

**Atha Centre**

**Future in doubt**

ATHA - The Community Centre at Atha is located in the 'heart' of the proposed Airport site. Therefore, its future remains in doubt.

However, the annual meeting was told, there is special provision in the Federal Expropriation Act, to have the building moved or rebuilt, if it must be demolished.

Should the structure be torn down, the Board has recommended to the Township that the amount donated by Mr. Arthur Latcham, be returned to him, for use as he sees fit. The Centre, with its large hall and well-equipped kitchen, has become a popular place for wedding and anniversary receptions, parties, banquets and farm group gatherings.

Community activities have included, a Halloween party, teen dances, semi-weekly eueches, adult dances and a beef barbecue. Due to the popularity of the eueches, they will be continued throughout the summer months.

Many of the players are former Atha pupils.

Outside recreation is restricted, the meeting was told, due to inadequate space. The municipality has been

requested to purchase additional land, but nothing in this regard has been done.

Members approved a resolution to Council, protesting the construction of a second ice arena at Bay Ridges, until the effects of the Greenwood Rink and the privately owned Double Rink are known. It was also suggested that a complete survey of recreation and park needs for the entire township be completed before any more major facilities are erected.

The men and ladies of the community were commended for their work in maintaining the Centre, in its present good condition.

The Atha Community Centre will participate in Arthur Latcham Day in Stouffville, July 1.

The Whitechurch-Highlands School Parents Association has received \$25 from the Hillcrest Ratepayers Organization, for the purchase of reference books in the library.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Keith, R.R.1, Unionville, have returned from a holiday trip that took them to the New Liskeard Agricultural Farm and the mines at Timmins



**Nine-year-old struck down by bullet in school playground**

A few hours before this picture was taken, an estimated 300 children were watching a ball game on the grounds of Dickson's Hill School. Suddenly, without warning, 9 year old Danette Grove was struck in the back by a .22 calibre bullet.

The shot came from a field (rear), an estimated 1,200 feet away. Two boys, aged 15 and 16, have been charged by York Regional Police, in connection with the near-tragedy. —Jim Thomas.

**To unveil plaque at Markham Museum**

MARKHAM - On Sunday, at 2 p.m., an historical plaque will be unveiled at the Markham District Historical Museum, commemorating the founding of Markham.

This plaque is one of a series being erected throughout the province by the Archives of Ontario, acting on the advice of the Archaeological and Historic Sites Board.

The ceremony is being arranged and sponsored by the Board of Management of the Museum whose Secretary, Mr. Edward C. Bourdon, will act as program

chairman. Others expected to take part: Dr. E. S. Rogers, Curator, Department of Ethnology, Royal Ontario Museum, representing the Archaeological and Historic Sites Board of Ontario; Anthony Roman, Mayor of Markham; Mrs. Alma Walker, past mayor of Markham; Albert Laidlaw, last reeve of the village; Hon. George A. Kerr, Q.C., Minister of Colleges and Universities; Donald M. Deacon, M.P.P. (York Centre); Barney Danson, M.P. (York North); John Lunau, Museum Curator; John German, a descendant of one of the pioneer families of the area who will unveil the plaque.

The inscription on the plaque reads: THE FOUNDING OF MARKHAM

The earliest settlers in this part of Markham Township, including several "Pennsylvania Dutch", arrived on the Rouge River shortly after 1800. Within ten years Nicholas Miller had erected mills around which a community known as Markham Mills had developed by about 1820. A village plot (Reesorville) was laid out north of the mills in 1826 by Joseph Reesor.

Two years later a post office named Markham was opened. By 1850 the village had a population of 650 and contained such industries as a woollen mill, a foundry and a distillery. Markham was incorporated as a village under a by-law of November 20, 1872, some eighteen months after the arrival of the Toronto and Nipissing Railway.

**Late Alex Brown**

**Buttonville native**

BUTTONVILLE - Funeral services were conducted, June 14, for the late Alex Brown, born on the family farm, Don Mills Road and No. 7 Highway. Deceased was a veteran of the First War and had retired a few years ago after 42 years with the Toronto postal department. Surviving are one son, Roy, of Toronto, six sisters and one brother, Mrs. Douglas Hood (Gerlie), Markham; Mrs. Robt. Thomson (Jean), Unionville; Mrs. Marguerite Ash, Uxbridge; Mrs. Norman Reid (Laura), Markham; Mrs. Lorne Dimma (Della), Markham; Mrs. Jack Rutherford (Dorothy), Agincourt and Newton of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

Jones) Christine Craigie, Laurie Stephenson, Cathy Jones, Nancy Armstrong, Alanna Martin, Connie Reeve, Melanie Watt and Sharon Buchanan. Poetry was read by John Martin, Cheryl Tennyson and Heather, Watt and there were two vocal duets by Alanna Martin and Lindsey Forbes.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Walton attended the graduation ceremony at Western University in London, where their grandson, Douglas Jex received his diploma. Mrs. Sidney English entertained music pupils and guests at her home on June 14. There were piano solos and duets by Sharon Reesor, Wendy Craigie, Nancy Reeves (a pupil of Marguerite

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