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Deacon Barn Destroyed As Motor Spark Ignites Straw Bale Aboard Loader

A large barn, a shed and 3 chicken houses belonging to Mr. Ken Deacon, 6th concession of Markham, north of Unionville were destroyed by flames on Friday night. Four helpers, sixty pigs and a huge quantity of grain, straw and hay was also lost.

Mr. Herman McMullen and Mr. Harold Brookfield were operating a bale loader when it is believed a spark from the motor ignited a bale. Before the loader could be stopped, the burning bale was elevated into the barn, turning the entire building into a mass of flames in a matter of minutes. Mr. Harold Wilkinson who resides on the property was in the field at the time of the outbreak. The nearby house was saved. The Unionville Fire Brigade were summoned to the scene but were unable to check the blaze. The frame barn measuring 56 by 100 feet is the second Deacon building to be destroyed by flames. The first barn was burned about seven years ago.

Mr. McMullen, a hired employee was the only person injured during the fire. He suffered a burned arm while attempting to untie a number of calves in the stable.

Markham Councillor Vacates Seat in 'Garbage' Argument

Councillor Chas Hooper vacated his council seat suddenly on Monday afternoon when an argument arose between himself and deputy reeve LeMasurier as to whether or not he had supported the bylaw forbidding the hauling of garbage to township pig feeders. The discussion arose when Messrs. Green, Maurice and Smith, all swill feeders in the township appeared before council in protest against the bylaw. When Councillor Hooper supported the pig owners in some of their arguments, the deputy reeve questioned why he had supported the bylaw on a recorded vote.

Councillor Hooper vigorously denied having supported the bylaw and denied the taking of any recorded vote. On examination of the minutes it was found that Councillor Hooper had supported a resolution on a recorded vote which asked the clerk to bring in the bylaw but he, at the time of its passage, he alone had voted against the measure. Councillor Hooper asked the deputy reeve to withdraw his claim and appealed to the reeve. When deputy reeve LeMasurier made no move to acquiesce in his demand he withdrew from the meeting.

"Someone's got to have a showdown with you and I'm going to do it," declared councillor Hooper.

"You're just splitting hairs,"

\$1,000,000 U.S. Estate Goes to Mennonite Church

J.A. Schowalter, wealthy Kansas bachelor farmer, has left the Mennonite church an estate valued at more than \$1,000,000 to be used for humanitarian work.

Details of the legacy were announced by Kansas attorney L. N. Sizemore at the 28th biennial Mennonite General Conference at Kitchener.

Three branches of the Mennonite church will inherit the estate which includes a potential oilfield in Oklahoma.

The holdings and assets will be set up as a trust fund or foundation to be used by the Mennonite General Conference the General Conference of Mennonites in North America and the Mennonite Church of God in Christ.

So far the first two groups have officially accepted the estate. In the event the third decides not to accept it, the holdings will be split two ways.

Attendance Up In Both High And Public Schools

Principal C.E. Watson of the Stouffville Public School reported an attendance of 265 students on Monday. This figure shows an increase of 40 pupils over last year when the total was 225. There are four new members on the staff, Miss Eddy, Gr. I, Miss Mackay, Gr. II, Miss Wray, Gr. III and Mr. Reimer, Gr. VII. There are 49 beginners in Gr. I.

Attendance figures obtained from Principal Geo. Pearce of the Stouffville High School shows an increase of 10 over the 1952 total. Some 205 students registered on opening day as compared with 195 for the same period last year. The attendance for Grade IX is up slightly while Grade XIII also shows a slight increase. The new staff members are Miss Lanthier, Girls P. Ed; Mr Marshall, Science and Mrs. Manson, History and r. French.

Pig-Feeder Fined, Hogs Too Close To Highway

Mr Thompson who operates the contentious piggery on the 4th con. of Markham Twp. south of Markham Village, appeared in court last week and was fined \$10 and costs for having his piggery closer than 400 ft. to the highway. The buildings were said to be only 287 ft. from the road according to Markham Constable Shearn.

Magistrate pointed out that while the piggery was operating under a Dominion license, it must take second place to any township restrictions. Frank Robb appeared as one of the chief witnesses at the case.

Mrs. Ernie Griffith of Phoenix, Arizona, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pipher for a few days last week. Mr. and Mrs. Greg Scott and family of Bradford called on Friday.

There's another monster bingo in the arena this Saturday night sponsored by the Clipper Hockey Club.

said deputy reeve LeMasurier Reeve Timbers said that there had been no recorded vote on the bylaw. Mr. Timbers told the swill feeders that he believed it was a mistake for them to try and operate in built up areas and that was the cause of all the trouble. The visitors contended that they were being put out of business. Council told them that the bylaw was now on the books.

Twister Lifts Mt. Albert Barns

Residents in Mt. Albert were hit hard Thursday by a "baby twister" which, uprooted trees and telephone poles.

The farm of Murray Stokes, on the east side of the village was hardest hit. The roof of his barn and driving shed were torn off and the silo roof was flattened.

Hydro and telephone officials estimate more than 50 telephone poles will have to be replaced.

Brian Stokes, 15, son of Mr. Stokes was ill in bed when the twister came. He said the brick house "trembled like a leaf." He and his parents went into the cellar for protection.

A neighbour, Sam Harper, had the roof torn off part of his barn.

Car Racing Banned in Markham

Car racing or racing with any motor vehicle including motorcycles is prohibited in Markham Township according to a bylaw passed by council at their regular meeting on Tuesday afternoon. Violators of the measure face a fine of \$50 for the first offence. Dog racing may be next on the list of prohibitions. Council discussed the measure at some length when Clerk Hoover stated that there had been an enquiry about the conducting of dogs races recently.

A communication from the solicitor for the township stated that council could either prohibit such races by amending their land use bylaw or prohibit such racing as a public nuisance. Councillor Clark suggested that the former measure be adopted and the solicitor was to be instructed to prepare the necessary amendment.

Well drilling comes high. The obtaining of water at the new municipal office at Buttrickville is proving an expensive business, it was revealed by Markham Council. Alfreddy Mr. Ludwig, well digger from Locust Hill has received \$1500 for going down more than 200 feet. Water was obtained at this level and its content was saltier than the ocean and Health Unit tests said "unsanitary." On Monday the township engineer was instructed to bring in new prices for another try. "It certainly seems high for getting water but it's got to be got and soon," declared reeve Timbers.

15 New houses reported

Markham township building report for the month showed fifteen new homes planned. The total value of all buildings for which permits were issued was \$202,050. O.F. Ucci will erect a new house, garage and stable on the 1st con. at a cost of \$35,000 and Glen Bolender will put up a new dwelling on the 4th con. at a cost of \$14,500.

Police Report. The regular monthly police report from the Markham force revealed that the police had handled 265 miscellaneous calls. In addition they had investigated 28 accidents, issued 75 summonses and served 44 summonses for other departments.

Will Conner, Main St. has a six year old peach tree loaded with some of the choicest fruit one could wish to see. The peaches are so large and numerous that Mr. Conner has had to prop up the limbs for protection.

Town and Sport Fans Extend Appreciation for Floodlights



The appreciation of Stouffville sport fans and the local ball clubs was extended to Mr. Art Latcham publicly on Thursday evening for his magnificent gift of floodlights.

Perfect weather prevailed as an estimated seven hundred sports minded residents gathered in Memorial Park to witness two softball games and the official "turn-on" of the lights.

Mr. Ted Edwards conducted the ceremonies around home plate with the town juveniles, the Red Sox, hardball intermediates, the Shamrocks and the girls' softball teams and Maple Leaf all-stars gathered across the diamond. Mr. Edwards introduced Reeve Henry Ogden who extended appreciation to Mr. Latcham for his gift on behalf of the council and the citizens of Stouffville. Dr. S.S. Ball, member of the Community Centre Board which will administer the operation of the lights spoke for that body.

Messrs. Fred Campbell and Dr. Neil Smith, president and

immediate past president of the Stouffville Lions Club both expressed thanks and presented Mr. Latcham with an honorary membership in the local Lions Club.

The thanks of the fans was expressed by Cy Bellman, one of the towns most enthusiastic supporters and Toronto sports writer Bunny Morganson also commented. Chairman Edwards called Mrs. Latcham to the front and Mrs. Lorne Schell of the girls' softball team presented the wife of the evening's honored personality with a beautiful basket of mums.

The feature presentation of the evening was made by Ted Cadioux of the Red Sox. Mr. Latcham was presented with a trophy depicting softball and hardball figures with a barometer set in the centre. Captain Ted of the hardballers in his few words stated that Art Latcham had won the respect and appreciation of all the sport fans in town with his wonderful gesture.

The lights were doused for

a brief moment and turned on "officially" for the first time by Mrs. Les Wilson, chairman of the Community Centre Board. Mrs. Bert Tait also a member of the Board was called to the front and the two ladies were presented with the key to the big switch box.

A tidy collection was taken and each patron given a lucky number. Nine lucky draws were made, and prizes given out donated by the following merchants: Harold's, Grill, Len Wilkes Clothes Shop, Cadioux Studio, Raxlin Furniture, A.E. Weldon & Son, O'Boyles Meat Market, L.E. O'Neill, Houston's Drug Store, Three Sisters Shop.

Mr. Latcham's gift to the town of the combined floodlights and public address system is valued at more than \$15,000 and gives a most impressive appearance to our fine park. Stouffville's ball facilities are far ahead of anything in the district with exception of the larger centres of Toronto and Oshawa, thanks to Arthur Latcham.

Trade Fair Hopes for 10,000 Visitors

Another fall season is here and along with it is Stouffville's second annual Trade Fair. The fair committee of the Chamber of Commerce have been holding several meetings a week preparing for the big show.

An innovation this year will be an entertainment platform in the centre of the arena and special programs are being arranged for each evening. The local Boys' Band will provide music on one evening and there will be a Fashion Show under the sponsorship of the Business & Professional Women's Club with still more to follow.

Several new exhibitors will have displays, including Mrs. Sisson's unique display of antiques, the Brierbush Hospital, Cy Bellman & Sons and several others.

Last year's attendance at

the three day exhibition was 7,000, and the committee are aiming to bring this number up to 10,000 in 1953.

Ken Laushway's Insurance Office has been set up as temporary headquarters for the Trade Fair committee and any enquiries in regard to the show can be made there. Clint Freeman, sign writer will be in town this week for those interested in new signs. The dates of the show are Sept. 24-25-26.

Potato Peeling Champ To Be Named Today

Something new in the way of contests has been added. To enter this one you don't have to be beautiful, an expert swimmer or a champion pie eater, just a super Potato Peeler.

A Provincial Potato Peeling Champion is to be chosen on Thursday, September 10th at the Provincial Potato Field

Engagements

The engagement is announced of Elizabeth Arvilla, eldest daughter of Mrs. Dadson and the late Charles Dadson to Frederick Coombs Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Coombs, Langstaff. The marriage is to take place quietly Sept. 26, 1953.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Boake, Newmarket R.R. 3 wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Miriam Alberta to Lorne Herbert Shropshire, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Shropshire. The marriage will take place Oct. 3, 1953 at 3 o'clock in the Vivian Church.

Mrs. L.E. Shultz announces the engagement of her daughter, Hazel E. Shultz, R.N. of Emo, to Mr. Keith Goodman of Fort Frances. The wedding is to take place Sept. 19 in the United Missionary Church at Stouffville.

Day which is being held at the O.A.C. Potato Farm near (continued on page 6)

Council To Get Tough With Planning Violators

It was time to get tough with residents breaking planning and land use regulations, members of Whitchurch Twp. council decided last week, as cases at Wilcox Lake were discussed at some length. Two men, it was said, were outstanding offenders, with one of them being openly defiant.

Discussion arose when a recommendation from the township planning board, urging legal action came before council. Township building inspector Fred Cummings asserted that it was necessary to make a few examples before the situation around the lake could be cleaned up. In one case, he reported, property at the rear of a store which had previously been used as storage space, had been extended and had been rented. He felt that the building in question should be moved but pointed out that the lot was already carrying buildings in excess of regulations. The fire hazard was great, he said. In this case, said Mr. Cummings there was evidence of a desire to cooperate on the part of the property owner.

Reporting on the second case in which the owner had expressed defiance of regulations, he said that the man had secured a permit for a washroom and had then extended it without a permit and was renting it.

Council instructed the building inspector to see the property owners in an attempt to clean up the situation, and to send them letters giving an ultimatum if action was not taken.

The question of improvements to Fergus Avenue Lake Wilcox, went a step further at last week's Whitchurch council meeting, when a number of residents brought in a petition covering gravelling and ditching for that thoroughfare, a privately owned road. More names were required on the petition, it was discovered, and those presenting the petition said that they would endeavour to secure the names needed if approved by enough residents, council will then take the next steps necessary.

Cost of the projects, for which property owners would pay, has been estimated at \$4,000, plus cost of culverts.

Teacher Hurt On Way to School

On her way to start her first day as a teacher at Brown's Corners' School south of Markham, Miss Eva Bell, 55, Beamsville, was seriously hurt when her car collided with a dump truck on Shepherd Ave. Scarborough.

Miss Bell suffered severe head cuts and concussion. She regained consciousness shortly after her admission to Toronto East General Hospital where she was reported out of danger.

Local Hockey Brothers Bereaved

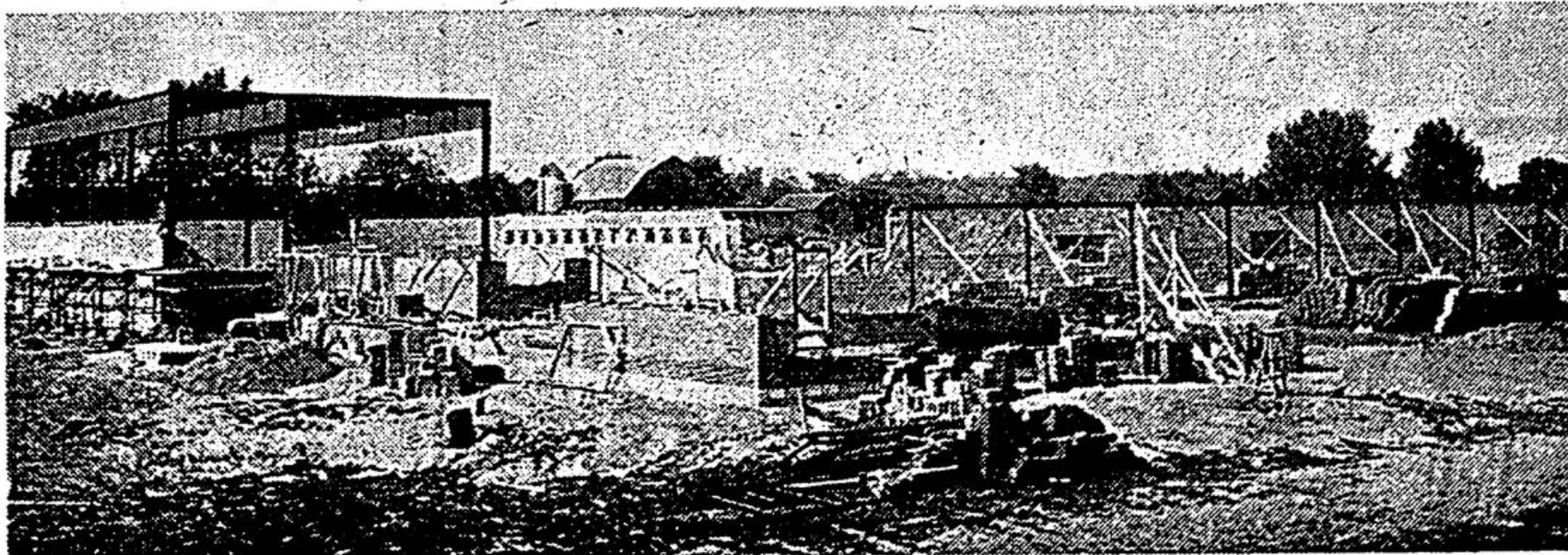
Stouffville's well known hockey brothers, Bob and Nick Bangay were bereaved on Friday, Sept. 4th when they suffered the loss of their mother, Mrs. A. Bangay who passed away in the Toronto East General Hospital. Besides her two sons she leaves one daughter, Hazel. Funeral service was held on Tuesday afternoon at 3 p.m. at the Giffen-Mack Chapel, 2570 Danforth Ave., Toronto with interment in St. John's Cemetery, Norway.

Faces Murder Trial for Brother's Death

Roger John Corbett, of Uxbridge, charged with the July 23 murder of his brother, was committed on Wednesday for trial when he appeared in court in Oshawa for preliminary hearing.

During today's hearing, Mrs. Dorothy Corbett, Roger's mother testified her son was not normal at the time of the killing. She said Roger had tried suicide once before and was in a state of continual depression

NEW HIGH SCHOOL TAKING SHAPE AS NEW TERM BEGINS



The new Stouffville District High School is fast taking shape at the north end of Edward St. and

bricking is proceeding rapidly at this stage. The large oil burning furnaces and oil storage tanks are

also being hoisted into place. Occupancy of the new building was slated for January but there have

been some minor holdups in construction and there is some doubt if the building will be ready