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Local Tax Rate Slightly Upward

Although Stouffville has erected a large wing to its school building, completed an addition to the Municipal Hall, and will install this year a new heating plant costing probably \$700 or \$800 at the council chambers and fire hall, the tax rate will remain almost the same as last year, only a half mill higher. The increase will scarcely be noticed on the average tax bill. This is quite a good accomplishment, and required some careful financing on the part of the reeve and council.

Owing to the regular meeting date falling on Civic Holiday, the council assembled on Wednesday evening last week, struck the rate and transacted other business of not very much public interest.

The bylaw for striking the tax rate stated that the rateable property amounted to \$633,043, and set out the following amounts as required under the various items, and the rate necessary to meet the obligation:

	Mill Rate
\$346,391 County Rate	5.5
3,608.34 General Rate	5.7
3,927.84 Road Debenture	6.2
560.00 Library	1.
1,524.00 Street Lights	2.4
6,120.00 Schools	10.
2,614.38 School Debent.	4.2
311.57 Relief	.5

These items total thirty-five and one half mills, from which will be deducted the Ontario government subsidy to municipalities of one mill, leaving Stouffville with a tax rate as favorable as may be found in any progressive municipality in Ontario. In cutting down to provide funds for the "extras" required this year one noticeable item of saving was in the purchase of road oil where a clean \$175 was saved and a better job accomplished.

Reeve Weldon presided over the meeting and directed the passing of the bylaw with Councillor Martin Tait as chairman of the committee of the whole. All other members were present, Councillors R. E. Brown, and J. H. Silverthorn, each being in accord with the rates struck.

A number of accounts were passed for payment as follows:

General	
C. G. Electric	\$4.10
County Hospitalization	20.62
Municipal World	36.50
Jess Brown, weeds	22.50
H. Klinck, park insurance	12.50
Ratcliff Paper Company	10.05
D. Jennings, battery	15.95
Hydro	
Sangimo Company, meter	47.08
C. Tarr, line work	1.75
W. Greenbury, work	6.90

Water Works	
Arthur Rusnell, work	\$9.13
Lloyd Hoover, work	9.13
H. A. Goudie, services	27.40
Sandy Jones, ditch	1.00
Jim Thomas, work	5.00
L. Lownsbrough, work	2.50
Allen Closson	2.50
Arthur Rusnell, work	1.00

We have been requested numerous times lately to protest against riding bicycles on the sidewalks of the village. It is becoming such a common practice that children are ordering pedestrians out of their way, probably not realizing that they are breaking a local bylaw riding on the walks. Parents should advise their children who ride wheel, on the matter.

Faulty Digestion

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STOREY'S DIGESTIVE TONIC and get prompt and effective relief. Soon restores the digestive organs to normal. Scores of people have benefited by this wonderful tonic

J. M. STOREY
Druggist
The Home of Quality Drugs

First Wheat 60c

New wheat is coming on the local market and last week Stiver Bros. took in about 1,000 bushels, paying the farmer 60c for the grain. S. W. Hastings is also purchasing fall wheat. Dealers admitted that the price was more or less a gamble with present indications pointing downward. "Our price for wheat is wholly governed by the price of export wheat," said one dealer. It is controlled across the border.

We hear that Allan Lewis, of Markham, delivered the first load of the new grain sold locally.

Robbery Gang at Eight Stations

Sixth Attempt at Stonehouse Garage in Four Years

No less than eight service stations were visited by thieves over the weekend. The men driving a stolen car robbed two stations and were chased away from several others.

Trying to force a gas pump at the Stonehouse Garage, Markham, the would-be robbers were frightened away when the proprietor, James Stonehouse, was awakened. This is the sixth time in four years that the Stonehouse garage has been broken into.

Bruce Dussitt, proprietor of Armadale general store and service station was awakened shortly before 4 a.m. Sunday morning by someone attempting to break open the store door. Rushing downstairs he saw a car with two men drive away from his gas pumps. As the car turned about the man beside the driver hurled a hammer through his front window.

From the service station of Norman Hisey, Markham, they took fifteen gallons of gas. A station at Richmond Hill was the only other place where the thieves made a successful entry, and here they carried off some \$30 worth of merchandise from the refreshment booth.

Other establishments visited were, the Ranger station, Unionville; Adam's, Milliken; Seller's Store, Brown's Corners, and the Malvern service station, operated by Allan Hoover, formerly of Stouffville.

Compete in Holiday Softball

Although they turned in a nice effort neither of Stouffville's softball teams finished in the money at the holiday celebration at Goodwood or Musselman's Lake.

The girls' team playing at Cedar Beach, Musselman's Lake, defeated Unionville, in their first game, by the score of 14-3. They were ousted by Uxbridge, winners of the day, in the second round, 8-5. Stouffville were leading this game by three runs right into the last innings, when the northern team came through with a barrage of hits to put the contest on ice.

Last Thursday night the home girls journeyed to Claremont where they pulled out an 8-4 win in that town.

The boys' team playing at Goodwood won their first game over the representatives of that village 6-8. However in the second round they were nosed out by the narrow margin of 4-3, by Mount Albert the team that went on to win the tournament and collect the \$15. Musselman's Lake won the second prize of \$7.50.

Popular Pastor Resigns

On Sunday Rev. Arthur Greer handed in his resignation to the officials of the Congregational-Christian Church, at Stouffville and Churchill, after a most successful two year term. Mr. Greer has accepted a call from Knox Presbyterian Church, probably the oldest and largest congregation in the realm of Presbyterianism in Canada, to become director of Religious Education and assistant pastor under the noted Rev. Dr. Inkster.

Under the pastorate of Mr. Greer the local church has advanced in a remarkable manner, and it is but natural that the announcement of the pastor was received with profound regret on the part of the church management, members and adherents. In fact the whole town will regret to know that they are losing a man whom they have come to look upon as a valuable citizen as well as a progressive and influential preacher.

No consideration has been given so far to his successor, but it is expected that early action will be taken as Mr. Greer enters his new duties on September 1st.

To The Tribune Mr. Greer said, "I hesitated to make the change and did so with considerable regret. The people have all been so kind to myself and Mrs. Greer, especially was this very noticeable during Mrs. Greer's illness some time ago." However, said the pastor, "the new field opens up for me an opportunity to pursue my studies in a way which I could not hope to do on the present charge with its multiplicity of calls." The services of Mr. Greer were frequently sought whenever any public function was being held inside or outside the church. He was always willing to assist and his addresses always left something to conjure with.

CAR OVERTURNED AT DICKSON'S HILL

Hugh Beckett of the 6th Line, Markham, narrowly escaped serious injury on Saturday afternoon, as he was turning off the 8th concession to enter Dickson's Hill Mill, when the car which he was driving was struck by a north-bound machine driven by J. E. Maunder of Toronto. The Maunder car struck a wheel from Beckett's machine, turned completely over and landed on Grove's lawn on the east side of the road. Neither driver was injured although the city car was damaged considerably. Mr. Maunder was on his way to his summer home at Musselman's Lake where he and his family have spent the summer for a great number of years.

Many Babies are Born Here

Of 153 babies born into the world at the Stouffville Brierbush Hospital in the five years of its operation, there was not one mother lost through childbirth, is the splendid record made known in the figures just tabulated by the institution. The Brierbush commenced operations in August, 1933 with a bed capacity of four, and today it has accommodation for 15 patients.

Patients treated during this time number 367, which coupled with the babies born bring a grand total of 520 patients. The total number of hospital days is shown as 13,675, and the number of deaths recorded is 33.

The Brierbush operates its own ambulance service and has done so since July 1936. It has made 49 trips in that period, and could relate some narrow escapes of being turned into a maternity ward.

This hospital is now fully equipped with a sterilizer, operating table, newest fracture, and steel medicine cabinet, fire escape, etc., as provided by regulations governing licensed hospitals.

On the staff there are three graduated and registered nurses in addition to other help. There is a separate residence for the nurses and help right on the grounds, which gives them complete freedom from the hospital when off duty as in the case in larger institutions of the kind. Latest electric cooking facilities have been installed in the modern kitchen and in the laundry.

Visitors are welcome to visit the hospital from 2 to 4:30 daily and 7 to 9 every evening of the week.

D. F. Holden's First Prizewinners

The results of D. F. Holden's first monthly draw made at Markham this week were as follows: \$1 worth of gas. O. B. Heise, Markham, Mrs. H. Riddle, Stouffville, Chas. Stouffer, Stouffville, E. Anthony, Locust Hill, H. Reesor, Claremont, E. B. Shank, Markham. 1 gal of oil. R. A. Cowan, Agincourt, Wallace Vaughan, Stouffville, Stewart Stouffer, Stouffville, Morden, Stouffville. 2 quarts of Bert Dunn, Brougham, Sam. Armstrong, Stouffville, W. E. oil, Fletcher Goudie, Stouffville, Chas. Alsop, Stouffville, C. Armstrong, Locust Hill, O. B. Heise, Markham, Mrs. Bert Tait, Stouffville, Dawson Davis, Stouffville. These draws are made at the end of each month, 13 a month, with a grand prize to which all are eligible in 1940.

Thresher Combines Introduced Here

Good Health at 90

Last Saturday our highly esteemed resident Mrs. George Robinson reached her 90th year enjoying very good health. On Sunday Mrs. Robinson walked to church to hear Rev. Dr. Mitchell at the United where she is a member.

Mrs. Robinson once told us that she had no recipe for long life, unless it be industry and work. She pointed out that because of her extended years of life most of her friends of bygone days have passed away and are numbered with those who are gone. Mrs. Robinson is a wonderfully well preserved woman with a keen intellect and is interested in all that is going on. Many friends called to congratulate her on her 90th anniversary.

Gormley Corner Now Being Cut

Work on cutting off the right angle corners on the 4th concession at Gormley is being speeded along. Just as soon as Mr. R. A. Brillinger had a swath of grain cut wide enough for work to start men commenced operations last week, which when completed will remove two dangerous corners and speed along traffic which is increased on this county road.

A small piece of land was purchased from Walter Henderson and another piece from H. Moorby, but R. A. Brillinger will provide most of the land required. For the smaller pieces a settlement has been made, but for the Brillinger land, the price is still in dispute. An offer of \$625 has been made, and if an arrangement cannot be arrived at the matter will go to arbitration.

NO CHANGE IN MARKHAM VILLAGE RATE

Markham Village Council struck their tax rate for 1938 this week, at 31 mills. The total assessable property amounts to \$544,717. The low rate this year is the same as last year. Unemployment relief only cost the villagers \$220 it is estimated, as their share. As in all municipalities school taxes loomed highest on the tax-roll. This year Markham ratepayers will pay 8 mills for High School purposes and slightly over 7 mills for public school maintenance and debentures. The government subsidy has been taken from the 31 rate.

The Township of Markham can boast of at least three harvester-combines recently purchased by farmers in the northern end of the municipality to harvest the present grain crop. Common in Western Canada, these outfits are now being built to handle Ontario grains and they are destined to become more popular, it is forecast—Harmon Jones just south of town on the 9th concession purchased through Chas. Cooper an International or McCormick-Deering machine as they are known in Ontario. The machine was at work last week on Mr. Jones' farm giving good results. H. A. Grant of Cashel on the 6th concession has purchased a Massey-Harris combine, and his neighbor H. Zimmerman has an Allis-Chalmers. They are now all at work, and are said to be the first combines in the locality. It is claimed for these machines that the six-foot cut can be operated by one man. They are calculated to cut and thresh 12 to 15 acres a day, saving 10 to 12 cents a bushel over previous methods. There is no twine to buy, and no shocking. The cost of these machines is from \$800 to \$1,000 we are informed, which of course, is a considerable sum of money for the average farmer to invest and represents an overhead of probably \$75 to \$100 per year. A farmer who contracted to do his neighbor's work might readily earn this annual investment.

May Aid Farmers with Cost of Plague

A delegation waited on the Markham Township Council at their regular session on Tuesday, to see what steps they would take to reimburse farmers who incurred considerable expense in fighting the recent scourge of arm worms. All members of Council were of the opinion that at least some remuneration should be made, and it was decided to request all farmers who might have claims to pass them along to Clerk Hoover before Sept. 1st, so that the extent of the expense entailed can be estimated.

Chief item was the striking of the tax rate which is much the same as last year. The general township levy stands at 5.5 mills which will be 4.5 with the government subsidy off. In this there is no change whatever. The county rate is down from 9.9 to 7.85 mills and while some of this is a realignment of secondary school costs, there is a direct saving to the Twp. of several thousand dollars because of this and the drop in the assessment for county purposes.

General accounts for the month totalled \$514.88, including two sheep claims of \$10.00 and \$3, to Isaac Hood and Ambrose Canning, respectively. Markham's share of the operating profit from the T.T.C. amounted to \$96.50. Relief was \$339.06, nearly \$100 of which was chargeable to Pickering for relief recipients who had moved from the municipality.

General Road Accounts totalled \$4 7.04, and Road Foremen's accounts were as follows: R. J. Cunningham \$1136.40, D. Brown \$6.82, N. Boynton, \$31.71, T. Canning \$125.58, J. G. Wideman \$47.83, D. Boyd, \$93.92, L. Grove, \$16; W. Allchurch, \$47.70, A. W. Milroy, \$22.05; C. Wideman, \$62.00 E. A. Buchanan \$72.20, D. Shadlock, \$35.95, J. Jones, \$20.58, Young and Boyington \$229.58.

A Junior Softball Tournament is scheduled for Wednesday, August 10th. Some of the teams to participate are: Claremont, Unionville, Brooklin and Milliken, Stouffville, Entry fee \$1.00. Players must be 16 or under.



The front of this building belonging to Dr. Ira Freil is now being modernized with a new business front which will add considerably to its appearance. The building standing as it does on north side of Main street spanning the small creek, has an unusual record. It is now occupied by John Monkhouse, tailor, and by Charlie Sid. laundryman. Originally the structure served as the first church ever built in Stouffville,

being erected in 1847, nearly a century ago by the Congregational people who were organized by one Ludwig Kribbs. Records indicate that Rev. Kribbs did practically all the carpentering work, as well as being his own architect. The place was erected in the east end three or four lots from the 10th con., south side. It had a gallery and was said to be quite an imposing edifice. When it was moved down

ests moved from the east end it was torn down and rebuilt at the present site. The local tailor whose picture appears in the inset has been in the premises now these 25 or 30 years.

With the exception of J. H. Ratcliff who has been doing business on Main street for 42 years, John Monkhouse is our longest going business man, he having started over 40 years ago.