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Council Sets Up New Schedule of Pay Rates For Road Employees

Whitchurch-Township Council, sitting in regular session on Saturday afternoon passed a new pay scale for all road department employees, giving approximately a 10c an hour increase for all types of workmen.

Grader and tractor operators will now receive 90c per hour, road foremen 80c, and labourers 70c. Truckers will now be paid \$2 an hour and Road Supt. Davis will receive an annual salary of \$2,400 which is an increase of \$400.

The matter of pay increases was brought before council at the last meeting, and some thought was given the projected increases before the new scale was passed on Saturday.

Council voiced the opinion that in view of the rates being paid in other municipalities, the increased cost of living, and the satisfactory work being done by the road staff, the men were entitled to an increase.

Increases were also mooted for the office staff, but this matter was laid over till a later date.

Messrs. Sharpe and Hope representing the Wilcox Lake rate-payers interviewed council with a view to having more grading done on the lake road.

Mr. Sharpe reminded council some action in this regard had been promised in the spring. He pressed for some work to be done on the ditches to alleviate the water situation next spring.

The matter was left in the hands of the Road Supt. to try and make some improvement in the road conditions this fall.

Chas. Dennie, lot 11, con. 7, was paid \$25 for the loss of one sheep killed by dogs. Relief accounts for the month amounted to \$279.06, and general accounts \$1819.24.

Road accounts passed for payment amounted to \$4416.00, which included an item of \$2474.00 to Frank Roberts for gravel, and \$500 for new culvert pipe.

The award given by township fence viewers on a line fence between the Elton Armstrong and Michael Bozik properties at lot 32, con. 3, was tabled at council.

There was some discussion regarding roadwork requested on the 10th concession. The Road Supt. stated that there was a tremendous amount of gravel on this road which handles a steady stream of trucks from the two large gravel pits at Gravel Hill.

"We put dust layer on the road four times last summer, but it wouldn't last," stated the Road Supt.

An offer was made by the owner of the Stouffville Sand & Gravel to supply a bulldozer free of charge to aid in the ditching, but the road department didn't see how much could be done on the job this fall with all the other heavy commitments the township had made.

The matter of improving the Vivian sideroad through the bush between the 8th and the 9th concession also came in for discussion.

Deputy-Reeve McLaughlin stated that this was a mail route, and a number of children had to use the road in the winter to get to school. It was revealed that the township was awaiting a surveyor to go over the road, and it was suggested that if the surveyor couldn't get the job done, the township engineer might be called in to line up the actual position of the roadway which at the present time has a great number of short turns and hills.

OLD-FASHIONED TURKEY SUPPER THOROUGHLY ENJOYED BY HUNDREDS



Top Photo

That old-fashioned turkey supper held last week in the Stouffville United Church as part of the festivities marking the opening of the new church wing, was enjoyed by nearly seven hundred hungry participants. Snapped by The Tribune photographer are just a few of more than two hundred and fifty who enjoyed each "sitting." In the centre foreground can be seen Archie Fleming, Markham Township assessor, completely engrossed in the job at hand—a little farther down the table, Arthur Dowswell is eyeing a platter of turkey with contemplation. H. W. Moyer is in view at the doorway in the background, keeping traffic moving, while other well-known local personalities can also be seen, making the most of a great opportunity.

Centre Photo

A "behind the scenes" shot is taken by Tribune photographer Ted Cadieux, who slipped into the kitchen to catch this one. Scenes like this were common, as bushels of turnips, potatoes, and other eatables were prepared for the "great feast." To the right, the minister of the church, Rev. Douglas Davis can be seen sampling some of the preparations. Other hard-working ladies surrounding the table, beginning with Mrs. Gorman Dixon in the immediate foreground, are, Mrs. Ray Fleury, Miss Bertha Winn, Miss Anne Lehman, Mrs. Floyd Fairles, Mrs. Garfield Kellington, and Mrs. Albert King.

Lower Photo

Here two churchmen, Del Jennings, left, member of the Board of Stewards, and L. C. Murphy, right, choir leader, roll up their sleeves and prepare to work over one of the choice 20 pound birds which graced the tables.



Zone Health Office To Locate Here

One of the four York County Health Unit offices is to be located in Stouffville, we learn this week from the local unit representative. The office will be set up in the Percy Brillinger block, above Snowball's Barber Shop. Two and possibly three of a staff will be located in this office, including a public health nurse and sanitary inspector.

Other such offices are being established in Sutton and Maple, with the headquarters office at Newmarket. The office at Maple is now operating, and this area is being serviced from that office until the local premises are ready.

Boat Nearly Swamped Returning from Hunt

A deer hunting party including several Markham Township men, members of council, had a hair-raising experience last Thursday evening, when returning from the northern hunting grounds via the Magnetawan River.

The party included Councillors Chas. Hooper and Dalton Rumney, also Bill Rumney, H. McCague, Floyd Pratt and Jos. Stevenson, the latter two of Richmond Hill.

They were some sixty rods off shore in open water, and a heavy snow storm was blowing. The boat was very heavily loaded, and just by some ticklish maneuvering they managed to hit the beach without being swamped.

Then the trek started for the railway through dense bush. At one point the party was compelled to cross another lake, but by some good fortune the beavers had built a dam across which the men used as a bridge.

Jack Beach Awarded Whitchurch Snow-Plow Contract

Three tenders were received for snowplowing in Whitchurch successful bid went to Jack Beach who tendered at a rate of \$5 per hour for plowing and \$5 per day standby time. The tenders were opened at the regular meeting of council on Saturday afternoon.

During the meeting the annual nomination bylaw was given its necessary readings and passed. The bylaw calls for the nomination meeting to be held on Friday, Dec. 22nd, at the hour of 1 o'clock, an election if necessary on Monday, Jan. 1st, with polls open from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Cave-in of Pit Kills Dad of Two

His head crushed by gravel when the side of a pit caved in on top of him, William James Petty, 35, father of two, was instantly killed Saturday at the Jos Amos gravel pit, on the Pickering Markham townline.

Two companions, helping him load a wagon with gravel, narrowly missed the same fate. Douglas Aldes and Grant Burkholder were working some 10 feet away from the victim when the seven-foot perpendicular bank collapsed without warning, giving Petty no chance to escape.

He is survived by his wife, the former Ruby Alves, a son Billy and daughter Joan; his mother Mrs. William Petty; and three sisters, Beatrice (Mrs. Fred Ireson) Cherrywood, Agnes (Mrs. Norman Alves) Brooklin, and Laura (Mrs. Donald Milnie) Cherrywood.

Funeral service was conducted from the Cherrywood United Church on Monday afternoon with interment in Erskine Cemetery.

MARKHAM LIONS TO DRAW FOR CAR IN LOCAL HALL

Markham-Unionville Lions Club will move into the Veterans Hall here in Stouffville on Friday evening to hold a bingo, dance and games, with the big feature, the draw for their 1950 Ford Car. There'll be a special turkey and chicken draw. You'll want to take one home.

LOSES FINGERS

Friends will be sorry to learn that Earl Tate, well-known in Stouffville and vicinity, sustained the loss of two fingers recently while working in the metal department of the Office Specialty plant at Newmarket. The machine on which he was working tripped in some unexplained manner, severing the two fingers from the right hand. He is now recuperating at his home on 41 Gorham St., Newmarket, after spending a week in hospital.

County Names New Appointees to Local High School Board

York County Council last week appointed nine representatives to serve on High School Board and Boards of Education. In the case of the Markham-Stouffville Area, three representatives were appointed where there had hitherto only been one.

The following men have been named to serve three, two and one year terms: A. H. Williams, three years; William Spears, two years; Albert King, one year.