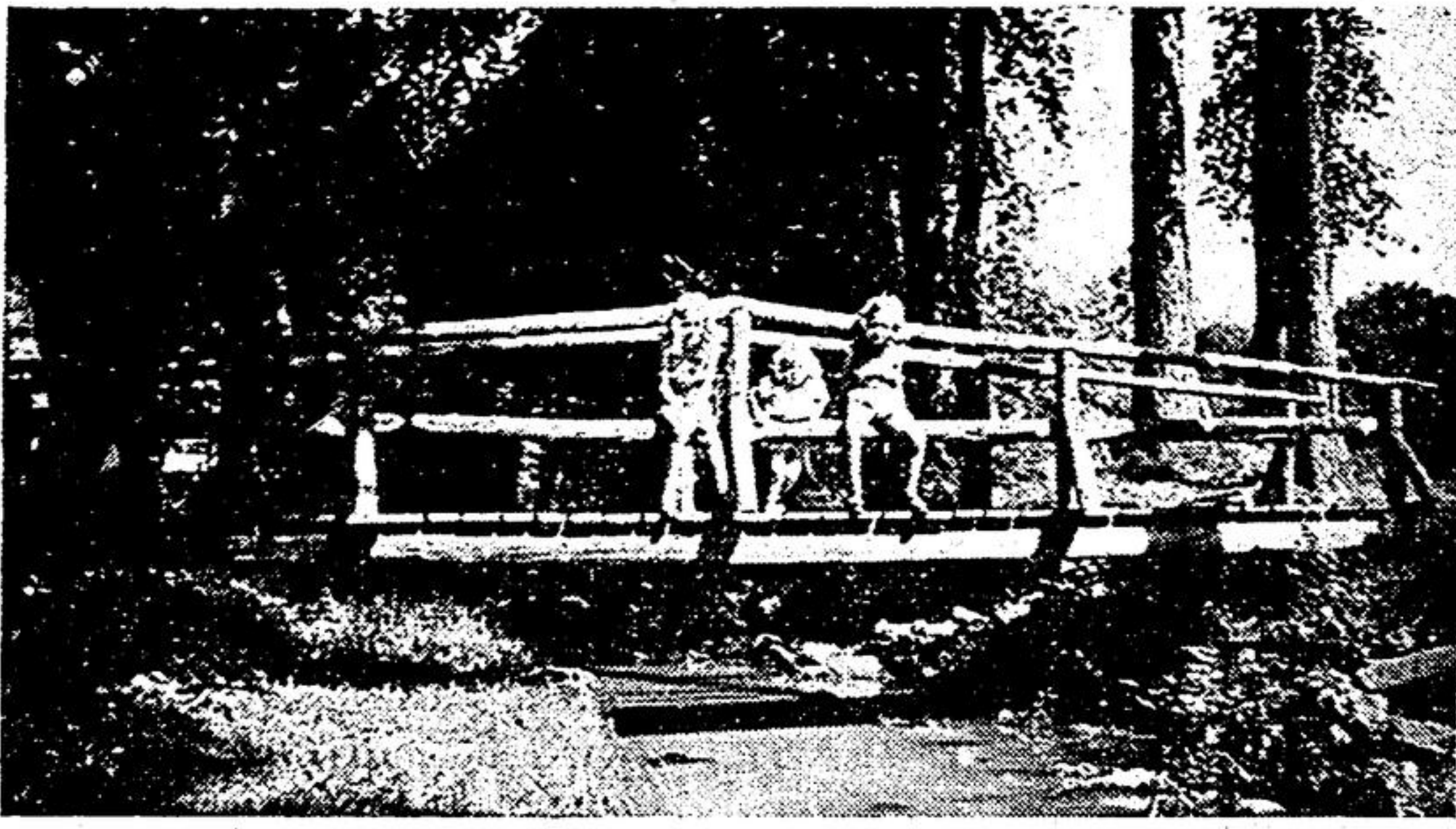


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NEW BRIDGE FURTHER ENHANCES TOWN PARK



This new rustic bridge has been erected across the creek in Memorial Park picnic grounds and greatly adds to this beauty spot.

The structure was placed there by the members of local Horticultural Society and replaces a similar

bridge which was first erected some twenty-six years ago, and since then demolished.

Descendants of John Fretz Gather in Memorial Park

Nearly one hundred and fifty descendants of John Fretz gathered in Stouffville Memorial Park here on Civic Holiday for their annual reunion. History of the clan goes back to 1800 when John Fretz came to Lincoln County, Ontario, from Pennsylvania.

Elgin Fretz of Kitchener, was named as the new president with Fred Fretz of St. Jacob's vice president and Iona Rush, secretary.

Plan To Remodel Pickering Twp. Municipal Office

Clerk, Lloyd Johnston, at the regular meeting of Pickering Twp. council on Tuesday afternoon was instructed to get an estimate on the cost of remodelling the municipal offices at Brougham. The large porch which surrounds a portion of the building will be torn down and the brick exterior will be given a coat of paint.

NEW SUB-DIVISION STARTED

Work is commencing this week on the new Forfar subdivision which will be an extension of Park Rd. north, opening on Manitoba St. at the north end. Heavy equipment moved onto the site this week to commence the laying of the water mains.

He Landed It Himself, Too



Nine year old Eddie Janston of Keswick, Ont., is the envy of many a fisherman in his neighbourhood, as above picture would indicate, after catching a giant muskellunge with a clip net. While standing on the dock of his parents' boat-house, Eddie saw the "biggest fish I ever saw in my life," swimming about 15 feet out from where he was standing. Grabbing a two-foot net, he jumped into a rowboat and was

off in pursuit. When almost on top of his catch, the youngster swung the net over its head, braced his feet against the gunwale and began hauling. He then rowed to shore, followed by the envious eyes and shouts of encouragement from a dozen boatloads of fishermen trying their luck farther out from shore. Measuring 52 inches from jaw to tip of tail, the fish tipped the scales at close to 32 pounds.

Pickering Roads Get 149 Tons Calcium for \$6,700

Road Superintendent Roy Ward pointed out that approximately 149 tons of calcium costing \$6,700 had been spread over the roads in Pickering Township this summer, and still some residents were complaining about the dust nuisance.

Reeve Geo. Todd stated that he believed council should consider putting oil on some of the roads next year in preference to calcium.

"If we find it necessary to put two layers of calcium on our roads during the summer, then oil would certainly be cheaper," commented Deputy Reeve Clare Balsdon.

"Markham Twp. experimented with oil on the 9th and 10th concessions this year and the job has proven successful," said councillor Michell.

Altona Property Sold by Auction

Disposal has been made of the Weyman Irwin property just north of Altona, by public auction. There were a considerable number of bidders for the place which finally went to Loss Hill of Claremont for \$4,430. Included in the sale area are three acres of land and a nice creek. The chattels included many antiques which were picked up by many antique buyers.

It is interesting to note that the auction sale conducted on the Leland Johnston farm just north of Stouffville, was the first general auction sale ever held on this place. The farm was obtained from the Crown by the Brown family and has always remained in that name until the recent sale to Mr. Atkinson. A number of antiques were also disposed of at this sale. Both these sales were conducted by Sellers and Atkinson, Auctioneers.

Markham Man Escapes Death In Combine

Mr. Chester Showers, mechanic for the Kinch and Sutton Massey Harris agency in Markham luckily escaped death last week when he fell into the auger of a moving combine. Mr. Showers was doing some repair work on a combine for Mr. W. Burns, 4th concession Pickering when he fell into the turning auger which feeds the grain into the cylinder. Quickly he was pulled into the cylinder which tore off his boot, ripped his trousers and injured his ankle. The mechanic however was able to pull himself free. He was rushed to Markham where he was treated by Dr. R.M. Pilkey. Although able to be up and around, Mr. Showers found it necessary to navigate on a pair of crutches for a few days.

Pickering Twp. Council Moves To License All Gravel Trucks

Councillor Bill Newman of Pickering Twp. suggested that all gravel trucks hauling from Pickering Twp. pits to Toronto and other municipalities should pay a \$5.00 licence fee to alleviate the cost of calcium and road upkeep.

"What about truck drivers hauling from other municipalities through Pickering Twp.?" questioned Reeve Geo. Todd.

"They should pay the fee also," stated councillor Hugh Michell.

Road Superintendent Roy Ward claimed that some trucks travelling from Pickering pits to Toronto and other municipalities would weigh over thirty tons.

Councillor Newman felt that these trucks were ruining some of the roads in the Twp. and were overloading to a great extent.

Dep. Reeve Clare Balsdon felt that it might be difficult to collect the fee especially from truckers passing from other municipalities through Pickering Township.

"The majority of truckers can be stopped right at the gravel pits," answered councillor Newman, "Scarboro Twp. has enforced such a licence fee so I see no reason why Pickering can't do the same."

Reeve Geo. Todd suggested that the Clerk contact the Twp. of Scarboro and discover what procedure the neighbouring municipality used to collect the fee.

Cathers Supporters Picnic in Park

Local Progressive-Conservatives gathered in Memorial Park, Stouffville, on Wednesday afternoon and evening of this week for the C.A. Cathers picnic and a chance to hear the Conservative candidate for North York.

Polks brought along their picnic baskets and there were free refreshments for the kiddies.

Other prominent Conservatives in the district added their comments to those of Mr. Cathers who pointed out that a Conservative Government at Ottawa would mean the elimination of waste and wild spending, as well as lower in-taxes and increased exemptions. Local folks were urged to use Telephone No. 90 if assistance was needed to get to the polls.

Markham Asks Dept. Survey School Needs

By resolution, on Monday afternoon, Markham Twp. agreed that the Dept. of Education should survey the educational needs of the Thornhill area in connection with the erection there of a secondary school. The Richmond Hill Board that administers the requirements of this area have agreed, although not unanimously that a \$720,000 school, academic classes only should be erected there.

"If this school goes through Markham's debenture debt will be approximately 20% and I'm given to understand that the danger point is 24.6%. More public schools will have to be built and we might have trouble selling our debentures," declared deputy reeve LeMasurier.

"I don't think we should stick our neck out in suggesting a bigger school than the Board asks for," said councillor Clark.

"I think we should find out first if we can sell our debentures and the people should have a say. It's not easy to sell them right now and it's going to be harder," said Reeve Timbers.

Sixth Constable Joins S. Pickering Police Force

Mr. Robert Masters, formerly a part time constable in the North Pickering Twp. area has resigned his position for a full time employment on the South Pickering Force. The move came as a surprise to some of

Where You Should Vote on Monday

Residents of Stouffville should take note of the following polling places which will open for the Dominion election on Monday, Aug. 10th. All residents west of the C.N.R. tracks vote at the office of Dr. Ron Smith. Residents east of the tracks on the north side of Main St. vote at K.R. Davis' store and those on the south side of Main St. east of the tracks vote at the town council chambers. The polls will be open from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. (d.s.t.)

Liquor Charge on Restaurant Owners

Proprietors of the Grand Grill, Stouffville, have been charged with selling liquor and will appear in court before Magistrate Hollinrake on Tuesday. One other local man is charged with having liquor in an illegal place.

The raid on the local establishment was carried out on Sunday night by Constable Hilliard, Stouffville Provincial Police, and two officers from the O.P.P. detachment at Vaudor. More than a hundred bottles of booze were confiscated when the charges were laid.

Jack Smith Hopes For Large Turnout At Polls Monday

Jack Smith M.P. for North York since 1945 and Liberal candidate in Monday's voting visited in Stouffville district to day and in conversation with The Tribune expressed the hope that there will be a large and representative vote on August 10th.

Jack who has been a working newspaperman all his life expressed thanks to The Tribune for a fair treatment of election issues and commented that it had been a clean campaign throughout. That's the way I like it, he said.

First elected to the House of Commons in North York in 1945 by a majority of 1300 Jack Smith increased this to a majority of more than 4500 in 1949. An experienced campaigner he said that while the present campaign had been a quiet one it had been a most interesting and encouraging one. "Everywhere I have found sincere interest and a real concern in the issues of the election," he said.

"People aren't making much noise about it, but they are concerned that Canada have the best possible government at this critical time in history," he said, "and I am sure they will be out to vote in large numbers on Monday. I do hope so," he added "as this is our chance to show the world that in Canada democracy really works."

A strenuous and intensive campaign has taken the Liberal candidate into all sections of the riding which now extends from No. 7 highway to Lake Simcoe and includes almost 15,000 voters Friday night Jack Smith supported by several hundred North Yorkers including many from Stouffville and district will join in the big rally at Maple Leaf Gardens when the Prime Minister, Hon. C.D. Howe and Hon. Lester Pearson will speak.

Saturday night will see the end of campaigning. "The issues have been well presented to the people and now the decision rests with them," said Mr. Smith "and I have every faith in their sound judgment."

Monday polling places will be open in all of the 115 subdivisions of North York from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. DST During the day Jack Smith will visit as many as possible of the voting places and in the evening will receive the returns at his campaign headquarters in Newmarket.

the councillors who had not been informed of the appointment.

Markham Twp. Approves Million Dollar Sub-Div. For 4th Con. and No. 7

Revealed in the Tribune recently, a new million dollar sub-division development has been blueprinted for the corner of No. 7 Highway and the 4th concession, and approval has been given by the Markham Twp. Planning Board and was also given the green light on Monday by Markham Council. A number of stipulations have been written into the agreement which must be signed by the sub-divider, Mr. Arnold of Arnold Markets, and the municipality chief of these being, that Mr. Arnold will provide an amount of \$400 per lot towards education, will provide gravel roads and provide a bond to cover the cost of hardtopping these roads in a couple of years time, and agree to develop the sub-division with a balance of fifty-fifty, commercial and residential.

Several hours were required at the regular meeting of council on Monday afternoon to iron out the differences of opinion on the sub-division provisions. The Planning Board vice chairman, Mr. H. Maynard, presented verbally the recommendations of the Board and these were later presented in written form and approved by both the council and Mr. Arnold who was represented by Solicitor Thomas.

Mr. Maynard stated that it was the Planning Board's opinion that the development should be made with stores and houses being erected on equal basis, dollar for dollar. Twenty-one stores are included in the corner shopping centre and sixty home lots are provided for. Other commercial lots are also on the plan along No. 7 highway and on the 4th con. north.

"We're turning down sub-divisions all the time because there aren't any stores provided, that's why we okayed this one, it will be self-supporting," said Mr. Maynard.

Mr. Thomas, solicitor for Mr. Arnold told council that Markham needed a zoning bylaw more than ever before. "You're trying to make 37 acres govern 120 sq. miles. "We must justify ourselves in turning down other plans," replied Mr. Maynard.

It had been suggested earlier by the Planning Board that Mr. Arnold should contribute \$500 per lot for education, but this was later scaled down to \$400 to which the sub-divider agreed. In this connection, Mr. Thomas made the comment that a \$500 school clause plus the other expenses entailed would make the passage of the plan a farce.

"No one could afford to buy the lots," he said.

"Would you like to see the taxes on your farm go up four times?" asked councillor Hooper.

"You need a new school anyway whether this plan passes, or not," replied Mr. Thomas.

"It's a disgrace for Mr. Arnold to have to come here and listen to all this buck passing," commented deputy reeve LeMasurier.

"All other communities are asking that sub-division roads be hardtopped," said councillor Clark.

"These lots are costing me \$1200 even without paving the roads," said Mr. Arnold. "That is something new that has been here today," he said.

"I can go along with the Planning Board's recommendations if we get a bond for hardtopping the roads," said reeve Timbers.

"Will you sign an agreement to develop the plan with stores and homes on a dollar for dollar basis?" asked the deputy reeve of Mr. Thomas. "We'll give you our undertaking to that effect, he replied."

"Is this council willing to go ahead with a million dollar proposition like this with nothing in writing?" asked the deputy reeve.

Clerk Chas Hoover rewrote the Planning Board recommendations including all the desired clauses and a resolution passed approving the plan. All voted favourably except councillor Hooper, who asked for an amendment, that would allow Mr. Arnold to build only forty percent stores and sixty percent homes.

Honey Crop Short, But Plenty for All

Many countries are finding their honey crop practically nil this year. Byer Bros, 8th con. of Markham, told The Tribune last week, but despite this fact people will be able to get all the honey they want. The quality of this year's Byer crop is excellent, though down from 200 tons to less than half.

It will be good news to the general public to know that this producing plant in Markham Twp., will be able to supply those who are accustomed to obtaining their honey requirements at this time.

Prices are practically the same as a year ago.

Dominion Election this Monday, August 10th.

Whitchurch Building in First Six Months Exceeds Entire 1952 Permit Value

Building permits issued during the whole of 1952 numbered 157, says Fred Cummings, township building inspector. Their value was \$420,000. No especially big items were included in that figure, with the exception of one house valued at \$50,000.

To date, he says, 88 building permits have been issued in the township. Their total value is \$651,300. That amount, however, includes the new Stouffville High School, valued at \$290,000.

Deducting that amount from the total, new houses, summer cottages, garages and alterations are shown as valued at \$361,000 for the year to date. That figure is only \$68,000 short of the total for the whole of 1952, giving every evidence that before the end of 1953

building in Whitchurch will be far in excess of what it was last year.

Permits issued from January to July this year, says Mr. Cummings, are mostly for houses, outside of the High School mentioned. Several summer cottages are included. There is no concentration of permits in any particular area, he states, and the construction work covered by the permits is scattered throughout the municipality.

The new measured assessment system on which Mr. Cummings and his assistant have been working for some months is about half-way through. No figures will be available until his report is presented to the township council. In any event, taxes would not be based on the new assessment system until 1955.