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Youth Rescues Bethesda Boy from Icy Pond

Ronald Walker, 16, dived into an icy pond to save Arthur Lee, 5, from drowning near Bethesda on Friday afternoon after Arthur's frantic mother had failed to fish the youngster out with a pole.

The boy was blue and unconscious when carried into his home but after being treated by Dr. R.B. Mitchell who raced from Stouffville he was soon none the worse for his ordeal.

The Lee boy with his sister Linda, four had been playing on the ice of a small artificial trout pond at the back of their home.

Linda ran breathlessly into the house to gasp to her mother that Arthur was in the water.

Mrs. Lee raced outside and with a long pole crawled out on the thin ice on her stomach. She manoeuvred the pole under the belt of her son's playsuit but was unable to get a good enough grip to pull the child out.

Walker a youth visiting the Lees ran out to help. When he saw the mother's rescue efforts were futile he stripped off his coat and dived into the icy water.

The father, a nightshift worker was asleep and unaware of the rescue until it was over.

Mrs. Lee is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Lickorish, Stouffville.



ARTHUR LEE Saved
RONALD WALKER Rescuer



MRS. JAMES LEE
Crawled out on thin ice

Public School Board Discusses Change in Operation

Chief topic under discussion at the inaugural session of the Stouffville Public School Board on Monday evening was the matter of taking over the entire school building when the high school students leave for their new quarters within a few months.

Present at the meeting was Chairman Don Chadwick of the High School Board who pointed out that as the local boards are now constituted, the public and high school each owns that portion of the building which they occupy. There is approximately \$3,500 of a debenture debt remaining against the building and this debt, it was expected, the public school would assume.

The machines in the Shop Room would be removed to the new High School and the sewing machines from the Home Economics Room, otherwise the high school body expects to vacate the building practically as is, Mr. Chadwick informed the board.

Under the present divided system, the maintenance of the school building is paid, forty percent by the public school and sixty percent by the high school. The public school will now assume the total cost of maintaining the building and will prepare their budget shortly to take care of this added expenditure.

Elect Chairman
Mr. Len Wilkes was re-elected to the office of chairman and Mrs. June Button was named vice chairman. The following committees were appointed: finance, Mrs. Mary Smith, Cec. Hendricks; property, Wm. Malloy, Keith Middlemiss; management, Len Wilkes, Mrs. June Button.

The Board became aware during their meeting that an apparent misunderstanding had arisen concerning the attendance of public school pupils at the special children's program being arranged by the Markham Township Sunday School Convention which embraces all the local churches as well. However, at the present time, any child who brings a note from home asking for permission to leave school to attend the program may do so and it is expected that a considerable number will avail themselves of the opportunity of attending this special children's portion of the convention.

Chairman Len Wilkes and vice chairman Mrs. Button were named as a committee to interview Rev. F. Huson, chairman of the afternoon convention program, as it was feared false reports were being circulated concerning the board's stand on children attending the convention.

Save 60 Head Of Cattle from Agincourt Fire

One of Scarborough Township's largest barns owned by Mr. Kenneth MacIvride of Agincourt was burned to the ground in an early morning blaze on Friday. Although the 150' x 50' barn along with numerous pieces of machinery was destroyed the owner aided by two hired men Douglas Smart and Lincoln Foster managed to save sixty head of cattle, forty pigs and a team of horses.

The fire was noticed by Mrs. Florence MacIvride around 4 a.m. and although the Agincourt fire brigade arrived quickly on the scene they were not able to bring the outbreak under control. The house situated nearby was saved. The barn, one of the largest in the township was built in 1900. Mr. MacIvride has lived on the property for the past 8 years.

Want to rent a new portable typewriter — see The Stouffville Tribune about renting or purchasing a machine.

First New Year's Colt Arrives at Hollywood Farm



Unusual event for mid-winter, a new Percheron colt has arrived at the Hollywood Farms near Sunderland. The farms are operated by Mr. Wilmot Shea and consist of more than three hundred acres. The Sheas are known throughout the district for their fine Percheron horses and have scores of ribbons and trophies

won at local fall fairs, the Canadian Royal and C.N.E. The mare shown in this picture, mother of this New Year baby, Mollys Buddy, gave birth to a colt on New Year's Day, 1953. Two more Shea mares are expecting offspring in March.

Mr. Shea comes originally from Brougham and Mrs. Shea was the former

Miss Postill, a Green River girl.

This picture of Mrs. Shea, the new colt and mother, was taken last week by The Tribune cameraman who found considerable snow in the Sunderland district and the long lane into the Shea farm was not navigable by car.

Walter Lilley Buried at Victoria Square

Walter Lilley passed away at the Toronto East General Hospital on Jan. 14th in his 73rd year. He was born in England and came to Canada at the age of three and lived in Markham Township all his life until 1944. Since that time he has made his home with his children.

In 1911 he married Jessie Westland. He farmed on the 7th concession for ten years, then bought a farm on the 4th of Markham near Victoria Square where he farmed for 23 years.

Surviving are his widow and his children, one son and three daughters, Harold of Vineland, Grace (Mrs. Elmer Reaumen), Stevensville, Mary (Mrs. Charles Ingleton), Agincourt, Dorothy, (Mrs. Garfield Bennett), Goodwood, also two sisters, Mrs. Priscilla Wright and Miss Jessie Lilley of Gormley.

Funeral service was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Ingleton on Saturday, Jan. 16. The service was conducted by Rev. E. Bull of the Free Methodist Church and Mr. R. Jordison of Goodwood United Church. Pallbearers were James Smith, Edgar Fuller, Sam Harper, Gordon Ingleton, Howard Forsythe, Leslie Burnett. Interment was made in Victoria Square Cemetery.

The local Provincial Police have asked us to warn town merchants concerning bad cheques. While no phoney papers have turned up here since several places were duped a couple of months ago, bad cheques have been passed lately in neighboring communities, and the police warn that the slick writer may move into Stouffville at any time.

CORRECTION

We have been asked by Mr. Ross Bartlett of Unionville to correct a statement in last week's issue of this newspaper which stated that a hit-and-run driver was taken by the police while asleep in Mr. Bartlett's cellar. The driver was not found in the Bartlett cellar we have been asked to state.

Want Clamp Down on Unlicensed Peddlers

At the opening meeting of the Stouffville Chamber of Commerce held on Thursday evening the members agreed to clamp down on all non-licensed door-to-door peddlers in town. Past President Ken Waggoner pointed out that public co-operation was needed in order to catch up with these illegal salesmen. Mr. Waggoner claimed that close to \$200 was collected last year in license fees from non-licensed salesmen who were approached by local citizens.

The poor lighting conditions of Stouffville were also discussed. The erection of colored lights and the installation of larger bulbs was mentioned. President Ernie Austin and Secretary, Reg McKay consented to gather more information with regard to improved lighting facilities and to present a full report at the next meeting. Considerable discussion was given the idea of a mass garbage disposal plan with the expense to be borne by the residents on their tax bill. President Austin stated that weekly garbage collections were carried out in numerous other towns and villages at a cost of only a few dollars per year.

Stouffville Fire Brigade was called out for the second time this week on Tuesday evening when a tractor caught fire on the Master's farm, north of Ringwood on the 8th con. of Whitechurch. The machine had just been filled with gas while standing indoors and burst into flame when it was started. The local electrician happened to be present at the time and towed the burning machine outside where firemen extinguished the blaze.

CAR BADLY DAMAGED IN COLLISION WITH SANDER

The new 1954 Monarch owned by Mr. Ross McMullen of Stouffville was badly damaged on Thursday night when it crashed into the rear of the Toronto and York Roads sand truck. The driver was attempting to pass the sander when the front of his vehicle caught the extended rear axle of the truck. No one was injured in the accident.

Late "Matt" Spang Will Be Recalled By Older Residents

The older residents of Stouffville and Markham will regret to hear of the passing of Matthew A. Spang, on January 15th, 1954 after a lingering illness in Duluth, Minnesota.

The older residents will recall "Matt" Spang, when he attended Public School at Cooley Corner School on the sixth concession then later at Markham High School. After completing his education at Belleville Business College, "Matt" Spang went over to the United States where he took up residence in Grand Rapids, Minnesota.

"Matt" Spang was well-known and loved in the local government in those parts, as he served as County Auditor and Deputy Sheriff for a number of years. "Matt" retired from public life in 1948 and went to live in Duluth, Minnesota, where his sons operate the "Spang Clinic."

"Matt" Spang is survived by his wife Nora, four sons, Drs. Anthony J., James S., William M. Spang of Duluth, Minnesota and Lawrence Spang of Cleveland, Ohio; and his brothers, Harry Spang of Markham and Jack Spang of Claremont and only surviving sister, Mrs. Edwin Forsyth of Holt, Ontario.

BIRTHS

PETERS — Mr. and Mrs. Donald A. Peters of Oshawa, (nee Marion Carter) are very happy to announce the birth of a baby son, on Sat., Jan. 16, 1954, Douglas Arthur, a wee brother for Cheryl. **HEISE** — Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Heise, Stouffville are happy to announce the birth of their daughter on Thurs., Jan. 14th, 1954 at the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville.

MAYE — Mr. and Mrs. Alger Maye, Goodwood are happy to announce the birth of their son on Thurs., Jan. 14, 1954 at the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville. A brother for Aalaine, Shirley and Iris. **ELSON** — Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Elson, Claremont R.R. 3 are happy to announce the birth of their daughter on Tues., Jan. 19th, 1954 at the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville.

Board Had 8 Applications For Caretaker's Position At the New High School

Stouffville District High School Board received eight applications for the position of caretaker for the new High School which will be ready for occupancy this summer. Bert Lickorish of Stouffville was awarded the position at an annual salary of \$2,700. Applicants' salaries asked ranged from \$2,000 to a high of \$3,900.

D.R. Chadwick was re-elected chairman of the Board at the inaugural meeting held on Wednesday evening. Mr. A.G. Thompson was elected vice chairman. The following committees were also named: finance, A.G. Thompson and A.H. Williams; management, C.F. Edwards and A.G. Thompson; transportation, A.W. King and C.F. Edwards; property, A.H. Williams and A.W. King.

The Board agreed to assume the cost up to the end of this school year of fourteen students attending Newmarket High School, a bill of more than \$2,000.

A.G. Thompson strongly urged the Board to ask the Department of Education for a confirmation in writing of a message which was conveyed to the Board by way of Principal Pearce and which suggested strongly that Stouffville would be wise to pay the bill. Mr. Thompson had previously objected to the phone message from the department on the grounds that it was unbusinesslike and had been prompted by pressure from the Newmarket Board working through political channels.

Furthermore, it was stated that the Department had backed the Pickering Board in the very opposite direction, telling them they did not have to pay for students coming from the Altona district into the Stouffville School. However, it was conceded that since the students had been allowed to continue they could not reasonably be removed in the middle of a school year.

C.F. Edwards urged that a survey be taken in the summer so that the students who might be seeking education elsewhere would be known and the Board make its position clear that it would not be responsible if these students went outside the area.

Mr. Jack Crawford, clerk of Whitechurch Township appeared before the Board and presented a proposed map of changes in the areas of Newmarket, Aurora and Stouffville which it was hoped would alleviate some of the problems of students leaving their proper area for the school of another. Mr. Crawford has visited the Boards a number of times in this connection and was prepared to make the new map official for use commencing in January, 1955.

However, Mr. Albert King stated that he believed an additional thousand area block at the corner of the 4th con. and the townline should be given to the Stouffville area and the Board agreed.

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Massey-Harris Agency Here Changes Hands

Reeve Henry Ogden of Stouffville has disposed of his Massey-Harris implement business on Market Street. Mr. Ogden will retain the ownership of the building block which contains the showrooms and apartments above. The new owner of the business is Len Haylow of Weston. Mr. Haylow has been connected with the Massey-Harris firm for a number of years and has a wide experience in the implement field. The new proprietor is married and has five children and will move his family to town as soon as he can locate a suitable home.

Mr. Ogden purchased the Massey-Harris business here from Dave Stouffer in 1946 and erected a fine cement block building with apartments above. The agency has enjoyed flourishing trade since that time. Mr. Ogden is giving up his business for reasons of health and he will spend next month in Florida. On his return he intends to erect a new home on his own sub-division at the corner of Main St. and the 9th con. of Markham.

Local Businesses Offer Big Savings

There is no need to leave our Main Street if it's savings in clothing and footwear you are looking for. The local merchants are to be commended on their aggressive business sense which leads them to advertise great January saving sales.

Lehman's Shoes this week is announcing a gigantic clearance for two weeks with 200 pairs of women's shoes going at half price and 20% reductions on other items.

A.E. Weldon & Son continue their January clearance with striking drops in prices of men's and boy's wear.

Golden's Store is featuring a Fabric Sale which should interest the ladies and a final coat clearance price to tickle the men.

All these sales can be found largely displayed in this week's issue.

Call Tenders on Gravel Hill Repair

Whitchurch and Uxbridge Township councils met in special session on Monday evening in the municipal building at Stouffville concerning the cutting down of Gravel Hill, a job which has been under consideration for some time.

A recent survey was made of the hill by engineers Margison and Babcock to ascertain the amount of gravel to be removed and both councils agreed that tenders should be called immediately for the removal of the gravel. The tenders will be opened in a joint meeting also to be held in Stouffville on Feb. 15th.

Miss Ruth Atkinson of Bethesda and Miss Donna Keeping of Stouffville spent the weekend in Buffalo.

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BOARD CHAIRMAN



Mr. Don Chadwick who was re-elected last week as chairman of the Stouffville District High School Board. Mr. Chadwick was recently appointed as representative on the Board of the Stouffville Public School Board.

Born in Pickering 75 Years Ago

Mrs. Ella Byer, beloved wife of Joseph Byer passed away on Sunday, January 17th at her home, west end, Stouffville.

The late Mrs. Byer was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Philip Davis and was born on the farm now owned by Mr. Allan Meyer. She was in her 73rd year and was united in marriage 49 years ago Jan. 26th and resided at Atha until coming to Stouffville four years ago.

Mrs. Byer was a faithful attendant at the Altona Union Church.

Besides her husband to mourn her passing are two sons, Fred of Stouffville and George of Atha, seven grandchildren and one great grandchild. Three sisters, Mrs. Isaac Lehman, Altona, Mrs. John Campbell, Hillier, Ont., and Mrs. Ada Knupp, High River, Alberta also survive.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday afternoon from L.E. O'Neill's funeral chapel with Rev. G. Brown and Rev. F. Huson, pastors in charge. Interment was at Altona Cemetery. Pallbearers were Walter Carter, Allan Meyer, Harry Davis, Norman Lehman, Arthur Wideman and Murray Dunkeld.

One place where good looks count is at a railroad crossing, says the Hamilton Spectator.