

Horses Still Plow

Top picture shows Linda Jarvis holding horses shown by her father, Herb Jarvis, winners of first prize at the horse show of the South Ontario Plowing Match on Wednesday.

Lower picture shows Ed Timbers with second place team in horse show.

Town Assessment Over Three Million Dollars on New Measured System

Under the new measured system of assessment, the total assessment for Stouffville has increased this year to more than three million dollars. The actual figure is \$3,142,878. This is approximately double the 1956 assessment which was \$1,730,590.00.

On the 1957 roll, residential assessment makes up the largest amount, \$2,343,100. Business and commercial assessment amounts to \$799,778, including business assessment of \$214,613.

Homes themselves are valued at \$1,980,380 and the land on which they are situated and including vacant residential lots at \$331,725.

Court of Revision

Public notice is being issued this week that a Court of Revision to hear appeals against this new assessment, will be held on October 29th. The members of the court are ratepayers entirely independent of council and other municipal offices. To date only about a dozen appeals have been received.

Population Climbing

The population of Stouffville has climbed to 2,541 according to the latest records just compiled by the assessor. This is 168 more than in 1956. The largest age group in town is between the age of 20 and 59 and making up 1141 members of the population. There are 254 children three years and under and 438 of school age from 6 to 16. It is also interesting to note that in town we have 275 persons, 70 years of age and over. The local population has been increasing at the rate of approximately 125 residents a year over the last ten years.

Local Council and PUC Settle Account Dispute

Stouffville Municipal Council and the Public Utilities Commission met on Wednesday evening in special session and placed the case of their disputed account before Mr. Ireland, Ont. Hydro Commission supervisor.

Admits Error

The Hydro Commission representative admitted that the letter setting forth the arrangement for payment of the hydro installations for the town's sewerage pumping stations at the west end of town, was ambiguous, and stated that he could see how it had been interpreted by council.

The account received by council called for some \$300 more in payment than authorized by the Hydro Commission's letter.

Mr. Ireland told council that the PUC had a lot of capital invested in these lines which would only draw a small load and not pay for themselves in many years.

"If there was more to pay, then we should have been told so," declared councillor Lehman.

"Reeve Daniels knew about it," replied secretary Storey of the local PUC.

"That's not so," returned the Reeve; "this matter was never brought before the Commission meetings at any time."

"I thought you people were in business to sell power," said councillor Laushway. "Not at a loss," replied secretary Storey.

Acting chairman of the Commission Reg. Stouffer said that it was evident there had been a misunderstanding and he thought the matter was now clear to everyone.

Reeve Daniels argued that the hydro line had to be rebuilt on Victoria St. regardless. Mr. Ireland stated that while it was not the best, it was proving adequate for the needs there and it was the installation of the pumping station that made it necessary to rebuild.

Secretary Storey said that the PUC should have been notified of what was needed months before.

Mr. Ireland suggested that the PUC should absorb the labour costs of \$56 for installing the transformers, but it was left to council to pay the \$257 disputed in the bill for line work.

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School Plans For Ed. Dept. Approval

The Stouffville Public School Board spent some hours on Thursday night with architects Jackson & Ypes along with Inspector H. S. Hallman, looking over the initial sketch plans for the new Stouffville Public School. A copy of these plans will be on display in the window of The Stouffville Tribune.

Various alterations and suggestions came from members of the local Board and Inspector Hallman. These plans with proposed alterations were to be presented to the Dept. of Education for approval on Friday.

MARKHAM OK'S SHOPPING CENTRE

On recommendation of its planning board Markham Township Council approved a large shopping centre to be erected on a six acre site fronting on Yonge Street just south of Richmond Hill. The supermarket will be operated by Dominion Stores.

The proposed plan of development calls for an extension of Church Street from Richmond Hill south into Markham Township, while a service road will act as a buffer between the shopping centre and Yonge Street. There will be two entrances onto Yonge Street with this number being reduced to one at a later date.

It is expected that two artificial ponds will be constructed in the hamlet in order that the present water level of local wells might be retained. They will also serve as a means of fire protection.

START GOODWOOD DRAINAGE THIS WEEK

The long-awaited Goodwood drainage project will be started this week, according to Mr. Stan Slack, Road Superintendent of Uxbridge Township. The scheme will cost an estimated \$36,000. Mr. Slack said that the work will be completed this Fall and will take care of the run-off in the Spring of 1958. The Metro Conservation Authority have been working with the Township Council on the problem.

Pickering Council Issues Writ Against Greenwood Gravel Pit Operator

At a special meeting of Pickering Township Council on Thursday evening of last week it was agreed by the members present, to proceed with an injunction against Mr. W. H. Godfrey, lot 13, concession 5, on the grounds that he has violated the Township's Greenbelt Bylaw and is operating a gravel pit in a restricted area. The resolution was moved by Councillor Sid Pugh and seconded by Councillor Robert Stewart. The case will be heard by a Judge in the Supreme Court Chambers, Toronto, this week. Mr. H. B. Burrill and Mrs. E. Phelan, residents in the Greenbelt area, were present at the meeting.

On Sept. 16th, Mr. W. H. Godfrey, owner of 150 acres of property in the Greenbelt district, south of No. 7 Highway between Greenwood and Brougham, appeared before Council and requested, through his solicitor that the bylaw be amended and that permission be granted to remove gravel from his farm. More than 50 residents from the area were also present and bitterly opposed the request. Council unanimously rejected Mr. Godfrey's application. Mr. John DesBrisay, solicitor for Mr. Godfrey, threatened court action, stating that he believed it could be proved that the Township's Greenbelt Bylaw was not valid.

On Oct. 2nd, two loads of gravel were removed from the Godfrey property in the restricted area. On orders from the Reeve, the Township's Bylaw Enforcement Officer, Mr. A. J. Thompson witnessed the removal of gravel. Council then issued and served the writ against Mr. Godfrey, the property-owner.

Thieves Break Into IGA Store, Take Safe Door

In real mystery fashion, slick thieves broke into Ratcliff's IGA early Sunday morning, removed the door from the safe and made off with the Saturday receipts, an undisclosed amount of cash.

The break-in artists entered through the front door of the store on Main Street, apparently with a duplicate key. They removed the door from the safe which is under light right in the front display window, leaving only a couple of bolts on the floor. The door and complete lock assembly was taken away by the thieves, leaving no trace. No other goods were touched in the store and there was no malicious damage to the safe.

Finger-print experts from the York County police headquarters checked the doors and safe on Sunday night but failed to uncover any prints. The theft was not discovered until Sunday afternoon by Mr. Ratcliff.

IGA Stores in this area have been a target for the same gang now for some months and stores at Markham and Aurora have been entered prior to last week.

Prince and Princess Contest Open to Jrs., Staged by OAC

A Prince and Princess contest open to Junior Farmers and other rural young people, is being sponsored by the Ontario Federation of Agriculture. The objective of this contest is to create interest on the part of young people in the aims and activities of the Federation of Agriculture and to increase their general knowledge of agriculture. At their meeting on September 16th the directors of the Junior Farmers' Association agreed to support the Federation in promoting this contest and encourage Juniors to participate.

The Prince and Princess contest is open to young people between the ages of 16 and 29. Participants must live on a farm although they may be working away from home. Employees of a county or provincial Federation of Agriculture are not eligible.

Each contestant will be asked to write an examination to test his knowledge of farm organizations and agriculture in general. A total of 80 marks is being given for the written examination. In addition, contestants will appear before the county judging committee to make a speech (3 to 5 minutes) on the topic "Why the Federation of Agriculture is Important to Ontario Farmers". This oral interview will account for 20 marks.

PLAN TWO NEW SCHOOL SITES IN MARKHAM

At a meeting held Thursday of last week between Markham Township Planning Board and representatives of the Board of Trustees of School Area No. 1, Markham and Vaughan, an agreement was reached on the location of two new school sites to serve the south-west corner of Markham Township.

Reporting on the joint meeting at Monday's meeting of Markham Township Council Planning Director R. Forrest stated that 42 and not 50 classrooms are required to serve the area. The board will eventually build two new 21 room schools instead of three 14 room schools. It was felt two schools of a larger size would be more economical than three smaller ones.

The trustees will end negotiations for the \$105,000 eight acre site in the Longe Heights Subdivision and concentrate in securing new sites near the present Henderson Avenue School and in the Elgin Street area of Thornhill.

U.S. MINISTERS HERE FOR CONFERENCE

One hundred and four ministers and their wives from the United States are in Stouffville this week attending the three-day Inter-Conference Ministerial Convention in the United Methodist Church. Nearly fifteen States are represented, including Ohio, Indiana and Washington. This is the first time the conference has ever been held in Stouffville and is quite an undertaking for the local minister Rev. F. Huson and his staff. The visitors are billeted in Gormley, Markham and Stouffville and meals are served at the church at noon and in the evening.

The conference began on Tuesday and will conclude this Thursday night.

Two well-known athletes, Derek Arbuckle and Vern Ferguson paced Uxbridge to the inter-High School field day championship held recently. Derek captured the Jr. Championship while Vern was tops in the Senior class.

Canadian Federation of Agriculture which will be held in Montreal in January. Other prizes are being arranged.

For any further information, contact either Mr. Herb Arbuckle or Mr. Huntly McKay at the Ontario Federation of Agriculture office, 409 Huron St., Toronto, telephone WA 4-6616.

STOUFFVILLE UNITED CHURCH TO MARK 65th ANNIVERSARY

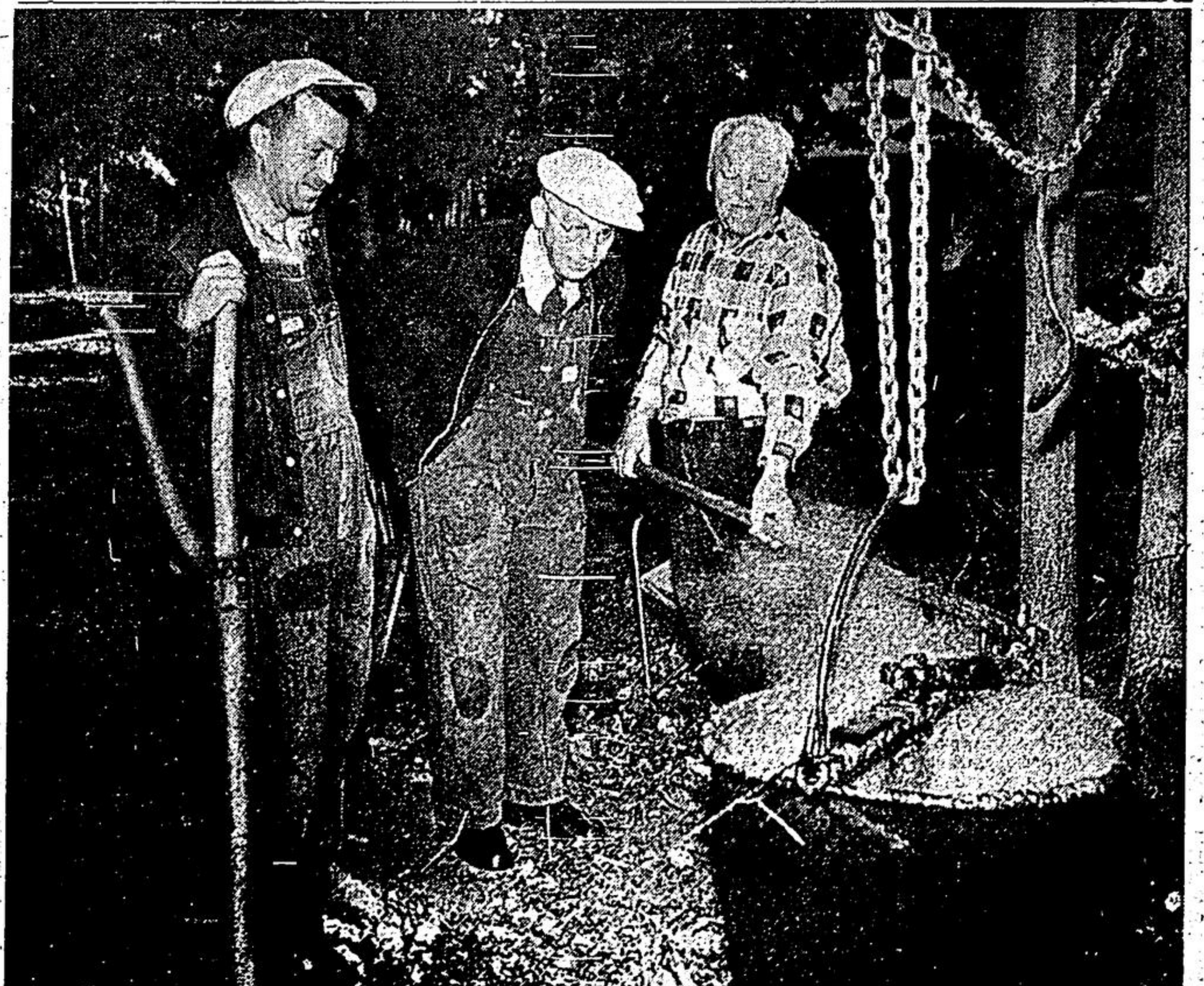
Stouffville United Church will mark its sixty-fifth anniversary this coming Sunday, Oct. 20th. Rev. Stanley Paisley, M.A., of Thornbury will be the guest speaker both morning and evening. Mr. Paisley was formerly a minister in this area and Rev. Douglas Davis has invited his congregation to make this anniversary a family occasion. The local choir will provide special musical numbers.

While this will be the 65th anniversary of the present church building, the first Methodist congregation which later built the present church, began some fifty years earlier in 1841.

Records show that Rev. Edward Sallows, a young Methodist minister, occasionally preached in the old school house at Stouffville. After twelve years of occasional service, a regular mission was organized with Rev. Cornelius Flummerfelt as minister. Two years later, in 1865, the school house was bought and remodelled.

For nineteen years it was known as the Methodist Church. In 1872 this building was found to be insufficient to meet the needs of the growing community, and a brick edifice was erected at a cost of \$1,000. After twenty years the church which had come to number nearly two hundred members, was forced to make another forward move and the present building was erected in 1892. The charge became an independent circuit under Rev. Mr. Gee. Stouffville's first public school stood on the present church site.

It was at about the same time that the Presbyterian Church also erected their present church building, the first record of student ministers being sent to Stouffville by the Presbyterians being in 1839.



Applesauce!

An age-old custom was revived at Ballantrae last week when a large quantity of applesauce was cooked over an open fire on the property of Mr. Eli Shank. Mr. Shank (right) stirs the brew while Mr. Garnet Williamson (center) and son John of Markham watch attentively. The 32-gallon copper kettle is more than 100 years old. It was brought here from Pennsylvania by Mr. Shank's grandparents.

—Staff Photo