

Councillor Laushway Urges Council Confer On Assess. Inequalities

At the close of the regular municipal council meeting of Stouffville on Wednesday evening, Councillor Laushway made a strong appeal to council to confer with the assessor in an effort to have the great inequalities of assessment in town "ironed out."

Reeve Daniels reminded council that they had no jurisdiction over the Assessor on individual assessments. Councillor Laushway said that he realized that but he firmly believed that the situation here was very bad that council could at least talk over the work with the assessor and ask for a more equalized figure.

Councillor Laushway stated that over the year one heard possibly more complaints about

Look For 100,000 to Attend Inter'al Plowing Match at Brooklin in '56

Some of the problems which face the management of the International Plowing Match, to be held near Brooklin this fall, were outlined this week by Agriculture Representative H. L. Fair. Expected to attend the four-day event are 100,000 persons.

Mr. Fair noted that the establishment of a tented city of considerable proportions would pose some pretty big problems for the Ontario Plowman's Association, which is sponsor of the international event. The match takes place from October 9th to 12th this year and will be spread over seven or eight farms, including the Heber Down Farms.

The tented city, complete with streets, will be located just south of the Heber Down farm buildings and motorist will be able to reach the site, if coming from the south, by turning off the highway at the fifth concession of Whitty Twp. The city itself will be one-quarter mile wide and one-half mile long and if it were constructed in a straight line, rather than a rectangle, would stretch for one, and one-half miles.

The matter of providing services such as hydro, telephone and water to a tented city, said Mr. Fair, "is going to be quite a proposition in itself." To provide water, since there is no water service in the area, two large storage tanks will have to be set up in the city. A pressure system will have to be installed and the storage tanks filled every night.

Hydro lines will have to be strung to the district and telephone lines will have to be brought in.

Three committees are working together to arrange the affairs of the actual plowing. The committee, the tractor committee, and the team committee. Lands committee selects the land which will be plowed and try to arrange it so all plowmen will be working on

SKATERS REHEARSE AT UNIONVILLE

There is no doubt that practice makes perfect and the sustained effort of the Unionville skaters, all through the present season, is paying dividends as they rehearse for the Club Carnival to be held at Crosby Memorial Arena on Friday and Saturday, April 6th and 7th.

The practices are being maintained at a fast pace so that more solo, pair and ensemble numbers may be presented. The guest stars are being carefully chosen with a view to providing variety and outstanding ability. All these stars will be new to Unionville.

Not content with the high rating awarded last year's show, the Club Executive and the skaters are determined to top all previous performances.

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Taxes were collected last year for 145 canines in town. The question of the final disposition of the recent court action with Cy Bellman came in for attention and council by resolution requested that the town solicitor notify Mr. Bellman that legal action will be taken again if the situation is not cleared up by April 1st. The dispute concerns a matter of trespassing, the alleged use by Mr. Bellman of town property for private purposes.

Library Grant Letter

The recent request by the Stouffville Public Library Board for additional funds this year will be dealt with at the forthcoming budget meeting of council.

Miscellaneous Matters

Councillor Laushway reported

Enters Zone Finals



Joan Little, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Little, Stouffville, and Grade 8 student at Stouffville Public School, has reached the zone finals in the Telegram sponsored spelling contest. Miss Little came first in competition with 3,400 other public school students in the districts of York No. 2 and 3. She will now enter the zone finals which will be held on Thursday evening, March 22nd, at 7:30 p.m. in the Toronto Teachers College, 951 Carlaw Ave., Toronto. In October of last year, a sister, Gladys, was presented with the Dr. F. G. R. Richardson cash award for the student obtaining the highest marks among those writing the Entrance Examinations at the Stouffville School.

Whitchurch Supports Neighbors in Television And Water Letters

Whitchurch Township Council last week endorsed the stand taken by Aurora council in recommending that water be made available from Lakes Simcoe and Ontario to supply future needs for water in this area. The members, who saw no immediate danger of shortage in the township, felt they should help the water-short municipalities along, in their representations to the Province. The matter is now under active study by the Ontario Government.

The stand taken by Newmarket with regard to television reception was also backed by the members of council. Interference of the Barrie TV station with Buffalo reception has prompted Newmarket to complain to the Federal government on three occasions.

SOD-BUSTERS STILL DRAW BIG CROWDS

Stated for an appearance at the Vandorf Hall this Thursday is a top-notch comedian, reveals Master of Ceremonies "Happy Harry" Heatherington. He will be joined by the Peel County Play Boys, our own "Sod Busters" Pat Fuller and several members of the western band from the Barrie television station. With the refreshments provided, this evening of fun, held each Thursday, costs only 50 cents. The evenings are now briskly run, providing a lot of fun for all. There is plenty of opportunity to dance to the good music provided.

Last Thursday, despite the competition offered by the hockey game in Stouffville, a good crowd, gathered around. Present was a banjo player from the renowned western broadcasting station at Wheeling, West Virginia. Pat Fuller, becoming more popular as an entertainer, has recently won prizes in amateur shows in Bradford and King City. Two other regulars, Huck Burkholder and Bunt Lewis were given a great ovation last Friday when they appeared at Shelburne Arena.

Markham Twp. Police Officers Make 462 Calls

The February Police Report submitted by Police Chief Wideman to the Markham Township Council reveals that 8,504 miles were covered by the force in making 462 calls during the month.

The work again paid off for the township, with the police turning in \$550 to the treasurer. Operating expenses for the department amounted to \$327.27. The chief apologized for the expense, explaining that the cost of new license plates for the cruisers had added to the maintenance costs for February.

Eighteen accidents were investigated, the Chief reported. There was one fatality. Sixteen dog complaints, and five domestic complaints were checked

Public School Budget Will Add Thirteen Mills to Tax Rate, Add More Teachers

Stouffville Public School Board has presented the local municipal council with the largest budget in history, an estimated expenditure this year of \$63,736.60. This is nearly \$16,000 above last year's estimate of \$47,000. Three additional teachers are required for the staff commencing this September and this fact coupled with pay increases make up the greater proportion of the increased budget.

In scanning the figures, the Board was also aware that the attendance at the school has nearly doubled in the last four years and more increases are in sight. This fact alone, it was pointed out, could be expected to raise total costs considerably.

The municipal council received the budget late in their meeting on Wednesday night and will go into the figures more fully on March 15th.

Provisions are made in the '56 program to continue with the renovating of the forty-year-old school. Repair figures in some cases were found to be exceedingly high, such as \$1,500 for a fence, badly needed at the south side of the school grounds. Additional desks and supplies are also required to refit basement rooms which will all be in use again as classrooms this fall.

Stouffville's tax share of this budget is \$47,366.40. Whitchurch and Markham Townships each contribute \$2,059.41, and the estimated government grant is \$12,251.38.

The budget in detail is as follows:

| Receipts | |
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| Estimated government grant | \$ 12,251.38 |
| Township Grant - Markham | 2,059.41 |
| Whitchurch | 2,059.41 |
| Section levy, Stouffville | 47,366.40 |
| | \$ 63,736.60 |

| Payments | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Instruction (teachers' salaries) | \$ 40,640.00 |
| Instructional supplies | 2,650.00 |
| Administration | 1,200.00 |
| Plant | 6,300.00 |
| Maintenance of Plant | 1,900.00 |
| Auxiliary services | 330.00 |
| Capital outlay from current funds | 7,186.00 |
| Miscellaneous contingencies | 3,530.00 |
| | \$ 63,736.60 |

SAYS STOUFFVILLE COUNCIL NOT TOUGH

A heavy agenda faced Whitchurch Township last Thursday as council prepared for another late session. One member observed that Stouffville village council were planning a curfew on meetings, to end deliberations at 11:30 p.m. Remarked Councillor Cliff Wallwork: "They are not as tough as we are."

The council proved to be pretty tough, and as the matters under consideration were disposed of, the Reeve's waste basket began to pile up with discarded paper. Ever-kind of the township pocket-books, the following resolution was passed by the members of council: "Moved that the Reeve be and is hereby instructed to empty his own waste-paper basket, removing all contents contained therein, by car or truck, at no cost to the Township of Whitchurch."

HERALDS OF SPRING

The lengthening days to many people are the surest sign that spring is on the way. But from Glen Major comes word, from our valued correspondent, that a woodchuck has been sighted. Our Goodwood correspondent, on the other hand, relies on the re-appearing of the crows to point to the beginning of spring. Our reporter has yet another test—the presence of skunks. The aroma of this weather omen, made apparent on a trip to Vandorf Council, clinched the matter. The breath of spring is in the air.

ORANGE LODGES EQUIP. HOSP. ROOM

When the new extension of the York County Memorial Hospital is opened — an event which is expected to occur shortly, a room therein will have a special interest for members of the Orange Lodge in the County. Lodges in the county have co-operated in providing \$500 for equipping it. The lodges are Aurora, Northview, Richmond Hill, Belhaven, Mount Albert and Nobleton.

U. M. CHURCHES PLAN FOR EASTER

Plans made by United Missionary Churches in the district call for a busy period between now and Easter, pointing to the significance of that special Sunday.

NEW CAR AGENCY OPENS THURS. NIGHT

This Thursday evening will see the official opening of another new enterprise on Stouffville's bustling Main Street, when Walter Taylor Motors will hold their official opening.

Timed with the resumption of production at the General Motors plants in Canada, Walter Taylor will operate a dealership making available Chevrolet cars and trucks, and Oldsmobile cars to residents of Stouffville and district.

Walter Taylor will soon have a brand-new service and showroom soon to be under construction. In the meantime, temporary accommodation has been arranged at the premises of Fred E. Byer and Son. Fred will carry on his implement agency as before.

For opening night, a most cordial invitation has been extended by the owner. Refreshments will be offered to the public — with free balloons for the children. On hand will be Mr. Taylor himself, and his sales manager, Harry Heatherington. "Drop around," says Walter.

Third Man Quits

Staff Changes Again Plague Markham Twp.

This Monday the third week in succession, Markham Township Council was confronted with a staff resignation. This week's notice was received from the Treasurer, H. Ryder. The resignation is to take effect on April 1st.

Mr. Ryder, who cited the technical knowledge needed by township employees, deplored in his letter this salary scale which paid a first-class constable more than he and some of the other office staff received. He submitted his resignation, he wrote, "as a matter of principle."

Reeve LeMasurier, who championed this view, explained, "We can't close our eyes to the fact that Scarborough and N. York, for example, are offering more pay" for municipal employees.

Other council members replied that the municipalities closer to Toronto were demanding more responsibility from workers in comparative positions.

Councillor Archie Little cited tax arrears in the Township, which he stated had been considerably reduced through the efforts of Mr. Ryder. "A person doing a good job is worth money," he said.

Referring to the matter of police salaries, Councillor Little expressed the opinion that the police had been more on their toes than the office staff in presenting their case.

With council divided on the question of whether or not to accept the resignation of the treasurer, the meeting ended. The matter will be discussed at next week's council meeting.

Church at Hagerman's Seeks to Expand

Markham Township Council this week deferred action on the issuance of a building permit for the Mennonite Church at Hagerman's Corners, when the proximity to the road allowance came under discussion.

At present, the church building consists only of a basement, about 25 feet by 30 feet, in which regular church services are held. Plans have been presented to council for the completion of the building, which call for the addition of a chapel at the front of the present basement walls. It is considered by members of council that the congregation will have a handsome building which will be much too close to the road, should highway widening take place in the future. The proposed addition would be only three feet from the road, if a 100 ft. highway were laid out, the council was informed by the building dept.

Council in a letter to the church officials stated that the future width of the road is likely to be 100 feet. As this would involve taking 17 feet from the front of the lot, the township recommended siting the front of the building at a reasonable distance from the road. They recommended construction of the new church on the present basement, instead of in front of it.

The church will be asked for written comments before council will consider issuing the necessary building permit.

Contract Awarded For Ringwood School Addition

Contractor T. S. Davies has been awarded the contract for a one-room addition to the public school at Ringwood. With the addition, the school will accommodate 120 pupils. It was revealed by Gordon Ratcliff, secretary of the school section (Union SS. No. 2, Whitchurch).

Contract price is in the amount of \$24,781. In addition, the architect's fee of \$1,487 will boost the total to \$26,268.

The addition will be of brick veneer construction, with provision in the washroom and heating installations for future addition of three more rooms.

Work will be started this week if weather conditions permit, says Mr. Ratcliff.

Mrs. Clendenning, presently the principal, has been re-appointed for the 1956-57 school year, at a salary of \$3,200. The opening of the new accommodation will make necessary the hiring of another teacher. Efforts are now being made to arrange for this appointment.

MARKHAM MAN FINED IN "SNOWBALL" CASE

Charles Minaker, 26, of Markham, was fined \$35 and costs or five days in jail for striking a 15-year-old boy who was believed to have thrown a snowball at Minaker's mother.

Gerald Burrows said he and a friend, Gordon Subb, 12, were throwing snowballs at each other and "I guess some did hit the car."

Minaker told the court the boys pelted his car with snowballs and one of them struck 63-year-old Mrs. Minaker.

He said he punched Burrows when the boy denied having hit her.

Mr. Randal Birkett has returned to Regina, Saskatchewan, after attending Mr. and Mrs. Wil Birkett's 50th wedding anniversary.

Fear 2-Family Homes In Whitchurch Twp.

A delegation of one, in the person of George van Nostrand of Vandorf, waited on the Council of Whitchurch Township last week, following announcement by the municipality of plans to increase the minimum size of homes erected in the township. Mr. Van Nostrand, armed with house plans endorsed by the federal government, pointed out to council members that more than half of the plans were too small by the proposed standards. His first thought, he stated, was that multiple family dwellings would become common in the municipality.

As a resident, Mr. Van Nostrand stated it was his belief that the larger-sized homes had been encouraged by men who were well-established, with a view to boosting assessment for the corporation. But, he said, the result would be two families instead of one, in the homes, and this would only add to the school problem, and again raise taxes.

The Reeve, Sid. Legge, replied that it was not council's intention to penalize younger residents. There was an answer to this, he said, in the regulations for 1½ story homes where a floor area of only 850 sq. ft. would be required.

Councillor Wallwork, explaining that the requirements might seem harsh, emphasized that young families were the very ones who required larger homes. "They need lots of space to raise a family," he said. Adding to this, he said, "It's better to have a house slightly larger than you need. You're in trouble if your home is too small."

In reply, Mr. Van Nostrand stated that he fully supported building regulations. Contending that council had placed too much importance on minimum size, he concluded, "Size does not bring quality."