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CLAREMONT COMMUNITY RINK PROVIDES FUN FOR EVERYONE



The Claremont Community rink operated by the Recreation Committee and business men of Claremont has been alive with activity during the past

few weeks. The open-air arena located at the rear of the Public School is crowded with students during the noon-hour and recess periods. The rink has

been in operation for the past four years. Messrs. Jimmy Briscoe, Frank Ward and Leslie Wilton are in charge of flooding operations. Seated on the

boards from front to back are Jack Redshaw, Stephen Jung, Shiela Peters, Jim Torrance, Les Lye, Ray Ward, Dwight Douglas, J. Torrance and F. Taylor.

Claremont Man Injured by Tractor

Walter Carson, 56 of R.R. 2, Claremont suffered a fractured arm and pelvis in an accident at the new General Motors plant on Sunday afternoon. An employee of the Pigott Construction Co., Carson was operating a tractor which turned over and pinned him beneath it. Fellow workers released him and he was rushed to the Oshawa General Hos-

pital by ambulance. It is understood he was doing work in preparation for other workers to do bricklaying on Monday.

Financial Trouble

Work on the Stouffville and Markham High Schools was practically at a standstill on Wednesday while financial difficulties were being ironed out with the construction company in charge. Months of work still remain before both buildings will be completed and no heat is on as yet in the Stouffville school.

Ninety Years Old This Sunday

Mrs. Asa Sider, Main St., Stouffville, will mark her 90th birthday this coming Sunday. A family party is being planned for our elder citizen this Saturday which she is greatly looking forward to. Mrs. Sider is quite a remarkable lady for her years. She enjoys good health, does her own housework and is quite able to read without the aid of glasses.

25,000 New Trees To Be Planted at Vivian in Spring

For the benefit of the new members of York County Council the Reforestation committee last week reviewed the history of reforestation in the county since 1924.

In that year the County of York entered into an agreement with the Department of Lands and Forests whereby land would be acquired, planted and maintained for reforestation purposes. Since then the county has acquired 3,406 acres of land at a cost of \$63,521.65. The bulk of this land is known as Vivian Forest. This agreement was for 30 years and expired this year, 1954. In June 1952 the committee recommended that arrangements be made to extend the agreement for an additional 25 years.

This was done and in 1953 Mr. D.E. Gage of the Department of Lands and Forests has worked closely with the Reforestation committee and the following projects have been completed or are underway, 9000 trees were planted in 1953; 3 men are employed in the forest. Mr. R.R. Hollidge, the foreman is this year attending the Forest Ranger School at Dorset. The course consists of three eleven week terms. 400 Christmas trees were sold over the Christmas season to wholesalers. One carload of pulpwood was shipped in January 25,000 trees will be planted next spring on property purchased in 1953. The committee asked that \$2000.00 be included in the 1954 budget for reforestation.

HON. FARQUAR OLIVER TO SPEAK AT WHITBY, JAN. 28TH

The Ontario Riding Liberal Association is holding its annual meeting in the town hall at Whitby at 8 o'clock on Jan. 28th. It is expected that the Hon. Farquar Oliver will be the speaker and the meeting is expected to be an important one.

Engagements

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Elson announce the engagement of their daughter, June Olive to Douglas E. Ward, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ward of Stouffville; the marriage will take place on Saturday, February 27, 1954 at 3 o'clock in the United Church, Stouffville.

Norman Reid Appointed President of Markham Twp. S.S. Convention

Mr. Norman Reid was appointed President of the Markham Twp. Sunday School Association at the eighty-fifth annual convention held in Stouffville on Thursday. The morning session was held in the United Missionary Church while the afternoon and evening sessions were held in the United Church. A special children's service directed by Rev. and Mrs. F.G. Huson was also conducted in the afternoon. All sessions of the convention were well attended.

In the morning a short devotional period was held directed by Rev. F.G. Huson followed by an address from the 1953 president, Mr. Bruce Clarke. Following the treasurer's report presented by Mr. E.J. Stiver of Unionville, various committees were appointed for the ensuing year. A panel discussion conducted by Mr. Norman Reid dealt with the numerous difficulties and problems which confront Sunday School teachers and Superintendents throughout the year. Comprising the panel were E.J. Stiver, Wm. Vanderbent, Mrs. Ben Gayman and Merlin Grove. Mr. Merlin Grove, a teacher at Morning-side Sunday School in Toronto stated that the parents should be responsible in seeing that their children attended Sunday School regularly.

"Too many parents 'send' their children to Sunday school instead of 'bringing' them," pointed out Mr. Grove. In the afternoon session Mr. Lambert Stouffer conducted a

brief congregational song service before speakers Rev. E.F. Irwin and Rev. D.C. Harry addressed the gathering. Rev. Irwin is the Supervisor of Missions in Indo-China where he served with the Mission Alliance for some 39 years. Rev. Harry is the Minister of Christie Street Baptist Church and is a specialist in Sunday School work there.

In the evening worship service Rev. D. Davis conducted the devotional period with special music being provided by the United Church Choir. Rev. D.C. Harry brought the first message while Rev. Albert Lotz of St. Peters Lutheran Church, Kitchener presented the concluding address.

The Convention officers for 1954 will be, Pres., Norman Reid, 1st Vice, Lorne Wide-man, 2nd Vice, Ken Reesor; Sec. Treas., Ewart Stiver; Recording Sec., Coral Perkins. Heading the various departments will be: Beginners, Mrs. Ben Gayman, Mrs. C. Rayment; Girls Work, Mrs. Ellsworth Keffer, Mrs. Harry Stouffer; Boys Work, Robert McDowell, Ken Wagg; Young Peoples, Miss Elva Kirk, Miss Margaret Hood; Adult Dept., Mr. Wm. Vanderbent, Mr. C. Stafford; Home Dept., Mrs. Walter Gray, Mrs. Archie Little; Temperance, Mr. Clarence McDowell, Mr. Wm. Timbers; Missions, Mrs. Nelson Smith, Mrs. Chas. Hoover; Religious Education, Mr. Hugh Boyd, Mr. Wm. Barker; Teacher Training, Rev. A. C. Huston, Rev. H. Shantz, Rev. N. Rowan.

Both Drivers Fined After Bloomington Crash

John Thorn, Main St., Stouffville charged with driving "without due care and attention" on the Bloomington sidewalk on Dec. 2nd, pleaded not guilty in Magistrate's Court last week.

He was driving a loaded dump truck when he collided with a car driven by Gerrick Munnick, R.R. 2, Stouffville, who was driving south on the 7th concession. Thorn had on his truck about 7 tons of sand and said he saw the other car coming as he approached the intersection. The collision sent three of Munnick's children to hospital and Munnick himself was unconscious after the accident. His car suffered extensive damage to the front. The truck was damaged on the right side. Magistrate Hollinrake said "here is a truck coming across country, heavily loaded, cannot be brought to a stop in the same manner as a car. Truck drivers forget this sometimes, on well traveled roads. The man on right has the right of way. I am not concerned with damages, I am concerned with the strict enforcing of Highway Traffic Act. I am making a fine of \$25. and costs of \$24."

Gerrick Munnick was charged with driving without an operators license and fined \$25.00 and costs or ten days. He could not speak English and through an interpreter he said he had a beginners 60 day license which had expired.

Stouffville Fire Brigade was called out on Wednesday morning to Holden's Garage and hotel where a space heater caught fire and burned also charring the wall. The local proprietors quickly applied hand extinguishers handy and had the outbreak under control when the brigade arrived.

County Cuts Fair Grants

A deputation including Chas. Hooper, representing the Federation of Agriculture, waited on York County Council last week to protest the recent cut in grants to county fairs and plowing matches. Heretofore, such grants have amounted to some \$9,000. The new county, expressing fears of heavy expenditures under the new county and metropolitan area setup, reduced the grants approximately \$1,300.

Mr. Hooper told the press that while the odd \$50 and \$100 here and there to various fairs and matches meant little to a place the size of York County, it meant considerable to the individual show and after all, he stated the county is chiefly rural.

LANGMAN AGAIN PRES. OF POLICE ASSOC.

Constable William Langman of the Aurora Police force has been re-elected president of the York County Police Association for a second term, with Constable Lou Swinghammer of the O.P.P., Thornhill, becoming first vice-president and Constable Ed. Forester of the O.P.P., Vondorf, second vice-president. W.R. Hill Jr., of the Newmarket force, was named secretary.

Markham Asked For \$155,000 for More Public Schools

Markham Township Council on Monday evening received requests for an additional expenditure of \$155,000 for new public school facilities. Both requests came from the Henderson Ave. district, School Section No. 1, a union section with Vaughan Twp. The Henderson Ave. school requires a four-room addition estimated to cost \$75,000 and the section also asks for \$80,000 for a second school. The new school estimate is slightly higher than that for the addition as a site must be purchased and a complete new plumbing job would be required in the new building.

Reeve, LeMasurier stated that it would be necessary to get the approval of Vaughan Township for this expenditure.

The reeve drew council's attention to the heavy burden which was lowering itself on the township in the matter of school costs. The matter of the new \$800,000 high school at Thornhill was cited and the new Markham and Stouffville high schools.

Reeve LeMasurier stated that while the township solicitor had advised that an effort should be made to have the county issue the debentures for the Thornhill School, he had been unable in talking to county council members to find sufficient support for the idea. Mr. Lucas, solicitor pointed out that the township's borrowing power could become jeopardized by ever-increasing debenture debts, and pointed out the case of Richmond Hill which has reached a dangerous debt level.

Falling to have the county take on the \$800,000 debentures for the Thornhill School, the solicitor recommended that Vaughan Twp. be asked to issue their own share of the debentures which is 47% with Markham issuing the balance. Markham's exact share of the debt is only 24%, these figures being based on the present equalized assessment. The solicitor added that he had not considered whether Woodbridge should be asked to issue their share of the debentures or not.

Councillor Lennie asked that a meeting be held with the High School Board since a commitment had been given them that Markham would issue the debentures.

Meet on Salaries
A special meeting of council will be held shortly, to discuss the municipal salary scale and possible changes.

A report from the police committee recommended consideration to a pension scheme for the police. The report also stated that the local police believed their salaries should be on a par with Vaughan Township. The matter of radio-equipped cars was also mentioned as a much-needed asset.

Fish are fond of music, says a professor. Just as we suspected, in the night clubs.

Stouffville to Increase Fire Protection Rates to Neighbouring Townships

"The neighbouring municipalities will have to pay more for fire protection or we'll be forced to keep our engine in town," stated Reeve Henry Ogden at the regular meeting of Stouffville Town Council on Saturday afternoon. "At the present rate we're losing money."

A new pressure pump has been purchased for the Stouffville fire truck at a cost of \$2,000. This pump is used for fighting out-of-town fires.

"Under the present system Stouffville ratepayers are paying for a pump that is used in outside municipalities," pointed out councillor Burk.

Council agreed that in a few years time it would be necessary to purchase a new fire truck which would cost in the neighbourhood of \$10,000.

Clerk Garfield Brown in-

formed council that already this year they had received six out-of-town calls, four to Markham Twp. and two in Whitchurch. Last year the local brigade answered twenty three calls to outside municipalities, nine to Whitchurch, eight to Markham, five to Uxbridge and one in Pickering. There were eight fire calls in Stouffville.

Councillor Ratcliff considered the present fire rate agreement as being ridiculous.

A motion was passed that the Pickering and Whitchurch fire areas be terminated as of March 1st and the Markham and Uxbridge present per call rate be terminated as of March 1st and negotiations be entered into for a fire agreement.

Stouffville Council will meet with the four township councils at their first regular meeting in February.

Council "Hands Off Policy" in Garbage Business

"If the businessmen want extra garbage collection they can call in an outsider," declared councillor Booth at the Saturday meeting of council, and other members concurred in this view.

This statement arose when Harold Dixon representing the Stouffville Chamber of Commerce appeared before council to take steps to see that the private garbage collector provide more service. Mr. Dixon said that it had been suggested that the town maintenance man might serve as an added helper for the garbage collector but Reeve Ogden protested any such move stating that the maintenance man had more to do now than he was able.

Reeve Ogden stated that there had been a few complaints in previous years but that no one had done as good a job or provided the service for the community which Mr. Bramwell had done.

Dr. H.B. Freel entered a hospital in Toronto this week to undergo an operation and is expected home within a few days.

Euchre, Thursday, January 28th, 8:15 p.m. in the Stouffville Legion Hall, auspices of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Canadian Legion. Lunch and prizes. Everyone welcome. Admission 50c.

Twin Dies

Sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Lizotte of Ringwood in the loss of their son Carl Blair just twenty days old. Carl was one of twins, a boy and a girl born to the couple at the Briarwood Hospital and pictured in The Tribune a couple of weeks ago. The little lad passed away of strangulation on Tuesday evening.

Budget \$10,000 For York County Park Operation

Reporting to York County Council last week the Parks committee recommended that the budget be set at \$10,000. This will allow very little for expansion but will allow for the continuation of the regular work. Consisting of 496 acres with 5,750 feet of shoreline, the park lends itself naturally to a division in land to accommodate several large picnics at one time. Mr. Lorne O'Dell is the park manager and will book the picnics. When the dock the Canadian Government plans to build this year is completed, boats will be for hire. The report states, "A park with the acreage and space that is to be used should be adequate to provide pleasure without congestion to the visitors, Sunday drivers, office groups, churches, etc. A playground with no signs "Tresspassers will be prosecuted" or "Private Property, Keep Out" but rather a sign to read "Welcome to the County of York Park, enjoy this Park it is for you. Please help to keep it in good condition for when you return." Discussing this report one county councillor asked "Have you approached the Metropolitan Council for help. Their citizens will use this park?"

Reeve A. Cook, secretary of the parks committee said "The Committee has met this year. We will do our best to operate on a budget of \$10,000 this year."

Mrs. Wes Schell has been quite ill at her home here in Stouffville but is slowly recovering friends will be pleased to learn.

Friends will regret to learn that Mr. John Scott is in critical condition at his home in Blackstock. Among friends who called there Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Garfield Kellington and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Nolan.

Markham Building Dept. Heads Both Resign

Markham Township Council sitting in regular session on Monday evening received the resignations of both their Plumbing Inspector and Building Inspector.

Mr. Les Galbraith has been Plumbing Inspector for three years. Council had agreed that with the County Health Unit offering plumbing inspection services, the township could no longer justify this office and Mr. Galbraith was offered the post of Purchasing Agent for the municipality. However he told council that he would rather not undertake the organizing of any new departments and tendered his resignation which was accepted. Mr. Galbraith, The Tribune learns, will enter the real estate business in Thornhill.

Reeve LeMasurier stated in accepting the resignation that the township had been quite happy with Mr. Galbraith's services.

Mr. Ross Norton, Building Inspector, also tendered his resignation which was likewise accepted. In his letter of resignation, Mr. Norton stated, "on the 15th of Feb. of this year I will have served five years as Building Inspector for the Township of Markham. I have had plenty of problems to overcome but I have always tried to be fair and firm in the course of my duties. I feel that I have done a fair job. Now that I have been asked to accept dual responsibility and a great deal more work I feel that it would be impossible for me to give the service that would be expected by the public and your council. With deep regret I hereby tender my resignation as Building Inspector to become effective on March 1st."

The resignation was accepted without comment and council instructed the clerk to advertise for applications for a new inspector.