

# N. Kildonan Council Says Residents Against Merger

North Kildonan residents, with the exception of certain ratepayers in Yard 1, are opposed to amalgamation with East Kildonan.

In a statement Tuesday North Kildonan council said a meeting of Ward 3 and 4 residents April 17 passed a resolution "strongly opposing amalgamation with East Kildonan."

Council also charged it was ignored in discussions resulting in a bill, requesting a referendum on the issue, being placed before the legislature.

However, the bill was withdrawn by its sponsor, D. R. Hamilton (L—Rupert's Land) when it was learned certain objections had been raised.

Mayor J. L. Bodie of East Kil-

donan said earlier that the first request for amalgamation was presented to East Kildonan council last year by means of a petition signed by 585 residents of North Kildonan's Ward 1.

## SUGGESTED IN REPORT

When amalgamation was also suggested in the provincial-municipal aid report, council was pressed by the North Kildonan group to request a referendum.

Chairman of the group which sponsored the petition, Gerry Leblanc of 232 Hawthorne avenue, gave the following reasons for amalgamation:

- East Kildonan has a more progressive public works program.
- East Kildonan is in a better position to develop the sewer system.
- East Kildonan has high school facilities within the municipality while North Kildonan has not.
- East Kildonan's municipal offices are within walking distance of the municipality while North Kildonan's are located in the city.
- East Kildonan fosters industrial development to offset high taxation.

"Most of the improvements which have been carried out in North Kildonan have been done reluctantly by our council and only after money has been collected in advance," Mr. Leblanc said.

## COUNCIL FEELINGS

The statement by North Kildonan council said:

- North Kildonan has no debt with the exception of some school debentures.
- Its public works department is progressive and better than most municipalities of its size and class. It has adequate road equipment, including a new road patrol and truck, all paid for.
- Council has never ignored any petition for local improvements. All such petitions have been dealt with and local improvements carried out.

• North Kildonan has no high school at present, but is paying high school fees for tuition in schools outside the municipality.

Council said efforts had been made in the past to change certain sections of the municipality to commercial areas in order to obtain additional revenue "but the same element in Ward 1 petitioned against the scheme."

## Sex Slayer Feared Loose In Brooklyn

NEW YORK (Special) — Police today launched an exhaustive, full-scale search for a sexual psychopath of the "ripper" type, believed to have murdered three elderly women in the last four months at the apartments where they lived alone in the Brownsville, Williamsburg and East New York sections of Brooklyn.

Police said the three murders had many features in common. All the victims were elderly, living alone in modest circumstances, and none appeared to have been robbed by the killer. The victims had not been discovered until several days after their deaths, when neighboring residents missed them and reported their absence to police. In no case, police said, had they found a knife or other article which appeared to have been left by the killer.

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