

Friday Night Shopping Here Next Week

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Pretty Girls Vie for May Queen Honours



Anna Cole (centre) a Grade 12 student at the Stouffville District High School, was crowned May Queen at the annual semi-formal Spring Prom on Friday evening. Her attendants are Marilyn Hood (left), and Barbara Hewlett. The judges were Mr. A. G. Thompson, Mr. Keith Sutherland and Mrs. John Houston. Lower left — Staff teacher, Mr. J. Marshall places the coveted crown on the head of the Queen, following the selection by the three judges. The entire auditorium was gaily decorated for the occasion.

TED TOPPING HEADS RETAIL MERCHANTS ASSOC.

At a special meeting of the Stouffville Businessmen on Friday evening it was decided by a unanimous vote to organize a Retail Merchants Association. It will replace the Chamber of Commerce which has been inactive for the past two years. Mr. Ted Topping was elected President, Harold Spofford Vice-President and Miss Marguerite Simons Secretary-Treasurer. The Directors will be Messrs. John Houston, Norm O'Boyle and Len Wilkes. Mr. K. N. Wagg acted as Chairman of the meeting and Mr. Lloyd Weldon was recording Secretary. More than thirty persons were present.

MRS. A. L. REESOR 35 YEARS RESIDENT OF CEDAR GROVE

On Wednesday, May 2nd, Mrs. Abram L. Reesor passed away at her Cedar Grove home following an illness of two weeks duration. She had been in failing health for the past eight years. Born on the 7th concession of Markham on the farm now owned by Mr. Cameron Kennedy, the late Mrs. Reesor moved to Cedar Grove following her marriage there for the past 35 years. She was the former Matilda Meyer. The deceased attended Reesor's Mennonite Church at Cedar Grove when health permitted. She was in her 74th year.

Besides her husband, she leaves to mourn her passing one daughter, Florence, (Mrs. Cyril Bielby) of Claremont. There is one brother, Reuben, in North Markham and five sisters, Mrs. Edwin Byer and Mrs. D. N. Reesor of Markham, Mrs. Earl Strong of St. George, Mrs. J. G. Gamble and Mrs. O. A. Williamson of Pambrun, Saskatchewan. There are also two grandchildren. The funeral service was held on Saturday afternoon, May 5th, at the Reesor's Mennonite Church conducted by Rev. Fred Nighswander with interment in the adjoining cemetery. The pallbearers were all nephews—Messrs. Lorne J. Reesor, Paul Burkholder, Earl Byer, Willis Reesor, Wilford Reesor and Geo. E. Reesor.

Official Town Plan to Go to Prov. Department As Originally Drafted

Stouffville Council agreed that the Official Town Plan as prepared by the local Planning Board, should be presented to the Minister of Planning for approval without alteration, when the members came together for regular session on Thursday evening.

Messrs. Sinclair and Mills, residents from the corner of Main and 9th Streets, appeared before council and urged that certain frontage areas on Main Street and along 9th St. be altered to commercial property, rather than as residential as presently planned. Reeve Daniels pointed out that while the Plan was going in for the Minister's approval the public would still have an opportunity to object to the Plan when the bylaw was drawn up and a hearing held before the Municipal Board.

It was revealed at the meeting that a medical office was planned for the vacant lot between Mr. Mills' residence and Mr. Minton's, but council did not consider this in the commercial category, sufficiently so to change the entire street from Orchard Pk. to the 9th south. Likewise on the east side of the 9th fronting on Main St., while some residents wished commercial, others objected to having such a change adjacent to them. Council, in summing up the problem, and after considerable discussion, agreed that the Plan should remain in its original draft.

Council Ups Pay
A resolution presented by councillor Harry Walters and deputy-reeve Burk called for council to be paid on a per meeting basis of \$7, retroactive to the first of January of this year, and received unanimous endorsement. In speaking to his motion, councillor Walters stated that it was obvious, the 1956 council was presented with extraordinary work. The members had been asked by the electorate to shoulder the responsibility of proceeding with a sewerage system for Stouffville, a considerable task. He expressed the opinion that regardless of past councils or future councils, the members of the present board were entitled to more remuneration if they were to complete the task set for them. It was pointed out that numerous neighboring municipalities had upped their council remuneration because of the pressure of municipal business in and near the Metro area. Council members, including the reeve, had hitherto been receiving a flat rate of \$150 a year. Councillor Walters, as chairman of the Bylaws and Administration Committee, also presented a recommendation from the committee that the salary of the clerk be increased by \$200, bringing his remuneration to \$3,400 plus \$200 mileage. Council agreed to the increase.

Police Report
The regular monthly meeting of the Police Dept., as presented by councillor Laushway, revealed that police had received 35 complaints and occurrences during the month. They had made 21 investigations, and found eight business premises open during their nightly rounds. Fifteen had been warned for excessive speed in the school zone, and twelve dogs were found running at large. Twenty-five parking tags were handed out. Chief Diamond was commended for the complete report which also included court work, charges laid, fines collected and cases pending.

Sidewalks
Reeve Daniels told council that the danger spots in town, regardless of pending sewer work. We can't wait for this matter, as someone may get hurt, and it was agreed that the committee headed by councillor Wagg should commence immediately to have the worst damaged blocks repaired.

Entertain County Council
Reeve Daniels introduced the matter of Stouffville Council entertaining County Council and the local board agreed that this should be done on May 29th. He stated that it was not within his recollection when council had taken their turn in this respect. Some entertaining had been done by individual reeves in the past but it was believed that such gestures should come from the municipality as a whole.

Councillor Laushway inquired as to the enforcement of a bicycle bylaw in Stouffville, as there were complaints of pedestrians being forced off the sidewalk by cyclists. Clerk Brown stated that there was such a bylaw and a warning is to be issued concerning its enforcement.

Majority of Stores Support Swing to Friday

Commencing next week, stores in Stouffville will remain open on Tuesday and Friday nights until 10 o'clock, and will close on Monday, Thursday and Saturday evenings at 6 o'clock. Stores will remain closed all day Wednesday.

The schedule of hours was settled at a meeting of the retail merchants on Friday night. Although the vote was quite close, few opposing the new move voted reasons for their objection. It was felt that the swing by nearly all towns in the district was to Friday night opening and that Stouffville was one of the last to make the move. A number spoke in favour of circulating a petition in order that a bylaw could be drawn up. All but four who voted on the question agreed that local store hours should be governed by bylaw. There was a large attendance at the meeting.

BUTTONVILLE HOME RANSACKED

On Monday, thieves forced their way into the bungalow home of Mr. Ashton Calvert, north of Buttonville, on the Fourth Concession and completely ransacked every room in the house. The motive for the entry is rather vague, since watches and other pieces of jewelry were not taken. Entry was made by breaking the window in a rear door. Sgt. Geo. Clayton and Constable Don Dukes of the Markham Township Police investigated. Fingerprints were plainly visible and they may assist police in making an arrest.

MT. JOY, DICKSON'S HILL CHURCHES, \$3,600, MISSIONS

A very successful Missionary Convention was held in the Dickson Hill and Mount Joy United Missionary Churches from April 25th to 29th. Missionaries from Africa brought challenging messages and showed pictures of the work done in that land. The attendance was good and the response to the financial appeal was very gratifying. Throughout the year a total of \$3,609.88 was raised by the two churches for foreign missions. Of this amount, \$2,020.82 was raised during the Missionary Convention; \$636.81 from the W.M.S., \$311.00 from the Sunday School and \$120.00 from the Young Peoples Society.

The funeral was conducted on Wednesday afternoon at Victoria Square Cemetery of Mrs. Wilmot Brumwell who passed away at the Bethesda Hospital, Willowdale, on Monday, May 7. She was in her 80th year. Deceased was the former Christina Jane Annis of Victoria Square, a widow now for some years. Surviving are one son, Frank, and two grandsons, Wilbur and Denton.

Claremont Guide Company Leader Receives Awards



Enid Benson (right) Company Leader of the Claremont Girl Guides, was the recipient of a number of awards at the annual Mother and Daughter Banquet held on Thursday evening, Mrs. Leslie Lye (left), the District Commissioner, is pictured above, presenting the third year service star to Miss Benson following the dinner.

Swank Sub-Division is Approved by Markham For the "Devil's Elbow"

Final approval has been given to the most exclusive subdivision around the Metropolitan area, a 261-acre site near the 5th concession of Markham, south of Almiria. The plan has been approved by Markham Planning Board, by Metro and the Province. The farm to be developed is owned by Richard Persons, and is being developed by the owner.

In all, 85 homes are planned, each on a two-acre lot. Homes will range from \$30,000 to \$65,000 and will take in all the land in lots 19 to 20, rear of the 4th concession. In conjunction with the exclusive residences will be established the Cachet Country Club, with golf course, riding facilities and swimming pool. Home purchasers will receive shares in this fancy layout with all its facilities.

Restrictions on the subdivision imposed by the township, call for paved streets and a cash payment of \$500 per lot.

Fifty Years Recalled By Local Couple

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rowbotham's fiftieth wedding anniversary was celebrated quietly last week but was a time for enjoyment of flowers, messages and many rather unusual recollections. Neither Mr. or Mrs. Rowbotham were able to participate in the excitement of a large gathering at this time but they spent part of their day with Mr. Leslie Rowbotham, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Klinck, their daughter, Helen DeWitt and granddaughter Joyce. Their son Bruce and Mrs. Rowbotham with Brian and Laurel expect to be here at the holiday weekend.

The first part of May in 1906 was an interesting time in the history of Markham Township's Victoria Square. On May 1st at the Klinck home the wedding of Frank Rowbotham and May Klinck was attended by 35 guests. On May 9 the families and friends of Ross Klinck and Olive Jennings (now deceased) gathered at her home for that marriage.

Following this Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Klinck moved to the house on O'Brien Ave. here where they lived the remainder of their many years. Ross Klinck took his bride to the old homestead which had been purchased from the Crown two generations before (and which has

More Water from North York for Markham Twp.

On Monday, Reeve LeMasurier succeeded in squeezing a promise of 250,000 gallons of water per day after September 30th, 1956, for the south-west area of Markham Township, to be supplied through North York.

Last year, Councillor Vern Griffin attempted to get more water for the south-west section of the Township. Despite North York's critical shortage, he managed to get sufficient for the new Thornhill High School. But Council was advised that water for the Doncaster area where contamination of wells is serious was out of the question until North York's own shortage was alleviated by new Metro supplies. Since no definite date

in this regard was forthcoming, the Water Committee developed a scheme to provide water to the area at the expense of certain subdividers proposing developments in the south-west portion of the Township.

Following the Richmond Hill pollution case, Mr. Gardiner, the Metro Chairman, came out strongly against development north of Metro Toronto which might further pollute the Don and the Humber. At the same time, Metro's plans to relieve North York's water shortage were accelerated. Reeve LeMasurier immediately brought to Mr. Gardiner the problem of providing water to presently developed areas in the south-west corner.

FORMER BANK MANAGER FRED MARSHALL DEAD

Residents of Stouffville learned with regret early this week of the sudden passing at Beaverton of Frederick Marshall, well-known manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia here for some years. Mr. Marshall died at his home in Beaverton on Monday, May 7th. The family had resided in the house on Main St. now occupied by A. E. Weldon, prior to going to Toronto when the bank closed out its branch here in war time.

Mr. Marshall was a member of the United Church congregation here and sang in the local choir. He was an enthusiastic member of the local Lawn Bowling Club as well as the Curling Club and took a keen interest in local sports.

Besides his wife, the former Gladys MacKay, deceased is survived by two daughters, Elinore (Mrs. H. F. Tye), Allen Park, Mich., and Ruth of Toronto.

The remains are resting at the Turner and Porter Chapel, 436 Roncesvalles at Howard Pk. Ave., and the funeral service will be conducted on Thursday morning with interment in Park Lawn Cemetery.

Life is a continual struggle to keep money coming in and teeth and hair from coming out.

Fire-Fighting Expenses Raise Council Eyebrows

Accounts received for recent fires in Markham Township caused raised eyebrows in Markham Council on Monday when they were tabled for scrutiny. Total account from Richmond Hill amounted to \$900, and Stouffville's account had not been received at time of meeting. Of this \$600 account, \$350 was for attending grass fires.

Council viewed the service as costly and discussed the recently advertised fire bylaw which forbids the setting of grass fires without due notice to the authorities. As a result, the Fire and Police Committee will hold a special meeting to discuss the situation.

tributes approximately \$700 a year to this Authority and councillor Little stated, "I think we should have a progress report from our representatives on this Board, Mr. Simeon Reesor and Mr. Win Timbers." Council agreed that the representatives should be asked to appear before council for a report on the R.D.H.A. Authority and particularly the proposals for the preserving of historical sites in the township.

Police Report
Markham Township Police reported 567 calls answered during the month of March. Twelve accidents were investigated and 398 summonses delivered. There were 6 cases of theft, 7 liquor seizures, 7 missing persons reported and 27 dog complaints. To operate the two cruisers cost 11,350 miles cost \$233.31. Cost of transferring the radio equipment from the two police cars to the new cars recently purchased amounted to \$91.50.