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## Provincial Hydro Imposes \$2 Per h.p. Extra Charge

A special contingency charge of \$2 per horse power is being levied by the Ontario Hydro Commission, it was revealed at the regular meeting of the Stouffville Municipal Council. In the local case this would amount to approximately another \$1,000 per year in the cost of power.

However, it is expected that the increase will in no way alter the present rate to the consumers, as the difference will be taken up in additional business induced by a cut in rates last year plus the ability to buy more appliances now.

Reasons given by the Provincial Hydro for the boost in their rate was that Southern Ontario system operated under abnormal conditions in 1945. Generating stations operated at maximum capacity with no spare power in case of a major breakdown. This condition resulted in a maximum revenue and a minimum per horsepower. These conditions cannot be continued without injuring the efficiency of the system and the reliability of supplying power to the rural municipalities. Now it becomes necessary to proceed with a program of heavy expenditures which results in the extra levy. Costs have increased 50% since 1939.

Stouffville consumed 414.07 horsepower in March with a peak at the supper hour of the first Tuesday in the month.

**Hydro Heaters No Longer Free**  
On and after May 31st the flat rate water heaters will only be installed to local consumers on the basis of the customer paying for the

### SOLD BALLANTRAE PROPERTY

The Elliott house and lot at Ballantrae across from the Andrew service station has just been sold to a Mr. Keeling of Toronto. This property has long stood in the same name, probably 60 or 70 years. The present dwelling is the second one on the property. The place was recently advertised in The Tribune, and the household goods were also advertised and sold by auction last week. Thus a name long identified with Ballantrae and Musselman's Lake has been erased, excepting of course, from the memories of old friends of the family.

cost of the heater and the installation thereof. The approximate cost of a heater is \$35 and the cost of installation about \$7. A considerable number of these heaters have been installed in Stouffville in the last few months with the flat service charge of about \$2 per month, being the only charge to the user. Heaters under these conditions of course are the property of the town Hydro, while under the new setup they will be purchased outright by the consumer. The heavy cost of the heater plus installation was found to be greater than the small return from the flat rate on the power used, so that the heaters were being operated at a loss to the local hydro system, which fact is responsible for the discontinuance of free installation.

## County Baseball League Plans Re-organization

At a meeting held in Aurora on Friday evening, representatives from several towns on Yonge St., in addition to Milliken, planned the formation of a seven-team league this season in Midget and Junior divisions. The seven teams which it is hoped will comprise the league are, Richmond Hill, Aurora, Newmarket, Willowdale, Milliken, Markham and Stouffville.

The meeting elected Grant Nighswander of Markham, and teacher at Richmond Hill, as president, and Frank Coulter of Unionville, secretary.

The plan is for a single schedule, home and home games, to commence by May 20th, if possible. The playoffs would be two out of three games with (possibly) the first four teams competing. A third playoff round would bring together the winner of the Yonge St. division and the eastern divisions, and the winners in this round will receive a bye in the Ontario O.B.A. playoffs.

The age limit for boys on the Midget teams is under 17 by May 1st, while the Junior age limit is 20, although league executives were not exactly certain of this latter age.

The diamond is fast hardening into shape here, and boys who would be eligible for the younger age team have already been tossing the ball around.

## Park Commission Hope to Revamp Grounds this Year

Stouffville Park Commission meeting for the first time this year on Friday evening, engaged Chas. McDonald as caretaker. Mr. McDonald is a veteran of this war, and is employed at the Stanley Theatre in the projection room.

The election of officers of the Commission resulted in Norman McLean being returned as chairman, with Chas. Nolan, sec'y-treas. The other members of the Board are Dr. S. S. Ball, Jack Smits and E. A. Button.

While considerable work was done in our local athletic grounds last summer, the shortage of help curtailed much of the work that should have been done. Flower beds, that were once the pride of the community, and have been allowed to run wild during the war years, are expected to take on new life this summer, while the baseball teams will find the playing field in good shape from the very start. The co-operation of the newly planned Horticultural Society will be earnestly sought in ground beautification.

It has always been the contention of this paper that a considerable amount of the destruction at the park by the younger generation in the last few years, has been due to the fact that the place was allowed to run wild through lack of help, and it is hoped this was the case, so that the time and money spent on bringing our park back as a beauty spot will not be in vain.

The Park has already been engaged for one large family reunion this June, and it will no doubt become a favored spot for Sunday motorists again this year, as well as most local picnics.

### NEW HOMES IN WEST

The town lost three highly esteemed residents on Monday when Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brillinger and Mrs. Winnie Vanzant took the train for Western Canada. Mr. and Mrs. Brillinger intend to locate at the coast, but will visit along the way, making their first stop near Regina. They are not settled as to where they will locate, nor yet what line of business they will enter, if any. However, they expect to make their home in the West for a few years possibly. Mrs. Vanzant is proceeding direct to Banff where she expects to meet her future husband and make her new home. Several parties were held recently in honor of these people whom the town can ill-afford to lose, and whom we would all like to welcome back at any time.

## Council Ratifies Hall Agreement

Mr. F. L. Button, as chairman of the Citizens Committee in charge of the campaign for the proposed Veterans Memorial Community Hall, presented an agreement drafted by his committee and signed by the Stouffville Veterans Association, to the Municipal Council for their approval on Thursday evening.

The agreement sets out the conditions under which the new hall will be operated and as a guide to the Trustees in charge of the building.

As stated before, the Veterans will have jurisdiction over the lower floor of the building, although other organizations may have the use of the kitchen facilities there with their approval. This part of the building will be heated for the Veterans and it will be the work of the Trustees to maintain the revenue for this purpose through the rentals received for the auditorium above. While the Veterans will have free use of the basement, they will pay the regular rental for the auditorium, and in this way help to maintain the heating costs.

The ownership of the building being vested in the town under the Community Hall Act, it will be tax free, and the municipality will be expected to maintain it in so far as repairs are concerned.

Following some discussion of these points in the agreement, council approved with its signature.

Robt. Burnett waited on Council with a view to having a streetlight installed on the laneway running at the rear of the north block of stores, and upon which he owns property. Council agreed to give the matter consideration and Councillor Button was delegated to interview E.A. Lloyd another property owner there, in regard to having the laneway continued as an open street between Mill and Church St., at all times.

Several of the town's STOP signs at the entrance to Main street are to be repaired, and the parking of cars, which is prohibited for a limited distance up side streets in the main business section is to be enforced.

"People, just stop their cars any old place, and block the corners up," said Councillor Boyd.

The town sign at the west end, bearing the name "Stouffville" and the speed limit, is to be moved nearer the entrance to town, and repainted. It was agreed.

## Lions Secure York County Warden as Guest Speaker

Mr. F. G. Gardiner, K.C. reeve of Forest Hill Village and Warden of the County of York, has accepted the invitation of the Stouffville Lions Club to be their guest and speaker at their supper meeting on Monday, May 13. Each member of the Club is expected to bring a farmer friend.

The interesting affair will be held in the High School and will be catered to by the Altona Women's Institute, who have done so well in their efforts on previous occasions.

The fact that the first citizen of the county, who is widely known over the province, and a public speaker of more than average ability, is to be the after-dinner speaker, means that every Lion will avail himself of his right to attend, and will undoubtedly be accompanied by a friend from the surrounding district.

Notices to the members are now being issued by Lion Fred Campbell who usually has some interesting announcement to make, but this time his invitation will be the high-light of the season.

### VETERANS ELECT OFFICERS

At a meeting of the Stouffville War Veterans held on Tuesday evening, the following officers were elected: President, Geo. Abell; 1st vice, Dr. N. C. Smith; 2nd vice, E.C. Cadieux; Sec'y-treas., Bert Lickorish. Meetings are to be held on the first Tuesday of each month.

## Local Girl One of Seven Contestants in Oratorical Finals

Audrey Slack, daughter of Mrs. Slack and the late Wm. Slack will go to Kitchener next Thursday to take part in the district finals of the



Lions' Club public speaking contest.

Arrangements have been almost completed for the contest which will be held following a Lions' Club dinner in the Walper Hotel.

Audrey Slack, a popular student of Stouffville High School, stands well in her academic studies and is President of this year's Literary Society. Audrey placed second to Bill Thompson of Midland in the semi-final contest held at Pickering College.

The competitors who will speak at Kitchener next week, are all winners of previous school or Lions' zone contests, and they include three from Kitchener, Betty Kueneman, Harvey Riedinger, and Joseph Conner, Mary Lane of Clinton, Elsie McLaren of Mitchell, Bill Thompson and Miss Slack.

Prizes are being given to every contestant and the winner will be invited to speak at the Lions District Convention at Niagara Falls, June 23 to 26. The subject on which all contestants speak is "Canada as a Nation."

Those in charge of the finals are A. C. Dowcott, Jack Welch and Kenneth Archer of Kitchener Lions, Fred Pugh of Waterloo, Hal Meir of Seaford, who is organizing the contest throughout the district, which includes all of Ontario and Quebec, Dr. Charles Lennox, New Toronto, Ernest Houghton, Toronto, Leo LaPorte, Timmins, and J. R. Zimmerman, Niagara Falls.

The Stouffville contestant has been under the guidance of L. C. Murphy, principal of the High School.

### VISITOR FROM CHINA

Rev. Wm. Tyler pastor of the Christian Church, Stouffville ten years ago, was a visitor in town on Monday. Mr. Tyler is home on furlough from China with his wife and son Gordon. They were accompanied on their visit by Rev. Arthur Greer. Mr. Tyler could relate some highly interesting experiences as a missionary during the war years. However, he appears to have withstood the ordeal well.

## Bid for \$10,000 Veterans Memorial Community Hall Fund Barely Half Subscribed

Result of the canvass in town in an effort to raise \$10,000 by public subscription toward a Veterans' Community Hall is nearing completion, with most of the ratepayers having been interviewed. Unfortunately, the results are far from what was hoped for, and while the number of refusals to subscribe have not been numerous, the amounts donated have been too small for the number involved, to be able to reach the substantial sum.

Notwithstanding, the work will be rushed to completion, and the decision of the Citizens' Committee made known probably next week.

If the sum of \$10,000 is not donated, the bylaw to raise an additional \$6,000, will be of no avail.

Numerous persons interviewed expressed the opinion that the total sum of \$16,000 should have been raised by taxation, hence there are so many conflicting ideas, that it has been hard to make rapid progress.

We understand that the canvassers have raised probably \$4,000 with only a small proportion yet to be called on.

## Horticultural Society Elects New Officers

The revival of the Stouffville Horticultural Society with its good old slogan, "Beauty brings Business," is again an accomplished fact. Mr. E. R. Good was chosen president on Monday evening. Mr. Cecil Davis, vice-president and Mr. Lorne Gillon, 2nd vice, Mr. J. C. Porter, treasurer, and Miss Margery Mertens, secretary.

The directors were named and have yet to be interviewed before they can be finally placed in office. It is hoped that all will accept the appointment, for by so doing they will be serving an excellent cause for the community.

Membership books are on order, and it is hoped that one hundred will pay the fee of \$1. The premium is not arranged for "but" will be announced shortly.

Next Monday evening all who can are asked to meet at Main street and the 9th con. to help clear up the once beautiful flower bed there that was so greatly admired by townspeople and others. Don't forget this appointment, as this is the only intimation that will be given. Twenty-five people are sought for this bee on Monday evening next week.

### ENGAGEMENT

The engagement is announced of Olivia Gordon, daughter of Lieut. Colonel Annesley de Renzy Gordon, M.R.C.V.S. and the late Mrs. Gordon of Mountkearney, Newry, County Down, Northern Ireland, to Glyn-dwr Gibbins, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gibbins, Lemonville, Ont. The marriage to take place May 18th.

### GORMLEY RESIDENCE AGAIN SOLD

Like other hamlets and towns Gormley is fast changing ownership, and only recently another property was sold to bring in to that place a new family. Mr. and Mrs. E. Roberts of Toronto have purchased from Joseph Sider the former Douglas Henry brick house and accompanying lot. Mr. Sider bought the place last fall, making quick turnover, and the new owners have recently moved in. The place is opposite the home of Mr. Clarence Doner, and is located on the north side of the townline right in the hamlet. This makes the second sale of this place within a year.

## New Fire Equipment Suggested for the Unionville Brigade

Fire fighting engine is obsolete, and almost useless at present, Mr. Art Harrington informed Markham Township council on Monday. He said repairs were estimated to cost about \$1200, if some firm could be found to do the job. A new truck and outfit carrying capacity for 200 gallons of water would cost around \$5,500 or \$6,500.

The upkeep is shared on a 50-50 basis as between township and village of Unionville.

"I think this is something we should consider at once," said Reeve Chas. Hooper, and council agreed to set a date at their next meeting on May 20 to see new appliances along with the trustees of the village.

Mr. Hooper favored a larger tank for water, but Mr. Harrington felt the load was heavy enough at 200 gallons. He said that would provide a stream through a 2 1/2 inch hose for 25 minutes, and could be extended during that time from available well or stream.

Mr. Walter Craig, building inspector, submitted his quarterly statement showing 39 permits issued. April permits alone ran to \$65,635 and March \$16,420. Seventeen new buildings were applied for in April and 12 in March.

Mr. Craig during the quarter reported on travel 227 miles in pursuance of his duties.

Pay roll for work on roads for last month ran to \$700, miscellaneous items \$590.56, and council authorized payment for a run-about truck costing \$1300. It was purchased through Wm. Neil, agent at Richmond Hill. Relief items passed totalled \$99.50.

Council authorized that Reeve Hooper, Deputy Reeve Albert Reeson and Clerk Chas. Hoover interview the Ontario Municipal Board for authority to levy 1 1/2 mills on the rateable property to be used in setting up some sort of memorial or gift to the soldiers. This levy to be made in 1946 would raise approximately \$7,500, since a mill is estimated to produce about \$5,000.

Scarboro council submitted their account for maintenance west half of the Markham-Scarboro townline totalling \$1460.85. Councillor Les. Couperthwaite suggested that it might be a good idea to reverse matters, Markham taking the west half and Scarboro the east, but Road Supt. Wm. Maxwell thought the present arrangement was best.

Bylaws were passed, on appointing fence viewers, W.J. Spears, D.E. Hood, H.D. McCague, F.E.N. Reesor, Frank Dimma, Albert King. They will be paid \$400, plus 10c per mile travelling expense.

Another bylaw named reappointed Wm. Maxwell road superintendent, and Wm. Clark, assistant.

Clarence J. Wideman was appointed township constable with powers under the Liquor Control Act.

The latter two by-laws confirmed previous decisions of council in the matter of road superintendents and police officer.

Grants were made of \$15 each to Unionville and Thornhill libraries, and \$70 was ordered paid to Richmond Hill for fighting fires.

### ANOTHER STORE PREMISES SOLD

Following the sale of the old bank property immediately west of the Mansion House to Silver Bros. who have occupied it as a feed store for some years, the store west of that again also occupied by Silver Bros. has been sold to Jos. Sider of Gormley, who intends to establish himself in business here in the near future. Just what line he will launch into is not definitely decided, and in the meantime Silver Bros. who are monthly tenants will continue to occupy the place. The two stores are connected with a door entrance that makes them very convenient for one business.



New Governor of Newfoundland, Sir Gordon Macdonald, is seen here. Sir Gordon arrived in Halifax aboard the Aquitania en route to Newfoundland. He is the second labor-

ing man to receive a governorship recently. The new governor was a miner for 22 years, entered parliament as a Labor member in 1929 elections. He's (Welsh-born, started work at the age of 13 years.