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## May Adopt Building Bylaw in Stouffville

### COUNCIL AGREES SUGGESTION IS GOOD

A bylaw regulating the building industry in Stouffville was something one of the municipal councilors called upon his brethren to adopt at the shortest possible moment. He said that such a bylaw was in operation in Markham Township, Richmond Hill, and many other places.

A building bylaw if adopted here would regulate the nature of building that might be constructed, both as to the foundation and structural material used. It would prevent the erection of a mere shack in some section that would destroy the value of better buildings there. In a town like Stouffville, the moderate class home owner is called upon to pay the bulk of the taxes, yet there is nothing to prevent someone from putting up in the same area, a shed or some other building which would greatly detract

from the appearance of the better building.

Reeve Weldon agreed with the suggestion, and said it had often been thought of but never acted on.

"Let us act right away," said the Councillor, and Reeve Weldon promised to obtain a copy of the Richmond Hill bylaw while the clerk will procure one from Markham if it is found necessary to help frame a similar bylaw for Stouffville.

While no comment was made, there was not a single member of council to offer opposition to such a bylaw being imposed in this village.

When such a document is ready for enactment, it would be fair to the public if the council would publish the same, so that all might know what is about to be imposed, and then they would have a chance to offer any criticism or opposition to the move.

## WORK HALTED

It seems that conditions of one kind and another combine to delay the installation of the new water supply at the Stouffville reservoir property. The contractor, John Castle, is nursing broken ribs after spending a week or more in the hospital, and this naturally has caused a set-back.

However, the weather man provides the greatest obstacle, since it is still so moist around the property that material cannot be hauled to the scene of operations. Certainly, if it remains a very wet summer we can get along without extra water, and we may have to, should conditions fail to improve.

## TIN CAN DAY

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, June 15, 16, and 17, the annual Can Collection will be made in town. The work is in charge of Mr. Ab. Lehman. He will commence the pick up in the west end on Tuesday. Place old cans and rubbish (not vegetable matter) convenient on the street, and pay the small fee when the pickup is made. It is hoped everybody will co-operate to rid the village of waste matter of this kind.

## TEACHERS MUST WORK THROUGH SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Mr. Tod, Newmarket, manager of the Local Employment and Selective Service Office, states that he has received instructions that special efforts must be made to absorb school teachers into farming or other essential work during the summer holidays.

## MARKHAM POPULATION 6,259

Markham Township has a population of 6,259, as recorded by the latest assessment of the municipality and duly confirmed by the Court of Revision. There was not a single appeal against the 1943 assessment made on any farm in the municipality, and the only change made in the assessment was a reduction of four hundred dollars against Frank Harvey since his premises, the Gormley elevators, was destroyed by fire.

Walter Craig and R. H. Forester are the township assessors.

## Snapped Pictures from Train, Had Earmarks of Spy

Constable Neil Grassick of Lindsay was marked down as a German spy suspect for a few hours at least, and while he may be a loyal subject of the Crown, his conduct warranted the wires between Stouffville and Lindsay passing over a message to pick him off the train at the northern town. Grassick, it appears, was on holidays, and claims to be a movie fan. Such a fan, indeed, that he had the latest camera. Near Scarborough, as a passenger on the Stouffville train bound for Lindsay, the conductor noticed the fellow taking pictures of a munitions plant enroute. He held the little camera in his hand against the glass, but the conductor noticed the parts between his fingers revolving, doing the job just like a fast-moving aeroplane camera.

When the train reached Stouffville the conductor instructed Agent Bob Johnson to wire the Lindsay police to pick up the stranger when he arrived. They did, but to their surprise he was one of their own police. He was required to hand over the pictures and further action, if any, is still pending.

Grassick is said to have been an ordained minister before taking up police duties.

## BEE KEEPERS CONVENE

If you heard a lot of extra buzzing going on along the 8th concession of Markham last Monday afternoon, there is a good explanation. Bee keepers, members of the Dominion and Ontario Apiarist Associations were being entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Byer. Guests came from as far as Ottawa, and numbered about fifty. Short addresses and discussions were heard concerning the bee men's problems, producing, marketing, etc. Mr. Byer has long been a member of the organization, and guests were delighted to have the opportunity of meeting him and enjoying the hospitality of the Byer home.

## A MUNICIPAL BLESSING

The reeve of the village himself introduced a resolution at the regular council meeting for June congratulating the business men who cooperated to make such a fine success of planting some 5,000 trees at the reservoir property. The resolution expressed due thanks to one and all the helpers, for, as the wording said, "without their help the task would have been next to impossible under present labor conditions."

## TOO MUCH BULL

Archie Fleming, 6th concession Markham farmer, is a quiet man, but he does agree that there is lots of "bull" heard around his barns these days, and he would rather it had been something else—"heifer dust" for instance.

The explanation is that in doing an unusual job to win the war, one of Archie's fine Holstein cows gave birth to triplets. They are all smart and we have it from the veterinary that he never saw such identical calves before. Size, markings and general formation as like as three peas. Yes, and they are all bulls.

## Population in Town Reaches New Peak

There wasn't a single appeal against the 1943 assessment in Stouffville despite the fact that a new assessor was on the job this year. Some times a new man becomes the target of dissatisfied persons, but Assessor H. O. Klinck got by without any attack carried to the court. On Thursday night, Reeve Weldon was appointed chairman of the court, other members being Councillors Ratcliff, Silverthorn and Nolan.

There were few assessment increases recorded and then only where extensive building changes had been made.

The population figures are possibly the highest since the town was incorporated showing we have 1,274 persons in the village. Children between 5 and 21 number 232, and men over 21 total 226.

Total assessment of Stouffville stands at \$672,875, an increase of \$8,000 over the previous year. New homes account for the bulk of the increase.

## WAR PRISONER IN ITALY

Word has reached Richard George, farmer on the 10th concession, Markham, just south of Mongolla, stating that his younger brother, Albert was a prisoner of war in Italy. He was fighting in Africa at time of capture. Albert is 26 years of age and was in the British army in 1935, before war clouds were on the horizon.

The brother at Mongolla is holding a letter written from the Italian prison camp, but there is no inkling whatever of the nature of treatment given the prisoners. In fact the letter was totally void of news of any kind, and talked all about things here at home.

## Farm Commandos for Markham Twp.

Markham Township Council will do all they can to back up the city of Toronto in the city's effort to marshal farm commandos to aid the farmers in the labor shortage. A strong committee has been formed to which farmers may apply for help during the summer season. The committee is well spaced over the township and is as follows: R. L. Stiver, Unionville, chairman; Dalton Ramney, Victoria Square; W. L. Clark, Buttonville; Albert Reesor, Dixon Hill; Wm. Maxwell, Markham; and Reeve Chas. Hooper.

Farmers seeking help for the odd day in haying or harvesting should apply to any of these men, when they will be put in touch with men from the city who are offering their services, some of whom would accept some vegetables, some a nominal pay in cash, and some who refuse to take pay at all.

Excellent help was rendered last year, and farmers should co-operate to make use of this help. Farmers will be required to make their own deal with the help they apply for.

Reeve Hooper presided at the monthly meeting of the council on Monday, when the foregoing committee was set up. The hospitalization account for last month was only \$37.25 and was ordered paid, also Russel Johnston, Stouffville farmer was paid \$14 for killing seven foxes. He got them all in one hole. Buttonville hall committee was ordered paid \$20 for hall rental for the farm course held last winter.

An account from N. W. Byer for a speed trap was also ordered paid, and a grant of \$10 was made the Thornhill library.

The township was in receipt of a cheque for \$600.02 profit for the first quarter 1943 from the Yonge street railway.

A second car of calcium of about 35 tons was ordered and this will be available for farmers or others whose houses are close to the roadway. The calcium will be supplied free to those who will put their own supply on. This is a new departure from last year when farmers were required to pay for the dust layer.

## R.C.A.F. Officers Impressed by Local Air Cadet Showing

### NEW TEACHER ENGAGED

At a special meeting of the School Board held on Monday evening Miss Jean Collins of Plattsville, was engaged to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Marjorie Wilson, who is going to Ottawa under the employ of the Government as a censor on German mail to Canada. Miss Collins the new teacher, whose home is 16 miles from Kitchener, is very highly recommended by the High School Inspector. Her salary will be \$1550.

### GRADUATED IN HOUSEHOLD SCIENCE

Miss Phyllis Winn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Winn, graduated in household science at the University of Toronto, Thursday. Her mother and her brother Flying Officer E. S. Winn who is home on leave from Penfield Ridge, N.E., witnessed the graduation ceremony. Phyllis was a student of Stouffville High School until she entered University.

## Lived in Unionville Half a Century

A resident of Unionville for over a half a century, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Cook Armitage, 88, widow of Chas. Armitage, died on Saturday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. G. Leggett, 306 Rose Park drive, Toronto. She went to Toronto six months ago on a visit. Born and educated in Markham Township, she was the eldest living member of St. Philip's Anglican Church, Unionville, and a life member of the Women's Auxiliary. She was also associated with the Women's Institute and the Unionville Horticultural Society. Also surviving is another daughter, Mrs. R. A. Springs of New York City; a son, Herbert Armitage of Aurora, and three grandsons, other surviving relatives are W. A. and Edward Dixon (half brothers) Mrs. Fanny Burnett, Unionville, (half sister), and Mrs. E. J. Davey, Stouffville, a cousin.

"One thing that impresses me very much is your enthusiasm for the work, also the interest you have in it," declared Squadron Leader Currie of No. 1 Training Depot, R.C.A.F., Toronto, speaking to the officers and after watching the boys parade and carry out a program of exercises, Squadron Leader Currie was able to tell the Cadets that they had done a good job, despite the difficult parade ground, caused by the continued wet weather, making it impossible to cut the grass.

The inspection officers included, Squadron Leader Currie, Flt. Lieut. E. Swanbergson, Oshawa, Flt. Lieut. J. E. Whittaker, Oshawa and Flying Officer O'Rourke, Toronto.

The local squadron headed by Commanding Officer M. E. Watts, paraded from the High School to Memorial Park where they were reviewed in front of the Union Jack. Just prior to the actual inspection the bugle was sounded by Cadet Earl Lehman. Cadet Lloyd Jennings handled the drum during the parade. Returning to the school, the classwork and equipment facilities were inspected, and favorable comment expressed by the visiting officers on the fine showing.

Between thirty and forty cadets took part in the inspection, which was not the full strength however, as several new recruits although sworn in, had not received their uniforms.

### FLYING OFFICER FETED

Flying Officer Elmer Winn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Winn, 10th con. Whitchurch, was tendered a show of esteem by a score of his friends and neighbors on Monday evening of this week. Elmer who has been a flying instructor in the West for some two years, was presented with a handsome military brush set by the group. Miss Margaret Forsyth read the address, while Mr. Floyd Forsyth made the presentation.

### ATTENDED TORONTO WEDDING

Mrs. George Foot, Betty and Geo. Jr., Markham-Whitchurch townline were guests at the Haddock-Grant wedding, Saturday evening, in the Hillcrest Church, North Toronto, and at the reception at the bride's home on Balsam Avenue.

## Christian Church Conference at Ringwood Next Week

From that dramatic spot Mindanao, Philippine Islands, now so well known to all Americans through the tragedy of war, comes Rev. J. Woodward, Congregational missionary, with 35 years of living in the tropics as a background. He will speak at the Congregational-Christian Church Conference, June 16-20, at Ringwood.

When Mr. Woodward, Field Secretary of the Mindanao North Coast area under the American Board of Foreign Missions, first began his work in the Philippines he had to travel by native canoe along the seashore or upon shallow, crocodile infested waters. He tramped miles over jungle trails, often deep in mud, and soaked to the skin with tropical downpours. There were then hardly 40 miles of automobile roads in all Mindanao. Now there are hundreds of miles of first and second class roads.

Mindanao is today called "The mixing pot" of the Archipelago. For three years prior to the war over 400,000 settlers from other parts of the Island came under a Government program of resettlement designed to get folks off worn out soil and onto fertile land. Among these pioneers, with the same spirit of those who settled our great West, Mr. Woodward has been helping to build a new church in Mindanao.

In his work with the younger churches of Mindanao, scattered over an area as large as Ohio, Mr. Woodward not only guides, encourages and supervises pastors and people but helps the farmers improve ideas on co-operative marketing, diet, and the care of poultry. All this in the interests of more abundant, economic and social life and all in the name of the Church of Christ.

"When this war ends golden opportunities will be awaiting the Church of Christ in the Philippine Island", declares Mr. Woodward, who came to America on a brief health furlough and was caught by the war. "America will be welcomed as never before. This will be so because of what America has done for the Filipino people during the past 40 years. The strength of the bonds of loyalty and trust that have been built up by the U.S.A. were seen when the invader came to their shores." Mr. Woodward was born in Pennsylvania.



Rev. Frank J. Woodward

## 50 CELLARS HAD WATER

The lack of proper drainage in Stouffville is well indicated by the fact that at least fifty cellars had water standing in them this spring. An overplus of moisture and blocked or poorly constructed drains was the chief cause of water backing into cellars.

Many people called up the town officials about the matter, under the erroneous impression that the corporation was responsible for the situation. Unfortunately for them, householder or owner is required to take care of private drains.

They may, however, band together and present a petition to have the corporation construct a drain under a local improvement bylaw, the cost to be spread over a period of years and paid in the same manner as other taxes. It is evident that some sections of the town should undertake a drainage scheme under local improvement and be rid of the water nuisance once and for all. Nothing is more so detrimental to health as a wet cellar.

Mr. W. B. Carswell, proprietor of the corner store has been spending a couple of weeks on his farm over in the Flora district.

## Open Home for Aged Mennonites at Preston

Preston, June 2—Many from Stouffville and Markham district witnessed the opening of "Braeside" home here. These are known as the old Mennonites and are of very fine calibre as all members of the sect are in that prosperous part of Ontario.

This is a special occasion in the history of the Mennonite Church in Ontario, said S. F. Coffman of Vineland, bishop of the conference, in his address to the very largely attended opening of the Mennonite Old People's Home.

Bishop Coffman used the 9th and 22nd verses of the Epistle of Paul to Philemon as his theme when he spoke to the gathering. He said that Paul had recognized in Philemon a man who had the right spirit in Christian charity. He maintained the Christian church does have a heart, and was always able to adapt itself to meet the needs. Quoting from Paul's letter to the Corinthians, Bishop Coffman spoke of the caring for widows and orphans and the aged as the care of the church and he mentioned a Christian honor to the aged. He said that older people should have the respect, sympathy and attention of those who are younger, and added that none of us is intentionally disrespectful to those who are older.

### Urges Care at Home

Bishop Coffman said that, as church people, we must continue to make every home a home for aged people. Each home should care for its own old folk and not leave all to an institution such as "Braeside." He felt that no one is going to be able to pay back what a Christian mother and father had given them; that every son and every daughter, nieces and nephews have an obligation to older relatives. Circumstances, however, arise where outside help is needed therefore, this led to the opening of a home for old people.

Mentioning various appliances that had been installed in the home, the speaker went on to say the home was not a place for luxuries but that these appliances had been considered, not as luxuries but as necessary to minister comfort at the least expenditure of energy. In a home such as this one, the old people would be assured care with a Christian background. Many projects had been put forward as suitable for an old people's home, but it was not until they had been able to acquire the present property that they had gone ahead with the project. Bishop Coffman said that it was his fervent hope that the home would be administered for many, many years to come.

After a somewhat turbulent downpour at the noon hour, nature smiled, brightly upon the official opening and dedication of the institution. The occasion was the culmination of many months' hard work and planning and a proud one in the history of the Mennonite people. Oscar Burkholder of Breslau, was chairman for the impressive ceremony that was opened with the invocation by Bishop M. H. Roth, Baden. A hymn, "How Firm a Foundation," was led by Joseph Steckley, followed by the address given by Bishop Coffman.

The dedication by C.C. Cressman, New Hamburg, moderator of the Mennonite Conference, then took

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An annoyed resident over near Yonge street called Constable Gayman at Unionville, to come and get a tom cat that was making life miserable for his poultry.

### BIG OFFER FOR JULY 5th TICKET HOLDERS

One of the biggest values in years is being offered by the Stouffville Lions Club at their annual Dominion Day Concert, July 5th. Tickets now being sold will not only admit the holder to the arena that evening, but give him a chance to win a One Hundred Dollar Victory Bond, or a handsome leather windbreaker.

The regular high calibre program is being arranged, with stars of stage and radio participating. The proceeds will go to assist the Lions in their Child Welfare Work. Buy a ticket now without fail.

### FREE CALCIUM IN MARKHAM TOWNSHIP

A new departure was instituted in Markham Township on Monday, when the council decided to provide free calcium chloride to all residents of the municipality who live close to the roadway where there is any amount of travel. These people will only have to apply for the dust layer, take it home and put it on the road. Heretofore ratepayers had to pay 75c. to \$1.00 per bag and few cared to do this. Home owners who now still continue to sit in the dust will do so because of their own indifference. A second-car of dust layer has been ordered to take care of the possible demand.

Mrs. E. J. Davey has been forced to remain in bed for some days because of illness, her many friends will be sorry to learn.

### DR. ALLAN DAFOE



Dr. Allan Dafoe who brought the Dionne quintuplets into the world, died five minutes after entering a Toronto hospital last week, suffering from pneumonia. Known as "The Little Doctor" he became the biggest or one of the most famous in all America. He was buried in the north country near Callendar where his famous charges were born.