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# Whitchurch Tax Record Arson Suspected During Search For Missing \$900

The Criminal Investigation Branch of the Ontario Provincial Police has been called to investigate a Friday morning fire which may have been due to arson at the Whitchurch Township offices in Vandorf, says Reeve Stewart Burnett.

Records relating to an audit being conducted to try and locate a \$900 discrepancy in the 1968 township books probably were heavily damaged.

"I can't tell you what we have lost because the building is all locked up," the reeve said this week. "We won't know what we have lost until we can get in."

The reeve said it was not true, as previously reported, that records were shovelled out of the vault and burned in a pile on the floor. The records were burned right in the vault,

Township officials were hoping to get into the building Monday to try and salvage the records and prepare for an evening meeting of township

But the building is locked and under police protection. "We can't even go in. The files are locked up and we can't even get copies of the agenda," said the

"The vault was found open. It was closed the night before. We don't know if there was any tampering with the vault lock.' Drawers in other parts of the

offices were dumped out on the floor. It appeared certain that township records had been heavily damaged, the reeve said. The Aurora Fire Department

answered a call to the Vandorf municipal offices at 8.05 am Friday. When they arrived they found the fire had been going for some time and damage was estimated at \$15,000. The fire appeared to have been started in more than one place. The fire department said very little information could be released because of the investigation ordered by the fire marsh-

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#### May Bargains Canadian Tire

Emphasis is on the outdoors in the May Sale which began this week at Canadian Tire, 70 Yonge Street North, Richmond Hill, and continues to May

Garden supplies and tools, paints, ladders, screening and caulking materials are featured for the benefit of home gardeners and home improvement buffs.

Those who are planning for excursions to the great outdoors will find a wide selection of camping, fishing and picnic equipment

on display. Sports fans are getting a break on such items as kick balls, golf sets, basehalls and bats and outdoor lawn darts.

For home fun, the specfal supplement in this issue of "The Liberal" lists motorized barbecues. lawn chairs, patio tables and garden umbrellas, and for everyday use, howl mixers, electric kettles, blenders and ice crushers.

A big feature of the May sale is the special on nylon tires, "Still the safest and strongest" at cash discount

Shopping for indoors, outdoors, at home or on the road, it is a real bonanza this month at Canadian Tire.



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

we would have a single police

commission looking after an

amalgamated force. Both forc-

size and have the same wage

commodation. Vaughan and

Markham are sister municipali-

ties, very much alike in size and

Vaughan Township stated

his council believed there

would be substantial econ-

omies in police and fire

protection and provision of

sanitary sewers and water

board of education has been

set up on a regional basis

and it is only logical other

governments should be on

amalgamation. "The

Reeve Garnet Williams of

problems."

scale and both need larger ac-

## Richmond Hill High Prom Queen

The excitement of a dance gains momentum as the time draws near for the announcement of the Prom Queen and this year was no exception at the Richmond Hill High School Prom held recently at the Summit Golf and Country Club.

Rather like the giving of the Oscars, the answer was known only to members of the student council, and as the crowning ceremonies at the witching hour of midnight approached, everyone waited with bated breath as Diane Mowat, Jersene Sheppard, Brenda Lamoureux and Donna Percival were named as the four princesses and the very attractive girl pictured above, Kathy Willock, was crowned prom queen for 1970 by last year's Prom Queen Alda Bacci.

Kathy, a grade 12 student, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Willock, Tyneview Lane, Richmond Hill,

## Mkhm, Vaughan Pass Bylaws Stating Intent To Amalgamate

A scant 100 people turned out at Langstaff Sec- |(2) try for political amalgama- While the trustees appreciate school teachers in York County of the Townships of Markham and Vaughan the proposed political amalgamation. Included in the number were five members of Richmond Hill Council and Trustee James Wilkinson of King City Police es are practically of the same Village, who were present as observers and at least 10 members of the news media.

Donald Deacon MLA, York Centre, was the moderator of the meeting, which was handicapped by the absence of a public address system.

After an hour and a half of called to hear assessment probdiscussion, each council gave lems and only comments and third reading to and passed a questions on amalgamation bylaw, which had been given would be received.

two readings at regular council Reeve Stewart Rumble of meetings held April 20, calling Markham Township explained for political amalgamation of that the Department of Municthe two townships. Each also ipal Affairs has said there are passed a bylaw calling for too many municipalities in amalgamation of the two police Ontario. The department's proforces "whether or not the pol- posal presented last year for itical amalgamation is approv- regional government in York ed". This bylaw was given County reduced the present 14 Mr. Williams also noted that three readings and passed Mon- municipalities to six. "We amalgamation of planning is al-

have discussed the various fac- so essential. "If we don't, it Vaughan Township also pass- ets of amalgamation with the will be dog eat dog." he stated ed a resolution that the bylaw six southern municipalities of According to Deputy-reeve calling for amalgamation be the county on several occasions. Anthony Roman of Markham "forthwith" presented to the We didn't accomplish much, Township the obvious reason Ontario Municipal Board and possibly because there were for the amalgamation is the rescinded a motion passed in too many of us. Ten days ago attempt being made by Metro March calling for a Southern we got together with Vaughan to annex Pickering, Vaughan Township Council and came to and Markham into the Metro Mr. Deacon told the audience a tentative agreement to (1) am-complex. "In discussions on that the meeting had not been algamate our police forces and (Continued on Page 19)

County Lost \$3 Million In Roberts Support For Benson? Grants—Councillor Hancey

Richmond Hill Town Council, in regular session last week decided to take determined action to counteract the increased burden of taxation on residential property owners as the direct result of provincial government policies. Council will apply to the Department of Municipal Affairs for immediate payment of:

that she had spent four long

must have their resignations in

cost of county reassessment, trial tax revenue resulting from promised by Minister of Mun- reassessment, or that legislation icipal Affairs Darcy McKeough be passed to insure there will last year when it was announced be no such loss. This is estithat the province would take mated at \$1 million in the

(2) the town's share of the Mrs. Hancey told council that difference between the existing the overall decrease in comgrant for educational purposes mercial-industrial assessment in Added to this was a change in York County and the aver- the county was seven percent, in the provincial equalization age grant in Ontario. In 1969 Richmond Hill lost only four factor. In 1967 this equaliza-York County Board of Educa-percent, but this still has an tion factor for the town was tion received 46% of its budget important result on the tax bur- 38, in 1968 it dropped to 29 and in provincial grant, which was den which will have to be borne in 1969 to 27. To achieve the the provincial average. Council- by residential property owners, equalized assessment, you multilor Lois Hancey reported. In she noted.

ported this alone has cost York council members. County ratepayers \$1,200,000 in

Careless Driving

Charge,

Schenk Death

a student at Bayview Secon-

dary School, Richmond Hill,

has been charged at Bramp-

The charge was laid by

the Ontario Provincial

Police following the April

26 high school car rally ac-

cident that killed Hugo

Schenk, 18, of 395 South

Taylor Mills Drive, Rich-

Paul Fountain was driv-

ing a car in the rally and

Hugo Schenk was his navi-

gator. The head-on collision

took place on Concession 3

in Albion Township, near

mond Hill.

Caledon.

ton with careless driving.

Robert Paul Fountain, 18,

(3) and compensation for the months in collecting in-

Teacher Hiring In York County

Is Held Up By Salary Stalemate

All York County secondary they were sympathetic to the

school principals met on the principals' position and realiz-

afternoon of May 4 with admin- ed that the delay in hiring is

a delegation of these principals schools in September.

been set back to June 26 fol- moving the date forward.

The committee requested that to the board by May 31 or their

the board give serious consider- contracts are automatically re-

(1) the town's share of the loss of commercial and indus- formation from various blame for the heavy burden on residential taxpaydone by the county on guidelines laid down by the

1967 market value.

ply the actual assessment by 100 1970 the board of education will The motion to seek compensa- and divide by the equalization receive only 47.6% grant, while tion from the provincial govern- factor. This governs all provinthe provincial average is 51%, ment for detrimental effects of cial grants. "Across the provas promised by Education Min- its policies on the town's econ- ince the equalization factor has ister William Davis and Provin- omy was introduced by Mrs. not been altered as drastically cial Treasurer Charles Mac- Hancey and seconded by Reeve as it has been in the County of Donald Plaxton. It received York," she stated. "It doesn't Councillor Lois Hancey re- the unanimous support of all seem reasonable to let this

inequity carry on. Mississauga Mrs. Hancey told council in Peel County has also felt the effects of reassessment," she continued.

"I don't think our taxpayers should be the only pioneers in this field," she stated emphatically. "When academics come forth with a theory all sorts of peculiar things can happen. Although market value may be a good theory, I don't think we should pay for being the guinea pigs."

istrative staff of the York going to make it more difficult "It is very important to us County Board of Education and to get the best staff in the to get an understanding from the province," stated Mrs. Hanmet the board in committee in Accordingly, the board has cey. "We must get the message asked for a meeting with the across loud and clear to Queen's The principals expressed deep boards of education of Metro Park that because of its polconcern that the hiring of sec- and the surrounding counties icies the ratepayers of this ondary school teachers had to discuss the advisability of county are going to be heavily

lowing a meeting of Ontario It was pointed out that, if Mrs. Hancey pointed out that School Trustees' Council Satur- teachers are going to move they Metro's assessment on market (Continued on Page 3)



JOHN ROBERTS York Simcoe MP

EDGAR BENSON Minister of Finance

The federal government's White Paper on Taxation will have to come to a vote in the House of Commons before it can become the law of the land. John Roberts MP. York Simcoe in his column raises the basic democratic issue of whether his first loyalty is to the government and this controversial legislation or to his constituents, many of whom have raised strong objections to

Read Mr. Roberts' column on Page 11 of this issue. For editorial comment see Page 2.

#### Liberal Members At Maple Friday

York County has a total of four representatives in the House of Commons at Ottawa and the Legislature at Toronto (two federal, two provincial). Three of these representatives are Liberals. John Roberts MP. York Simcoe and Barney Danson MP, York North are the federal representatives while Donald Deacon MLA, York Centre is the provincial Liberal.

These three members are holding a public meeting Friday evening beginning at 8 pm at the Maple Masonic Hall. The evening is planned as an open forum and the three top County Liberals will gladly answer any questions from the audience regarding federal and provincial affairs.

#### Conservation Grant, King Township

William Hodgson MLA, York North (Conservative) who is the lone provincial government representative in York County announced this week that the Department of Energy and Resources Management has approved a \$16,180 grant to the Metro Conservation Authority for use in further capital improvements to the Cold Creek Conservation Area located in King Township.

For more news of additional provincial grants to York County see announcement by Cabinet Minister John Yaremko at opening of Union Villa on Saturday. Read Story on Page 12.

## ation to discussing an earlier newed. Adde with the trustees' council. Negotiations with secondary What Happened To The August Peace Festival?

trustee negotiating committee Friday and the names of about

Negotiations with elementary name either of the two sites 1 in Vaughan Township. school teachers were also sus- under consideration because, he Other recent criminal activ- Another \$2,000 worth of tools

School Board is still meeting Highway 7 and 400.

Teenager Fountain is still recovering from injuries and no date has yet been set for him to appear in court. Brampton OPP report there will be no in-

for all teachers.

committees failed to reach an sites. agreement.

threatened mass resignation if service. the Metro Roman Catholic day festival include about 20 May 1, say town police.

School Board.

ondary School April 28 to discuss with the councils tion. We feel there are great the need that has existed for were broken off after more Promoter John Brower of cluding Marshall McLuhan Perry's Drug Store, Maple, execonomies to be realized, since the boards to stand together, than a dozen meetings when the Karma Productions said April More emphasis is to be placed pressing objection and disapteachers rejected board offers 24 that his proposed Peace on the symposium and less on proval of the peace festival beof increases averaging nine Festival, scheduled for August music than in previous festivals, ing held in Vaughan Township. percent, with greater increases 14 - 16, the anniversary of last Mr. Brower claims. Estimated Interested citizens are requestat the lower end of the salary year's festival at Woodstock, attendance varies from 200,000 ed to sign the petition which scale. The teachers demanded New York, would have a defin- to 500,000. the same percentage increase ite home by the end of last A petition has been placed in township council.

### All board offers to the teachers were withdrawn, and the nouncement on the site last Building Shack Burglar Gets \$3,500 In Tools

informed the teachers it is five entertainers who would Several thousand dollars say \$1,400 worth of tools were ready to resume talks when appear at the summer festival, worth of construction tools was stolen May 1 in a break-in at ever the teachers wish to do so. At that time he refused to the target of two break-ins May a construction shack on River-

pended last month when trus- said, publicity helped to spoil ity reported to Southern York was removed on the same date tee and teacher negotiating other attempts at obtaining County Police includes several in a break-in at a construction car thefts and a lot of nuisance shack at the Janin Building on However, it is known that thefts from parking garages in Keele Street in Maple. one of the sites being consid- new Markham Township high On May 2 a Keele Street res-

ered by Karma is in Vaughan rise apartment buildings. | idence was entered by thieves. York County Roman Catholic Township, at the corner of A stolen Markham Township They ransacked the place and car was recovered early Mon- escaped with \$75.

with its teachers, and both Because this area is vitally day morning at Richmond There was a forced entry groups have presented propos- interested, when no announce- Heights Centre by alert town May 2 at Bowes Supertest Staals for new contracts for the ment was made on the week- police. One man was charged tion on Highway 7 at Concord, 1970-71 school year. They are end, a reporter for "The Lib- with car theft by the township but nothing was missed. scheduled to meet again on eral" tried Monday to contact police. The car was reported There was some vandalism Karma Productions at the stolen May 3 or May 4 from May 1 at the Concord Public Separate school teachers in phone number listed in the Supreme Auto Refinishers, 8 School. Several youths were Metro have broken off negotia- Toronto directory, to be told Clark Avenue in Thornhill. seen running away after a

tions with their board and have that the number is no longer in Another car was reported school window was broken stolen from the rear of 38 Lev- with a one-gallon glass jug their demands are not met by Plans for the mammoth three- endale Road on the evening of Several other jugs were found broken on the concrete near artists with several speakers, in- Vaughan Township Police the school.

POW Committee Shows Real Punch

quest held in the case.

## Pollution Danger From Industrial Waste Dumping Draws Huge Crowd At Stouffville

By HAROLD BLAINE

Question: What issue can draw as big a crowd in York County as Robert Stanfield and the White Paper on Taxation.

Answer: The dumping of millions of gallons of industrial waste near Stouffville in Whitchurch Township. There were close to 1,000 people

at the Preserve Our Water (POW) Committee public meeting April 28 at the Stouffville District High

The meeting was held to protest continued dumping of industrial fluid wastes at Lot 14. Concession 8, known as the Bremner Dump north of Stouffville. The wastes are coming from all over Southern Ontario and many local residents are frightened and angry.

The dump lies over one of Ontario's biggest underground water reservoirs. This aquifer supplies water for the 4,000 residents of the Village of Stouffville, and for many farms and rural homes in the

The issue has been simmering for several years, and came to a boil in recent months when Merlyn Baker and Gordon Ratcliff became members of Whitchurch Township Council.

Minister of Energy and Resources George Kerr didn't accept the POW Committee invitation to attend the meeting. Instead he sent his director of waste management, John Heaman

The Ontario opposition party leaders were invited, but didn't attend either, The New Democrats sent Hamilton-Wentworth MLA

Mr. Deans promised the support of the NDP in the provincial Leg-- islature in bringing about action on the question of industrial fluid waste dumping.

Whitchurch Township Councillor Ratcliff promised the meeting that the dumping of fluid wastes was going to be stopped by action of the township council May 4.

He said the council directed him to be its spokesman at the POW meeting and had directed him to convey this information. He said the council met April 27

with officials of the Ontario Water

Resources Commission. At this meeting it was decided the council should direct that the dump be closed, he said. It was the opinion from the OWRC that the township bylaw on dumps would be effective in closing the dump, although the bylaw might need some

Waste Management Director Heaman, when questioned, told the meeting the Holland Valley Conservation Authority was invit-'ed to observe test drilling at the site as the Whitchurch Township Council recently requested.

Former Whitchurch Township Councillor Robert Lewis of Bloomington was chairman of the meeting.

York North MLA William Hodgson (Conservative) said he visited the Bremner Dump site with the council, OWRC, and the Minister and Deputy Minister of Energy and Resources Management. He said Mrs. Bremner suggested building a waste reclamation and neutralization plant.

But the OWRC was very con-

cerned about this proposal, since the dump was in the recharge area for a large watershed, Mr. Hodgson

"It seems to me that if this (dumping) continues long enough, there is certain to be pollution in some way. Then there would be no use closing the door afterwards," he said.

The OWRC indicated it would give no support to the proposal to construct a fluid waste reclamation plant in that area, "I told Mrs. Bremner to consider the fact that she won't get OWRC support, before she spends any more money on engineering", the York North MLA said.

Also on the platform were Stouffville Reeve Kenneth Laushway: Kelvin Symons, director of the OWRC division of water resources; and the province's consulting hydro-geologist for the dump, John Noonan.

The meeting was opened by a pair of modern folk singers with a special song about the dump, pollution, and government. Teenagers carried signs lettered with such words as "retch" and "close the dump". Chairman Lewis opened the

business session. He said the meeting was called because of public concern about pollution, and about the present and future dangers to water supplies.

The day of the meeting the dump caught fire and filled the sky with a black column of smoke visible for miles. Mr. Lewis said this fire showed there was also a problem of air pollution. "Common sense told us liquids

should be neutralized before dumping. Common sense told us waste liquids shouldn't be dumped over a major underground water source supplying both the town and the Holland Valley watershed," he

"We must think about pollution every day, and do what we can to minimize it," said Mr. Lewis. He added that he didn't do anything about the dump while he was on the Whitchurch Council because he was then like the general population and wasn't aware of the magnitude of the dumping As he began to speak for his

allotted seven minutes. Councillor Baker said, "I knew the issue was hot, but I didn't know it would set the dump on fire."

"When the dump began as a township disposal area eight years ago, there was nothing much wrong with it then. A sanitary disposal site, properly kept and used, can be an asset. Then the dumping of industrial waste started. There was no permission from the township," Mr. Baker said.

"Then fluid industrial waste dumping started, and increased drastically a couple of years ago, until now many millions of gallons have been dumped.

"That is the Oak Ridges watershed. It contains more sand and gravel than anything else. The well drilling records show it. The water from the surface goes vertically into the ground.

"We heard from the waste management section that the soil is

impermeable. But we don't believe it.

"This liquid dumping is planned, not because the soil is impermeable, but because it is permeable. Dumping can go on for a long period of time," he said,

"Under the Oak Ridges water. shed there is a water reservoir second to none in Ontario. It is a natural heritage God gave us. The dump exists for the sake of a handful of people who want to make a fast buck.

"How would you like me to dump a load of garbage on your front lawn?" he asked the audience of 1,000. "You'd make me clean it up.

Then you'd lock me up. And that would be as it should be," Councillor Baker said. "This dump is an insult second

to none and one that will last for generations to come.

"In the name of reason, common sense, respect for fellow men. In the name of common decency, it must stop. And it must stop now,"

concluded Mr. Baker. (Continued on Page 24)