

Oppose Annexation Bid

on," he said. "There should be some area planning instead." He commented there is a bit of "empire-building" on every council, and that the township was merely trying to defend its present "empire" from expanding Orillia interests.

"This annexation won't be adequate for 20 years; it may be for 5 years," he said. "A larger area concept should have been looked into. Orillia is the centre of an area 15 to 20 miles in diameter. This is what should have been considered for regional study."

On Wednesday, Glen Phelps of Otaco, said that Orillia is gaining too little industrial land in its proposed annexation area. A third private citizen, who

asked about the annexation plans for the northern portion of the proposed area, was quite satisfied when board chairman William Shub suggested all his land be included in Orillia.

The proposed annexation area would have excluded half the land owned by Harry Thies between old Highway 11 and the railway tracks.

Witnesses were also called by J. H. Francis, acting for several groups of residents in the township.

The first witness, John J. Murphy, who owns land to the west of the cloverleaf at the Orillia Bypass and Coldwater Road, stated he objected to this annexation because he believed it would eliminate any possibility

of selling 212 acres now under option for the proposed Simcoe College.

"If the land were annexed the option would no longer exist," Mr. Murphy said. "The township has gone along with my proposal that this land be used for the university, but Mayor Isabel Post of Orillia told me if the land were annexed it would be zoned industrial and holding residential."

SUMMER AREA

Representation was also in for exclusion of residents in the Hughes Beach area from the proposed annexation.

"Hughes Beach is always a summer and part-time area," William Gent, one of the resi-

dents of Hughes Beach called by Mr. Francis stated. "The people out there make very little use of Orillia amenities except for shopping."

"There is no good reason why this should be annexed," Mr. Francis stated. "The land isn't good for residential, commercial, or industrial usage. The logical boundary is the canal at the end of Maple Drive. There is no good planning reason to include this area into annexation."

Board member, A. L. McCrae reminded Mr. Francis and Mr. Gent that annexations of summer communities into urban areas only were often approved by the Municipal Board.