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## Eighteen More New Homes Are Slated For Township of Markham

Building permits have been issued for eighteen more new homes in Markham Twp., according to the latest report of the twp. building inspector. Buildings amounting to \$213,000 were granted permits last month, 29 units in all. Included is a new service station on No. 7 Highway, just east of Unionville for C.A. and H.A. Maynard.

For the first time Markham Twp. is applying road oil to the 10th con. from Highway No. 7 to Stouffville. Two and a half miles north from No. 7 Highway has been done on the 9th con. as well as in front of each farmer's home for the balance of the distance to Stouffville. These roads are so heavily travelled that an application of calcium lasts little more than a couple of weeks. Council is trying out the oil this year in an effort to lay a little more permanent roadway.

In the regular police report tabled at council on Monday, police recommended that Stop signs be placed at the intersection of the Hagerman sideroad and the 7th con. due to the number of accidents which have occurred at this dangerous corner. Council agreed to have the signs erected subject to the approval of the Dept. of Highways.

The Police reported twenty accidents investigated, 72 summonses issued, and an additional 59 summonses delivered for other police forces. Residents of the 3rd con. north of Steele's Ave. are also asking for "No dumping" signs to be erected.

A. Calvert, lot 17, con. 4 was paid \$25 for a calf killed by dogs and \$12 was authorized paid in fox bounty.

Planning Board members received payment for meetings in the amount of \$987.80, fence viewers \$45 and Court of Revision members \$39.72. A grant of \$25 was authorized for the Unionville and Thornhill libraries.

The pupils of Mrs. Floyd Ratcliff have been successful in their recent midsummer piano examinations at the Royal Conservatory of Music. They are as follows, Gr. 4 Betty Sprouton (hon.), Dianne Ratcliff, Isobel Harding; Gr. 5 Gertrude Baker (hon.).

Dr. Fred Warriner of Winnipeg has been visiting his mother, Mrs. Samuel Warriner, Church St.

## Halifax Junior Bengal Lancers in Horse Show

Two young girls, Theresa and Vickie Robertson made a hit when they rode Dr. H. C. Brown's horses, Live Spirit and Treasure Chest, in the recent Stouffville Horse Show. The girls were members of the Halifax Junior Bengal Lancers' Musical Ride and had never ridden jumpers until they came here two years ago.

Heather Ann McLean was top scoring rider, with three firsts, twice on hed own hunter By Goom and with Dick Day's saddle mare Double Jewel.

Winners were: Green hunter hack, Val D'ore, Donald Vance; maiden jumpers, Mischievous, Sam Stanley; children's saddle pony and open saddle pony, Sil-

### Stouffville This Way

Stouffville Chamber of Commerce gave the town another publicity boost this week, when the Chairman of the publicity committee negotiated arrangements with the Ontario Motor League for additional road signs to display the name "Stouffville" to be placed at strategic intersection points in the district. The first of these new signs is already in place at the Ringwood corner.

### Police Promotion

After eight years on the Ontario Provincial Police Force, during which he has been stationed at Gogama, Garston and Whitby, Constable Norman Coe of the Vandorf detachment has been promoted to Corporal. His promotion is the second in recent months. Corporal Art Harrison, who is in charge of the detachment, having been promoted to Sergeant some time ago.

### Former Altona Resident Dead

On Tuesday, June 30th Mr. Arthur Henry Roper passed away suddenly in his 69th year. Mr. Roper lived in Altona on the farm now known as the Bromo Duck farm. He was the only son of the late Henry and Nellie Roper. He married Mammie Hoover who predeceased him some years ago. He leaves to mourn his loss, two sons, Donald of Toronto and Harry of Mindemoya and five grandchildren, also three sisters, Florence (Mrs. Jackman), Goderich; Edith (Mrs. Marshman), Atha; and Bertha (Mrs. Dickenson), Alabama.

Funeral service was held from the home of his son in Mindemoya on Friday afternoon with interment in Mindemoya cemetery.

The Veteran's Construction firm are presently engaged in a draining operation on the grounds of the Stouffville Public School. They are laying a large new tile bed to handle the sanitary accommodation of the school and eliminate draining to the creek on private property beyond the grounds.

### NEW ARENA HEADS NAMED



Gar Lehman

Gar Lehman has been named President of the Stouffville Arena Co. following the first meeting of a system of the current year's new



L.E. O'Neill

Board of Directors. Mr. Lehman succeeds Geo. Allison who has held this position since the arena was erected. L. E. O'Neill has taken the vice-presidency of the company and Reg Button has been made secretary-treasurer of the company.

### Local Observer Corps Members Visit New Station

Last Thursday evening the Chief Observers visited the new Filter Centre which was officially opened last week in Barrie. Their host, Flying Officer Shepherd explained how the plotting board, operates and how telephone calls are handled when they reach the filter centre.

The first test exercise was held last Sunday, when each Observation Post in the area was requested to report aircraft flying over the district. This coming week-end, beginning Friday, July 10th an extended exercise will be held when all aircraft flying over the area will be reported and plotted.

The filter centre is set up for the purpose of keeping track of aircraft that is not visible to radar. The following Chief Observers are in charge of local Observation Posts: Jas. K. Lawrence, Myrtle; Frank "Bill" Baker, Port Perry; W.H. Gould, Uxbridge; Claude Watson, Goodwood; Garfield Brown, Stouffville; Ross Vincent, Agincourt; Charles Joliffe, Pickering; Sid Crowley, Oshawa Municipal Airport; Jim Fitzpatrick, Brougham; O.J. Boe, rick, Highland Creek; Grant Seagrave, and Jim Rushton, Markham.

Each Observer Post in the area would welcome two or three more Official Observers, who would be called upon from time to time to give a little time on a voluntary basis to help in this vital air defence program, which is supervised by the Royal Canadian Air Force.

If you can spare an hour or two a week, contact the Chief Observer in your district and offer your services. Each Official Observer in your district receives an Identification Card which is issued by the R.C.A.F. and both men and women are invited to register.

If there is no observation post in your district, write or telephone the Regional Observer, Clare Keevil, Clarendon, phone 81.

Three members of the local High School staff are busy marking departmental examination papers. Mr. Mercer is marking Algebra, Mr. Davis, Zoology and Mr. Pearce Fr. Authors. Mr. L.C. Murphy now of Oakville is also in Toronto marking Upper School Algebra papers.

"The Queen is Crowned," at the Stanley this week.

### A Tour in Rural England

(By R.G. Simpkin)

RURAL ENGLAND TOUR

On Sunday afternoon vehicles from all parts of London and farther away brought loads of visitors to the area where the Coronation parade had been. They came to see the decorations and later in the evening the special lights which illuminate the route.

We endeavoured to get through this traffic jam which around the Marble Arch was something the like of which we had never seen. Let alone being part of.

Double-decker and sight-seeing buses, private cars and taxis, motor cycles and bicycles together with those on foot, were jammed four abreast for miles in all directions; only a few feet at a time each direction progressed as gaps were made to allow the streams of pedestrians to cross either way.

Our direction for getting on the road to the open spaces took us past the Marble Arch. By the time we were clear of the jam the afternoon was about spent.

However, before darkness fell we had fields and farms on either side and were heading north on great North Road. After a week at sea and another week in London it really was good to smell the fresh country again.

Haying in Progress

Although this is only the second week in June — haying is general in the counties we have been through. We have seen very little of the old strong-arm methods being used. Some forage harvesters are in use placing the green hay in pit silos, using a tractor to pack it down.

Bailing is predominant and usually the square bale as they are very careful in packing the stacks that little or no space is left between the bales. In most cases the square bales are stood in the fields in fours with their ends leaning together. The weather during the past week has not been haying weather as we prefer it as the sun has not been too generous. However, the farmers seem to be optimistic and cut a large acreage ahead of the bailing.

The crop per acre, judging by the number of bales on the field seems exceptionally heavy. Most of the grasses are mixtures of a type of orchard grass legumes.

Grain Crops Headed Out

Harvest will be earlier here than we would normally expect in Ontario as the spring crops are well advanced and mostly headed out. However, some later crops have not reached that stage yet and the general occupation with farmers who are not haying is hoeing their sugar beet crops. We have seen as many as six men in one field at this work.

There seems to be sufficient labor on most farms. One farmer we talked to had sixty acres and kept two men. "Of course," he told us, "we used to have more when more work was done by hand."

Although nearly every farm has tractors there are still horses used.

Saw a Village Sold

Noticing signs advertising a village for sale, also including several farms we made enquiries. A large Manor Estate was being split up and sold off. The farms which had been leased for years to farmer tenants were to be put on the market.

The present tenant if he was sufficiently well-fixed could make the purchase or be outbid by a new owner who might or might not desire to lease the property.

The Estate is owned by the Earl of Litchfield and has been an estate of three families (continued on back page)

## Sever All Creek Drains If No Sewers Says Dept. of Health

In a communication received from the Ontario Dept. of Health, Stouffville Municipal Council was informed Monday evening that unless they proceed with steps towards a sewerage system here, all drains running into creeks and carrying sanitary waste, must be severed. According to Dr. Berry of the department, "there is no alternative." The communication went on to state that it was the department's understanding that a sewerage system would be established here in the not too distant future and thus the matter of stream pollution had not been pressed. The letter asked for a confirmation or otherwise of the proposed sewerage system.

Council discussed the matter at some length and the clerk was instructed to inform the department that such a system was under consideration.

Reeve Ogden stated that while he felt a sewerage system was needed, the cost was so high and there were so many citizens who were not in any immediate need of it, that he doubted if a vote on the issue would pass. Councillors Daniels and Burk both expressed comments of the need but the matter will be left for 1954 and the cost of a survey is not provided for in this year's budget.

Town a Planning Area

The Ontario Minister of Planning and Development has given approval to the establishment of Stouffville as a Planning Area and council will now proceed to make the necessary appointments for the formation of the Planning Board. It was believed that a Board of four would be sufficient for Stouffville plus a secretary and the reeve. Council considered a number of citizens for this important Board and several will be contacted and the new Board confirmed at the next council meeting.

### Gormley's Oldest Resident, Mrs. John Forester Dies at 93

On Tuesday, June 23, Gormley's oldest resident, Mrs. John Forester passed away at the age of 93. She had been ill for some time. The late Mrs. Forester was born at Gormley on Feb. 28th, 1860, the daughter of the late Christian and Eva Baker. At an early age, Mrs. Forester moved to the Stayner district, later returning to the Gormley home after nearly 30 years. Mr. Forester died in 1935. In May of this year, Mrs. Forester fell and broke her hip an accident from which she never fully recovered. When in good health, the deceased was a regular attendant at the Gormley United Missionary Church where she was a member. She is survived by one daughter, Arvilla at home.

Funeral service was held at the United Missionary Church, Gormley and conducted by Rev. C. E. Hunking. The sermon was delivered by Rev. M. Bricker assisted by Rev. F. G. Huson, and interment was made in Heise Hill Cemetery. The pallbearers were Frank Harvey, Ernest Hunt, C. Doner, Ernest Eade, Allan Hoover and Gordon Cullen.

### "Sunrise" Tour Of Local Farms

The directors of the York County Soil and Crop Improvement Association decided at their last meeting to have a tour on Monday, July 13th to visit some of the farms where there are interesting crop or soil projects. In view of the poor haying weather it has been decided to hold the tour in the morning to leave the afternoon free for haying, if suitable.

To cover as much as possible in a fortnight, anyone interested is asked to be at Leitchcroft Farm on Highway No. 7, 2 miles east of Yonge St. or No. 11 Highway at 8:30 a.m. sharp to see the plots of forage crops including various grasses, clovers and trefol. After an inspection of the farm pond and the hay drying equipment, the group will proceed to M-H Farms at Milliken to see the oat variety plots, contour cropping plan, deep tillage and hay making machinery including drier.

Going to the Stouffville district, they will see some fine farm ponds at Charles Ratcliff's, then on to Eugene Lemon's to see the strip cropping made easy, oat and barley variety plots and a fine field of wheat prepared last fall without the plow, and also improved pastures.

Those who are able to stay

### Prepare To Sign Hydro Contract For Floodlights

Stouffville's new floodlights were under discussion several times during the regular meeting of town council on Monday night and Mr. Latcham, who is making this tremendous gift to the community, was also present. Council agreed that the Community Centre Board which is government authorized and administers park business should be the authority to sign the hydro contract which will be necessary before the power can be turned on. The council also agreed that Mr. Latcham should be reimbursed for the cost of the transformers, some \$1500, when the expected government grant on the project is received. It was stated that the annual service charge would be much smaller if the municipality provided these transformers than if the hydro provided them.

New Street Signs

New street signs, of the latest type, are to be erected in town, all Main St. intersections to be done this year. The Chamber of Commerce has advocated to council through letter and personal interview that new signs be erected and an order is being placed to proceed with this improvement.

Police Report

The regular monthly police report from the local detachment of the O.P.P. was received and showed thirty-five cases, prosecuted, 26 of these for violation of local bylaws. There were 23 investigations and \$81 collected in fines. The officers travelled about thirty-five miles a day on patrol duty about town.

More Oil This Year

Considerably more oil was applied to local streets this year than last. A total of 15,600 gallons was used at a cost of \$3,724, and in addition one ton of calcium was purchased at \$43. A resolution was passed authorizing the street committee to engage Les. Ogden to repair and build approximately 500 ft. of sidewalk.

Considerable discussion arose over the repairing or closing of the extension of Blake St. which connects Burkholder St. in the new Sanders sub-division. Councillor Daniels was strongly in favour of gravelling the short stretch and keeping the road open. "It makes it much handier for anyone driving down Blake St. which is very narrow; it's better in case of fire and for the snow plow and eliminates another deadend street," contended Councillor Daniels.

It was stated that several residents would like the street closed. Reeve Ogden finally agreed that he would meet on the site with the road committee and a decision would be made at the next meeting.

Reeve Ogden also asked the street committee to make an effort to have the town maintenance man divert some of his time to cleaning ditches which are in very bad condition almost everywhere in town.

for the afternoon are asked to bring their own lunch which will be disposed of at Cedar Beach Gardens, Musselman's Lake, before going on to make a tour by car of York County's 3,500 acre Forest and other calls planned for the afternoon.

## Eastend Couple Have Been Wed Fifty Years

On Tuesday of last week, Mr. and Mrs. Lud Hoover, well-known and highly respected east end couple celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary at their home in Stouffville. Bouquets of flowers and a shower of congratulatory cards were received by Mr. and Mrs. Hoover from their many friends, neighbours and relatives. The family presented their parents with a beautiful bouquet of fifty roses and the O.E.S. of which Mrs. Hoover is a member presented her with a bouquet of red carnations. Mr. and Mrs. Hoover have been residents of Stouffville since their marriage in 1903 and are now "well-rooted" in their home town.

Mr. Hoover was born at Mongolla where he attended school before moving to Stouffville. Mrs. Hoover was born at Glasgow and recalls clearly

### NEW DOCTOR



Dr. R. B. Mitchell

Who will be associated with Dr. John Button in his practice here, Dr. Mitchell who is now located here, is a native of Sioux Lookout where his father is also a member of the medical profession. Dr. Mitchell is a graduate of both the University of Manitoba and the University of Toronto. The two doctors will provide medical accommodation seven days a week at their office above the Button Bk.

### H. M. Tandy Injured in Crash

Mr. H. M. Tandy, 72-year-old retired advertising man, was injured this week at the corner of No. 7 Highway and the 5th concession of Markham. Mr. Tandy was attempting to cross the main thoroughfare when a car driven by Margaret Madill of Locust Hill collided with his newly purchased machine. Mr. Tandy suffered a broken rib while 8-year-old Richard Jones, a passenger in the Madill auto, was treated for minor cuts and bruises. H. Tandy is well-known in Markham Township Council circles and is secretary of the Markham Township Property Owners Association.

### 3rd Accident at Same Corner

Two Toronto persons were seriously injured and two cars wrecked, Thursday night, at "Accident Corner," a mile and a quarter south of Unionville.

Toronto fireman Thomas Arnold, 42, and his wife Violet, 35 Eglinton Ave. E., are in "fair" condition in East General Hospital, with head and internal injuries. David Friend, 19, of Agincourt, was the driver of the other car. Friend and his passenger, Ed Oldham, 17, also of Agincourt, escaped with cuts and bruises.

The accident occurred at the intersection of the Hagerman Sideroad and the Seventh Concession, Markham Township. Several accidents have occurred there this year, and Markham Police have recommended that stop signs be posted on the sideroad.

The impact hurled both cars about 100 feet. Friend's car was almost wrapped around a tree.

### LET'S ALL GET IN ON THIS HANDSHAKE



ValD'ore, winner in the class for Green Hunter Hacks, tries to nibble on

the handshake as Mrs. C. Nolan presents Don Vance with the Stouffville Tri-

bune silverware during the Stouffville Horse Show.