

GOV'T AID PAID FOR TP. ROAD DAMAGE

MARKHAM FAMILY DRIVEN FROM HOME BY \$9,000 BLAZE



Shown are Mr. and Mrs. P. Descouteaux and family who are homeless after a \$9,000 blaze destroyed their dwelling located on the southern outskirts of Markham. A spark from an ironing cord plug was said to be responsible for the fire.

Whitchurch Twp. to Receive \$10,825 for Damage by Trucks Enroute to Barrie Highway

Whitchurch Council meeting on Saturday for the last time prior to nomination, approved by resolution an offer of \$10,825.00 for damage suffered by township roads through truck traffic moving from gravel pits to the construction of the new Toronto to Barrie highway. The resolution proposed by Councillor McCarron and Deputy-Reeve Timbers carried unanimously, and the clerk was instructed to notify the Ontario Department of Highways that the Township of Whitchurch would accept the offer.

Road Supt. E. Davis revealed that 14,247 yards of gravel had been placed on the township thoroughfares this year. Accounts passed for the month amounted to \$8,009.15, which included \$4,255.90 to F. H. Roberts for gravel supplied.

Six tenders were received for truck snowplowing, and F. H. Roberts had the successful bid which was \$4 an hour for plowing and \$5 a day standby time. Del Baker was the successful tenderer to supply 500 yards of sand, salt treated, and the price was \$2.10 per yard. Council gave three readings to a bylaw increasing the salary of the clerk's clerical assistant Thos. Kerr, to \$2,350.

The members of the Township Court of Revision requested salary this year of \$10 per day for their services without mileage. However, council believed this figure high and passed the annual bylaw for this purpose at a figure of \$8.00 per day without mileage. Court was in session two days this year.

New Sub-Division is Proposed Here, Area North of Park Rd.

Mr. Russel Forfar appeared before the Stouffville Council on Monday evening with sketch plans for a new sub-division to be opened up north from Park Street parallel to Church St. The six acres of land in question is presently under option. Mr. Forfar proposes to divide the area into twenty lots.

The matter of proper street outlets council felt presented some problem. Reeve Ogden stated that he thought any such development should have an outlet both at Manitoba Street and on Baker Ave.

Council discussed the matter and expressed the opinion that they would have to look over the site before passing any definite opinion on street outlets and the matter of water mains would have to wait until spring and would come before the new Utility Commission after the turn of the year.

"We can't give any snap opinions on a matter like this, some of these sub-divisions take six months to iron out," said the reeve.

Court of Revision

Stouffville Municipal Council sitting on Monday night as a court of revision heard only one appeal against the assessment of E. R. Good. Ken Wagg, local jeweller, appealed against an assessment of \$2500 on his home on Orchard Park Blvd. Mr. Wagg told the court that the assessment had

been jumped \$300 as soon as he bought the place.

Mr. Wagg stated that he believed the figure was now high in comparison to several others in town and named specifically the residences of Geo. Allison, Lloyd Ham, Ken Schell, Walter Brillinger, C. McKenzie and Robt. Snowball. All these homes he contended would bring as much or more money than his if placed on the market.

"What was your reason for raising it?" Councillor Ratcliff asked Assessor Good.

"Because I felt it should be higher," replied the Assessor.

"Why?" continued Councillor Ratcliff.

Assessor Good declined further comment.

"It doesn't look right to change the assessment just as soon as the house changes hands," commented Reeve Ogden. "Any of the houses Mr. Wagg has mentioned would sell for as much or more," he added.

"We're not concerned with these other assessments—it's his privilege to appeal against them if he thinks they're too low," said Mr. Good.

After some deliberation council reduced Mr. Wagg's assessment to \$2,350.

Assessor Good commented that it was a very difficult thing to assess a municipality now unless it was on a measured basis, and he told council he firmly believed such a plan should be undertaken.

Uxbridge Assessment Up \$9,000

The total assessment for the Township of Uxbridge shows an increase of approximately \$9,000 over last year. There were but four appeals at the annual court of revision held on Monday evening. Thirty-five appeals were heard in 1951. The Township Assessor, Mr. D. McDonald of Goodwood was present at the meeting accompanied by Mr. Gordon McLean, representing the County. In the four complaints brought before the council, only one was reduced. Mrs. Eleanor Murphy on the 8th concession received a reduction of \$100 on buildings. Tindall Bros. of Goodwood assessed for \$6,725 claimed valuation too high for farms' earning power. No action was taken. Mr. Charles Watson of Goodwood was assessed for \$4,025 on his building and an additional \$1,000 business assessment. Council declined to take action. Donald Worgan, 4th concession, appealed an assessment of \$1800, a jump of \$125 over last year but no action was taken.

Stouffville Native Will Be 101 This Friday

A real old-timer and remarkable man for his years is Jacob Brownsberger who will celebrate his 101st birthday at his home in Deloraine, Sask., this Friday, Nov. 17th. Mr. Brownsberger was born in Ringwood in 1851, lived there for twenty years and then came to Stouffville where he served his time in the harness-making trade. He travelled west in 1906.

Since 1912 he has been doing his own housework and still takes delight in his garden which he spaded and planted again this year. One can scarcely credit the fact that he has passed the century mark to see Mr. Brownsberger step briskly down the street. Asked on his 100th birthday if he was planning on looking forward to his 101st he quickly remarked "Why not? I'm a lot stronger now than I was one hundred years ago."

The Chamber of Commerce of Deloraine are planning special recognition of Mr. Brownsberger's birthday on Dec. 1st when he will be guest of honor at their meeting. He has recently been bestowed with the title of "Mr. Deloraine" according to the Deloraine Times, as one of the finest and friendliest citizens of the town.

Mrs. (Dr.) S. Hughes of Hamilton is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hughes, Lloyd Ave.

The Tribune is pleased to hear from you when you have visitors. Just call Stouffville 1532.

Councillor Harold Murphy has returned from the annual deer shoot with his catch. Bill Sanders who accompanied him brought down a 300-lb. bear which is expected to provide many a steak and a new parlor rug.

SHANK, Elizabeth — At the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville, on Monday, Nov. 10, 1952, Elizabeth Reaman, widow of Jesse Shank, in her 85th year. Resting at the chapel of L. E. O'Neill, Stouffville, for service on Wednesday, Nov. 12, at 2:30 p.m. Interment Wideman Cemetery.

Stratford Lady Wins Legion Car

Mrs. Mabel Groutby, 593 Ontario St., in Stratford, was the lucky winner of the Monarch Convertible given away in a lucky ticket draw at the Legion Hall here on Tuesday night. A good crowd was on hand for the bingo party staged by the local Legion, highlighted by the draw for the car.

The following other prizes were won: radio, Mrs. C. Mullin, Minden; toaster, No. A2986; Iron, B. Marshall, Scarboro; waffle iron, C. Pendlebury, Toronto; kettle, C. Pendlebury, Toronto; coffee percolator, Mrs. Geo. Yungburt, Gowanstown.

War Dead Honored Here on Sunday

The annual Remembrance Day Service to commemorate those who have served and fallen in two wars and also to pay tribute to the fighting forces in Korea was held in the Stouffville Presbyterian Church last Sunday afternoon. Rev. F. Bourne of the Anglican Church delivered the special address. Rev. Bourne stressed the importance of looking forward rather than continually looking and living in the past.

"Take unto you the whole armor of God so that past wars and the present battle now being waged in Korea may not be fought in vain," said Rev. Bourne. Mr. Jack Ardell of Newmarket sounded the last post followed by two minute silence. The veterans' parade commenced from the Memorial Hall and proceeded to the Stouffville Cemetery where poppies were placed on the graves of fallen comrades. The C.G.I.T. girls accompanied by the Explorers group were also in attendance. Rev. D. Davis, Rev. H. Branton, Rev. P. Huson and Rev. G. Brown also participated in the service. The Provincial Gov. Wreath was placed by Mrs. O. Tranmer and one by the Veterans' Association by Mrs. F. Fairles.

Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting This Thursday

Stouffville Chamber of Commerce will hold their annual meeting in the municipal hall this Thursday evening, Nov. 13th. It is the occasion for the election of officers and the reports of committee chairmen on the work of the past year.

The Chamber of Commerce has proved quite an active body during its inaugural twelve months and has been instrumental in promoting increased business for Stouffville as well as suggesting and carrying out a number of worthwhile ideas and projects.

The Santa Claus Parade is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 6th, and this "operation" is also high on the agenda for Thursday evening.

The Horticultural Pot Luck Supper and Annual Meeting will be held in the United Church basement on Tuesday, Nov. 18, at 6:30 p.m.

Youth Dies in Arms Of Pals as Motorists Ignore Plea for Aid

Twenty-one-year-old Bill Venn of Box Grove, three miles east of Markham, died in the arms of his pals, Murray Brandon, 28, of Markham and Jack Todd, 20, of Milliken as motorists sped by ignoring their frantic signals for help.

The accident occurred on the 8th concession of Markham at Armadale when the threesome were returning home in the early hours of Saturday morning. The driver of the car, Murray Brandon, lost control of the vehicle as he rounded a curve and as the auto hit the ditch it turned over on its side hurling Venn out of the open door.

Venn was thrown against a huge boulder and died before medical aid could be reached. Dr. R. M. Pilkey of Markham claimed death due to a ruptured aorta—a main artery leading to the heart.

Both Todd and Brandon, although dazed and bruised, managed to scramble out of the wrecked auto and while one picked up their pal the other staggered to the road waving frantically to passing motorists for help.

"One car after another went by and although the drivers saw that we were in trouble they would not stop or even slow up," said Brandon.

"Although we stood there for only a few minutes it seemed like hours," claimed Todd. Finally one Good Samaritan, a Toronto couple, stopped and Venn was lifted into the back seat. By the time he reached Markham, four miles away, he was dead. Constable Geo. Clayton of the Markham Township Police was called to investigate but because the accident was in Scarboro Twp. the case was turned over to the Scarboro police.

A wallet containing \$50 and personal papers belonging to the accident victim was lost and although searchers scoured the area for the purse they failed to locate it. It is thought that one of

Careening Gravel Truck 'Misses' Students by Inches' at Dickson's Hill

Two students attending Stouffville High School and two returning from Dickson's Hill Public School luckily escaped serious injury on Thursday afternoon when an empty tractor-trailer gravel truck careened out of control on slippery pavement at Dickson's Hill, rolled over and plowed into the ditch. Barbara Hastings and Robert Hallman were about to cross the highway after leaving the standing school bus accompanied by Janet Hallman and Nancy Robertson when the huge transport sped crazily by. The driver, Mr. Frank Tallero of Toronto, swerved to avoid collision with the bus and because of the wet road he was unable to right the vehicle. The truck hit the ditch and turned completely over twisting the trailer from the cab. A car driven by Mr. Joseph Wilshire, 415 Ashdale Ave., Toronto, proceeding south, crashed into the truck which was blocking the road. The auto was not seriously damaged.

Mr. Ward Hallman, an eye witness to the accident, was seated in his car awaiting the arrival of the students when he saw the transport roar over the top of the hill.

Mr. Hallman, still shaking from fright, claimed he hoped never to experience such a thing again in his life.

"The students missed death by the skin of their teeth," said Mr. Hallman.

Constables Cox and Clayton of the Markham Township force conducted the investigation.

the many onlookers may have picked it up.

Venn had been boarding at the home of Mr. Wm. Thomas in Box Grove and was completing a course in plumbing at the Ryerson trade school in Toronto. He had formerly been a student at Markham High School.

Markham Welding Works Completely Gutted in Serious Afternoon Fire on Tuesday

On Tuesday afternoon fire broke out in the Markham machine shop operated by Assinck Bros. and although firemen from both Markham and Unionville made a valiant attempt to save the structure, the interior of the building was almost completely gutted.

The two brothers, Joe 26, and Tony 27, were working inside the rear section of the structure. Tony was doing repair work on a gravel truck and had just removed a gas tank from the vehicle and placed it on the floor. Unknown to either of the men the tank had sprung a leak. As the gasoline trickled across the floor it was ignited by the welder being used by Joe, some ten feet away. In a split second the interior was a roaring mass of flames and as Tony, the elder brother, scrambled to drag the burning fuel tank from the building it suddenly exploded in his hands. Joe Assinck grabbed three fire extinguishers and turned them on his brother in an effort to quell the outbreak. Mr. Ross Campbell, garage operator close by, brought two more extinguishers to the rescue and Rev. G. H. Thomas, minister of

St. Andrew's United Church, Markham, offered another one. The two brothers had just time to remove the one gravel truck from the building and escape with their lives. A car and two tractors along with a number of power machines and stock supplies could not be removed.

The Assinck brothers are residents of Stouffville and had started up business in the machine shop only six weeks ago.

The building was owned by Mr. Mart Reesor, an employee with the Markham Sand and Gravel, and the equipment valued at \$4,000 belonged to Lawrence Neill of Markham.

So dense was the smoke that firemen were forced to don masks in order to fight the blaze. Tony Assinck, burned about the face, was treated at the home of a neighboring resident. The well-known building is over eighty years old and was the place of business for the Speight Wagon Works many years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Brown of Kitchener were recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Moyer, Church Street.

Will Combine Prov. Police With Full Time Local Constable For Increased Police Service

Stouffville Municipal Council agreed when meeting in special session on Monday evening to engage the Ontario Provincial Police and to also engage one local constable on a full-time basis.

The Provincial Police will provide one full-time resident officer complete with cruiser while the town will engage the full-time local constable. Under this plan the provincial government will pay a grant of twenty-five per cent of all police expense with the exception of actual wages for the local man.

Inspector Hand, head of the Newmarket area of the Provincial Police, sat in on council's deliberations on the subject. Last week it was not believed the O.P.P. would undertake the policing here un-

less they were allowed to provide two full-time men of their own. However on further investigation into local needs the suggestion of one Provincial officer and one local constable was agreed upon. This is a similar system to that in the town of Uxbridge.

Council agreed by resolution to advertise immediately for a full-time local constable to work with the O.P.P. A contract setting out the obligations of both the municipality and the O.P.P. as well as the salary to be paid is expected to be in council hands shortly.

The municipality must provide a police office and pay six cents per mile for the police car under the contract. Total cost of new set-up is expected to be between \$4500 and \$5000.