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COMMUNITY PLANNING PANEL IN ACTION



Here is a view of a portion of the town planning panel which conducted the Chamber of Commerce meeting here Thursday night attended by more

than a hundred persons. Seen here left to right are: Geo. Allison, chairman; local industrial committee; Cec. Hendricks, publicity

chairman; Ken Wagg, pres.; Chamber of Commerce; J. E. Turnbull, Col. Nash, William Wilson and W. G. Muir.

Business Licensing for Markham Tp. Suggested To Give More Control

Mr. Les Galbraith recommended in a report to Markham Township Council on Monday evening that businesses in the township should be licensed in order to give council more control and make the work of the building and plumbing inspector much easier.

Plumbing Inspector Galbraith stated that many problems had arisen for council that could have been more easily and decisively handled if businesses had been licensed. It was stated that a neighboring municipality licensed everything from garages and theatres to golf courses and vending machines. A transient license of \$250 was charged.

"Good operators want inspection and they want the license high enough to deter 'fly by nighters'," stated Councillor Lennie.

"We don't want to see the fee so high as to stop business coming in," commented Deputy Reeve LeMasurier.

"I think the committee and inspectors should give this careful consideration and report back to council," said Councillor Clark.

It was pointed out that if business places were not properly operated, licenses could easily be cancelled.

A resolution was carried giving approval to certain recommendations to the building bylaw as suggested by Building Inspector Norton.

To Consult Health Unit
A committee of council members along with Plumbing Inspector Galbraith will consult with the Health Unit this week concerning what was termed "lack of service."

The Inspector reported to council that people were being held up in their building because the Unit inspectors took so long in looking over septic tanks, and thus keeping him from issuing a permit. It was the Unit's own suggestion that they be called in for these inspections, he stated.

"Will they come right back

to council for more money if faster service is needed?" asked Deputy Reeve LeMasurier.

"This is positive proof they do need more money," said Councillor Lennie.

"Is this their way of putting pressure on?" asked Councillor Clark.

Taxing Bylaw Soon
Council met in special session on Thursday afternoon to tentatively approve the Markham Twp. tax rate for 1953. Councillors Hooper and Lennie favoured lowering the rate one mill, in view of last year's surplus, but other members believed that the rate should not be dropped quite that much in case of increased expenditures.

It is expected that there will be further discussion on the rate before the bylaw is given formal approval at the next regular meeting on April 20th.

General comparison in the main tax items, with the exception of schools, are as follows:

	1953	1952
Gen. Rate	6.0	6.6
Roads	9.5	11.0
Police	3.0	2.78
Fire	0.7	1.0

TENNIS MEETING!

A meeting is being organized in an effort to have our newly paved tennis courts in action this summer. Word has come from Bill Ford of the Lions Club boys and girls committee to watch for an announcement of meeting date next week.

LAST SKATING

What will most likely be the last public skating for the season will be this Friday night at the Stouffville Arena. Balance of this week's ice time has all been rented by the Toronto Hockey League.

Open night, Tuesday, April 28, at Stouffville High School. Demonstrations and displays of work.

Fire Costs Cause Concern In Whitchurch Township

The regularity with which grass fires are occurring and causing fire costs to mount, is causing considerable concern to Whitchurch Township Council and there was a lengthy discussion on the matter at the meeting in Vandorf on Saturday. Costs for this past month have mounted to an all-time high of \$720.

"We should make the persons pay for these fires, who start them," commented councillor Legge.

Brigades have been called out recently to battle no less than fourteen grass fires. Eleven have been in the Aurora area for which they have been paid \$550; one call was to Richmond Hill, \$10; and two to Stouffville, \$130.00. The latter account included payment for the exceptionally large fire near Ballantrae at which time the brigade was on duty several hours.

Road Supt. Davis told coun-

cil that he saw three boys drive away in a car after three separate fires were set in a field near Vivian Forest.

It was pointed out that the township had no fire bylaw. Councillor Graham commented that a grass fire set near his place would "wipe him out" as the grass and weeds are two feet high.

Reference was made to comment in last week's Tribune concerning the statement of councillor Daniels of Stouffville that the township was not paying enough for fire service.

"These calls shouldn't be too hard on the Stouffville Brigade considering the agreement we have with them," commented reeve Ivan McLaughlin.

While council expressed alarm at the sudden upsurge in fire costs no action was taken towards a bylaw or restrictions.

American Chorus Visits Gormley

On Thursday evening a bus from Grantham, Pa., Messiah College, carrying twenty-nine students and the music director, Mrs. F. Smith, arrived at the church where they were served lunch. Following this at 7:45 p.m. a programme of sacred music was rendered also some negro spirituals. On Friday they journeyed to the city of Toronto where they enjoyed the day. They sang on two different floors in one of the large department stores in the city which was much appreciated by the audience which gathered around them.

Following this they visited the CBC Broadcast on McGill St. and heard the programme of the Happy Gang. They then enjoyed a shopping tour and left the city at 2:45 p.m. for Wellandport, Ont., for a programme near there. Their tour takes them for nearly 1200 miles until they return travelling via Pittsburg, Englewood, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Ontario, New York State and then home by the 13th of April. We hope they will return again sometime in the future for another programme.

Loses License For Three Months
A 65-year-old farmer, Fred Pilkey of R.R. 3, Stouffville, pleaded guilty before Magistrate Frank S. Ebbs in Whitby to charges of failing to remain at the scene of an accident and of careless driving, but he wanted the court to know that he was "just going up the road a piece to a friend's" and that he fully intended to return to the scene of the mishap.

His account of how he got into the scrape on No. 7 Highway at the Brock Road, brought smiles to the faces of those in the court room and the bench was moved to withdraw the failure to remain charge, but registered to conviction on the other count, fining the Stouffville driver \$25 and costs or 10 days. His driver's licence was also suspended for three months.

OPP Constables Gordon Keast and Wib Smith of Whitby gave evidence in the case.

The round robin group play-offs in the Lions N.H.L. will come to a close on Saturday morning of this week. The Leafs will play Chicago in the first game while Boston and Montreal will meet in the second contest.

To-night (Wednesday) at 8 o'clock take a trip to Mexico with Mr. Glenn Ratchiff. He will be showing pictures of his recent trip to this southern country in the Veterans' Hall, under auspices of the Horticultural Society. The secretary wishes to report that the membership now stands at 148, still a few short of last year's total.

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Hear Local Assessment Balance Very Dangerously Out of Line

Taxpayers in Stouffville should be alarmed at the lack of industrial assessment in town and should co-operate with the Chamber of Commerce and council in every way in endeavoring to interest firms to locate in Stouffville.

This was the view of officials who spoke to the Chamber of Commerce gathering on Thursday evening in respect to industrial assessment.

"Industrial assessment is absolutely necessary if a community is going to grow," declared William Wilson of the Toronto Industrial Commission. He pointed out that if the community continues to grow with homes only, taxes will become so high that it will be difficult then to interest industry to locate.

"It's a shame if some of the fine industrial sites that we've seen in our tour of the town, are not zoned immediately for industrial purposes. If industry should be established in the townships on your borders, it will be hard to get," he contended.

Mr. Wilson spoke as a member in a panel of experts on town planning and industrial expansion. Chairman of the panel was J. E. Turnbull of the Dept. of Planning and Development. Other members were Colonel Nash of the Community Planning Board, W. G. Muir of the Canadian National Railways, industrial division, and Mr. Messer of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Development Branch.

"One must visualize where the community will be twenty years from now; they must study the advantages for industry at hand; there is a sixty percent benefit in having industry in the community," said Mr. Turnbull.

Questioned as to the matter of sewers, Mr. Wilson stated that some industry will come without sewers, but it is preferable.

Mr. Turnbull pointed out that it must be borne in mind that people can be attracted to come into Stouffville to work as well as to go out. "It means more spending power in your town," he said.

Mr. Nash pointed out that the maximum usefulness to be obtained from industry is having a proper design for development. "Remember too," he said, "that industry is looking for good living environment for employees. Planning Board can supply design for better living."

Planning Board Needed
Mr. Nash who is a top expert in community planning stated definitely that a planning board was needed in Stouffville.

He said that it was a vital necessity. Such a local board could work in close co-operation with the Boards in Markham and Whitchurch. Through such board it might be deemed necessary to change the boundaries of the municipalities from time to time and then annexation would take place.

Mr. Lorne Evans, chairman of the Whitchurch Planning Board, stated that he did not believe in wholesale annexation of large tracts of lands, but rather in a creeping annexation.

Mr. Nash contended that the

townships should endeavour to see that subdividing took place on the borders of the urban communities so that services could be provided most economically. The basis for good planning is the wise use of land.

Mr. Nash explained just how a planning board could be established and how it could work in conjunction with neighboring boards. He stated that it should always be gone into with the facts for and never prejudices. A farmer's taxes should never be raised for services he does not require.

Mr. Wilson stated that any protection that could be given to industrial land along the railway should be given now and the railway should definitely be consulted before such zoning takes place.

In reply to a question Mr. Muir told the gathering that spur lines are laid down by the railway at a cost to the municipality of approximately \$5 a running ft. with the C.N.R. supplying the materials.

The question obtaining permission to place a second crossing over the railway could only be done through the Board of Transport Commissioners.

In summing up Chairman Turnbull said that it was silly to offer fixed assessment as any industry that was worthwhile should be willing to pay its own way.

In reply to another query, Mr. Wilson said that any industry employing 150 persons would not likely import more than ten personnel. He revealed that in the City of Toronto the average number of persons working in any factory is 42.

Reeve Win Timbers of Markham Township who spoke briefly stated that he believed the town would be wise to annex territory while it was still open farm land in order to overcome future difficulties.

"Townships are unfortunate in that they have nothing to offer industry in the way of services," he said.

Local Girls Going To England This Week

Two local young ladies are leaving for England this week, the one by liner and the other by air. Miss Jean Sanderson will sail aboard the liner Atlantic, on Friday night, and will visit Mrs. Sanderson's sister, Mrs. Thompson, in Rochampton, England. She plans to be overseas several months and will also visit the continent.

On Saturday, Miss Mary Davis will leave by T.C.A. trans-ocean plane, and will arrive Sunday in England where she will visit with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Miller. The Millers who are Stouffville young people are living in England, Jim being stationed there with the R.C.A.F.

Tenders Called This Week for Construction Of New High School Building at Westend

Tenders are being called this week for construction of the new High School for the Stouffville-Whitchurch Area, and the estimated cost is \$1,700,000. The tenders are to be received by Shore & Moffat, Architects and specifications may be obtained from their office, 79 Queen St. east, Toronto, from the Toronto Builders' Exchange or the office of the town clerk Garfield

Brown. The new school is to be an eleven room structure, steel, concrete, brick construction, 70' home economics room, shop room and cafeteria. Arrangements for hydro service, water main, and roads are now being completed. Landscaping and front area paving will be included in the contract.

Uxbridge School Facilities 'Swamped' By Boarding Pupils

Uxbridge Township Public School Area Board have decided to take immediate action concerning the influx of student boarders into the municipality. The Chairman of the Board, Mr. Eldred Catherwood, accompanied by Inspector Knight and Board member Mr. Wm. Hewlett, has made an appointment with the Minister of Education, Mr. Dunclop to see if the serious situation cannot be ironed out.

The two boarding homes under fire are those operated by Messrs. Wm. and Stuart Watts on the 5th concession of Uxbridge. At the present time there are about fifteen pupils attending Uxbridge Public School from "The Maples" which costs the taxpayers of the township over \$1100. Six other students are transported by Mr. Watts to Glasgow school but this setup is far from satisfactory. It is expected that there will be close to forty students of school-age

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Bruce J. Thompson Markham Smithy Twenty-Five Years

On Tuesday, April 14th, Mr. Bruce James Thompson of Markham passed away at Sunnybrook Hospital in his 73rd year. Born in Markham in the year 1881, the son of George and Mary Thompson the deceased operated a blacksmith shop on No. 7 highway across from the Markham Fair Grounds for twenty-five years. The late Mr. Thompson suffered a slight stroke on Thursday of last week and was rushed to hospital where an operation was performed on Monday. Although he came through the operation successfully his heart gave out and he passed away suddenly the following day. Mr. Thompson was a veteran of World War I and upon his return to Markham in 1918 he built his home on Main Street and two years later was married to the former Violet Waite who survives. He was identified with St. Andrew's Presbyterian

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Planning for Coronation Celebration in Whitchurch

M. G. Slater of Whitchurch Township Community Centre Board appeared before council on Saturday requesting council to assist financially with a Coronation program which was being drawn up. The program he said would include a field day for the schools of the township. Each school was to plan a field day of its own with the winners competing on the Coronation holiday.

It was revealed that \$230 of the \$300 budgeted, had already been spent and it was expected that there would still be more requests before the year was out. Councillor Legge suggested that \$50 be advanced to the Community Board as a start and council agreed. Road Supt. Davis revealed

that for a three month period from Dec. 15th to March 31st, the road expenditure had amounted to \$12,726.

The Road Supt. will advertise immediately for 25,000 gallons of asphalt prime for this summer's roads. Last year 28,935 gallons were applied.

Councillor Graham commented that tanks from the Stouffville army depot had torn up the 9th con. Training purposes it was stated were necessary but it was believed that much of the travelling on the 9th was only for pleasure.

Council discussed the purchase of an addressograph machine which with filing cabinet complete would cost \$4,000 approximately. Council agreed to seek a price on a used machine.

MORE THAN THOUSAND SPECTATORS WATCH GRAND ICE SHOW HERE



Seen here during rehearsal are some of the girls of the Stouffville Skating Club in their Scottish number which opened the Ice Revue on Friday night.

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