievance procedures set out in the teacher salary agreements. These latter are for grievances arising out of interpretation and application of the terms of the agreements.

The new grievance bureau will be for all employees, not just teachers, and can also be used by members of the public.

As described in a proposal prepared by the Standing Committee on Staff Relations it is to be "an additional remedy for any person who is aggrieved by the

behaviour or conduct of any board employee." The Bureau will consist of two trustees, members of the Standing Committee on Staff Relations.

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The closing statement of the proposal, moved by Trustee Donald Cameron stated, "The board hopes in providing this additional facility for dealing with inter-personal grievances, both superiors and subordinates and members of the general public will make use of the Bureau rather than permit grievances to simmer without any attempt towards resolution."

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Mr. and Mrs. Larry John Beach were married May 10 at Stouffville United Church. The bride is the former Denise Marilyn Topper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Moss of Ballantrae. The groom is the son of Mrs. Dorothy Beach and the late Jack Beach of Ballantrae. Following the honeymoon trip around the Great Lakes, the couple are residing on the Aurora Rd., R.R. 3, Stouffville.

1,000 entries in dog show

MARKHAM — Over 1,000 entries made the Markham Kennel Club far away as Iowa, Florida and even England. One unusual part of the show

was the birth of a litter of hounds during the show. "We never had that happen before," a spokesman for the show said.

Local merchants took part in the show by donating trophies for the major events.

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