

Public Meeting to View Proposed Official Plan On Monday, April 23

A public meeting will be held on Monday evening, April 23rd, at 8:30, to discuss Stouffville's "Official Plan" which recently received the approval of the Department of Planning and Development. After studying the plan, Council showed some concern over the fact that the portion of the Timbers' subdivision fronting on the highway, had been set aside as an industrial area. Reeve Elmer Daniels felt that the area might be satisfactory for light industry or commercial purposes.

"These lots are close to a residential district," pointed out Reeve Daniels, "we couldn't allow an objectionable industry to locate there."

"If a factory wishes to establish a business, it would be too bad to refuse them the location," stated councillor Wagg. "We have to protect our residents," answered the Reeve. "There are other areas available for factory sites within the town limits." Reeve Daniels pointed out that it is quite difficult to work out an over-all plan without running into some problems.

Councillor Wagg showed concern over the fact that the north side of Main Street from Church to Park Streets was all

residential at the present time with the exception of 3 places and yet the area was marked for commercial sites.

"If my house burned down, it could not be replaced," said councillor Wagg. "Will you buy me another lot?" he asked the Reeve.

"No, we wouldn't, but you could probably sell it," answered Reeve Daniels.

"I couldn't sell a 50 foot lot for commercial purposes," replied Councillor Wagg. "This particular district wasn't very well planned."

Clerk Garfield Brown explained it was the same in other areas in the town.

"If we had zoned your place as residential and Main Street developed commercially, you wouldn't be able to sell your lot for a commercial site if you wanted to," pointed out the Reeve.

"The houses on Main Street will never be sold for commercial businesses," replied councillor Wagg.

"You don't know," answered Reeve Daniels, "we must try to improve as we go along. We have no control over errors made in the past," continued the Reeve, "but we can make controls for the future."

Stouffville Municipal Police Force



Stouffville now has its own Municipal Police Force. Chief Constable W. A. Diamond took office early in the year and his assistant, Constable W. E. Vincent, was hired a short time later. A new cruiser was purchased in February.

Truckers Killed At Markham C.P.R. Crossing

Two truckers, Elton McLean 62, and Foster Dickie 19, both of Oakville, were killed on Monday evening when their truck loaded with cattle was struck by the Toronto to Peterboro train on the Markham-Scarboro townline, east of the 8th concession. The men were enroute to the farm of Councillor Archie Little of Markham when the accident occurred. Five cows and a bull calf were also killed.

McLean was thrown clear of the wreckage but Dickie was trapped inside the twisted cab. McLean leaves his wife, and Dickie, a native of Truro, N.S., leaves his parents.

There are no wig-wag signals at the crossing and the same crossing has been the scene of previous fatalities.

Council to Drastically Tighten Restrictions On Future Sub-Divisions

At a special meeting of Stouffville Municipal Council on Monday afternoon, members discussed at some length the need for establishing more stringent restrictions on new subdivisions. Such requirements including hard-top roads, drainage, sewerage, water and payment of bonds all came up for lengthy discussions.

Councillor Ken Laushway stated that he believed the members make a point to inspect other developed subdivisions in neighboring municipalities in order that proper restrictions could be imposed.

Considerable discussion arose with concern to who should put up the cash deposit, the subdivider when he sells the lot, or the home owner when he purchases his permit. Reeve Daniels contended that the subdivider should pay since he expects the town to provide services even before a building permit is issued. Councillor Laushway felt that the fee should be paid when the permit is granted.

"If we adopt this plan, we're doing something that's never been done in any other municipality," said councillor Laushway.

"We're elected to run the business of the town and comparisons aren't important," said councillor Walters.

"If Markham Township had collected a fee for every lot they sold in the Don Mills Development, they wouldn't be in their present position," pointed out Reeve Daniels.

"If they had collected for every permit sold, they wouldn't be stuck either," countered councillor Laushway.

Councillor Walters said that sometimes builders operated on a shoe string and it wasn't always too easy to collect the fee.

TURN DOWN REQUEST FOR SUMMER CLASSES

Trustees of the Stouffville Public School decided last week to refuse permission for the holding of the Daily Vacation Bible School this summer.

The school has been held each summer, during the holidays. No direct request has been made for the school facilities this year. The attendance has increased each year, however, so that a great deal of space is required.

The decision of the trustees was reached when the subject of repairs to the school was under consideration. Two full months of work is planned including repairs to the roof and to the Board Room. It is also planned to build a fence, and to complete a circular drive at the front of the school. This work, said the board members, would make the presence of children a real hazard.

Trustee Wm. Malloy, in answer to questions on the fire situation, stressed the dangers during the summer. Many of the children at the Bible Classes were from out of town, or under school age. Both of these groups were unfamiliar with the exits and fire rules at the school.

STOUFFVILLE TO WELCOME FAMOUS EVANGELIST

Dr. Grady Wilson, the Associate evangelist of the world famous Billy Graham, will be coming to Stouffville for the Annual Arena Evangelistic Crusade this summer.

The churches of the Stouffville area are indeed fortunate in being able to obtain the services of such a noted man of God. The date set for this Crusade is Sunday, August 5 to Sunday, August 19.

Preparations are already well under way and prayer meetings are being organized in every community. This Friday evening, April 20, in the Stouffville United Missionary Church there will be a meeting for prayer and the training of personal workers. All who are interested are urged to attend this meeting.

Recently, at a special meeting of ministers and laymen, a crusade executive was elected, as follows: Co-Chairmen—Rev. Huson and Rev. Davis; Associate Chairman—Mr. David Greer; Secretary—Mr. Charles Ratcliff; Treasurers—Mr. Stewart Stouffer and Mr. Fred Alsop; Ushering—Mr. Clifford Hisey; Reservations for Delegates—Mr. Howard Mills; Platform and Seating—Mr. Charles Atkinson and Mr. Clifford Gordon.

You will be well advised to plan your holidays so that you will be able to attend these all-important meetings.

At the evening service on Sunday, April 15th, at the Altona Christian United Missionary Church, a total of \$650 was realized for the Annual Missionary offering.

Why a Teacher Shortage? What to Do About It? Discussed at H. & S. Assoc.

The April Home & School programme was arranged by Mrs. Mary Smith, Parent Education Convener. Miss Margaret Hosie was prevailed upon to present the general teacher point of view. Miss Hosie has seen many changes in the field of education, having taught for many years, 15 of them in Stouffville. From personal contact over the years in The Teachers' Federation and various teacher groups, and from their published findings and efforts, she effectively pictured this many-sided problem.

Miss Hosie assured the parents that the teachers of Ontario were very concerned about the teacher shortage—so much so that they have had several active committees working on the problem, and have had since 1949. But, said she, they were even more concerned about the shortage of QUALIFIED teachers—not only teachers with proper academic and professional training, but teachers dedicated to their work who were in the profession because they were interested in and believed in the future of the children and youth of the province—teachers who because of their maturity and cultural background were able to guide young minds into their cultural heritage as well as their material heritage. They were also alarmed, she said, by the increasing number of good teachers who continue to leave the profession for some other line of work. Various teachers' committees were receiving voluntary donations from the teachers themselves to aid needy but high-ranking students through college.

Miss Hosie listed six factors as reasons for the Teacher Shortage:

1. There has never been a positive programme of recruitment in Ontario although the shortage has been with us for years—only a lowering and raising of standards in accordance with the law of supply and demand. Business and Industry, even the Armed Forces, extol

the attractions of their work to lure candidates, but little is done in the teaching field to attract worthwhile students. If the Department of Defence can spend money to attract youth into the forces, the Dept. of Education should be able to make known more about the teaching profession, and assist students entering that field.

2. Raising the standards for admittance to Teachers' Colleges gets more teachers, and better teachers, into the profession. (This she demonstrated by citing three experiments, giving statistics, which took place in U.S.A., Saskatchewan and Quebec). Lowering the standards had cheapened the profession, causing capable and ambitious young people to shy away from it; at the same time enticing those of mediocre ability because of the ease of admission.
3. Lack of prestige in the community: The teacher is an architect and builder of society. Teaching is a great profession and requires high courage and great purpose. Teachers are dedicated people. They render a valuable public service, and as such are worthy of respect, even if their responsibilities at times do weigh heavily upon them. They are human with the same feelings, hopes and desires as others, and are entitled to the same freedoms, except where it might prove a stumbling block or poor example to their pupils.
4. Overloaded curriculum: 40 years ago the 3 R's, Geography (continued on page 7)

WM. MacNABB BURIED HERE

William MacNabb of Mooresville, Ind., and member of a former well-known Stouffville family, passed away suddenly at his home last week and was brought to Stouffville for burial on Monday. The MacNabb family resided for years in the Main St. residence now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Hugh MacIntosh. The elder William MacNabb operated the Stouffville Willow Works, a flourishing basket establishment on Stouffville Street, at one time.

The late William MacNabb was engaged during his lifetime as a commercial traveller, a railroad man and for many years, theatre owner in Mooresville.

He was a long-standing member of Richardson Lodge, Stouffville, and a special masonic service was conducted at the O'Neill Funeral Parlours on Sunday evening.

Besides his wife, the deceased is survived by one son William of Flint, Michigan.

The funeral service on Monday was conducted by Rev. Harry Green and interment was made in the Stouffville Cemetery.

Rev. Bruce Hisey Becomes Pastor of Home Church

The Second Markham Baptist Church is rejoicing in the fact that a native son has returned home to become its Pastor. Baker Hill Baptist Church is sharing the blessing as these two churches constitute one field. Rev. H. Bruce Hisey was converted at the Second Markham Church where his father taught the Adult Bible Class for many years. Some twenty-three years ago he left to prepare for the Baptist ministry and has served churches in the Province of Quebec, Willowdale, Bobcaygeon and Otterville-Tilsonburg, the latter field for the past 13 years.

At the induction service on the evening of April 12th, the Second Markham Church was packed with members of both congregations, as well as with friends from other churches and visiting pastors. Greetings were conveyed to the new Pastor and his family by Mr. Howard Ratcliff and Mr. Merlyn Baker, representing the 2 Sunday Schools, Mr. Jack Clubine representing the Deacons, Rev. Wm. Hiltz representing Langstaff Baptist Church and Rev. M. J. R. Gibson, Pastor of the Stouffville and First Markham Baptist Churches. Mrs. Margaret Ratcliff presented Mrs. Hisey with a beautiful bouquet of roses on behalf of the two congregations.

Rev. W. S. Whitcombe, who had been Pastor here when Mr. Hisey was a member, delivered the charge to the Pastor. Mr. Whitcombe referred to the Book of Ezekiel and declared a pastor should be a Watchman, a Shepherd and a Prophet. He had many memories of the faithfulness of our new pastor when he was a young member of the church.

Rev. John R. Armstrong, Secretary of the Fellowship of Sec-

ular Baptist Churches, brought the charge to the congregation. He urged us to pray much for our pastor, and to pay heed to his teaching as it was the Word of God and we would ignore it to our own peril. We should esteem him highly for the work's sake and be at peace among ourselves.

These two churches have been without a regular pastor since Rev. Norman Rowan resigned to accept the call of the Temple Baptist Church in Preston. For part of the interim we have been much blessed under the ministry of Mr. Ronald Patterson, a student in his final year at Central Baptist Seminary. We are expecting great blessings from God under the leadership of Rev. Bruce Hisey and are delighted to have Mrs. Hisey, Paul, David and John in our church and community.

Store Near Completion

The large new store on Main St. just west of O'Brien Avenue, is fast nearing completion, and Mr. Hobbs, the proprietor expects to announce the official opening next week. The store will be known as the Western Tire & Auto Supplies. The place has an extensive frontage on Main St. with apartments above.

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FRED HESSEL, 87, DEAD, PROMINENT HERE IN 20's

The death was reported this week of Fred Hessel, formerly of Stouffville. Mr. Hessel worked in the present Spofford Store thirty-five years ago when the establishment was operated by the late W. H. Shaw. Mr. Hessel was active in Stouffville sports and also sang in the Presbyterian Church choir of that day.

He was 87, and passed away in hospital in London. Frederick Charles Hessel was reputed to be the oldest member of the Canadian Kennel Club. A breeder of cocker spaniels, he was born at Warren, Penna. He is survived by his widow, one son and one daughter.

MOTHER OF CLERK PASSES AT 87

The death occurred at her home in Gormley on Saturday, April 14th, of Mrs. Levi Hoover, mother of Charles Hoover, well-known clerk of Markham Township. Deceased was the former Catherine Doner and was predeceased by her husband some time ago. She was in her 88th year and had been a lifelong resident.

Surviving are three sons, Charles of Markham Township, Allan of Gormley and John C. of San Diego, Cal., also one daughter Ruth of Gormley.

The funeral on Tuesday was conducted from the United Missionary Church, Gormley, with interment in Helse Hill Cemetery.

Would Extend Whitechurch Annexation to 200 Acres

Whitechurch and Stouffville municipal councils will hold separate meetings shortly to discuss an extended annexation proposal put forward by Stouffville, and which includes about 200 acres of land in the township, bordering on the north corporation line, and extending from the 9th con. to Highway 47.

The two councils convened in Stouffville on Thursday night to discuss the requested annexation of approximately 30 acres of land including the high school property, and carrying an assessment of about \$2,000. Whitchurch Township Council expressed willingness to grant this request although the question was raised concerning

the upkeep of the 9th concession. However, Reeve Daniels stated that he felt that the town would shortly be asked to supply services to more of the land belonging to Mr. Lambert Stouffer and presently under option, as well as land on the Gar Lehman farm, and if this was the case, the annexation might as well all take place now in order to save costs.

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Inspect. Spelling Honours Presented to Joan Little

Proud parents and friends saw Joan Little presented with the Inspectorate Spelling Championship Award at the April Home & School Meeting. The Combination Desk Pen and Clock were mounted on a gold base, together with an appropriately inscribed open book, also in gold. The presentation was made, and congratulations tendered by Mr. Lorne Boardway, Principal.

When determining the School boys and girls:

There'll be a euchre in the local I.O.O.F. Hall on Thursday evening, sponsored by the Stouffville Lawn Club.

Linda Sargent, Teddy Topping—Kindergarten.
Lois Hisey, Byron Stevens, Grade 1, Miss Parker.
Debbie Garrett, Tommy Hartman—Gr. 1, Mrs. Brown.
Jean Chilvers, Marvin Murree—Gr. 2, Miss Burkholder.
Jane Anne Boardway, Donald Smith—Gr. 2 & 3, Miss Stouffer.
Anna May Sanders, Kevin McWinnie—Gr. 3, Miss Travers.
Ellenore Shirk, Kenny Aida—Gr. 4
Carole Kennedy, Jim Malloy—Grade 5.
Mardell Willis, Wayne Hamilton—Grade 6.
Daphne Chewins, Donald Malloy—Grade 7.
Joan Little, Garry Baston—Grade 8.

The programme for the evening centred on the Teacher Shortage, reported elsewhere in these columns.

Markham Township Tax Levy Amounts to Over A Half Million Dollars

The total tax levy for all purposes in Markham Township has reached the staggering total of more than half a million dollars a year, in fact it is nearing three-quarters of a million.

Council approved the tax estimates for 1956 at the regular meeting on Monday evening and arrived at a budget which will only raise the general purpose rate by one tenth of a mill. Only increase throughout the municipality will be individual

ESTIMATES FOR 1956		Ledger 1955	Estimates
General Government		4,542.00	5,500.00
Executive Planning Board		9,925.00	10,000.00
Administrative			15,500.00
Clerk	4,200. 300.		
Deputy	3,300. 150.		
Assistant	2,700. 100.		
Treasurer	4,000. 200.		
Assistant	2,700. 100.		
Steno.	2,400.		
Bldg. Insp.	3,900. 600.		
	23,100. 1,450.		
Assessment Department		9,214.00	12,000.00
Audit		1,200.00	1,500.00
Legal		4,602.00	2,500.00
Legal Special			4,500.00
Printing		2,642.00	3,000.00
Weed Inspection		382.00	500.00
School Attendance Officer		100.00	100.00
Engineer		4,503.00	5,000.00
Share Pension		4,291.00	4,500.00
Insurance		2,815.00	3,600.00
Live Stock Claims		696.00	1,200.00
Bank Interest & Charges		1,995.00	5,000.00
Office Debenture Payment			15,489.83
Group Insurance			800.00
			53,663.83
Sundry		155.00	
Court of Revision		700.00	
Conventions		452.00	
Grants		1,300.00	
Election		1,375.00	
Building Mtce.		3,073.00	
Postage		1,168.00	
Telephone		1,770.00	
		9,936.00	
Contingencies			10,500.00
Relief			3,100.00
Hospitalization			5,500.00
			7,000.00
			Total \$ 126,439.83
ESTIMATED REVENUE			
Penalties & Interest on Taxes			4,100.00
Relief			1,700.00
Box Taxes			2,000.00
Licenses			6,000.00
Sundry			4,000.00
Provincial Subsidy			26,300.00
Surplus			13,500.00
			\$ 58,600.00
ESTIMATED COSTS			
	\$ 126,439.83		
Less	58,600.00		
	\$ 67,839.83		
Assessment \$11,528,714.00 X 5.7 mills			67,522.56
Fire Protection			
Assessment \$ 2,443,426 X .55 mills		\$ 8,026.92	
		2,443,426 X .3 mills	7,354.75
Police Protection			
Assessment \$ 2,953,366 X 3.3 mills			37,746.90
Roads & Bridges Mtce.			
\$10,569,093 X 6.35 mills		\$ 75,533.21	
		10,569,093 X 7.7 mills	76,062.21