

## Town Advertises for Deputy-Clerk; Improve Office Accommodation

Councillor Walters, chairman of the Bylaw and Administration Committee of town council, in his report at the regular meeting on Thursday evening, stated that it was the recommendation of the committee that a deputy-clerk be engaged and that the Property Committee prepare better quarters and investigate the possibility of renting space to the Public Utilities Commission. The recommendations went on to ask that the present Clerk be appointed Assessment Commissioner and the deputy-clerk to act as field assessor to assist him.

Councillor Walters said that the \$1,000 being asked by the 1935 assessor, would cover a considerable portion of the new deputy-clerk's salary.

The Bylaw Committee also recommended that an up-to-date building bylaw be obtained from some other municipality, and that a meeting be held of the building inspector and local contractors in view of preparing a new bylaw for council consideration.

Councillor Laushway, in his report on Property, stated that his committee advised partitioning the present office and that a price of approximately \$350 had been obtained by Chas. Atkinson to do the work and

supply material. Further plans for enlarging the building were discussed. It was pointed out that the municipal lot was 120 ft. long and could be extended some forty feet to the south, making ample space for the fire hall in the rear and leaving the front of the building for the much-needed office space. The matter of financing presented a problem and the matter was left until some figures on the cost of such a change could be obtained.

While every councillor expressed the view that the office space was required solely for the clerk, his staff and council, they did not wish to see the Public Utilities Commission leave the premises as it is expected that in the future, ample accommodation will be available in the building for all departments.

A resolution was passed asking the Utility Commission to vacate the present office by March 1st and stating also that second floor space could be made available.

The matter of partitioning in the present office will be proceeded with at once, and council further agreed to advertise for a deputy-clerk, applications to be in by Feb. 2nd.

The annual bylaw appointing the assessor was repealed.

## Stormy Session Over Planning Board Vacancy

Alfred March was named by the council of Whitchurch Twp. to a three-year term on the Planning Board of the municipality, to succeed the retiring member, R. C. Baycroft, Deputy Reeve Geo. Richardson was appointed to serve another year as the representative of Council.

The choice of Mr. March, who is a builder, was made on a split vote, with F. Williams in the chair for the reading of the by-law. Supporting Mr. March were Reeve Legge and Councillor Wallwork. Deputy-Reeve Richardson cast an opposing vote, while Councillor Graham refrained from voting.

The filling of a vacancy on such boards is generally a routine matter, but the issue became complicated when the Reeve called for new blood on the planning body so that more work could be accomplished by them.

The discussion became more spirited when Deputy-Reeve Geo. Richardson defended the Planning Board. The Reeve voiced the opinion that very little had been accomplished by the board in its five years of office. "There isn't a man on the Planning Board who would be there if he weren't paid for his attendance at their meetings," stated the Reeve.

## Pheasant Hunt For Markham Again in 1936

In his report to the Council of Markham Township, game warden Everett Harper revealed that the gross receipts from last year's pheasant hunt totalled \$1,400. He reported that the quota of 350 licences to non-resident nimrods was sold early, while 375 residents of the township were issued licences.

Council considered the question of holding the hunt again this fall, and voted for the event. Council was informed that when 1,000 day-old pheasant chicks are purchased from the Dept. of Lands and Forests, an equal number of 8-day old chicks will later be provided at no cost by the government. During the year just past, 800 pheasants were presented to the township by Toronto conservation groups.

Costs of restocking the pheasants have totalled as high as \$800 in previous years, it was revealed.

### Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. McCreight, Stouffville, announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Isabel, to Lorne Bruce Emmerson, son of Mrs. Emmerson and the late Arthur Emmerson, Ringwood; the marriage to take place early in February.

Nothing improves a man's driving like having a police car right behind him.

## Approve Purchase of New Auxil. Fire Pump

Stouffville Municipal Council meeting on Thursday evening approved purchase of a new portable pump for fire-fighting use. The purchase of the pump was recommended some weeks ago in a report from the local Fire Brigade. Cost of the new equipment is approximately \$153.00.

Chief Wm. Malloy explained to council that such a pump could be of inestimable value in fighting out-of-town fires where it was difficult to get the heavy truck close enough to a water supply such as a creek or lake. It was pointed out that the surrounding townships contributed \$900 a year in standby time towards the upkeep of the local fire equipment. Most of the brigades in the neighboring municipalities had such pumps, some of them two.

Chief Malloy agreed to have a demonstration by one of the firms selling such equipment as several such pumps were on the market.

**Property Sold**

The old building at the corner of the Cemetery Lane and Main Street, purchased by the town last fall for street-widening purposes, has been sold to Mr. Fred Chesman for the sum of \$50. Mr. Chesman has agreed that he will remove the building and leave the lot en-

tirely clear and has posted a bond to this effect.

**Auto Wrecking Yard**

A written request was received from Mr. Pollock of the Stouffville Auto Wreckers asking for a permit to operate the wrecking yard on Stouffer St. Considerable discussion resulted, on the request, Dep-Reeve Burk stated that the owner had been warned as far back as three years ago that he must clean up the yard, erect a fence and make other improvements, and he had failed to comply with any of the requests.

The licensing bylaw for such lots requires that a ten-ft. high board fence be erected, that no material be piled higher than the fence, that no fires be set outside a building and various other regulations.

Council finally agreed to issue the license with the written statement that it will be revoked and the lot closed if the regulations are not complied with by April 1st. The town bylaw gives council the right to revoke the permit at any time and penalty for each violation is \$50 on each count.

Council agreed to purchase twelve additional Stop signs for various locations off Main St., and also directed the Utility Commission to erect five new street lights by the Hawtin and Timbers subdivisions.

## Can Spring Be Far Behind?



The arrival of lambs in the middle of January is not common, according to Mr. Murray Ramer, farm resident on the 9th concession of Whitchurch, north of Bloomington. Their appearance, however, has always been regarded as a sure sign that Spring is just around the corner. Mr. and Mrs. Ramer's 8-year-old daughter Bernice is pictured above, holding the frisky animals tightly in her arms. Mr. Ramer has 65 sheep.

## Local Planning Board Considers Two New Sub-divisions, 119 Lots

Stouffville Planning Board meeting for the first session of 1936, considered two new subdivisions on Friday evening. A revised plan of the C. E. Watson subdivision lying just inside the south-easterly limits of town, was presented by Murray Sinclair, local real estate man. The Watson subdivision contains sixty-three lots, and is laid out with entrances on both Tenth Street South and Main Street. The Board had previously given some consideration to this plan when it was presented on two former occasions.

A setback was shown on some crescent lots which the Board did not favour and suggested that this be corrected to give the required 50-foot frontage on the street. Mr. Sinclair stated that this adjustment would be made and the plan presented again.

The second new plan was presented by Robt. Sellers and contains fifteen acres of the Lambert Stouffer farm lying immediately west of the new High School. The plan showed fifty-six lots, 28 double lots. The subdivision lies outside the town boundary and had previously been presented to Whitchurch Township. The township Board made no decision pending comments by Stouffville members.

This plan poses a number of problems lying as it does outside the town limits. Water service will be sought from Stouffville and the question as to the ownership of the extension of Edward St. in front of the High School is also being sought. The subdivision lies within the Stouffville Union public school section and therefore the children from homes located here would, under present conditions, have to be admitted to the Stouffville School, already crowded beyond capacity.

The local Planning Board also spent some time in perusing the recently completed Official Plan of the village which sets forth zones for residential, commercial and industrial development. Some minor changes were made and the plans will be returned for the color copies to be made in order that a public meeting may be held to view the plan.

C. H. Nolan, member, said that he would like to see a recommendation go from the Planning Board to the Council, asking for much greater restrictions on new subdivisions. "If we have to have these subdivisions they must pay a lot more towards expenses," he said. He cited paved roads and a \$500 contribution for municipal services which he thought should be instituted. "Present residents should be put to no expense by reason of these new subdivisions. The price of added school facilities and additional town staff and accommodation should come from the sub-divider who is the man making the money," concluded Mr. Nolan.

Henry Ogden was re-elected as chairman of the Board and Gar Brown will act as secretary.

## 87th Convention Markham Tp. Sunday School Assoc.

There was a good representation of Sunday School workers at the annual convention of the Markham Township Sunday School Association held last week in Markham Presbyterian Church. Theme of the convention was "Christian Evangelism". Sessions were held, morning, afternoon and evening.

Mr. E. J. Stiver presented the financial report and there was a panel discussion on various phases of the work. Those comprising the panel were, Miss Riley, Mrs. Gardhouse, Mr. Stouffer, Mr. Clarke and Mr. Lorne Wideman.

In addition to the business session, a special children's service conducted by Miss Jenni-

## Pickering Twp. Students Hurt Near Ottawa

Two Pickering District High School pupils were injured in Ottawa last week. Beth Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Smith, R.R.3 Pickering, has a fractured leg and a badly bruised arm; while Maureen Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Smith, 32 Beatty Ave., Ajax, suffered shock. Both were hospitalized.

The accident occurred at an intersection when a car, driven by Don Wannop of Brougham, in which the girls were riding, was involved in a three-car crash.

The two girls were members of a party of pupils from the Pickering District High School who were in a sightseeing tour of the capital under the sponsorship of the school.

High school teachers William Parish and John Russ were in charge of the party. The car was used to accommodate additional passengers when the bus originally chartered for the trip was filled to capacity.

Check your supply of business forms, then phone 152.

## Council Agrees to Hire Second Police Officer; Buy Cruiser

After considerable discussion on police matters, Stouffville Municipal Council agreed by resolution on Thursday evening, to engage a second police officer. In addition a resolution by Councillors Laushway and Walters requested the clerk to advertise for tenders for a police cruiser.

The police matters were introduced into the meeting by councillor Laushway who is chairman of the police committee. Councillor Laushway stated in his report that a second officer was needed immediately. He said that the parking violating was very bad in town, and that one man couldn't begin to get around everywhere he was needed.

Councillor Walter in support stated that, "knowing the hours he puts in, he can't hope to give the service required working alone."

Reeve Daniels stated that he was quite satisfied with the policing to date being done by the town Chief. He said it was the intention of the '35 council to hire one man, and a second man later if it was seen he was needed. The Reeve cited the fact that Markham Village was only now hiring their second officer.

Councillor Laushway pointed out that Markham Village is surrounded by township police every day and radio in their cars. The Reeve replied that Stouffville could call Vandorf for the O.P.P. if they were needed.

There was discussion on the matter of speed traps and fines and it was revealed that Markham Village more than offsets the total cost of policing, by the fines collected by their officers, the figure being over \$4,000.

Some members of council took exception to the criticism in the press of the local police department or the lack thereof. A representative of the press in a reply to the rebuttal, stated that the criticism was for the council and in no way reflected any inefficiency on the one police officer who was doing all he could under adverse conditions.

While council agreed that eventually radio installation as well would be required in the Stouffville police car, it was believed that this further expense could be foregone for the time being.

Council will meet this week to deal with police applications and decide whether further advertising is necessary.

## Dog Roundup Coming in Whitchurch Tp.

The subject of the increasing number of stray dogs in the township was brought before Whitchurch council last week when Constable Richard Mulholland asked for guidance as to their disposal. He stressed particularly the number of dogs in the lake areas at Wilcox and Musselmans, and stated that he felt his own car was not a suitable means of conveying dogs he might pick up.

Clerk John Crawford read to the members the provisions of the Livestock Protection Act, whereby the police are authorized to kill all dogs found without a tag, and out of the control of their owners. Councillors felt this action was too drastic. Councillor Wallwork expressed the opinion that 90 percent of the dog tags purchased are never placed on the dogs by the owners. "However," he added, "if I had a dog that wouldn't stay home, I would thank somebody to put an end to the brute." He added that he had seen as many as ten dogs running in a pack in the Ballantrae area.

At the meeting there was read a letter from the Ballantrae trustees, signed by Mr. H. Crowhurst, setting out the number of dogs at large around the school, and requesting action by the township.

The council decided that authority be given to Constable Mulholland to put on a drive to end the dog nuisance. He was authorized to purchase the necessary netting, mits, and ropes for the big roundup.

Road Superintendent E. D. Davis is to have his department construct a rack to fit on the township truck, and this arrangement will be used to apprehend the strays. Until the magnitude of the operations are certain, the animals will be housed in the sheds at the rear of the Municipal Building. Council stressed that the animals which may be picked up can be reclaimed between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Messrs Russell Taylor and Martin Gall were lucky winners at the Clipper-Milton hockey game on Tuesday night. Mr. Gall was presented with a \$15 cash prize and Mr. Taylor received two season's tickets for the remaining home games.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hoover of Newmarket visited with his sister, Mrs. Minnie Atkinson, on Wednesday of this week.

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## Public School Board Seeking Building Site

In a special meeting of the Stouffville Public School Board on Monday afternoon, it was agreed that a site for a second public school should be sought immediately and special attention is being given to obtaining a site on the proposed new subdivision lying immediately west of the new High School. While this land is presently outside the corporation, it is within the boundary of the Union School Section.

The meeting was attended by Inspector Hallman who stated that he believed the local school situation had reached the cross roads and favored taking immediate steps towards obtaining a new school site.

In conversation with The Tribune, Mr. Hallman said that some consideration was being given to dissolving the Union Section. Final disposition of school assets and the new setup to be arrived at, would, if such a move was made, be in the hands of a Board of Arbitration.

Dr. and Mrs. F. J. Button and three children enjoyed a two-day skiing jaunt at the Tally-Ho Inn. One of the daughters suffered a bruised knee, but has now recovered.

Len Haylow is spending a few days this week at the Massey-Harris plant, getting a preview of the new models soon to be announced.

## SIX NEW MEMBERS COUNTY COUNCIL

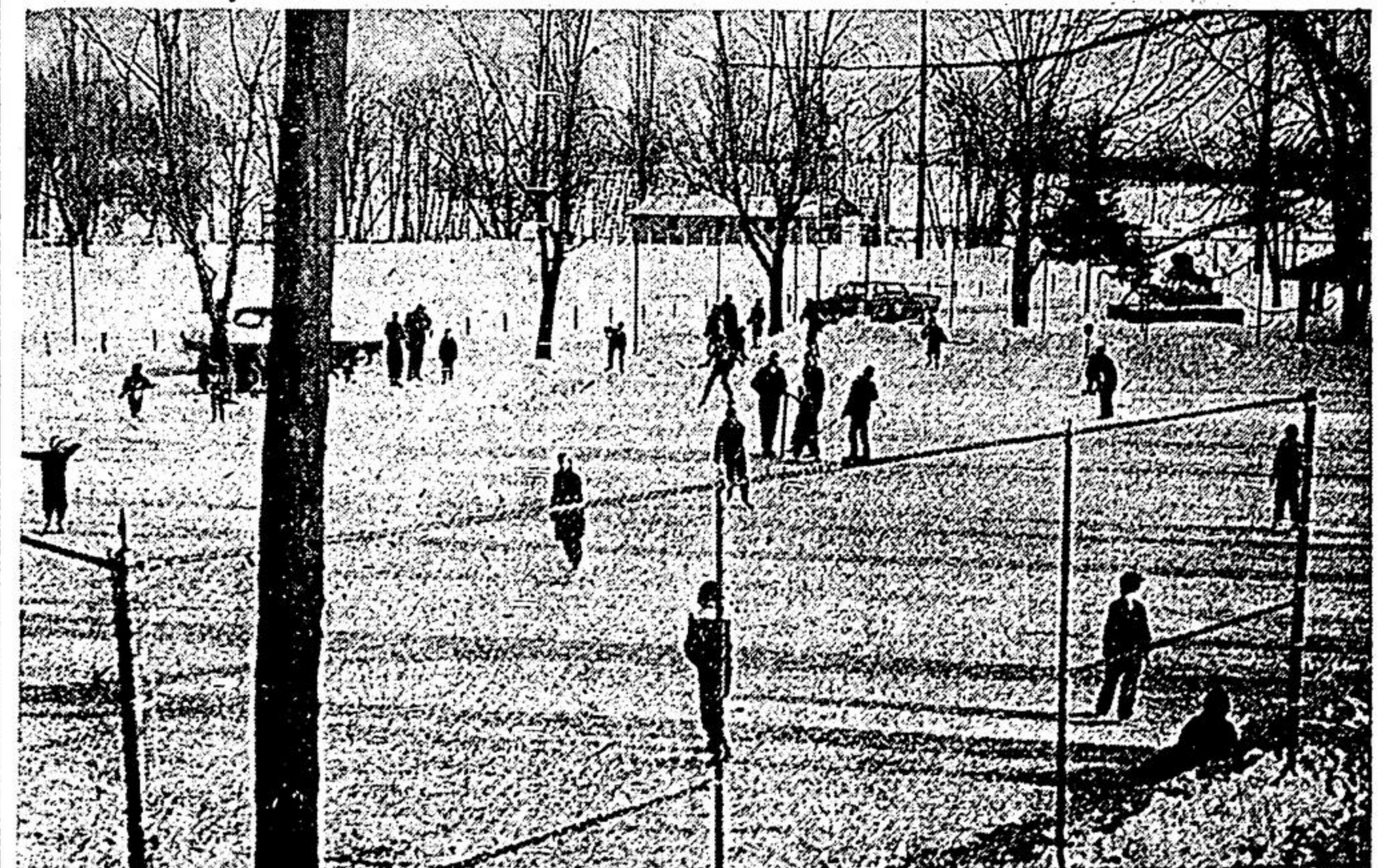
New members on County Council were introduced at the opening session at the County building last week. They are Reeve Clarence Davis of Aurora, Deputy Reeves Walter Rate of East Gwillimbury, Ernest Rixon of Georgina, Milton Burke of Stouffville, George Richardson of Whitchurch and Wilfred Aitchison of King.

Deputy-Reeve Violet MacNaughton of Newmarket who sat on County Council in 1934, was introduced by the warden as was the other woman councillor, Mrs. Alma Walker, deputy-reeve of Markham Village. Mrs. Walker was member of County Council last year.

This is the final week of the clearance sale currently in full swing at Len Wilkes' Clothes Shop. There will still be lots of cold weather, says Len, and he adds that he has a full line of winter clothing at greatly reduced prices.

Airman and Mrs. Bernard Blair are staying with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Campbell. Mr. Blair is stationed with the RCAF at Lac St. Denis, Quebec, but has been posted for a month at the station at Downsview.

## Wonderful Outdoor Rink Provided In The Local Park



The Stouffville tennis courts were flooded last week to form a large outdoor skating rink for dozens of local boys and girls. The area is large enough to allow the girls and younger boys to pleasure skate on one side while the older fellows enjoy playing hockey on the other section. Ideal weather conditions have enabled caretakers to build up a considerable depth of ice on the courts. The rink is the scene of much activity after school hours.