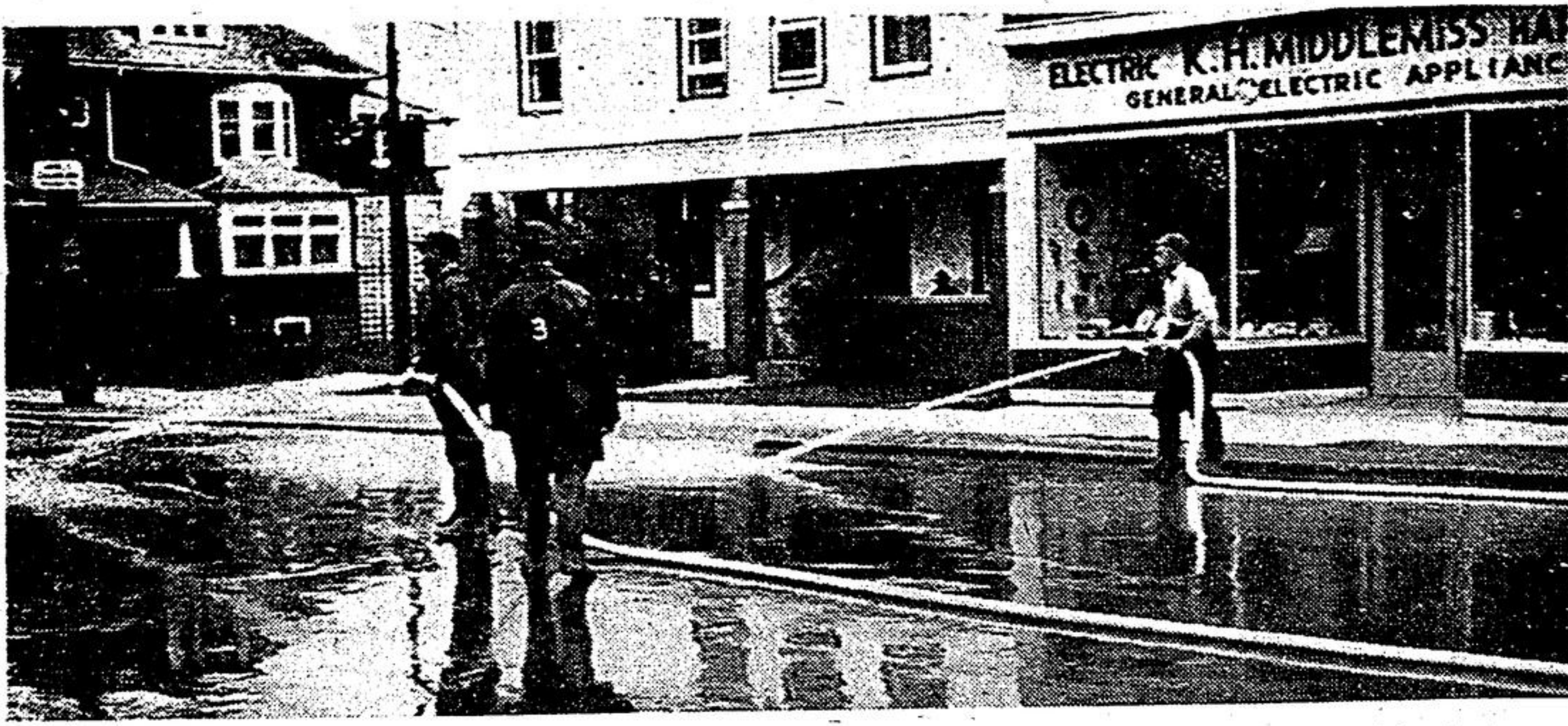


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STOUFFVILLE FIRE BRIGADE HELPS WITH BEAUTIFICATION CAMPAIGN



Fire Chief Del Jennings and Firemen Will Malloy and Walt Smith are caught here by The Tribune camera washing down Main St. during the Beautification campaign which has been sponsored by the local Chamber of Commerce and Horticultural Society.

Towns and Townships To Lose Highway Fines

A communication was received by Markham Township Council on Monday evening from Magistrate Hollinrake, Willowdale Court, which informed the township that the municipality will no longer receive fines collected for traffic violations on either the provincial or county roads by Markham officers. The news came as quite a shock to council and deputy-reeve LeMasurier stated that the municipality would stand to lose \$6,000 by the move.

The letter from the Magistrate stated that only fines from convictions on township roads would be paid into the township treasury.

Other municipalities named which would be receiving similar notification were Vaughan Township, Richmond Hill, Markham and Stouffville.

"It means that our police will be just out working for the provincial government," commented councillor Lennie. "What action is to be taken to offset this loss," declared deputy-reeve LeMasurier. "The Magistrate has been questioning so many convictions lately and even asked our police to re-measure a strip of roadway near Buttonville," said councillor Clark.

"They're breaking the law aren't they?" said councillor Lennie.

The government authority to collect all the fines on the provincial highway and similarly for the County to take whatever fines were derived on their roads, regardless of what police laid the charges, has always been in the books but has apparently never been enforced.

Councillor Lennie suggested that council send a resolution to the Mayors & Reeves Convention which is being held this week but council felt it was too late for such a move.

However a resolution was drafted and will be forwarded to Hollis Beckett, local provincial member of parliament protesting the withdrawal of the municipality's share in fines.

It was pointed out by deputy-reeve LeMasurier that the local municipality's access to tax revenues is exceedingly small at the best, and this further curtailment would further strain the local picture.

Jacob Meyer, 80, Recalls Early Life in Town

On Friday of this week Mr. Jacob Meyer, a resident of Church St. in Stouffville, will celebrate his 80th birthday. Born on the sixth concession of Markham in the year 1873, the son of the late Edward Meyer and Magdalena Wide-man, he moved at an early age to the ninth concession of Pickering and resided on the present Fretz farm. He and his wife, the former Rosanna Byer, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary some seven years ago. Mrs. Meyer passed away six years ago. There is one son, Allan, on the 9th of Pickering and four grandchildren.

Mr. Meyer received his public school training at Altona and later was appointed a trustee at the Atha Public School. He moved to Stouffville twenty-three years ago and purchased the Truman home on Church Street, which has since been converted into an apartment house.

Mr. Meyer recalls much of the early life here in the early 1900's. Where the present post-office now stands, a thriving grist mill business once operated. The mill was replaced by an ice and roller skating arena which was later wiped out by fire. From the site of the present Post Office west to O'Brien Avenue, numerous sheds were used by drivers to shelter their horses. The posts were located at regular intervals along the gravelled Main St. Mr. Meyer recalls the two grocery stores operated by Mr. Fred Spofford and Mr. Sam Warriner. Those were the days when, although a man worked for fifty-cents a day, he could purchase eggs at 10c a dozen, butter at 12c a pound and 31 pounds of sugar for \$1.00. The Grand Trunk Railway operated a wood-burning engine through Stouffville and was refuelled from a huge pile of cordwood which covered a five acre lot near the station. Wood could be purchased for \$5.00 a cord. Going back a few years, Mr. Meyer can recall the Fall Fair which was held where a portion of the new Lloyd Avenue subdivision is located.

Mr. Meyer still enjoys very good health and during the summer months he spends much of his spare time at his son's farm near Altona. He is a regular attendant at the United Missionary Church in town, a building which he

Suburban Farm Auction Sale

The farm stock and implements were disposed of last week by public auction on the farm of Serace Bros., Don Mills Rd. and Finch Ave. The farm was recently sold for a suburban development for \$150,000. Highest price paid for cows was \$300 and a 20-year-old threshing machine, brought \$800. Total of the auction which handled by Ken and Clarke Prentice, was \$10,000.

Church Crowded For Y.P. Convention

Stouffville United Missionary Church was crowded on Monday for all sessions of the Ontario Young Peoples' Conference being held there. Mr. Eldon Bell from Stayner, presided at the three services. Delegates and visitors were present from Owen Sound, Port Elgin, Stayner, Kitchener, Toronto, Breslau, Hespeler, Vineland and the local district. Special numbers in song were given by a ladies' quartette from Wasaga Beach, a duet from New Dundee and a male quartette from Owen Sound. The speakers for the day were Rev. and Mrs. Willis Hunking, returned missionaries from Africa. Mrs. Hunking followed the theme, "Hands to the Plough," and Mr. Hunking "Hands to the Plough of Prayer," and "Hands to the Plough of Witness." The address of welcome was given by Roy Brown, president of the Stouffville United Missionary Young People.

The 1954 convention will be held at Stayner with the new president being Edwin Prosser.

Monday next is the May Flower Show and meeting of the Horticultural Society in the United Church basement.

helped erect in 1903. He served as a trustee in the former Mennonite Church for twenty years. Mr. Meyer has always had very keen eyesight and for this reason he coached his son in many ploughing match competitions. He also handled the team on the cabbage planter for Brillinger Bros. a number of years ago.

The Tribune takes this opportunity of wishing Mr. Meyer many more years of good health and prosperity.

Champion Trumpet Band For Markham-Unionville Coronation Day Program

Markham Township's colossal celebration in honour of H.M. Queen Elizabeth 11, to be held on the 2nd of June, is now fully planned. Under the direction of Unionville Trustees the plans will include an impressive ceremony to be conducted by the clergymen of the various religious denominations, a parade, prizes, fun games fireworks and a big bonfire.

The parade will leave the station grounds at 2.30 p.m. and will be led by Western Technical School Boys Trumpet Band. These boys do a very fine precision drill and last year won the Ontario Championship for trumpet bands. Parade will proceed to Crosby Memorial Centre by way of Pavilion and Main Sts. and the route will be gaily decorated.

The religious ceremony at the Crosby grounds will be followed by various activities, a track meet with money prizes, a free bingo, an amateur show for the young fry with some

Hire New Teachers in Uxbridge Twp.

Two of the three vacancies in the Uxbridge Township Public School Area have been filled. It was learned at the regular meeting of the Board on Thursday night, Miss Eleanor Beer will replace Miss Jessie Gregg at Garabaldi school. Miss Gregg has taken a position on the Oshawa staff. Mr. Will Morley of Claremont will take the position at Webb school replacing Mr. Lange. There are 21 pupils in attendance at Garibaldi and 36 at Webb. The vacancy at Pine Grove has as yet not been filled.

Mennonite Circles Report Receipts of Over \$17,483

An increase of more than \$2,700 over last year in receipts and donations was reported last week at the 36th annual meeting of the Board of the Ontario Conference Mennonite and Amish Churches at Steinman AM Church, near Baden.

Secretary Miss Louida Bauman of Kitchener said there are 41 senior circles in Ontario and Glen Allan is the latest group to be formed. The 39 circles reporting showed a membership of 999 with receipts and donations of \$17,483. The meeting was attended by a number of local Mennonite ladies from the Wideman Church, including Mrs. Jacob Shank, who is a member of the Ontario executive.

The morning session featured reports of the circles' activities preceded by a devotional period in charge of Mrs. Lenard Brown, Agincourt, Ont. Two missionary nurses were the featured speakers, Miss Una Cressman of the Argentine Chaco region and Miss Marjory Shantz, Puerto Rico.

Miss Cressman described her work among the Chaco Indians and said missionaries face the difficult problem of communicating with the natives since they speak only "toba." Most of the missionaries speak Spanish and they must use an interpreter to talk to the Indians.

She said the Indians are very poor and live in crude shelters barely fit to be chicken houses. Tuberculosis is rampant. Cotton is the main work of the people. With other missionaries she has been teaching them to knit and make their own garments.

Clerical and evangelical work is stressed among the people in Puerto Rico, Miss Shantz said. As an example of her work she told of delivering 76 babies in 14 months without a doctor in attendance. She said there is seldom any infection, however, since the people "seem to be immune to their own filth."

Treasurer Mrs. Arlin Snider, Kitchener, reported receipts of \$2,815 as of March 31, 1953. Among the larger receipts was \$527 from the annual meeting offering, \$297 from the general expense fund, and \$984, the support of Mrs. R. Buckwalter. Disbursements totalled \$2632 and among the larger amounts given was \$2,060 to the Ontario Mennonite Mission Board. Dishes and cutlery for Rockway Mennonite School were valued at \$135 and \$107 was donated to flood relief.

Miss Bauman said more than 12,000 garments and pieces of bedding and linens were sent for relief work and mission work, the bulk going to Germany, Uruguay, Paraguay and one shipment to Korea. There were more than 747 Christmas bundles donated.

Miss Florence Shantz, secretary of junior and intermediate work, reported 161 junior circle members, and 237 intermediate members. Junior circle receipts totalled \$322; intermediate, \$1,528. She said nine junior and 12 intermediate circles reported on their activities. Three circles did not report.

Miss Luella Shantz, secretary of literature, said there was an increase in the number of prayer guides dispatched and prominent in the reading material were missionary books. Over 534 of these and other religious books were read.

Miss Fern Knechtel, operator of the cutting room at the Mennonite Central Committee rooms, reported 3,770 garments had been cut for sewing. Con-

Annual Meeting Municipal Assoc.

The York County Municipal Association met at Nobleton on May 13th for their annual meeting and election of Officers. There was considerable discussion as to whether the southern municipalities would continue to belong to the association or drop out due of being taken into the metropolitan area. It was finally agreed that they would continue one more year as members of the association.

Officers elected were as follows: President, Lawrence Donaven, Etobicoke; Vice Pres., Cliff Tripp, Scarborough; Sec. Tres., Eric Finnis, Swansea; Directors, Harold Rose, King; Archie Fleming, Markham; Ken Wainwright, Etobicoke; Robt. South, York Twp.; Ed. Parish, East York; Cliff Mark, Scarborough; Richard Baxter, New Toronto.

Supper was served by the Nobleton W. A. in the United Church basement.

Loss Heavy in Thornhill Breakin

While Mr. and Mrs. W. Dean of Thornhill were enjoying the holiday weekend at their cottage, thieves and safecrackers broke into their home and into Mr. Deans adjoining office and got away with \$535.00 in cash, a cheque for \$370 and a Persian Lamb fur coat at \$1,000.

The safecracker entered the home through a rear door and broke open the large heavy safe with a bar. A smaller safe on the inside was also broken and even the heavy bolts which secured the larger safe-to the floor were wrenched off.

A hired man discovered the loss when he visited the office on Monday. Chief Clarence Wideman of the Markham Police Force is investigating.

BIRTHS

ELFORD—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Elford, Uxbridge R.R. 1, are happy to announce the birth of their son on Monday, May 18, 1953, at the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville, a brother for Gordon and Keith.

TAYLOR—Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Taylor, Stouffville R.R. 1, are happy to announce the birth of their son on Tuesday, May 19, 1953, at the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville, a brother for David.

COBURN—Mr. and Mrs. B.D. Coburn are happy to announce the birth of a son on Saturday, May 16, 1953, at the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville, a brother for Patricia Ann.

SMALLEY—Albert and Joanne Smalley are happy to announce the birth of their son Blair Allan (8 pounds 12½ ounces) at the Brierbush Hospital on Sunday May 17th.

To tell a good fish story requires long arms.

ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. David McKenzie, R.R. 2 Oshawa, wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Edith Marion, to Walter Ray Hill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Loss Hill of Claremont. The marriage will take place on June 6th, 1953, at 3 p.m., in Columbus United Church.

Represents Weeklies at Coronation



R. G. Simpkin, pictured above, will represent The Stouffville Tribune and other member papers of the Ontario Division of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers' Association in Great Britain during the Coronation. He will air mail first-hand reports of particular interest to readers of the Ontario papers during his tour. Sailing from Montreal on May 18 he will take delivery of a car on arrival in England. It will be his second trip overseas having served in War I. Mr. Simpkin has been a reporter for one of Ontario's largest weeklies for 25 years and is particularly well versed to speak on the rural scene. The first of his articles will appear shortly.

vener of the cutting room committee, Mrs. Elmer Brubacher, said the turnover of articles has increased 2½ times over that of last year.

Whitchurch Community Centre to be Officially Opened Coronation Day

Whitchurch Township Community Centre Board, in conjunction with Township Women's Institutes, Community Clubs, and Public School Trustees is planning the official opening of the Township Park at Vardorf, on Tuesday June 2nd Coronation Day.

Commencing at 10 a.m., a program of tree planting will be carried out by the school children at the new park. A number of trees have been donated and additional donations of three or four foot well rooted evergreens will be appreciated.

The township school trustees, acting as a sub committee have arranged that each school in the township should hold a field day at which a uniform program of races would be run off. The winners of these events will compete for the grand prizes at 12 noon and the school winning the highest number of points will be awarded a beautiful Coronation shield.

The Women's Institute will be in charge of a well stocked refreshment booth on the grounds, and there will also be a Fish pond with suitable prizes for good fishermen.

At 3 p.m. the new park will be officially opened Col Lashley will represent the Ontario Dept. of Agriculture, former reeve L.P. Evans will act as Master of Ceremonies. Reeve Ivan McLaughlin and members of council will be present, and local clergy will be represented by Rev. Norman Rowan, Rev. M.L. and Rev. E.C. Mod-

Mr. Earl Toole, former warden of York County and a former reeve of this township will raise the flag and formally open the park.

At 4 p.m. a program of open races and baseball will be run off.

The Women's Institutes and Community Clubs are planning a fine open air concert for 8.30 p.m. each group contributing a number on the programme. At this time a draw will be made for the holder of the lucky ticket making him or her the owner of a television set, or electric stove, or a refrigerator, all of equal value. The proceeds of this draw are to assist in the development of the Park.

For those who wish to dance after the concert, provision has been made at the Community Hall at a nominal charge.

Work on the grounds is progressing satisfactorily. The old crooked creek bed has been straightened; excavation of the pond has been completed, and forms for the new dam have been erected.

The Board is appreciative of several generous cash donations received; also of a fine flag pole and flag, and the gift of a beautiful shield, and trophies for the essay contest on the subject, "What Canada means to Me."

This is a Whitchurch Township project and it is hoped all who can will be present on June 2 to enjoy the day together and see what is being undertaken.

"Our Best Industry in Markham is Farming" Says Councillor Hooper

"Why break up this township? We've got the best industry there is, right here, now—our farms," declared councillor Hooper when the proposal was made at the regular meeting of Markham Twp. council that the municipality should join the Toronto Industrial Commission at a cost of \$500.

Deputy reeve LeMasurier brought the matter before council and stated that he had had an interesting interview with the head of the Toronto Commission. He said that Markham should take a long range view of the situation and try and provide certain facilities such as water.

"If you don't get industry to help carry the school tax load, the farms will be the first to suffer," the deputy-reeve replied to councillor Hooper.

Councillor Hooper contended that the picture was not always as rosy as the industrialist could paint on paper, and that any big industry which came in would of necessity bring more houses and require more services. He also contended that such a move as joining the Industrial Commission should come as a recommendation

from the Planning Board.

"There are two sides to this question, and if recession comes, it's the industrial towns which get hit first," said Councillor Lennie.

Members of Markham School Board appeared before council regarding the necessity for a wider road and pedestrian walk to the new High School on the outskirts of the town. It was agreed that the clerk should contact the Dept. of Highways and request them to meet with the Board, the village representatives and the township, on the site. The question arose concerning the bridge on the sideroad near the school. The structure was believed adequate for vehicle traffic but would not allow pedestrians to cross in safety at the same time.

A bylaw prohibiting heavy traffic on John St. in Thornhill was given three readings and passed, despite a motion by councillor Hooper to "scrap it."

"We agreed with the village trustees that we would pass the bylaw and they could take it from there," said reeve Timbers.