

WHITCHURCH TAX RATE UP NEARLY TEN MILLS

STUDENTS CHOOSE 1954 MAY QUEEN



On Friday night Rose Peake, Grade 12 student of Stouffville High School was crowned May Queen at the annual semi-formal dance held in the Region Hall. Her attendants were Gloria Hood (left) and Marie Schell (right). The Queen was officially crowned by Mr. W. F. Sherwood, popular member of High School staff.

It's Beautification Week In Stouffville Again

Special attention is being drawn again this year by the Stouffville Chamber to Beautification Week which is being marked throughout Canada until May 22nd. The large display poster is out in front of the municipal building announcing the campaign. The Chamber of Commerce is again asking residents to give their full support in making Stouffville one of the cleanest and most beautiful small towns in Canada. In this appeal they are joined by the local Horticultural Society. They are asking that you clean up around your premises, paint up the old woodshed and plant a new tree or a shrub. These two local organizations ask that you make Beautification Week a time of sincere and industrious effort to make the home town a more appealing place to visitors and to ourselves as a place to live. Joint effort on the part of residents in all sections of town will make the movement worthwhile. By making a more appealing and prosperous looking premises of our own home and garden, we help our community to succeed.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The regular meeting of the Stouffville Chamber of Commerce scheduled for May 13th of this week has been cancelled and will be held on Thursday, May 20th. The Chamber Council will meet at Harold's Grill on Monday night, May 17th at 7:30 o'clock. Executive members are urged to be out and bring along their ideas for the annual fall Trade Fair.

Highway Dept. Officially Takes Over Local Road

While slated some time ago to be taken over by the Ontario Department of Highways, it was not until last week that the stretch of road from the C.N.R. crossing in town to Ringwood was officially assumed by the Department as a provincial highway. The road assumed is officially described as follows "Being a road along the road allowance between the townships of Markham and Whitchurch, extending easterly from the production southerly of the western limit of lot 1, con. 8, in the township of Whitchurch to the intersection with the track of the C.N.R. in the Village of Stouffville." The maintenance of the road will remain with the York County Department for a time, under special agreement. Likewise the county is still maintaining the 8th con. of Markham and Whitchurch, taken over on Jan. 1st of this year.

NO ACTION BY MILK BOARD

The Ontario Milk Board has notified the Pickering Transport Co-operative that no action will be taken at this time on its application for a producer-distributor licence to operate a dairy in Ajax. Two earlier applications for a licence met with refusal on the grounds that Ajax is adequately served by the five distributors at present delivering milk. Representatives of the Pickering Transport Co-operative appeared before the OMB last week in company with a member of the Ajax trustee board to renew their application for a licence. The reply received above has given the applicants some hope that eventually their request will be granted.

Markham Police Ask for Radios

Police Chief Clarence Wideman of Markham Township says there is a serious need for two-way police radios if the force is to offer efficient service to the entire municipality. Chief Wideman pointed out that every officer on the five man force, including himself was working overtime and he sees no sign of relief for the next three months. He says, however, that he doesn't like the idea of having the radios installed in the officers' private cars but rather in the Township's own police cruisers. At the opening of the Township's new municipal building, a representative of General Electric Co. was on hand to give a demonstration of the versatile radio. Such equipment has recently been installed for the police in Vaughan, Gwillimbury and Georgina Twps.

New Flying Field To Be Opened North of Vivian

Mr. and Mrs. (Doc) Marshall have purchased the 100 acre farm of Mrs. Myrtle Comer on the Baldwin-Egypt road and when the necessary hangars and runways are completed plan to operate a flying service and training school. Several types of aircraft will be based on the field. Mr. Marshall has been flying planes for twenty years and has his commercial and private pilots license. He will have an instructor's permit and aeronautical engineer's degree this fall. A large brick house on the property will be remodelled to suit the needs of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall and their son and daughter. Claudia will enter Sutton High School and Winston is a pupil in grade six.

MARKHAM JOINS INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

Markham Township Council agreed on Monday evening to join the Toronto Industrial Commission as a voting member. Cost of the membership is \$500, and the move was suggested some weeks ago by the Planning Board. Mr. W. Wilson of the Toronto Commission was present at the meeting and cited a number of the benefits to be derived by Markham by being included in the Commission.

Community Shocked by Death of Alfred Mole

This community was gripped with shock early Saturday evening when word spread throughout the downtown area of the extremely sudden and tragic passing of one of our best known young businessmen, Mr. Alfred Mole. Mr. Mole was about his business as usual at his large General Motors establishment in the west end and was in conversation with one of his salesmen, when he was suddenly stricken and died almost instantly with coronary thrombosis. Dr. John Button was summoned immediately but was powerless to aid the stricken man. Mr. Mole had been in apparent good health and his many friends and business associates in town could scarcely believe that he had been taken so quickly. The late Alfred Mole was born in Ashburn forty-four years ago, a son of the late George Mole. He received his education in Clarendon and here engaged in business. He later transferred his residence to Brampton where he conducted an automobile sales business and came to Stouffville in 1945. Here he has established a large General Motors agency business which he had been continually enlarging and improving. For the comparatively short period in which he conducted business here, few local men were better known and the name of Mole Motors Limited was very familiar throughout

a wide area. Mr. Mole was a persistent worker for the business advancement of the community, and his genial disposition and understanding won him a wide circle of friends. He was a member of the Stouffville Lions Club and took an active part in the local Chamber of Commerce. He was also a member of the Brougham Union Masonic Lodge and was associated with the Stouffville United Church. Only last fall he was named as a member of Stouffville's first Planning Board where he served as vice chairman. In 1942 Alfred Mole married Ethel Anderson of Brampton who survives him along with four small children, three sons, Roger, Robert and Randy and a daughter Melodee Ann. Also surviving are two brothers, Irwin of Ashburn and Clifford of Lansing, and one sister Hazel (Mrs. John Bow) of Oshawa.

The funeral on Tuesday afternoon was conducted from the Stouffville United Church and was very largely attended. The floral tributes were magnificent, coming from friends, relatives, business associates and organizations. Officiating at the service and at the graveside was Rev. H. Howey of Aurora. The pallbearers were Reginald Button, Robert Holman, Richard Cooper, Donald Hodgins, Cameron Barrett and Gerald Hooker. Interment was made in the Stouffville Cemetery.

Markham Tp. Police Nab Culprit After Chase

Mr. James H. Bain, 116 Bannington Ave., Toronto, led Markham Township Police Constables Harvey Cox, Don Dukes and Dr. Peter of Unionville a merry chase on Sunday night when he took to the fields after his new 1954 model car crashed into a cement post on the 5th concession. He appeared in court on Tuesday morning and was convicted on three counts, drinking in a public place, having liquor in an illegal place and driving without a proper licence. Bain was proceeding south along the 5th concession when his lady friend behind the wheel, the car veered off the

road and smashed into a cement post which separates the Art Buchanan farm from the property owned by Mr. Bill Middleton. Dr. Porter of Unionville was called to the scene and upon arrival, Bain fled through the fields with Dr. Porter hot on his trail. By this time Constables Cox and Dukes were on the scene with the latter catching up with Bain on the farm of Mr. J. P. Carr. The culprit put up a terrific struggle in an attempt to resist arrest and it was some time before he was finally subdued. His lady companion will appear in Newmarket court next week.

Uxbridge Tp. Road Budget Cut \$2,000

At the regular meeting of Uxbridge Township Council on Monday afternoon it was learned that the municipalities \$30,000 road budget had been cut down to \$28,000 by the Department of Highways. Last year's budget was sliced by \$3,000 although the Twp. received an additional subsidy on the Sandy Hook bridge construction expenditure. Cuts in road budgets by the Dept. have been made in every municipality. Markham Twp. was cut \$9,000, Pickering \$18,000 and Whitchurch \$8,000.

Tribune Now Offers Two-Color Displays

The Stouffville Tribune passed another milestone this week when the first issue was published in the enlarged metropolitan size which we trust will please the more than three thousand paid-in-advance subscribers who receive the paper each week. In 1936 The Tribune changed to an all home print weekly and last year stepped up to a seven column paper. This week the paper again advanced with a twelve-page eight column paper. Another highlight of the change is the fact that The Tribune is now able to offer to advertisers, two-colour display printing.

To Start Work Immediately on Gravel Hill

At a joint meeting of Whitchurch and Uxbridge Twps. on Tuesday night, Mr. Ross Winterstein, operator of the Stouffville Sand and Gravel Co., stated that he was willing to start work immediately on Gravel Hill. However, before the incline can be cut down, telephone and hydro lines must be re-routed and two culverts are to be installed. The job is to be completed within 7 1/2 months. Mr. Winterstein agreed to remove all the fill from the hill and deposit it in a nearby gully. All gravel removed from the hill will be the property of Stouffville Sand and Gravel.

SOFTBALL PRACTICE

The Stouffville Shamrocks will hold a softball practice in the park on Thursday evening at 7 o'clock.

Whitchurch Road Budget Cut \$8,000 By Department

A communication from the Department of Highways placed before Whitchurch Township Council on Saturday afternoon revealed that the township road budget had been reduced from \$93,000 to \$85,000. Further in connection with the road department, a letter from the Board of Transport Commissioners agreed to have the township proceed with the work of eliminating the obstructions to the sight lines at the C.N.R. crossing on the Leary crossing near Gormley. The railway estimate for this work, which was previously received, had been \$2200. The township estimated the same work could be completed for approximately \$1,000. After a brief discussion, Council agreed that Road Sup. Davis should advertise for tenders for the purchase of a new maintainer from 75 to \$5 hp. The tender of the K. J. Beamish Co. was accepted for asphalt primer, the price being 22.8c per gallon. A bid from J. B. & D. Co., Unionville, was accepted for Weedanol Liquid Amine of \$4.40 per gallon and \$9.15 a gallon for brush spray.

Harold Armitage Dies at Home on 9th of Markham

Early Friday morning, Mr. Harold Armitage passed away suddenly at his home on the 9th concession of Markham. It was slightly more than one month ago that the Markham Twp. couple celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary. He is survived by his wife, the former Minnie Waldon and two brothers, Ross of Pine Grove and William of Newmarket. The late Mr. Armitage was a skilled mechanic and for seven years was employed as foreman at the Deer Park garage at the corner of Yonge St. and Mt. Pleasant Blvd. He later worked for the Wartime Prices and Trade Board from 1942 to 1947. Aside from a few months spent in Toronto, the deceased had lived for the past eighteen years on the 9th concession. He was in his 78th year. The late Mr. Armitage was a member of the St. John's Masonic Lodge, London, Ont. Funeral service was held at the chapel of Roadhouse and Rose, Newmarket, on Monday afternoon at 3:30, with interment in the Newmarket cemetery.

WIDOW OF FORMER DOCTOR DEAD

The death occurred in Toronto on Tuesday of this week of Carrie Rowan, wife of the late Dr. Richard Rowan, formerly of Stouffville. Surviving

Dogs Raid the Brodie Sheep Flock, Kill Six

In the early hours of Friday morning dogs raided sheep on the farm of Mr. Wm. Brodie killing six and inflicting injury on others. Mr. Brodie made the discovery and called the sheep valuator Gordon Lunau. Mr. Lunau stated that the animals were quite valuable and the damage would run into the hundreds of dollars. Each sheep was bitten on the back of the neck. The wool and hide of three animals was badly torn. Reeve Alf LeMasurier of Markham Township inspected the damage personally and requested that the police make a thorough search of the immediate district and inspect all dogs for traces of blood and wool. Mr. Wm. Gardhouse, farmer of his huge German-Shepherd dog as it was noted for leaving the premises during the night. A few years ago Mr. Brodie had a large number of sheep killed by roving dogs but this recent attack is the most serious for some time. Mr. Brodie's flock numbers close to 200.

County Rate Nearly Eight Mills Up Over Last Year

"It's an awful increase, but there's just nothing we can do about it," commented Reeve Ivan McLaughlin as he signed the Whitchurch Township 1954 taxing bylaw, raising the tax rate of the municipality nearly ten mills. The "big bump" came from the county where the increase over the 1953 rate was nearly eight mills. Local budget figures the reeve and council felt had been pared to the limit and still required a jump of two mills. County rate last year was 4.5 while the rate which Whitchurch is estimating for 1954 is 12.0 mills. The General Rate for township purposes is 27 mills as against 25 mills last year. The rates will be used on an assessment of \$3,380,310.38, to raise a total of \$256,387.50 in tax money. Some annoyance was voiced at the several changes made by the Stouffville District High School Board and Clerk Jack Crawford stated that he was in receipt of their third set of figures, up another three thousand, to \$12,889.89. However, the increase in the Stouffville rate did not appear higher than anticipated, being 8.0 mills as against 5.2 mills for 1953.

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City Unemployment Reaching into Twp.

Relief at Lake Wilcox is becoming a problem to Whitchurch Council and the Oak Ridges Lions Club. Clerk Jack Crawford says his office is receiving three and four calls a day, and the chairman of the welfare committee of the Lions Club says the situation is becoming "more than we can handle." The cause is the unemployment situation in Toronto, where many of the residents of the area are employed. High rents and transportation charges eat up income. Added to this is the drive by township police to clean up crime in the townships which has resulted in several jail sentences. Wives whose husbands have deserted them are asking for relief when they sign desertion charges. One or more evictions are being reported every week in the area.

16,000 People Added to Health Unit

The addition of the townships of East Gwillimbury, King and Whitchurch on April 1, to complete the York County Health Unit has meant an increase of more than 16,000 persons and more than 208,000 acres. The population of the health unit area is now over 60,000, an increase of more than one-third of the previous population. Total area is doubled. Additional staff is required immediately to serve the three new townships, according to the director and M.O.H., Dr. Robert M. King, in his monthly report. Until this staff is obtained the present personnel and facilities are being spread over the whole health unit area. "This means that there will be a noticeable temporary reduction in services to the older parts of the health unit until new staff is obtained to bring the required minimum to its previous efficient level," said Dr. King. "In order to be eligible for continued federal health grants, an assistant medical officer of health and two new public health nurses are required."



The weather is like some bills unneeded.