

Five New Stores for Main St.

Mr. Robert Sellers appeared before Stouffville Town Council at their regular meeting on Thursday evening and informed the members that he planned to sell lots for five or perhaps six stores on the north side of Main Street, near O'Brien Avenue.

The request was the subject of much discussion among the members, who felt that a council couldn't commit itself without legal advice. Reeve Elmer Daniels suggested that the cost of maintenance, etc., could be shared by the owners under a mutual agreement.

"I don't think a ten foot lane would be of much use," said councillor Wagg.

Mr. Sellers pointed out that he would have favoured an entrance from behind Snowball's barber shop but was unable to get an agreement in writing.

Reeve Daniels informed council that, according to the official plan of the town, a proposed street had been marked on the map which if constructed, would pass through the Sellers' property.

"As far as I'm concerned, the Planning Board is 'screwy,' charged councillor Wagg. Following the meeting, the Clerk contacted the Department of Planning and Development and was informed that a proposed road was not binding.

County Supports Bus Line

York County council went on record Thursday, Jan. 17, that a public necessity exists for a bus service on Highway 48 from Sutton to Toronto.

Mr. Larry Needler of Newmarket, appeared before council to outline his proposed bus line. A hearing by the Ontario Highways Transport Board on Mr. Needler's application for a license will be held on Feb. 8 in Toronto.

Mr. Needler explained that he now operates a bus service on No. 48 highway from Sutton to Vivian Corner into Newmarket. He is asking for permission to extend this service to Toronto, along No. 48 and Bayview Ave.

Mr. Needler said he proposed to operate a daily service to Toronto and that he has made temporary arrangements for a bus depot at a service station on Bay Street, Toronto. At present a bus line is operated into Mt. Albert only on a Friday night Sunday night basis.

Reeve John Perry of Vaughan township recommended that Mr. Needler's request be referred to the warden and commissioners for a report back to council. This was withdrawn when it was learned that County council would not meet until after the Transport Board's hearing.

"Markham township is not opposing Mr. Needler's application," explained Reeve William Clark. "At the same time we can't recommend it until we see what effect it could have on our agreement with the TTC. We are waiting for more information," he added.

Mr. Perry said that his municipality's standpoint, Warden W. J. Taylor, reeve of Richmond Hill, said the agreement with TTC and the three York County municipalities would not expire until 1960.

"For many years, this bus service operated at a deficit," the warden explained. "The ratepayers in Vaughan, Markham and Richmond Hill had to share that expense. Now the line is operating at a profit and they are sharing in the dividends. It wouldn't be fair to our ratepayers to do anything that might upset that agreement," said Mr. Taylor.

As counsel for Markham township, added Douglas Lucas, "I advised them that by reason of the agreement with

Local Veterinarians Get Radio-Equipped Cars



Miss Lavina Malcolm operates the receiver in the Stouffville veterinary office.

Drs. Ron Smith and Jim Stevens, Stouffville veterinarians, are only minutes away from any farmer in the district, thanks to the miracle of two-way radio communication. Although the complete set cost in excess of \$3,000, it is regarded as a priceless piece of equipment.

Dr. Smith installed the first two-way radio in his car three years ago. He has had two new replacements since that time at a cost of \$450.00 each. Repairs to the mechanism costs close to \$50.00 per year. The licence fee is \$20.00, paid annually to the Dept. of Transport. The Department has strict regulations with regard to the operation of the sets.

A portable receiver is situated in their Stouffville office. A larger set is located at Dr. Smith's residence. In the evenings, Dr. Stevens removes the office set to his home where he can be reached during his off-duty hours. The radio has a range of at least 25 miles. Dr. Smith has been in contact with his office from Oakville, but conditions have to be favourable for long-distance reception.

Dr. Smith informed the Trib-



Dr. Ron Smith, local veterinarian, keeps in touch with the Stouffville office by means of the compact two-way radio set located in his car.

Trigger-Happy Youths Are Fined \$200; Guns Are Confiscated

Three Toronto youths were fined a total of \$200 by Magistrate F. S. Ebbs on Wednesday, when they pleaded guilty to offences against the Federal Game Act.

Ross Collin McDonald, 26, of Amelia street, was fined \$100 and costs with the alternative of two months jail, for shooting four Canada geese out of season.

Alan Herbert Youell, 18, of Danforth Avenue, and Frank William Underwood, 19, of Broadview Avenue, were each fined \$50 and costs, with the alternative of a month in jail for having possession of Canada geese out of season.

Dr. Alan Secord, of Goodwood, told the court that he had a large game sanctuary, between concessions 3 and 4 of Uxbridge Twp. He told the court that he is a qualified veterinarian, and has been active in conservation work for 25 years.

He went on to tell of a flock of Canada geese which resides permanently on the sanctuary. Explaining that they are migratory birds, he told the court that some of the birds have become so tame that they "prefer Ontario, County to Florida. He said that these birds stay on a large pond on the sanctuary, part of which never freezes, due to a spring. He said that the birds, though gun-shy enough not to fall prey to hunters during season, would eat bread off his hand when he called them.

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SEE COUNCIL ONLY BY APPOINTMENT

At the close of the regular meeting of Town Council on Thursday evening, Reeve Elmer Daniels suggested that in future he believed all delegations desiring a hearing should make an appointment with the Clerk, prior to the meeting. The Reeve stated that such a practice would benefit all parties concerned. Deputy Reeve Burk agreed, pointing out that other councils demanded it.

A letter was received from Mr. Wm. Haskett of Newmarket requesting a letter of recommendation from council for a radio station to be established in Newmarket. Council agreed. Deputy Reeve Burk will represent council on the new Metropolitan Toronto Conservation Authority. Dep. Clerk, Charles Jackson was given a raise in salary from \$2,200 to \$2,500. Reeve Elmer Daniels suggested that the question of measured assessment would be discussed at the next regular meeting of council. It was moved by councillor Wagg and seconded by council.

Outcome of Annexation Meeting Much in Doubt

While Stouffville Municipal Council will travel to Whitchurch on Thursday evening to discuss the proposed annexation of approximately 200 acres of land on the north boundary of town, the local council has so far failed to take any united stand on whether they favor the taking in of this additional property or not.

Reeve Elmer Daniels has placed the question before council members on several occasions since the petition was received requesting the annexation, but councillors have failed to declare any united decision on the re-

JUDGE TO HEAR ASSESSMENT APPEALS

Judge Ambrose Shea will hear three appeals against the assessment of Whitchurch Township on Jan. 29th, at 10 a.m., the township was advised last week. The appeals had previously been before the township Court of Revision and failing satisfactory settlement are appealing to the County Judge. One of the three cases to be heard is an appeal against the assessment of Magistrate Hollinrake, Ballantrae.

Some Rural Schools are "Miniature Noronics", Says Markham Ex-Reeve

"Some of our rural schools are miniature Noronics." This statement was made by Alfred LeMasurier at a joint meeting of Markham Township Council and the Planning Board with the Inspector of Public Schools, Maynard Hallman, at Buttonville on Saturday, January 19.

LeMasurier did not state which of the schools he had in mind, but he described a situation of an old frame building, with numerous layers of paint inside and out, with only one exit and a stove or heater immediately in front of it. "The trustees in question are fully aware of the situation," he said, "and I feel that something should be done about it, such as referring to the Fire Marshal."

"It would be appalling to just sit here and not be able to do anything about such a situation," stated Councillor D. Deacon. For the benefit of Council and the Board, Inspector Hallman reviewed the figures on enrollment and accommodation in each of the school sections. Clerk Chas. Hoover verified his statement that there have been virtually no changes in school section boundaries since they were laid down by By-law prior to 1970.

"There has been less progress in education in Markham Township over the last 60 years than in any other field of service," stated Mr. Hallman. "When the schools were being chosen for the farms, our population was more on the farms. But today Victoria Square, as an example, is built up but some of the children from Victoria Square have

Succumbs To Accident Injuries

The funeral service for the late Clarence Stafford, who passed away in the York County Hospital, Newmarket, on Tuesday, will be held in the Stouffville Christian Church on Friday afternoon at 2:30. Rev. F. A. Deamon will conduct the service. The pallbearers will be Messrs. Norman Reesor, Lon Allan, Kenneth Wagg, Ralph Davis, Charles Hodgson and Eugene Paisley.

Mr. Stafford's death resulted from injuries received in an accident at the intersection of the 9th concession of Whitchurch and the Bloomington sideroad on Monday afternoon, Jan. 14th. Mrs. Stafford was also injured but was released from hospital following treatment. The deceased was very active in church work and his sudden passing came as a shock to his many friends. He is survived only by his wife, the former Elva Stapleton. The late Mr. Stafford is resting at his residence, north of Stouffville. The casket will remain open in the church from ten o'clock Friday morning until time of service.

BAD WEATHER CATCHES UP WITH SEWER WORK

The rain of Monday and Tuesday this week caught up with Malvern Construction's sewer construction in town and councillors and newspaper were besieged with calls from citizens with backed up water due to uncleaned ditches, banked-up roads and piles of fill left here and there.

Some of the chief complainants were on Fairview, where full ditches were sending water into basements of new houses. The Malvern Co. had promised weeks ago that this work would be done but failure to press for completion of the job found residents and council alike in drainage trouble.

Calls coming into the newspaper office concerning the flooding and bad roads here and there were being directed to councillors Elgin Wagg and Gar Lehman who are the new road committee. The sewer construction has admittedly been a trying time for council, but it would appear that pressure steadily if streets are to be preserved in any passable condition.

The Malvern Co. had a number of trucks steadily driving gravel on Tuesday to try and keep ahead of the numerous caveins which resulted from the steady downpour. Water again bled into cellars on Mill St. and company pumps were kept going to minimize the miniature flood.

The death occurred at the Toronto Western Hospital on Monday of this week of Mrs. George Parsons of Musselman's Lake. Deceased was the former Florence Boadway, a cousin of former resident businessman Wes. Boadway. She was in her 62nd year. Besides her husband Mrs. Parsons is survived by two sons, Clifford and Norman. The funeral on Thursday of this week will be conducted from the O'Neill Funeral Chapel with interment in Church Hill Cemetery.

Metro Takes Over Conservation Authority Whitchurch Advised

According to word received by Whitchurch Township, the R.D.H.P. and Humber Conservation Authorities are being dissolved and a single authority to be known as Metro Toronto and Region Authority will take their place. Whitchurch had previously appointed L. P. Evans as council representative on the Humber Authority and Ivan McLaughlin to the Rouge and Duffin's Creek association. At the regular meeting of council on Thursday evening these appointments were rescinded and Mr. McLaughlin was named as township representative on the new Authority.

No Sewers After some discussion, council agreed to a resolution advising Choice Cut-Up Chicken Ltd., Yonge St., that the township has no facilities to entertain their request for sewage disposal. The resolution also stated that it was the council's understanding that this firm could make a private agreement with Aurora to provide sewerage facilities. The plant is located north of the town on Yonge St.

Run for Commissioners, Interesting County Race

Reeve William Hodgson of King township and Edward Wrightman of Newmarket, were elected Commissioners of the County of York on Wednesday, Jan. 16.

Reeve Joseph Fry of Markham Village and Mr. Hodgson, contested the 1st position. Nominated on the first ballot, also was Reeve William Clark of Markham township, but he withdrew his name.

Mr. Wrightman received an acclamation to the second position. Reeves Longford Pegg of East Gwillimbury township and Roy Pollock of North Gwillimbury township, both withdrew their names in favor of Mr. Wrightman.

In withdrawing his name, Mr. Clark announced that if he were returned to office next year, he would seek the office of County commissioner on the first ballot then. Mr. Clark is starting his ninth year on County council.

Mr. Fry reminded council that he had withdrawn his name last year when nominated for County commissioner, indicating that he would run for the office in 1957. He said he had been in municipal life since 1947 and had served on County council since 1951.

Mr. Fry told the members that it was over 50 years since his municipality had had its representative elected warden or commissioner and suggested that these honors should be distributed to all the communities. The past reeve of King township was a County commissioner.

Mr. Hodgson served on King township council for eight years and is starting his sixth year on County council. He called attention to the fact that there are seven urban and seven rural municipalities within the county and recommended that

each group be represented in the offices of Commissioners.

Both Mr. Pollock and Mr. Pegg indicated their interest in seeking the second office of County commissioner next year if they are returned by their electors. They outlined their past municipal experiences and Mr. Pollock said it was close to 30 years since a representative from North Gwillimbury had been elected warden or commissioner.

Mr. Hodgson was nominated by Reeve William Seller of Sutton and Deputy Reeve Willard Aitchison of King Township. Reeve Fred Armstrong of Woodbridge and Deputy Reeve Violet MacNaughton of Newmarket presented Mr. Wrightman's name.

Mrs. MacNaughton said Mr. Wrightman had served on Newmarket council for four years and had proved most efficient as chairman of the roads and bridges committee. As Commissioner for York Manor last year, Mr. Wrightman showed his capabilities to handle this new office, she added.

Mr. Wrightman and Mr. Hodgson said they would attempt to serve the county well, showing no partiality to any section. They considered their election as County commissioners an honour for their municipalities as well as themselves, they explained.

SECOND REMAND Two men charged in connection with the theft of chickens from a Markham Township farm two weeks ago, were remanded for a second time when they appeared in Newmarket Court on Friday. They will appear again this week, Friday, Jan. 25th.

HOSPITAL COSTS DOWN IN '56 Total hospital costs for the County of York dropped in 1956 from 185,072.55 to 573,162.30. Leading all other municipalities in reduction was Whitchurch Township where costs fell from \$9,886.06 in '55 to \$4,012.01 last year, approximately \$6,000.

Hospital costs in Stouffville were down \$924.00, to only \$474 in 1956 and Markham Township came down by \$828.65 to \$8,028.10. Costs for Markham Village were up \$555.00, having been only \$123.00 in 1955.

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