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PROTEST AGAINST NEW ASSESSMENT LAW

Move to Increase Town Water Supply

Town Council Agrees to Consult Engineer on Local Water System

M. O. H. and Board of Health Urge Council to Prepare Now for Additional Domestic Water — Deminishing Supply and Increased Demand Noted.

Stouffville village council on Monday evening decided to look into the matter of engaging a consulting engineer with the idea of preparing a plan for building an additional reservoir to bolster our domestic water supply. Strongly urged by Dr. H. B. Freil, M.O.H. and A. V. Nolan from the Board of Health, all parties were agreed that the time had arrived when some action must be taken to cope with the increasing demand, and the ever lessening supply received from the present wells.

It is over ten years since another council purchased additional land at the reservoir in Whitchurch township for the purpose of extending the system, but nothing more has been done. It is expected that Reeve Weldon will have contacted an engineer whom the members have in mind and some sort of agreement may be looked for at the next regular meeting of the council.

There is a popular demand for more water, and a still safer quality than we get now and then when the floods interfere with the supply. The system is well off financially and if it is finally deemed advisable to invest in another reservoir to tap all the available supply rising on the town property, there is ample money lying to the credit of the system to pay for any expenditure the system may have to make.

SACRED CONCERT SUNDAY EVENING

The Stouffville Junior Band will give a sacred concert in the Stanley Theatre this Sunday evening, March 29th, at 8.30 p.m. The Bandmaster Mr. A. M. Ridley expects to have with him, the Chansonettes, talented girl choruses from Toronto, who will sing several numbers. The public is most cordially invited.

RAPID SELLING REALIZES \$3,500

William Redshaw's cattle sale at Dickson Hill on Monday proved a real success, as the high milk cow tipped the figure of \$130 for a fine holstein that gave birth to a calf as Auctioneer Farmer was in action in the barn yard. Yearling heifers were in good demand at around \$55.50, and a young calf sold for \$17. Feeders were \$50 to \$53. In just an hour and a half 60 head were sold and the receipts were \$3,500.

Mrs. J. H. Roe (May) is in Stouffville visiting with her mother Mrs. H. L. Vanzant, and her sister Mrs. Ida Kidd. Mrs. Roe is a native of Stouffville, but now makes her home in Winnipeg.

Mr. A. E. Carswell, proprietor of the former Shaw store, left the hospital last week in Toronto, following his long illness and may shortly be expected back at his place of business here. In the meantime he is resting at the home of relatives in Guelph.

Stolen Pigs Are Farmers' Headache

Police from Scarboro have tracked down the whereabouts of eighteen porkers that mysteriously left a farm in the southern end of the county, locating the pigs all in Markham township, distributed among different farmers.

The pigs were the property of Mrs. Goddard, and in addition to stealing them, thieves took the farm truck with the owner's name on as well. In fact the pigs were brought to Markham in the truck which was said to have made the farm of Reeve Rennie one of the points of call in an effort to find sale for the pork at bargain price. Mr. Rennie didn't buy, but some of his neighbors did, and others over at Dickson Hill were quick to seize the "bacon for Briton" at give-away prices.

Police soon rounded up the entire lot, and the farm buyers are awaiting the next step in the case.

Only One Delivery Permitted Each Day

Operative at once is a new order issued by the Wartime Prices and Trade Board that "No retailer may make or cause to be made on behalf of either himself or a customer more than one regular delivery a day over any particular route or in any particular area except with special authorization of the administrator."

The new order is placed with a view to helping the war effort. It will no doubt cause some inconvenience to the householder who has been used to deliveries at any hour of the day. The public are asked to co-operate by placing their orders the day previous or before nine o'clock in the morning.

So far as Stouffville is concerned the new order will be obeyed. Ratcliff & Co. will make a general truck delivery every afternoon at four o'clock excepting on Wednesday when it will be made in the morning and on Saturdays at 3 p.m.

Other merchants will curtail their car deliveries in a similar manner, while butchers do their delivery work mostly with boy and bicycle. The Dominion Stores get along with a boy and a bicycle and will continue to use this method, and other grocery dealers will probably revert to the boy and bicycle set-up also.

Householders will adjust themselves to the new order, and should not ask for favors, that will tempt the merchant to break the regulation. When at all possible customers should carry home their purchases.

The Stouffville Junior band played at St. Enoch's church in Toronto last Sunday evening.



MYLAND NEWLYWEDS

After a man Albert Edward Myland, R.C.A.F., is pictured with his bride, the former Loreen Doris Elliott, second daughter of James A. Elliott and the late Mrs. Elliott. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Myland, Ringwood.

Fine Response to Chinese Tag Day

The girls of the Continuation School have been able to send \$67.66 to the Chinese War Relief Fund as the result of the tag day and canvas held Saturday, March 21, in Stouffville, Ringwood, and Goodwood. The staff and students wish to thank all those who so kindly bought their tags. They wish to thank especially Reeve A. E. Weldon for the use of his store as headquarters, the manager and staff of the Bank of Nova Scotia for taking charge of and counting the money, and Mr. S. S. Schmidt for inviting the girls to tag in the theatre lobby. Those tagging were Beth Kellington, Noreen Steckley, Betty Walsh, Florence Brownsberger, Lillian Davis, Jean Sanderson, Eileen Weldon, Hazel Brownsberger, Margaret Freil, Luella Harper, Betty McEwen, Marion Salmon, Marion Weldon, Marguerite Carroll, Alice Forsythe, Eleanor Goudie, Marguerite Grubin, Audrey Jennings, Georgina Myland, Lillian Piper, Evelyn Shantz.

Markham Has Little Trouble with RCAF Hockey Team

Markham: Too Good for RCAF Team—Score Five in Last Period to Win 8-1

Markham advanced in the O.H.A. Intermediate "B" play-offs on Saturday afternoon, in the Oshawa Arena, when they eliminated the RCAF team from Belleville, taking the game 8-1, and the round 14-4.

Coasting along on a three goal lead as the result of their first clash, Markham were content to keep the Flyers off the score-sheet in the first frame and a half. Belleville had other ideas however, and opened up in a determined fashion to score the only goal of the first period. Howe was the marksman, on a pass from Strachan.

The Flyers held this lead in the game until well into the mid session, when the Markham machine began to click, and Bangay, Rowe and Lawrie made it three to one before the period ended.

There was no holding the Green-shirts in the last twenty minutes. Despite the stellar work of Thompson in the Belleville net, they stormed into that end of the rink repeatedly, and rapped home five without a reply from the Air Force.

Almost every player on the Markham team either assisted or scored during the scoring spurge. Parkinson, Harper, Baker, Lawrie and Meharg shared the scoring honors with the three marksmen of the second period, while the Scott brothers on the defense handed out telling punishment to the visitors, all the way.

The game was exceptionally rough and referee Army Armstrong was forced to call play on several occasions to quell threatened brawls, even with the spectators. No less than fourteen penalties were meted out during the game.

Won First Game 6-3

Markham broke into an early lead, in the first game of the round, on Thursday night, scoring two goals in the first five minutes of play. Rowe and Scott were the marksmen. The green and white displayed more finish both offensively and defensively than the Flyers, and were able to maintain their edge, and boosted their lead by two more in the mid-frame, and one in the final two minutes. Livingstone, Howes and Brown, were the best for Belleville, but the team's poster did not carry such strength throughout.

Markham Goal, Harper; defense, F. Scott and G. Scott; centre B. Bangay; wings, B. Lawrie and Baker; subs, Parkinson, H. Bangay, E. Lawrie, Harper, Rowe, Meharg and Boardway (sub-goal).

Belleville I.T.S.—Goal, Bennett; defense, Livingstone and Fleet; centre Brown; wings, Dixon and Howes; subs, Lane, Bergin, Wardle, Dart, Strachan and Merriam (sub-goal).

Right to Local Assessor and Tax Collector Claim of Municipal Councils

WITH R. C. A.



Wallace Nicholson, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Nicholson of Stouffville who is training with a Royal Canadian Artillery Unit. He is stationed at Cornwall.

STOUFFVILLE MADE BIG INVESTMENT

Of the \$218,000 raised in the recent Victory Loan by the Township of Whitchurch and village of Stouffville, final figures indicate that \$123,150 was raised by the residents of the village, which is an amazing sum to have been invested by a population of 1,200 people.

MARKHAM AND PARIS WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Markham Intermediate C team is meeting Paris to-night (Wednesday), at Galt Acre, in their first of home and home games, goals to count. Paris defeated Georgetown on Saturday 18-0 on the round. The second game will be played in Toronto Friday or Saturday of this week.

One Child Drowns as Teacher Rescues Three from Bloomington Pond

Tragedy and heroism were written into the records at the Bloomington public school at recess hour on Tuesday afternoon when one child was drowned and three others were rescued by their teacher Miss Mary Graham who waded into icy water to her chin. The doomed lad was Donald Albert Jordan, 8 years, while those rescued were Reta Rae aged 9, Norma Cowie 11, and Bruce Jordan 11, the latter child a brother of the dead lad.

"We had been told not to go near the ice," chorused several of the children to Dr. S. S. Ball of Stouffville who conducted the investigation.

"Robert Moore rushed in and gave the alarm," said the young school Miss who then told how she put on her coat and rushed to the scene just at the rear of the school yard. Four of the youngsters were in the water, when the teacher threw off her coat and started in along the uncertain bottom of muskeg. The ice was two or three inches thick, and she frantically broke this with her hand and knees as she cut her way through ice to the struggling children. Water was up to her chin and she had to keep her mouth tightly closed to keep it out. She never saw young Donald Jordan, and after effecting the rescue of the other three, Arthur Smith arrived in response to her call sent for help. He grabbed a club and beat a path into the icy waters up to his chest. He located the body under ice and hooked it out with the club. Dr. Ball was soon on the scene and worked over the child but to no avail.

Scene of the tragedy is at the rear of the school right in the hamlet of Bloomington on the 9th concession of Whitchurch. A gully runs along by the school yard and this became

New Legislation Proposed Would Wipe Out Local Assessors and Tax Collectors — Higher Clerical Costs Foreseen Unless Legislation is Halted.

Many protests are reaching the Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs these days against the proposed legislation that would take from every municipality in Ontario the right to make their own local assessments and collect their own taxes. Last week Markham Township council in special session worded a strong protest directed to the Department against the whole scheme, and on Monday evening Stouffville council entered their official opposition, declaring the proposed changes under the Act were not in accordance with democratic ideas.

Markham Council termed the proposed scheme to take the assessing and tax collecting away from the municipalities as a step toward dictatorship which we are now shedding blood to overthrow.

Whitchurch will shortly meet in special session to add their voice against the measure. Reeve Toole, county warden, is reported as strongly opposed to the change.

Under the new legislation, if enacted, each county would establish an assessment and tax collecting Dept. so that local bodies would have no more control over these things. Farmers, villagers, and townspeople everywhere you go say "No" to the proposal of the Deputy Minister on this issue.

Everybody knows that when a larger body takes over, costs increase with leaps and bounds. So far as York County is concerned thousands would be needed for enlarged county buildings to house the additional clerks required.

MAN DIES SUDDENLY IN MARKHAM SHOP

John Petch, a lifelong resident of Markham Township, was stricken on Thursday with a heart attack and died in a Markham barber shop before medical aid could reach him.

Mr. Petch was born in Markham Township 72 years ago. He was a carpenter and for many years was employed by the Speight Wagon Company, of Markham. He retired several years ago because of failing health.

He is survived by his widow, two brothers and four sisters. Mr. and Mrs. Allen Clossen arrived home this week from Miami, Fla., where they spent the winter months.

filled with flood waters, which froze before getting away. Water was five to six feet deep.

Donald Albert Jordan was a son of William Jordan of Queensville, and formerly of the 6th concession of Whitchurch. His mother is a Hoover. The lads have been living with Mr. and Mrs. Herb Mitchell at Musselman's Lake.

The body was handed over to L. E. O'Neill, undertaker, and it is not expected that an inquest will be held.

"Too much credit cannot be given for the splendid act of heroism displayed by Miss Graham," said Dr. Ball. "She definitely saved three lives," he continued. School has been ordered closed for the remainder of the week and the teacher is now at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Delos Graham in Ringwood recovering from severe shock.

Lightning Starts Fire in Sleeper's Room

Peculiar Freak During Big Rain Storm Strikes Terror to Family near Brougham—Store Pipes Melted, Lamp Chimneys and Eggs all Cracked too, but Occupants Escape Injury.

During the recent terrific rain storm, lightning struck the Stephenson home just north of Brougham, and fairly ransacked the place, but spared the lives of the occupants who were in their beds. It was during the big night storm that the bolt evidently struck the chimney, demolished it, ran through the house cracking down on anything and everything. Stove pipe elbows melted lamp chimneys cracked, plaster flew everywhere, eggs smashed in the pantry, and smoke arose, but the fire was quelled. Miss Stephenson shielded herself under bed clothing from falling plaster, while her father as soon as he could recover in his room from the effects of the shock rushed for help. He returned expecting to find the house in flames, but later was able to deluge the spot where smoke arose and averted a serious fire.

Miss Stephenson who was in bed when the lightning entered the room narrowly escaped with her life. The floor was ripped up under the bed and a smouldering fire started in the corner of the room. Stove pipes from the chimney which was knocked off the house, were twisted out of recognition, and an oil lamp was hurled from a shelf upon the bed. Luckily, only the chimney was broken. Scarcely a square foot of plaster was left on the walls, and six windows were shattered. Not one electric fixture in the house escaped damage.

On the lower floor, the kitchen suffered most, large sections of plaster were knocked off, the radio rendered useless. A large kitchen

50 ACRES CHANGES HANDS

It is reliably reported that Mr. Joe Betz has purchased the 50 acre farm belonging to the Eli Ramer estate, and located on the 9th con. just north of Stouffville. Mr. Betz, we understand, will use the place for cultivation of his seed, that he ships from coast to coast.

GORMLEY NEW HOME FOR STOUFFVILLE BRIDE

Spring flowers decorated Hillcrest Church of Christ (Disciples) for the marriage on Saturday of Miss Helen May Rowbotham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Rowbotham, to Mr. George Brock De Witt, Newmarket, son of Mr. and Mrs. George F. De Witt, Toronto. Rev. C. A. Lawson conducted the ceremony.

The bride wore a suit dress of clover pink, with Indes brown accessories, and corsage of Johanna Hill roses. Mrs. Walter Ken of Toronto was matron of honor, wearing a gown of aqua crepe, black accessories and corsage of pink roses. The groomsmen was Mr. Walter Kent.

After the wedding dinner at the Guild of All Arts the couple left on a trip, and will live in Gormley.

Light globe was shattered to a thousand pieces and the cabinet of a victrola was split from top to bottom. Several freakish tricks were played in the pantry where a box of soap chips was scattered about, and each egg in the top layer of a crate, was cracked.

Having no telephone Mr. Stephenson hastened to his neighbors to call the fire brigade, but on returning was able to extinguish the small blaze with pails.

The Stephenson home is at the corner of the Brock Road and 5th Concession of Pickering.