

FIRST SIGN OF SPRING!



A sure sign that Spring is just around the corner. Pictured above is four-year-old Douglas Morden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Morden of Stouffville, attempting to provide his new-born lamb with a little nourishment.

Report of \$6,000,000 Development for Markham Premature

According to reliable reports received this week there is yet no basis to a news report appearing in a Toronto daily stating that a \$6,000,000 development of homes, stores and industry from western Germany will locate in Markham township.

The proposed plan which was to locate on a 100-acre farm tract at the corner of No. 7 Highway and Don Mills Road has yet never received the approval of either the Planning Board or Council.

Plans for the project were submitted to Markham township planning board by C. J. McCharles Real Estate, and Alan Graham, vice-president of Milton (Canada) Industries Ltd. who is now in Düsseldorf negotiating with German industrialists interested in locating in Canada. At least two of the German firms are manufacturers of armaments, Mr. McCharles said.

The plan calls for 150 homes to sell for about \$16,000; 30 acres designated for industry with a six-acre park serving as a buffer between homes and factories; and 10 acres for commercial use, including some 3,300 feet of frontage on Highway 7.

The realty firm is negotiating with a large restaurant chain interested in building a large drive-in restaurant, two chain stores are negotiating for suitable frontage with plans for a large shopping centre. The area is being planned by E. P. Fisher, town planning consultant with the real estate firm.

Whitchurch School Debt Up Over One-Half Million Dollars

Council and Planning Board Will Meet To Discuss Problem of New Sub-Divisions.

Whitchurch Township Council agreed on Thursday evening that a meeting should be called with the Township Planning Board to discuss the pressing problem of new sub-divisions and their increasing burden of school taxes. The decision grew out of a discussion following another appeal by a group representing the Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic Church to sanction the erection of a new church at Bogartown and allow a cemetery, as well as real estate interests who wish to erect thirty-three homes nearby. Two weeks prior to Thursday night the public school trustees of the section involved had expressed objection to the plan.

Sponsors of the plan for the new homes stated that the township could name their own figure for school purposes, either a lump sum to be applied for school purposes, an amount per lot or even the erection of a new school.

However, Councillor Wallwork pointed out that the initial cost was only the beginning, as the taxes from the new homes would not pay for the upkeep.

Councillor Richardson queried regarding a proposed Children's Home but it was explained that this would be a summer project only.

Clerk Jack Crawford explained to council that the municipality was fast approaching the danger point insofar as percentage of debenture debt is related to the over-all assessment. The Municipal Board, he said, would call a halt to debenturing if the township reached 25%, which would be approximately \$850,000. Present unamortized principal amounts to \$540,495, he added, and presented a chart of all outstanding debentures issues. Largest unamortized debentures in the chart are Stouffville High School, School Section 13 and the Armitage School. Few of the school sections in the township are without some outstanding debt and new ones are being added almost monthly.

The latest to seek a debenture is Ringwood. Mr. Gordon Ratcliff appeared at council and gave council a copy of a resolution passed at a recent school meeting calling for an addition to the school up to \$25,000. Mr. Ratcliff stated that a recent survey revealed that within 3 years the school would be faced with from 65 to 68 pupils.

Councillor Wallwork commented in conjunction with Mr. Ratcliff that if the school tax applied only to homes, the burden would not be so great on the farmer. "The problem will be with us until the government takes over more of the educational costs," he continued.

A resolution was presented from the Planning Board which stated that the Board endorsed the recommendation of the council that no large sub-divisions be opened in the Township until some more suitable system of assessing for education be established but small sub-divisions of five lots or so would be permitted.

The Planning Board is up against it to know which way to go, said councillor Richardson.

Reeve McLaughlin stated that some definite plan or system for handling the proposed sub-divisions should be established and he proposed that the council meet with the Planning Board for discussion on the problem, and the clerk was instructed to arrange for such a meeting.

"As long as the municipalities sit back and don't apply for help on this educational problem in the proper places it will never be any different," declared deputy-reeve Legge.

Mrs. Fred Robinson Was in 73rd Year

Suddenly at her home in Goodwood on Wednesday, Feb. 16th, Mrs. Fred Robinson passed away in her 73rd year. She was apparently in the best of health when last seen by neighbors earlier in the week. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

Born on the 5th concession of Uxbridge Township, she was the daughter of the late Mary Jane Faulkner and Albert Miller. Her husband predeceased her two years ago. She had been living alone since the death of her husband. The late Mrs. Robinson had been active in church organizations and was a member of the W.M.S. She was identified with the 5th Line United Church.

She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Ed Norton (Gladys) 5th con. Uxbridge, Mrs. Harold Norton (Gertrude) 5th con. Uxbridge, and Ethel Brown of Toronto. There is also one sister, Mrs. Lucy Cairns of Don Avon, Saskatchewan. There are three grandchildren.

Funeral service was from the McGuire and Low funeral home on Saturday, Feb. 19th, conducted by Rev. John Hill, with interment in Uxbridge cemetery. The pallbearers were Messrs Howard Forsyth, Robert Nesbitt Sr., Jack Todd, Earl Tindall, Russell Dowswell and Jack Manley.

Funeral Service On Thursday for Late Richard Ward

The funeral service for the late Richard (Dick) Ward, of Blake Street, Stouffville, will be held on Thursday afternoon at 2.30 from L. E. O'Neill's Parlors, with interment in Stouffville Cemetery. Rev. D. McKillop, pastor, St. James Presbyterian Church, will conduct the service. The pallbearers will be Messrs Kenneth Hamm, Clayton Tarr, Kenneth Ward, Frank Ward, William Armstrong and Sam Armstrong.

The deceased passed away on Tuesday morning. He was in his 86th year.

The late Mr. Ward was born at Balsam on the farm of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Ward. He resided for 3 years at Uxbridge before moving to Stouffville, where he has lived for the past fifty-five years.

In earlier years he was regarded as the town's most skilled machinist. He built and operated a machine shop in Stouffville for a number of years. He also operated the steam power plant here. He had been in declining health for some time. The deceased was noted for his high spirit, a trait he retained to the end.

Besides his wife, he is survived by one son, Charles and one daughter, Mrs. Percy Stover, both residents on O'Brien Avenue, Stouffville. He has one sister, Mrs. D. Janson, of Greenbank.

Markham Man Buys 280 Acres Near Goodwood

Murray Little, of Markham has purchased 280 acres of farm property on the 4th concession of Uxbridge Twp., east of Goodwood. The farms belonged to Mr. David Symes and Mr. Findlay Thompson. The purchase price for the 100-acre Symes farm is reported at \$13,000. There are 130 acres on the Thompson farm. Mr. Little intends to use the property for ranch land. Both Mr. Symes and Mr. Thompson have been residents there for over forty years. Mr. Symes has retained his house and an acre of land. Murray Little is a partner in the Markham Sand and Gravel Co. He recently purchased the Wes Wideman farm on the 8th concession of Markham.

Oats Bring 88¢ At Betz Auction

The auction sale of farm stock, implements, hay and grain, the property of Mrs. Jos. Betz, 9th concession of Markham, was held on Tuesday afternoon. The sale was well attended. Close to 2,000 bushels of oats sold well at 88¢ per bu. Ewes and lambs brought \$26 each while brood sows averaged \$90. The tractor, a model "S" Case, sold for \$390.00. The farm has been sold.

On Friday an auction sale was held on the property of Mr. Reuben Tindall, con. 2, Pickering Twp. The top Holstein springer sold for \$160 while cows with calves brought \$170. Cats sold for \$51 per ton. Auctioneer A. S. Farmer had both sales.

Town Library Circulation Nears 12,000 Mark

The annual meeting of the Stouffville Library Board was held recently at the home of the Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. W. F. Riches. Mrs. G. R. Thomas, Librarian, reported a circulation of 11,651. More than 300 books have been added to the present stock. One hundred and twenty-five books are on loan from the travelling libraries branch of the Board of Education. An encouraging feature was an increase of 300 in circulation of the juvenile section. Four groups in this department are receiving the Junior Literary Guild books and they are much appreciated. A number of new copies of mystery fiction were purchased from Mrs. Ernest Bray at a reduced price. Of special interest has been a display of art by members of the Hobby Class at the High School. The Library Board has been pleased to make space

Twp. Farmers Resent Pipeline Encroachment

In a letter to Markham Twp. Council, Mr. Harold Acreman, a farm resident west of Victoria Square near Headford, expressed concern over plans by the Trans-Canada Pipe Line Company to lay 24-inch mains through his property. Mr. Acreman stated that his neighbors were also seriously concerned over the matter. The farm resident pointed out that the initial survey would have the gas line cut diagonally across his farm and pass within 150 feet of his dwellings. Mr. Acreman felt that such an underground obstruction might tend to depreciate the value of his land.

Councillor Donald Deacon pointed out that neither the Council nor private land owners could stop the project. He said that the company has powers of expropriation but he thought that the farmers affected should be properly reimbursed. Councillor Deacon informed council that the gas line would be placed six feet in the ground. No one would be allowed to build over it. He felt that the project was still in the survey stage and no actual construction work would start until 1957.

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To Purchase Two Cruisers for Markham Police

Markham Township will provide their police with two new radio-equipped cruisers. Seven tenders were received ranging in price from \$1,924 to \$2,219. Council decided to purchase two new Ford's from R. D. Little and Son Ltd., Richmond Hill. They will be equipped with General Electric two-way radios.

Noted Agriculturist Howard U. Harper Passes Suddenly

Howard U. Harper, one of Canada's most eminent agriculturists, died very suddenly at his Goodwood home on Friday, Feb. 18, 1955, in his 56th year.

He was born on the fifth concession of Uxbridge township to the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harper. He attended public school at the fifth line, second line of Uxbridge Township, Goodwood, and high school at Uxbridge. Later he attended Albert College, Belleville, from 1921 to 1923. While there he met and married a school chum's sister, Lucy Redmond, April 1924. They resided in Goodwood and later moved to



the home farm where he carried on a successful potato business for the remainder of his life. Deeply interested in many phases of agriculture, he became well-known in his field. He was successful in the promotion of the seventy-five lb. potato bag. In September 1949, he was chairman of Canada's first Farm Improvement and Soil Conservation Day on the farm of Heber Down, Brooklin. In January 1953 he was elected to the Presidency of the

Mrs. C. H. Tuck Succumbs to Lengthy Illness

On Wednesday, Feb. 16, Mrs. Chauncey H. Tuck, a resident on the 5th concession of Uxbridge for the past six years, passed away in the Toronto General Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Born in London, England, 37 years ago, the deceased came to Canada with her parents at the age of eight years and resided in Saskatchewan until 1940. She later moved to Toronto and married Chauncey Tuck in 1941. The couple lived in Unionville for seven years and in 1949 they moved to the Fifth Line, Uxbridge. The late Mrs. Tuck was a highly respected resident in the community. Her pleasant smile and encouraging words will long be remembered but sorrowfully missed by her family, her many friends and her neighbors.

She leaves to mourn her passing besides her husband, four children, Dale, Wendy, Carol and Glenn. Her mother, father and a brother Gerald all reside at her late residence. A sister Rosalie predeceased her in 1935 at the age of 20.

The funeral service was held at the McGuire and Low Funeral Chapel, Uxbridge, conducted by the Pastor of the 5th Line United Church, Rev. John C. Hill, assisted by Capt. D. D. Fife of the Salvation Army, Uxbridge Corps. Interment was made in the Uxbridge Cemetery. The pallbearers were Messrs P. Evans, Arthur Parratt, Wallace Savage, Roy Cordingly, Robert Jones and Jack Murphy. The flower bearers were Mrs. Mary Evans, Mrs. May Parratt, Mrs. Doris Savage, Mrs. Jean Cordingly, Mrs. Mary Jones, Mrs. Eva Murphy and Mrs. G. Bradbury.

To Act Against Top-Soil Removal

At a recent meeting of the R.D.H.P. Conservation Authority, Mr. Thos. J. Wignall of Markham gave notice that at the next meeting to be held on March 16th he would move that the Authority petition the Provincial Government to pass legislation empowering Municipal Councils to pass by-laws prohibiting the removal of top soil in designated areas.

The members of the Authority are deeply concerned with the problem of top-soil removal. Municipal Councils are powerless to control it at the present time. The members feel that as a conservation Authority it is one of their chief concerns.

It was decided at the meeting that the Authority purchase a rubber mounted tree planter. Tenders for the equipment must be in the hands of the Secretary, Mr. Earl Graham, Markham, by March 15th, 1955.

Those present at the meeting were Messrs Timbers, Logan, Howard, Purvis, Nesbitt, Mitchell, Burk and Wignall.

Nabbed Youths Charged with Theft

On Saturday night O. P. P. Chief Constable W. S. Hilliard arrested three youths and later charged Douglas Graham and Robert Thorne with theft. A third youth, Fred Maskell, has been charged by Markham Twp. Police with receiving stolen goods.

The stolen articles include two radios and a number of other miscellaneous pieces of equipment. The one radio was taken from a truck at Cedar Grove while the other was stolen from Rennie's Transport. Both have been reclaimed.

Chief Hilliard believes the arrests will end the large number of petty thefts that have been prevalent in Stouffville during the last few months. He issues a warning to all buyers of used car radios to check the source of the purchase before making the deal.

Kenneth Torrance Acquitted of Manslaughter

Kenneth Torrance, 26, a farmer on the 10th concession of Markham Twp. was acquitted on Tuesday of a manslaughter charge laid last summer following the shooting of David Puddicombe, a Toronto chicken thief. The fatally injured youth along with his two brothers, Robert 18 and Peter 17 were caught in the act of stealing chickens from the Torrance farm. They were pursued by Ken and a nephew, Terry Strain 18, of Toronto. Both fired shots at the fleeing youths but it was some time later that they discovered the injured man lying on the ground. He died a few hours later.

Fire Damages Home Of Scottish Family Near Bloomington

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Black on the Bloomington sideroad north of Stouffville was quite badly damaged on Friday night when fire broke out in upstairs bedroom. Defective wiring is believed responsible for the outbreak.

Mr. and Mrs. Black came over from Scotland about one year ago. They have five children, Gordon 4, Ronald 8, Archie 15, Margaret 18 and Janette 20. Some members of the family spent the night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Yates. The Stouffville Fire Brigade answered the call. Damage was confined to the rear portion of the insul-brick home.

Cedar Grove Couple Mark Diamond Anniversary

On Sunday afternoon and evening more than one hundred friends, neighbours and relatives expressed best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Clendenen of Cedar Grove on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. The celebration was held at the home of their only daughter, Mrs. J. E. Harper, north of Unionville. The well-known couple were flooded with cards, gifts and congratulatory messages. Among the many treasured gifts was a beautiful silver tray presented to them by the Cedar Grove Community Club. Both are still very active and in the best of health.

Mrs. Clendenen is the former Angeline Goudie, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Henry Goudie of Kitchener. The family later moved to North Markham where her father held the pastoral charge in Mount Joy.

Mr. Clendenen was the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Clendenen, farm residents on the Mount Joy sideroad, east of the 8th concession. He attended Mount Joy Public School. Mr. Clendenen is an expert blacksmith and despite his 81 years he can still handle a hammer with amazing accuracy. The celebrated couple have resided in Cedar Grove since their marriage back in 1895.

Mr. and Mrs. Clendenen have two sons, Lloyd of Cedar Grove and Reg of Markham, also one daughter, Mrs. Everett Harper, north of Unionville. They have four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. An additional summary appears on Page 7 of this issue.

The Tribune takes this opportunity of extending congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Clendenen and wishes this highly respected Cedar Grove couple many more years of continued health and happiness.



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