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Council Receives Gratifying Report from Library Board

While the greater portion of Wednesday's municipal council meeting in Stouffville, was taken up with the passing of routine accounts, the local Library Board, represented by Rev. Douglas Davis and L. C. Murphy, waited on council and reported on the recent improvements made there, both in the books and the building itself.

The Board, Mr. Davis, stated, had gone to considerable expense of late in redecorating the interior of the building and arranging for bulletin boards outside, and were asking the municipal council for a grant of \$100 to assist with the work. If the council saw fit to make this contribution, a similar grant was to be forthcoming from the Department of Libraries. It was also stated that the Horticultural Society, it was expected, would take on the job of replanting the once flourishing flower bed in front of the Library building.

The Library has a book circulation of 10,136, which according to population, stands high in comparison with other surrounding communities. Council agreed to make the grant asked, and motion was passed to that effect.

The monthly hydro account received showed that a total of 579 horse power had been used, costing the town \$1497.04. The local electrician H. Walsh was present, and told council of the extensive work which had been completed in the matter of new lines, and improved lines on various streets, in addition to the big Main St. job. He stated that the Albert St. section was found to be considerably overloaded with the continual addition of three-wire services to carry new stoves and other appliances, and it would be necessary to bring a new primary line into the area to divide the load.

Some consideration was given to the problem of the new sidewalk, water main and hydro supplying the Brillinger sub-division. Councillor Hugh Boyd stated that he understood Mr. Brillinger intended to erect two more new houses on the street yet this fall, so that a large enough main should be laid down the street in a view to future building.

The Stouffville Lions Club has purchased two brightly painted emblem signs, for use at either end of town, and permission was given for these signs to be placed atop the present speed limit signs.

Ronald James has been successful in passing his first year in civil engineering with honors.

Mrs. Jno. Scott Dies After Lengthy Illness

Although she has been in very poor health for some time, the announcement of the death of Mrs. John Scott of Claremont, on Wednesday morning, came as a considerable shock to the many friends of the family located in Claremont and Stouffville. She was in her 81st year.

The late Mrs. Scott was born in Clark Township and as Maggie J. Bayles, she married John Scott fifty years ago. The couple have resided on the present farm on the 8th concession of Pickering just south of Claremont for 34 years. Deceased was of retiring nature, and a great lover of her home.

Besides her husband, she is survived by two nephews Walter and John Bayles. An infant daughter died in 1897.

The funeral will be conducted from the home this Friday afternoon at 1:30 p.m., thence to Altona Union Church for service, and interment in Stouffville cemetery.

Young Mother Passes Suddenly

The district centering on the Wideman Church, 8th concession of Markham, was deeply grieved this week, with the sudden death of Mrs. Joseph Brownsberger and infant son at the Toronto General Hospital. Deceased was the former Marion Ruth Wideman, daughter of Albert Wideman and the late Mrs. Wideman, 8th concession of Markham. Mrs. Brownsberger was in her 36th year.

Besides her husband, she is survived by two young sons, Albert and George; three sisters, Mrs. Elmer Grove (Ella), Anna, and Mrs. Leslie Wambold, also two brothers, Alvin Wideman and Lorne at home.

Funeral was conducted this Wednesday afternoon with a short service at the late home, lot 24, concession 10, Markham, and further service in the Wideman Church, conducted by Rev. Floyd Schmucker, assisted by Rev. Aron Grove. Interment was made in the adjoining cemetery.

Baseball Protest Still Live Issue

Notification has been received by the Stouffville Baseball Club that the O.B.A. executive will convene this Wednesday night to deliberate on the Stouffville case for a second time. Newmarket, in the meantime, had been ordered not to meet Meaford as scheduled in the next round. The protest arose in the Junior final between Stouffville and Newmarket on Saturday, Aug. 24th.

Alderman John Innes Addresses Lions Club

Alderman John Innes of the City of Toronto, addressed the Stouffville Lions Club at their opening fall meeting held on Monday evening. Alderman Innes, six times elected in Ward 9, the largest constituency in the city spoke of his experience with regard to the British War Victims' Fund, the credit for originating which he gives to his sister, as the committee of one, representing the city council in meeting troop trains, and as organizer of the Farm Commandos.

Several musical selections were enjoyed from the guitar of Bruce Taylor.

There was considerable discussion regarding the apparent failure of the Memorial Hall project, and several appeals were voiced, that some action should be taken either by the Committee handling the project, or the municipal council, that something be done to recognize the returned men, either by some gift, or in the matter of a hall, as was the original wish of the Veterans Association. The discussion led by Lions Harold Spofford and Hugh Bannerman showed the Club as a whole to be unanimously behind whatever scheme could be worked out.

Mayfair Under New Management

The Mayfair Restaurant established here three years ago by Mrs. Maybee and Mr. Ed. Dorey has been sold to Mr. Ralph Burkholder, veteran of two wars, and a native son of the district.

The Mayfair is one of the best equipped restaurants in the county, modern in every way, and is only limited in the scope of business by its size. The new owner can be counted on to conduct a fine high class business as has been done in the past.

Mrs. Maybee and Mr. Dorey have purchased a bakery business in the bustling town of Exeter, 32 miles north west of London, Ontario.

On the eve of their departure or retirement from business here on Saturday night, the staff presented Mrs. Maybee with a set of dresser lamps, and other articles.

Saturday Night's Farm Fire was Fourth in Same Area

Fire of undetermined origin totally destroyed the 50 ft. barn on the farm of Leslie Morgason on the 2nd concession of Uxbridge, near Garibaldi, on Saturday night. The loss also included the entire season's crop, just threshed on Monday—four horses, thirty-six hogs, several calves, and some implements.

The fire was noticed by folks on the Robt. Hope farm just north, and appeared as a flicker in a hay stack beside the barn hill at the north of the building. However, in a matter of seconds the entire side of the barn was enveloped, fanned by a strong northwest wind.

The Morgason family was in Stouffville shopping at the time, but neighbors rushed to the scene and endeavoured to do what they could to remove the stock from the blazing inferno. A number of hogs were literally carried from the pens, but in their blind fright, they ran back into the fire, when set free. 37 pigs perished, and 100 hens. Fortunately all the cattle, with the exception of a few calves were out to pasture, and a barricade was quickly erected in the laneway to keep the animals from wandering into the blaze which they tried to do. 300 bushes of grain just threshed burned to nothing.

Motorists gathered by the hundreds from miles around, as the reflection could be seen from great distances. The barn is situated on a hilltop. The Stouffville Fire Brigade was summoned after the fire had been underway for some time, but the place was little more than a blazing heap when they arrived on the scene.

This is the second time in thirty-three years that Mr. Morgason's barn has been destroyed by fire in this same site. The calamity also recalls the fact that this is the fourth barn to be destroyed within a two mile area in a very few years, and the origin of none of them has ever been accounted for.

The latest barn to fall prey to flames, was not wired for hydro, and there were no smokers working on the premises. While the railway line runs nearby, a matter of possibly a hundred rods, neighbors did not think that a spark would carry so far, even with a strong wind blowing.

Mr. Morgason's loss is partially covered by insurance.

Talking to The Tribune Mr. Morgason said that he and his son had completed the chores and he went up in the barn to see the newly threshed grain. He ran his hand through it, and remarked on how cool it was, no sign of heating. The building was closed up, and they left for the house, later going to

Many New Homes



Probably never before have so many houses been under construction, and others contemplated, as there are at the present time in Stouffville. Strikes and shortages continue to hold back this construction, but nevertheless, a number of new homes will be ready for occupancy here before winter. Pictured above are two new homes

near the curling rink, the one in the foreground, being the first pre-fabricated house erected here. This house is for Mr. Hugh Bannerman local merchant, while the second house is for Mr. John Scott, Claremont farmer who expects to retire here. A third house on this street directly opposite the two in the picture is being built for Mr. Elgin Wagg.

Stouffville, when he was accosted on the street and hurried home to the disaster.

Five years ago the Jess Tindall barn to the south was destroyed, two years ago the E. Hood barn went in flames and this present fire makes the third, and in each case the season's crop was in. Sixteen years ago the barn right opposite Morgason's was burned on the Joe Cooper place. The Morgason farm has been in the family name for 125 years.

The disaster indicates that there is nothing like a Saturday night fire to thin the crowd from Stouffville's main thoroughfare. Hundreds went to the scene of the fire since it was only a five minute drive from town.

Ration Book Distribution Here

This is the week everybody must get their ration book, or just be out of luck for some weeks to come. There are only three days to go, and in Stouffville the issuing days begin this Thursday morning at the municipal hall, which will be open Thursday, Friday, Saturday to attend to all who may call for new books. Open hours 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday evening until 9 p.m.

At Unionville council chambers books will be issued on Sept. 12 and 13, Locust Hill Sent. 12-13 in United Church, and at Gormley Sept. 13-14 at the post office.

Books have been issued at Buttonville, Victoria Square, Ringwood and Ballantrae earlier this week. If you missed out at these places, be sure and call at some other issuing depot at once.

SUSTAINED NASTY BRUISES WHEN RUN OVER BY TRACTOR

Well known resident of the 8th concession of Markham, Percy Dike, was seriously injured last week, when he fell from a 700-pound tractor which passed over him causing injuries to his face and body. Working on the farm of Robt. Macdonald at the time, Percy was found by his employer lying in a helpless condition. He was removed in Good's ambulance to the Toronto-East General Hospital, where x-rays failed to reveal any fractures. His condition is reported as most favorable.

Whitchurch Holds Tax Rate Slightly Above 1945 Level

The tax rate for Whitchurch township was struck last week at a special meeting of council, at slightly higher figure than prevailed last year. The overall rate is advanced one-half a mill, although the county rate was dropped by a mill and a half. Increased local expenditures called for a higher township rate by two mills, which is offset by the reduced county rate so that the over-all picture is slightly up from a year ago.

It was felt that the township should maintain a good liquid position at this time when farmers are doing well, pay for the extra road machinery, so that when perhaps poorer years come, as they surely will, a lower rate could be struck in such times.

Ownership of Chattels Division Court Action

Chattels claimed to be the property of George Cook and seized on the farm of Earl Cook, Lemonville by Bailiff Ed. Wurm, was the subject of a legal battle in an interpleader case in Division Court here on Monday, but which was adjourned until the November court because George Cook and other prime witnesses were not present. Judge F. G. J. McDonagh presided.

Wurm seized the goods in question to satisfy a debt said to be owing William Nesbitt for wages for work performed in 1945 for Earl Cook.

His Honor said that any airing the case, might get at this time would only have to be repeated when other witnesses were present, and he cautioned all parties to be prepared to proceed at the next sitting.

Reg. Button, solicitor, acted for Nesbitt.

Editors Convened in Halifax

Will Fly to Prince Edward Island. The editor of The Tribune has gone down to the Atlantic coast to attend the first post war convention of the Canadian Weekly Newspaper Association, and to take in the fine program that is a side issue to the convention itself. He is looking forward to going aboard a destroyer that will cruise the great port of Halifax, and perhaps get down on the floor of the ocean, if a submarine is in port during the visit of the news men.

The editors and their wives left Montreal by special train Tuesday afternoon, coming from all parts of Canada west of Montreal. The Canadian Pacific Railway is providing deluxe equipment for the journey that will take the party across the State of Maine and on to Saint John where they were due this Wednesday morning. After breakfast at the Royal Hotel they were to take the steamship Princess Helene, for Digby, where they board the Dominion Atlantic Railway special, and travel through the Annapolis Valley to Halifax. They will have their own dining cars throughout.

Arrangements are being made with the Navy to take the party of men aboard a destroyer for a trip around the harbour, and leaving Halifax for Prince Edward Island later, they will fly the Northumberland Straits, thus cutting a train journey of thirteen hours down to a flying trip of one hour. If the party are fortunate to find a submarine in harbour we may be sure there will be a story on this coming up from the depths for our readers in a later issue.

Car Collides with Standing Truck

Lynn Murphy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Murphy, received lacerations and bruises, as a result of an accident on Tuesday evening, when the car in which she was riding with her father, collided with the rear of a standing truck east of the 9th concession on Main street.

According to Constable Russell who investigated the collision, the truck was parked at the curb unloading some furniture, while Mr. Murphy was proceeding west out of town. The Murphy car was badly damaged, and Mr. Murphy himself received injuries to his knees besides a bad shaking up.

THE LAST ORDER



Locating at Uxbridge 40 years ago as assistant station agent, Mr. Herb Snider, agent at Markham for the last 32 years, was retired on Friday after a long and faithful record. When Mr. Snider first worked for the old Grand Trunk he did not receive any pay. The job was there for the boy who wished to learn it,

and there were plenty ready to give their time for the chance to learn. Things have changed a great deal since that day. Mr. Snider will still remain a resident of Markham enjoying his garden, and recreational pursuits. Mr. Snider is shown handing his last order to the Toronto-Lindsay way-freight.

Additional Teacher for Local Public School Staff

Light Lunches to be Served Students at Noon Hour

An additional teacher is to be engaged for the Stouffville Public School, it was agreed by the Board of Education on Monday evening, to alleviate the overcrowding in Grade VII. Principal Watson's room. There are fifty-five pupils in Grades 7 and 8. One of the basement rooms on the northwest corner of the building will be refitted as a class-room. This will make a total of twelve teachers on the combined Public and High School staffs.

The first step was taken in providing light lunches for students at the noon hour. Principals Murphy and Watson were given a grant by the Board to proceed with arrangements for this service. It is expected that such things as milk and hot soup will be dispensed from the Household Science room, until the contemplated restaurant can be established in the basement.

The remainder of the Board's business dealt with the passing of accounts and a survey of the interior decorating job just completed.

Young Men Injured in Motor Crash

Jas. Miller R.C.A.F. of Stouffville is in the Brierbush Hospital suffering from severe head lacerations and shaking up, while Jas. Abell of Ringwood is recovering from minor cuts and several cracked ribs, as a result of a motor crash in which they were involved when their car left the townline just west of town.

The injured men were attended by Dr. John Button, and Miller who was hurled against the windshield was removed to the hospital after first aid was rendered.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley James are holidaying in New Brunswick. Wesley has just completed his senior matriculation course.

Word of Tragedy Comes from West

Tragedy struck the home of Frank Reynolds of Gilroy, Sask., formerly of Stouffville, with the drowning of his only son, Orval, according to word received on Tuesday by Mrs. Robt. Hone of Uxbridge Twp. and Mr. Fred Reynolds of Stouffville, sister and brother of Frank. No details of the tragedy were contained in the message, and Mrs. Hope left by plane immediately.

Friends of the grief stricken father will recall that Mr. Reynolds was born near Glasgow and farmed there for some time before moving to Stouffville.

Salvation Army Drive in the Offing

Stouffville along with surrounding communities is lining up again this year for the annual Salvation Army Home Front Appeal, and a definite date for the actual canvass here will be announced shortly.

Air Marshall Bishop, who is chairman of the Salvation Army National Advisory Board, declared that the Army is incurring an annual deficit of over \$1,000,000. The Air Marshal states that, "If the vast amount of suffering, misery and waywardness daily dealt with by the Salvation Army" were dumped on the doorsteps of individual Canadians, they would realize how great is the work of the Army."

Stouffville's contribution to the organization in the last two years has amounted to a thousand dollars, and the chairman and canvassers are confident that the splendid showing will be continued this year.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Redman of Myrtle Station, visited at the home of her sister, Mrs. David Watson on Sunday.