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Will Proceed To Prosecute Illegal Cottagers

Whitchurch Township is proceeding forthwith to prosecute a number of cottage residents at Musselman's Lake who are continuing to reside in small summer cottages the year round contrary to township bylaw. Biggest headache as explained by Clerk Crawford to Council is the desperate school situation which is attributed in many cases to these illegal residents.

The clerk told council on Thursday evening that there is only one school in the entire township which is not filled to and beyond capacity and that one is Bethesda. These city dwellers, it was pointed out, who remain in these cottages all winter, contribute little in tax money and yet create educational problems which cost the municipality and its permanent residents thousands of dollars.

Aurora Fire Agreement

To settle a long standing disagreement over payment for fires attended by the Aurora Fire Brigade, Whitchurch Township has offered the Yonge St. neighbour \$60 a fire for the first hour and \$10 for each additional hour with the annual retainer fee of \$250 a year to be dropped.

Councillor Legge expressed the opinion that he would favour doing away with all retainer fees and having the same hourly rate apply to all the brigades serving the township. However other members of council thought that if other agreements were satisfactory with the other brigades they should not be altered.

There was some discussion on the long-standing project of lowering the Yonge St. culvert at Oak Ridges. A price has been received on the job and the clerk was instructed to write to King Township suggesting that they should assume half the cost since the benefits of King are equally as great as to Whitchurch.

Call for Tenders

Tenders are being called this week for a truck to plow snow in the township from Dec. 15th to March 15th, 1954. Tenders are also being called for salt treated sand to be stock-piled for winter roads.

Pass Election Bylaw

Nomination day for the township of Whitchurch will be on Friday, Nov. 20th with an election if necessary on Monday, December 7th with the polls open from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. These dates were set in the annual election bylaw passed by council.

Plan \$600,000 Addition to Newmarket Hospital

Plans were announced for a \$600,000 addition to York County hospital at a meeting of the hospital board of directors last week. The proposed expansion would increase the bed space by approximately 100 per cent. "We have decided to go ahead with an addition to the hospital," said Kenneth Silver, chairman. "How far we go depends on the amount of money we can raise."

Tentative plans for the proposed addition were presented to the meeting by Norman McMurrich, member of the firm of architects, Somerville, McMurrich and Oxley, Toronto. They included 50 more beds, a new kitchen and cafeteria and increased surgical, obstetrical, nursery and laboratory facilities.

The new wing, in the proposed plans which are only arbitrary, measures 135 feet by 43 feet and would be located directly south of the present building, running parallel to Prospect St. An addition of 25 feet by 52 feet was shown at the end of the present maternity wing.

Claremont Man Sweepstake Holder

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Evans of Claremont may be able to cash in on some sweepstake money when they learn the results of the Cambridge Sweep which is run off on Wednesday (today). Mr. Evans holds a ticket on "Brunto" a long shot entry.

Township of Whitchurch Would Favor Rouge River A Conservation Authority

Whitchurch Township council meeting in regular session expressed favour with the possible organization of a Rouge River Conservation Authority as proposed by Mr. M. Haynes of Box Grove who appeared before them. Mr. Haynes stated that a group of interested citizens in the Unionville area had been instrumental in getting the movement started for the establishment of a Rouge authority, Pickering, Scarborough, Markham, Vaughan and King Townships, also Markham and Stouffville villages would be the municipalities involved.

Markham Township would be the chief participant and the council of that municipality has already expressed favour in the project.

It was better to begin the authority before emergencies arise such as floods, dumping of sewage into the stream began. A survey would ultimately be taken by the Department of Planning and Development of the entire Rouge valley if the Authority was established. There would be no charge on the municipalities for this service, Mr. Haynes stated.

Two thirds of the area involved is fed by artesian wells rising in Whitchurch Township, clerk Crawford told council.

L.P. Evans, Whitchurch Planning Board stated that the greatest problem was pollution which was not created by the rural section but by the urban centres. "We send them down pure water and they pollute it," he said.

Mr. Evans revealed that a movement is on foot to form a Metropolitan Parks Board taking in the Etobicoke, Humber, Don and the Rouge, all having authorities with the exception of the Rouge.

"Setting up conservation is the reason Authorities are established, not for the operation of parks," said Mr. Evans. "No use having parks established by polluted streams." He stated that he believed if the great housing developments continue in Scarborough there are sure to be sewage plants along the Rouge River.

"No municipality can by rights pollute a stream, it's in the Act, but the Act is not enforced for political reasons," continued Mr. Evans. He stated that it was his opinion that council should give thought to the Authority for the Rouge, but thought they might wait until the Metropolitan Council made their move.

A film of interest to conservationists, entitled "Our Valley" is being shown early in November in the Vandorf Hall it was stated.

Only Two Appeals Heard Against Local Assessment

Stouffville Municipal Council sitting on Monday evening as a Court of Revision on the 1953 Assessment Roll heard only two appeals. Mr. Milt. Smith appealed a business tax of approximately \$60 on the grounds that his greenhouses were covered by a provision in the Assessment Act which freed him from business assessment as he was selling the produce which he grew. A similar case is being heard by the Supreme Court involving the town of Brampton and the Dale Company and the local court agreed to withhold decision pending the outcome of this case.

Mr. R.F. Farr appealed against a business assessment of \$100 claiming immunity on the grounds that he was a salesman. The Assessor E.R. Good pointed out that Mr. Farr kept goods at his house and carried on business from there. The court sustained the assessment.

Planning Board

Stouffville Municipal Council on Monday evening passed the final bylaw appointing members of the Stouffville Planning Board. Messrs. Reg MacKay, Alf Mole, A.G. Thompson and C.H. Nolan were the four members named along with Reeve Henry Ogden. The newly appointed members are being asked to attend lectures in Toronto

Sentenced to Eight Years

Roger (Buck) Corbett, 18, who admitted fatally shooting his brother in the bedroom of their Uxbridge home, July 23, pleaded guilty to a charge of manslaughter and was sentenced to eight years. His trial lasted less than an hour.

The slim youth wept soundlessly in the prisoner's box as Judge D.P.J. Kelly passed sentence.

Newmarket Rugby Player Breaks Collar Bone Here

Stouffville High School gridders down Newmarket 18 to 6 in a game here last Wednesday. Jim Coultice opened the scoring in the first quarter with a touchdown on a pass from Frisby. Frisby pushed the score to 10-0 on a plunge in the second quarter. After halftime, Frisby scored on a nice end run and the convert was good. Jim Coultice completed the scoring with a safety touch in the second quarter.

In the last moments of the game, Newmarket broke into the scoring with Connell plunging for a major and Groves converting.

Ray Ford completed 11 out of 19 passes, one of his better efforts to date. Widdfield, a Newmarket halfback broke his collarbone in an attempt to plunge through the Stouffville line early in the game.

Stouffville is now tied with Richmond Hill with six points each. Markham has four while Newmarket hasn't won a game.

Local Rugby Squad First

The Stouffville High School rugby squad took over undisputed possession of first place on Tuesday afternoon as they handed Richmond Hill a 51-26 setback. In spite of a damp afternoon a good crowd of students was on hand and the locals rolled on to victory encouraged by a group of colourful cheerleaders. It marked the second straight win for Stouffville over the Yonge Street crew. At the present time, Richmond Hill are in second place, Markham in third and Newmarket all alone in the cellar.

Mystery Fire in Welding Machine

A mysterious fire of unknown origin destroyed the welding unit operated by Mr. Walt Smith of Stouffville. The welder was loaned to Mr. Ross Rodman, Uxbridge fire chief on Sunday for work at the Imperial Oxygen Plant at Weston. Mr. Rodman was working inside a tank when the motor suddenly stopped. Rushing outside it was discovered that the welder and truck was enveloped in flames. Although a Toronto brigade was summoned to the scene they were unable to save the welding unit. Damage to truck amounted to \$400. Mr. Smith has purchased a new welder to replace the one destroyed by fire.

Friends of Mrs. Steve Koteles will be pleased to learn that she is recovering from a recent operation in Lockwood Clinic. The Koteles family reside on the former Mertens farm just west of town.

next month in which various subjects pertaining to town planning will be discussed by competent Department experts.

Markham Council All Quiet on Piggery Bylaw

Meeting behind closed doors on Monday evening with solicitor J.D. Lucas, Markham Township council issued no statement on their discussions regarding the possible rescinding of the swill feeding bylaw. However it was learned unofficially that council contemplates no immediate action in the matter.

Culvert Trouble

Councillor W.L. Clark of the township road committee reported that the treasurer was having difficulty in making his books balance in the culvert department and approximately \$3,000 in culverts appeared to have disappeared.

The auditor asked last year in his recommendations that an inventory system be set up; it's just a further case of inefficiency in our system. I asked for a meeting in the spring to discuss these inefficiencies and it was voted down," stated deputy-reeve LeMasurier.

"It's the first I knew that anything was wrong with the culvert business," said reeve Timbers.

The treasurer stated that he believed the discrepancy went back into 1952.

Council agreed that it was quite possible for someone to steal a culvert. Road Supt. Buchanan stated that he checked the culvert stock periodically, but it would be practically impossible to have paid for that many culverts and not know about it.

The treasurer told council that he did not believe that there was any shortage of funds but merely a lack of coordination between his department and the road department on reporting the placing of culverts.

After continued discussion it was agreed that the treasurer should take the matter up with Mr. Miller of the Department of Highways and report back to council.

Headford Dump

The Headford dumping ground is to be opened from Oct. 31st until Nov. 7th, council agreed and a notice to this effect was authorized for the three local newspapers.

Scour Area For Juvenile Club Swingers

Pickering Township police are seeking three youths who clubbed an assistant scoutmaster into unconsciousness with the butt of a rifle. The slugging occurred on Sunday near the District Scout Camp.

Scoutmaster Harry Cook and assistant Jim Hearn were leading seven members of a Dumbarton troop on a search for a new campsite when they came upon three youths with guns after hearing shots.

Cook left to call police after telling the youths they were trespassing and that it was unlawful to hunt on Sundays.

"After Mr. Cook had left, one of the youths said to us, 'Who's going to keep us here?' and the three of them levelled their guns at us," Hearn later reported.

"I walked over to two of them and grabbed the barrels of the guns and crossed them," he continued. "I think one of them kicked me in the groin. The oldest one yelled at a kid, who looked like about 13, to keep the boys covered. Something hit me and I don't seem to remember any more."

Jim McQuinn, 15, reported: "They hit Mr. Hearn over the head with the butt of one of the guns and he was lying on the ground with blood spurting out all over. I saw them hit him again and again."

"I pulled out my bayonet knife and hit one of them. They beat it then."

Within 10 minutes P.C. Charles Daniels of Pickering arrived and minutes later two Township police cruisers and five from the OPP were searching the area.

Police believe a dog found running near the scene had been with the gun toting youths. They say the dog was owned by a Toronto man who boarded it at a Pickering farm.

Every farmhouse was checked by police for information on the three youths whose ages are believed to be between 13 and 20. Schools are being checked.

A \$3,000 piece of construction machinery was stolen from a house under construction in the Timber's subdivision last week.

Local U.M. Church Celebrates 50 Years Service

The Stouffville United Missionary Church celebrated their Golden Anniversary Services, Sunday Oct. 25. The day opened with an interesting Sunday School hour. Mrs. Hudson presented a suitable scene-act, entitled, "Leave Them Outside."

Rev. Woodrow Goodman, president of Bethel College, Mishawaka, Indiana was the guest speaker for the day. In the morning he used as a theme "The Face of Jesus" taken from 2 Corinthians 4:6. Several were present in this service who remembered the first Anniversary occasion fifty years ago.

The afternoon service was marked by special Anniversary features. A number of greetings were given from former ministers and appropriate tribute was paid to them and to the local members who, after faithful service passed on to their reward. A poem composed by Mrs. H. Stouffer, "Our Golden Anniversary" was recited by Miss Alma Pikey. Rev. Goodman spoke from Joshua 4:6, "What mean ye by these stones?" He stressed the importance of transmitting the gospel to the generation.

The evening message was a study of the "Life of Jacob" taken from Genesis, chapter 32. At the close of this memorable occasion a beautiful bouquet of yellow mums was presented to Mr. and Mrs. A.S. Stouffer in honour of their many years given to the work of the church.

Duets, Quartettes and chorus numbers by local talent were sung during the day.

Pickering Deed Important in Court Action

A deed, registered more than forty years ago, is the central document in a court action being heard in the Ontario County this week. The action involves Messrs. Robertson and Todd and is being heard by His Honour Judge F. J. MacRae. In the action, the plaintiff, Todd, represented by F.L. Button, QC of Stouffville, is seeking title to 14 acres of land in a lot in Pickering Twp. The defendant, Robertson, claims that a deed, registered in 1912 stipulates that only four acres of this lot belong to Todd. Robertson is represented by R.D. Humphreys, QC.

George Coltham, land surveyor, was the first witness called by the plaintiff. He then produced a survey he had made of the property in question in 1948. His survey had covered some 18 acres surrounding a gravel pit in the southern portion of the north quarter of lot 12, concession four Pickering Township. This field, he said, had at one time been fenced.

Oliver Denny, now of Colborne, was called next. He stated that he had purchased the 50 acre tract from Bruce Wilson in 1917 and was about to give further evidence regarding the agreement at that time when Mr. Humphreys objected to the evidence. He maintained that there was a registered deed made at the time of the same in 1912 which gave the purchaser the whole 50 acres with the exception of 4 acres. Now, he said, the plaintiff was claiming that an error had been made and this should have exempted 14 acres. He argued that unless there was some evidence adduced that would be no verbal evidence given.

His Honour ruled that this was so and the evidence regarding boundaries contrary to the deed was not taken at this time.

Mr. Humphreys also pointed out that since the original deed in 1877 the land had been sold in 1912, with the four acres exception, 1916, 1919 and 1921 and 1947. Now, he continued, the plaintiff was trying to show that there was a mistake in the deed of 40 years ago. Mr. Button maintained that his client was claiming the gravel pit by possessive title.

The case is continuing.

The Stouffville Fire Brigade were summoned to the apartment of Mrs. Geo. Lawson on Tuesday afternoon where an overheated stove threatened the residence. The outbreak however was not of a serious nature.

Mr. Jos. Mertens, 85, was one of the most interested members of the congregation at the 61st anniversary of the Stouffville United Church on Sunday. Mr. Mertens recalls quite well attending the opening of the church 61 years ago.

Huge 500-Pound Bear is Sighted in Glasgow Area, By Uxbridge Tp. Farmers

A huge 500 pound bear sighted by numerous Uxbridge Township residents has become the talk of the neighbourhood. The animal was first noticed by Daniel Gribben, 4th concession of Uxbridge while returning home from Claremont late in the afternoon. He stopped his car and ran over into the field to get a closer look but the bear lumbered off into a nearby swamp. Gribben claimed that the bear would stand four feet high while all four paws remained on the ground.

Later in the week, Mr. Robert Spencley driving along the 3rd concession accompanied by his sons Ronald and Edwin noticed a strange looking animal eating some garbage along the side of the road. At first they thought it was a pig but on closer inspection they realized it was a large bear. The big bruin crossed the road in front of the car, hit the fence, then disappeared into some dense brush. A number of hunters in the immediate area failed to see the bear. One of the farmers said that the animals feet were as big as stove lids and its legs were like bed posts only hairy.

Mrs. Spencley, who hails originally from Northern Ontario believed a lone bear in the district was no cause for concern. Mrs. Gribben and Mrs. F.V. Clubine on the 4th concession however were of different opinion. Both feared for the safety of their children. David, 6 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Clubine must walk two miles to Webb school throughout the area where the bear was spotted. Mr. Clubine intends to drive his young son to school while the danger lurks in the area. Provincial Police Constable Wilton scoured the district when word of the bear spread but he failed to notice anything unusual. Constable Wilton informed the Tribune that a full scale hunt for the animal would be within the law if under proper supervision.

Big Entry for Queen's Guineas

One of the largest year-to-year increases in Queen's Guineas entries in the history of the Royal Winter Fair is forecast by the Ontario Department of agriculture.

With entries just closed and still being tallied between 120 and 130 young steers will compete at the Royal on Nov. 13-21, for the coveted Guineas, the Hon. T. L. Kennedy challenge trophy and the follow-up auction price of around \$2 a pound traditionally bid by meat buyers for the top animal. The field will be about 30 larger than last year's total.

Limited to baby beef steers owned by farm boys and girls from Ontario who must be members of the 4H calf clubs, the contest is one of the highlights of the fair. The Queen's 50 guineas, drawn from a fund created by King Edward VII when Prince of Wales almost a half century ago, and held in trust by the Ontario department of agriculture, have in recent years been translated as meaning a \$250 cash prize to the winning owner. The exhibitor of the champion steer in runner-up breeds gets a \$100 cash award. Every exhibitor also receives a sweater with a 4H crest. The young owners have to feed, care for and fit the calves they enter and each calf must have gained at least one and a quarter pounds a day during the 5-month period between nomination and closing of entries.

SPECIAL PRICES

Patrons of the Stanley Theatre please note that the management has announced an increase in prices for Monday and Tuesday, November 2nd and 3rd, during the showing of "Salome" starring Rita Hayworth. Adult admission will be 75c and children 25c.

Watch for "Baby Day" at Houston's Rexall Drug Store, Nov. 21st.

Over Fifty Appeals on Pickering Assess.

More than fifty appeals are slated to be heard on Nov. 10 before the Court of Revision on the 1954 assessment roll of Pickering Township. One filed by Harry Newman, QC, in respect to his property in the southwest section of the township, is a repetition of his 1952 appeal which is still before the Ontario Municipal Board.

Pickering Township assessment has been increasing by leaps and bounds and is only exceeded by Scarborough. The figure stands today at \$8,610,252, an increase of \$491,000 over last year. Similarly the population is growing rapidly and is today listed at 11,045 as compared with 10,836 for the previous year.

Richard Ward Veteran Machinist

Mr. Dick Ward, 84 year old resident on Blake Street in Stouffville beside the C.N.R. crossing was at one time the town's most skilled machinist. Born at Balsam on the farm of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Ward the veteran tradesman lived for three years at



Uxbridge before moving to Stouffville where he has resided for the past fifty four years. When Mr. and Mrs. Ward came to town in the early 1900's they purchased the former Coulson residence on Blake Street where they continue to reside together.

After Mr. and Mrs. Ward had decided to settle down in Stouffville, Mr. Ward built a garage on the Main Street which served as a machine shop for the village. His son Charles and Mr. Bill Vanzant worked in the business. They repaired everything from cars to lawnmowers. Mr. Ward constructed the well-built and useful lawn roller used at the Stouffville bowling green at the present time.

In looking back over the past half century spent in Stouffville, Mr. Ward recalls vividly the gravel road running through town, horse and buggies, hotels and vacant lots where thriving subdivisions now flourish. Both Mr. and Mrs. Ward remember the children playing softball on what is now known as Lloyd Avenue.

When Mr. and Mrs. Ward moved to Stouffville fifty four years ago there was but one train a day moving by their front door. For a time this train proved very annoying to residents situated near the crossing but now with four passenger trains and numerous freight trains screeching into the Stouffville station the noise is hardly noticed.

Although Mr. Ward is not able to get down street any more he enjoys an occasional drive through town to note the many changes which are ever taking place from year to year.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward have one son Charles and one daughter, Mrs. Percy Stover on O'Brien Avenue.