



Attend Official Opening

Officials from York County and surrounding municipalities were in attendance last week at the opening of Stouffville's new Municipal Building.

A number of local and visiting dignitaries are pictured here. In the background (left to right) are Ross Deakin, Clifford Laycox, and Lloyd Johnston of Pickering Twp. In the foreground (left to right) are Geo. Richardson, Reeve of Whitechurch Twp., Gar Lehman, Reeve of Stouffville; Wm. Clark, Reeve of Markham Twp.; and Warden of York County; Kenneth Laushway and Wm. Parsons, councillors, Village of Stouffville. —Cadieux Studio

Many Persons Inspect New Municipal Offices

The official opening of Stouffville's new municipal offices on Wednesday afternoon proved to be an interesting community event, as more than three hundred persons visited the new premises during the ceremony in the afternoon and during the evening.

Cutting the ribbon to officially mark the opening, was Mr. Murray Jones, Commissioner of Planning for Metropolitan Toronto. Mr. Jones was introduced by councillor William Parsons. The speaker pointed out the fine relationship which had always existed between Metro authorities, Stouffville Council and Stouffville Planning Board and complimented council on the fine way in which the municipal affairs had been handled. He said that Metro was lending a hand in preparing plans for Stouffville's annexation which is expected to be heard this fall.

Mr. Jones also commented on the virtues of slow growth. He said that too rapid urbanization could destroy some of the history which is part of a good rural way of life. Mr. Jones expressed the view that the location of the new offices was excellent and added much to the community. He suggested that at some future date the front area might be remodelled into a plaza. He suggested that if anything was ever done to alter the former town office building, the clock tower should most definitely be re-located. Such a clock was one of the distinctions of town life which should not be lost, he said.

The ceremony was opened with prayer by Rev. Douglas Davis who also gave the dedication prayer. The guests were introduced by Reeve Gar Lehman and the dedication by Rev. Mr. Davis was assisted by Councillor Ken Laushway, chairman of the property committee. Councillor Laushway reviewed the rapid growth of Stouffville. He said that the need for better council and office accommodation was one that had been felt for a long time and he suggested that some future council might proceed to make still further improvements. Councillor Laushway thanked the reeve, clerk and architect for their cooperation in bringing the building to its present state.

Brief comments were made by Warden W. L. Clark of York County, Major A. A. (Lex) MacKenzie M.P.P. for North York, and former Reeves Henry Ogden and Elmer Daniels.

The presentation of a gold key to the building, was made to Reeve Lehman, by the Architect Alexander B. Leman. Appreciation was expressed to Mr. Murray Jones by Deputy Reeve Ken Wagg.

A presentation of a flag and photograph of the Queen was made to Reeve Lehman on behalf of the Stouffville Lions Club, by Walter Pipher, Lions Club president. The flag and photo are now placed in the council chambers.

A tour of the building followed the ceremonies outside, and lunch was provided by the ladies of the Stouffville Legion Auxiliary.

Passing at Intersection Brings Fine in Court

A severe reprimand was accompanied by a \$19 fine in Buttenville Traffic Court on Friday morning when John Kish, a driver of a loaded sod truck was convicted of passing a car in the middle of an intersection.

The incident occurred at the corner of Don Mills Road and No. 7 Highway on May 21st. P.C. John McCague of the Markham Twp. Dept. told the court that the truck veered into the left lane to pass a southbound vehicle. He said that the other driver pulled his car off the road to avoid a possible collision with a northbound auto.

An interpreter spoke on behalf of the defendant.

"This is a very serious error on the driver's part," said Magistrate Kelly. He said that the accused should have his truck under sufficient control to be able to stop it at such a corner. "There are no ifs, when it comes to obeying the law," he warned. "You must be more patient with slow drivers." The Magistrate suggested that the defendant should attend a Traffic Court Clinic. He was given until July 1st to pay the fine.

New Druggist



Mr. Douglas Claire Widdifield has joined the staff of Houston's Drug Store, Main St., Stouffville. Born in Toronto, he is a graduate of Runnymede College and the College of Pharmacy. Mrs. Widdifield is a member on the staff of Summitview Public School. They have taken up residence in an apartment at the rear of the store.

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ENGAGEMENTS

Mrs. Violet McLaren wishes to announce the engagement of her daughter, Vera May to David Francis. Marriage to take place in Rye Church on July 9th, 1960 at 3 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Barber, Victoria Square, Ontario, announce the engagement of their daughter Marjorie Rita to Gordon William Davis. The wedding to take place on Friday, July 8th at 7 o'clock in Victoria Square United Church.

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Proposed Outside Sub-division Poses Problem for School Board

A sub-division proposed for the former Lloyd farm north of town on Highway 47, is posing a problem for the Stouffville Public School Board. Chairman of the Board, Cecil Hendricks and Mrs. Ethel Mole, appeared before Stouffville municipal council on Thursday evening, seeking direction. The proposed sub-division would contain 70 residential lots. In addition to 26 acres of commercial and industrial land. It is suggested that 20 homes would be built in 1961, 25 in 1962 and 25 in 1963.

The Public School Board is in receipt of a communication from the Whitechurch Township Planning Board advising of the sub-division and asking if the School Board can accommodate the pupils who would come from the development. The sub-division while not within the corporation, is within the Stouffville Public School section. It is also outside the area that is proposed for annexation.

"I would think that any sub-division there would need to meet Stouffville requirements, and, no doubt, these people would want to be annexed at some future date in order to get services," said councillor Parsons. Mr. Hendricks said that the Board was presently prepared to handle the children which could be expected from the Watson Heights area and the other two sub-divisions at the east-end which are contemplated. However, he said it still another development had to be handled. It could mean a further debenture. Reeve Lehman said he didn't see how Stouffville could object when the land was in the school section, but he suggested that a meeting should be held with Whitechurch to discuss the problem. "Do you think Stouffville should be asked to provide schooling for a possible 150 children?" asked councillor Parsons. "The part of Whitechurch in the section would be paying," said Reeve Lehman. Deputy-reeve Wagg said that it might take a little time to give a definite answer. He thought that the school board would have to check closely on the requirements within town. "If our own sub-divisions go ahead, we'll have to enlarge anyway, and at some future date it might be economical to have these additional children." Mr. Hendricks didn't believe the sub-division could be stopped but "our attitude could have some bearing on the speed of the development." Council agreed that future arrangements should be made for a meeting with the township.

Health Unit Recommends All Homes Enter Sewers

The York County Health Unit has recommended to Stouffville municipal council that a bylaw be passed requiring all householders to be hooked up to the sewerage system by a specified time. In their latest report to town, the Health Unit advises that there are unsanitary conditions existing in town. Several householders have been charged under the Public Health Act and in each case a conviction has been registered and a fine paid. The report stated that charges are now pending against another half dozen home owners whose septic tanks are creating an unsanitary condition both for themselves and their neighbors.

The Health Unit advised council that progress has been slow against offenders. Many have failed to carry out promises to rectify bad conditions after they have been warned. Councillor Parsons said that a bylaw could be passed which would protect but would not make it compulsory to enter the sewerage system. "The Health Unit has that power now to protect if the conditions are bad enough," replied councillor Laushway. "It's pretty tough on some families to force them to spend three or four hundred dollars to put in the sewers," commented Reeve Lehman. "It's pretty hard on their neighbors in some cases too, if they're not made to hook up," said councillor Parsons.

Councillor Laushway said that it was difficult to act in some cases as the owners had systems which were just within the law and that was all. Deputy-reeve Wagg agreed with Reeve Lehman that a bylaw forcing everyone to hook up could be a hardship. "We're here to protect those who have proper sewer connections as well," said councillor Parsons. "If we don't do something, it'll be a continual problem."

Clerk Ralph Corner told council that he believed, without making a close check that about 60% of the homes were now hooked up. Councillor Laushway commented that he doubted if 50% of the older homes were in. "There's a lot in the east end of town not hooked up," said councillor Parsons. "We owe a duty to the residents who are hooked up to be protected against sanitary offenders," said councillor Parsons.

"It's easy to see why the Health Unit want the bylaw; it would relieve them of a lot of trouble, but it would only transfer it to us. These people would still have to be charged," said deputy-reeve Wagg.

Trucker Charges Court "Profit-making" Fined \$49 for Overloading

Carl Kovacic, 24 York Ave., Toronto, the driver of a tractor-trailer, gravel transport, charged that the Buttonville Traffic Court was a profit-making organization after he was fined \$49 and costs by Magistrate Kelly on Friday morning. He was convicted of carrying an overload of 7,000 pounds.

Mr. Kovacic stated that the weight of his load on the scale at the Commercial Sand and Gravel pit was less than the weight that showed on the scale on the Don Mills Road. He argued that the latter scale was faulty. P.C. John McCague of the Markham Twp. Dept. told the court that the scale on the Don Mills Road was tested monthly by the Dept. of Transport. Sgt. Wm. Shearn said that he personally checked it from time to time. The driver charged that the pit scale was checked daily. He produced a weigh bill as evidence.

"If I'm fined anything, I'm being fined wrongly," stated the defendant. Magistrate Kelly contended that he could take only the evidence that was presented by the officer. He noted, however, that it was strange that there was a discrepancy between the weights of the two scales. He levied a fine of \$49 plus \$1.00 for court costs. "It's a disgrace," concluded the driver.

Want Better Roads Mr. Eugene Grills placed before council the matter of placing the roads in the Shields sub-division in better condition. The roads are at present 18 feet of surface and the Department has refused to pay a subsidy on anything under 22 feet.

Mr. Grills said that the ratepayers were desperate after the heavy snow of last winter and agreed to pay the 50% themselves if the council would put it on the tax bills for two years. Reeve Richardson said that council could not set up a program for another council to follow. Mr. Grills said that he now had the consent of the ratepayers, the amount of work was not large and he asked that it be done this season. Council agreed to arrange for the work subject to the approval of the Highways Dept. that the work done will place the roads in such condition that they can be added to the township road system.

No Decision on Go-Cart Race Track in Whitechurch

Whitechurch Township council has not been able to come to any decision as yet on the granting of permission to Mr. Shields of the Shields sub-division, Don Mills Rd., for the operation of a go-cart race track. Council had refused permission on the initial application but had consented to give the request further consideration. It was noted that Pickering Twp. had agreed to make the racing legal.

Mr. Shields stated that he would construct the track at a cost of \$3,000 and would have the agency for the sale of the cars at Gavin's Service Station and Restaurant which he owns. He told Mr. Shields that the Health Unit had asked that he make certain improvements in his swimming pool which would cost him \$2,500. He said the two pools did not pay, but with the added attraction of the racing he thought they would.

Councillor Farquharson asked Mr. Shields what he would do if the license was granted this year and not renewed in 1961. Mr. Shields said this was a risk he was prepared to accept. Reeve Richardson stated that a number of persons had mentioned the objectionable noise. A demonstration was arranged for council on Friday evening but no decision was reached.

Cemetary 'Well-Kept Acre' Stouffville Cemetary Grounds presented a fine picture for the annual Decoration Service on Sunday afternoon. The grounds were in excellent condition and showed the care being given the cemetary by caretaker Fred Pilek. The weatherman co-operated on Sunday and a large gathering numbering several hundred attended the afternoon service. So great was the profusion of flowers that one was struck with a pleasant wave of scent immediately on entering the grounds. Rev. Arthur Walsh of the United Missionary Church delivered the afternoon sermon and Mrs. Walsh provided a vocal solo, "In the Morning." Music was supplied on the electric organ by Mrs. Joyce Bramham. Friends from many nearby centres, including a number from Toronto, visited graves of friends and relatives, and commented on the tidy appearance of the cemetary. The winter ice storms played havoc with a number of the trees, but they have now all been trimmed to a more respectable height and little sign of damage remains.

\$50 For Some Lucky Person

Some lucky person is going to be \$50 richer this Saturday when the Main St. merchants who have been co-operating in a special advertising campaign will give away \$50 in ten \$5 merchandise vouchers.

The draw will be made at 5 p.m. on Saturday afternoon in Weldon's Men's Wear Store by Reeve Gar Lehman.

With a dollar purchase from any of the stores advertising in the twice-monthly yellow section of The Tribune, you will get a coupon free which gives you a chance to win this \$50. You've still time to get in on this month's draw.

New Salesman



Mr. Willis Widdifield has joined the sales staff of Giles Chev-Olds Ltd., westend Stouffville. Mr. Widdifield has had more than fourteen years experience in the new and used car field. On Monday he sold his first car to another well-known local resident, Mr. Frank Rowbotham.

Passenger Thrown To Pavement In Car Accident

Mrs. Elizabeth Tatton of Gormley required 22 stitches in her ear, head and hand on Friday afternoon when her westbound auto was in collision with a gravel truck at the intersection of conc. 6, Markham and the townline road. Mrs. Tatton's mother, Mrs. Esther Agnew, a passenger in the auto, was thrown to the pavement by the force of impact. She suffered a broken left arm and a fractured pelvis. "According to police, the northbound truck failed to stop on the wet pavement and the gravel box sliced into the side of the Tatton vehicle. The car then rammmed into two large trees before coming to a halt in the ditch. The truck driver, Hazen Green of Toronto, was not injured. Both ladies were taken to the York County Hospital at Newmarket by ambulance. Mrs. Tatton was released following treatment but Mrs. Agnew will be confined to bed for 5 weeks. Their auto was completely wrecked. P.C. Lizotte of the OPP Detachment, Vandonr, conducted the investigation. He was assisted by Sgt. Hood of Markham Township.

Two well-known local couples will mark wedding anniversaries on Saturday, June 25. Rev. and Mrs. Douglas Davis will have been married 42 years. Mr. and Mrs. J. Fleury have been wed 47 years.

Graduate



Miss Dorothy Vander Bent, R.N., daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Vander Bent of Richmond Hill, graduated from the Oshawa General Hospital School of Nursing on Friday, June 3rd. The graduation exercises were conducted in the Oshawa Collegiate and Vocational Institute. She is a graduate of German Mills Public School and the Richmond Hill High School. Her father is the Pastor at the Heise Hill Brethren in Christ Church.



Each A Dignitary

Each of these gentlemen is a dignitary in his own right. Mr. Walter Wilson (left) is the oldest ex-pupil present at the centennial celebration of the Greenwood Public School in Pickering Township on Saturday afternoon. He is pictured here with Hon. Michael Starr, M.P., Minister of Labour. Mr. Wilson operated a blacksmith's shop in Greenwood for over fifty years. He is now retired and resides in Oshawa. —Staff Photo