



Junior Swimmers Pass Tests

Another successful swimming program, sponsored by the Claremont Recreation Committee was concluded on Monday afternoon. Thirty boys and girls took part in the tests under the watchful eye of a Red Cross Examiner. Pictured here, he offers a few words of advice to ten members of the Junior group. A complete list of the individual entries is published on page eight of this issue. The facilities of an open-air pool are donated to the Committee, by Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Baker of Claremont. —Staff Photo

Driver of 1929 Relic Criticized by Magistrate

A Markham youth, Wm. Arthur Mason, Main Street, was sharply criticized by Magistrate Robt. Hirtle in Buttonville Traffic Court on Friday morning for operating a 1929 motorized, "booby trap," within the limits of Markham Village. Two charges were laid against the young driver by Sgt. Chester Gilliat after he stopped the eastbound vehicle on Robinson Street. The officer described the "car" as a 1929 Model A Ford 1/4-ton pick-up.

Sgt. Gilliat told the court that he became suspicious of the auto when he noticed that it carried irregular licence plates. On closer examination of the vehicle he noticed that it had weak headlight beams, defective brakes, no tire on right rear wheel, a faulty tail light, and excessive play in the steering wheel. "I considered the vehicle unsafe for highway operation," said the officer.

Mr. Mason, in his defense, stated that he had taken the license plates off a car and attached them to the Model A. "I didn't realize it was a serious offense," he said. He contended that the brakes were sufficient for a maximum speed of thirty miles per hour. He said that the rear tire came off the rim while he was driving the vehicle home. He contended that he had had no trouble with the steering and that the tail light was visible.

Referring to the headlights, he noted that they were the same type used when the car was manufactured. "They were all right when the truck was made; why not now?" he asked.

Magistrate Hirtle criticized the youth for operating a vehicle that was not properly registered with the Dept. of Transport. "You shouldn't have had it on the road," he noted. "You should have purchased a licence plates first." He firmly suggested that the standard equipment used in 1929 did not necessarily meet the requirements of today. "Don't you realize that highway and traffic conditions have changed a great deal in the last thirty years?" he said.

Referring to the time of night when the driver was apprehended (11:55 p.m.), the Magistrate questioned the youth on the time of purchase. "It was a rather unusual hour to conclude a deal on any motor vehicle," he suggested.

The defendant explained that he had walked to the place where the purchase was made. He said he drove the truck along the back streets to escape any heavy highway traffic. He contended that the auto would be stored and sold as an antique.

"Make sure the purchaser tows it home," concluded the Magistrate. He fined the driver \$22 and costs.

Selena Atkinson Oldest at Reunion

The fifteenth Atkinson reunion was held on Wednesday, July 20th at Glendale Park, Musselman's Lake. There were 125 in attendance. Visitors came from Michigan, Chalk River, Newcastle, Stayner, Oshawa, Guelph, as well as locally.

The oldest Atkinson present was Miss Selena Atkinson of Bethesda. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Atkinson of Stouffville were the longest-married couple present. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hunt of Bethesda were the most recently married couple attending. Nineteen-month-old Myrtle Walker of Stayner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Walker, was the youngest person in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Atkinson of Waterford, Michigan, came the farthest to attend the gathering. Mrs. Herb Grimshaw of Aurora was celebrating her birthday and a beautifully decorated cake was placed on the table in her honour. It was also the birthday of Margaret Bolender, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Bolender.

The following officers were elected for 1961: President, Clifford Gordon; Vice Pres., Alvin Smith; Secty-Treas., Jean Morley; Asst. Treas., Mrs. Norman Atkinson.

Sports Committee — Allan Empringham, Murray Allin, R. Scott, Grant Morley, Fred Allin. Presiding at this year's get-together was Mr. Herb Oliver

Storm Lifts Barn Roof

A brief, but vicious wind and rain storm that lashed this area on Friday afternoon caused considerable damage, especially in the Atha district of Pickering Township. The steel roof and one side of the Elroy Clodd barn was badly damaged. A portion of the house roof was also torn off and the T.V. aerial was blown down. Mr. Clodd and son, Bob had just closed the barn doors when the roof began to lift. They lay down on the ground but were not injured. The roof was tossed into a nearby orchard.

A number of trees were blown down throughout the district and hydro service was cut off on the 9th concession of Markham, south of Stouffville. Hailstones were common in the area but crop damage was not extensive. An estimated one inch of rain fell in a period of five minutes.

Rev. Arthur Walsh, the United Missionary Church Minister here, was guest speaker at the Bethany U.M. Church at Kitchener on Sunday.

Ringwood Store Sold

Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Armstrong of Hespeler have purchased the store and restaurant at Ringwood, owned and operated for the past six years by Mr. and Mrs. Archie Reid. The transaction will be completed at the end of this month.

Mr. and Mrs. Reid will leave on August 9th aboard the Empress of England on an extended trip to the British Isles and Ireland. Mr. Reid has three brothers and one sister in Northern Ireland whom he has not seen for the past 31 years. It is his birthplace.

Mr. and Mrs. Reid bought the Ringwood property in 1954 from the late Eric Allan. On their return from a well-earned overseas vacation, they will take up residence in Stouffville.

Fire Alarm System Will Be Shifted

Representatives of the Bell Telephone Co. attended the regular meeting of Stouffville municipal council Thursday evening to discuss the relocating of the fire alarm system presently handled through the telephone office. While there are operators on duty at present, the time is approaching when dial phones will be installed and there will no longer be operators to take the calls. The telephone representative stated that there was no immediate hurry and the company would be glad to carry on till the end of the year on the existing arrangement.

The proposed new system would place six special fire alarm telephones in separate locations in town, including the home of the Fire Chief and Deputy Chief. All fire calls would be relayed to the Fire Hall through these phones and at through these phones a siren button would be provided. The cost of maintaining the service would be \$32.45 a month. It was thought that this was the best system for the present, when there was no 24-hour answering service available in town. If this system was installed next year, no change would be necessary when dial phones come into use.

The Bell Company representative stated that the system as proposed was in use in a number of municipalities and was working satisfactorily.

Rule Sign Illegal; Toss Cases Out Of Court

A thirty mile per hour highway sign erected by the Toronto and York Roads Commission at Buttonville on the Don Mills Road was the centre of contention in Traffic Court on Friday morning.

Magistrate Robt. Hirtle contended that the sign, erected in 1958, did not comply with regulations as laid down by the Highway Traffic Act and therefore was illegal. The letters and numerals are black on a yellow background. The Act specifies a white background. Magistrate Hirtle stated that all signs erected by York County prior to 1956 are valid until August 1961.

Three speeding cases in Buttonville were dismissed. The drivers were each present in court and pleaded not guilty to the charge. P.C. Allan Chadwick of the Markham Twp. Dept. stated that the 30 mile speed limit in Buttonville had been extended in 1958. He admitted that the County had erected an old type sign in the area.

In a similar case, one week ago, Magistrate N. P. Kelley adjourned his decision until a thorough check could be made with the Dept. of Highways Traffic Act. The solicitors for both defendants suggested that the sign was illegal, due to its yellow background.

BIRTHS

McNEIL — Wayne and Marian McNeil (nee Betz) are happy to announce the arrival of a daughter at Scarborough General Hospital on July 16, 1960.

SABEAN — Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sabean, Stouffville, are happy to announce the birth of their son, July 18th, 1960, at Brierley Hospital.

WALTERS — Jim and Margaret are pleased to announce the safe arrival of their daughter, Barbara Jean, born Sunday, July 24, 1960, at the Scarborough General Hospital. A baby sister for Bobby, Billy and Beverly.

New Engineers Outline Extensive Road Program To Village Council

The Engineering firm of Chrysler, Davis & Jorgenson recently engaged by Stouffville municipal council to survey a number of streets in town with a view to future paving, reported to council Thursday evening. Mr. Chrysler presented a most extensive program covering about a dozen streets in town. The work which was outlined in detail, covered ditching, scarifying, excavating and refilling and amounted to an estimated total of \$28,250.00. The program did not include the actual paving.

The streets on which work was outlined included, Tenth St., South Street, Boyer, Stouffer North, Montreal, Harold, Elm, Fairview, 9th Line and Sunset Blvd. White test holes revealed good base on a number of streets, others showed a great amount of clay in the gravel which the engineers stated was not suitable road base material when paving was being considered. Tenth St. was one of the most immediate works and it was estimated that it would cost \$5,000 to repair the many soft spots properly and do the ditching required. Montreal and Fairview were also major contracts where it was estimated five to six thousand dollars would have to be spent to place these streets in condition to pave.

Mr. Chrysler advised council that his firm would recommend that some streets be completed rather than a small amount of work on all. Reeve Lehman thanked Mr. Chrysler for the well-prepared outline of the work required, and stated that it was his opinion that this work would be spread over two or three years.

Mr. Chrysler said that his recommendation would be to do Tenth St., Harold and Fairview first at a total estimated cost of \$15,000. These streets would then be ready for paving the following year.

Council accepted the report and agreed that the Road Committee should meet with the engineering firm to plan exactly what portion of the large program should be done first.

Mr. Chrysler also reported on the completion of the paving in the Style-Rite Homes subdivision. He said that most of the work was satisfactory but one stretch of pavement approximately one hundred feet long on Manitoba St. was too low.

To Oversee Sub-Division Council passed a resolution engaging the firm of Chrysler, Davis and Jorgenson to oversee the completion of services in the Watson sub-division by Cedar Pines Development Ltd. Councillor Laushway opposed the motion on the grounds that he could see no provision which would make the developer pay such engineering fees. He said he agreed that there should be more supervision but wanted to see that the developer paid for the service. He contended that the town would have to "foot the bill".

Council was advised that work in the sub-division was not proceeding satisfactorily as required by the sub-division agreement with Cedar Pines, and that the work already done was far from satisfactory. A representative of one of the building firms attended the meeting and complained of the condition of the roads. "We can't expect to sell the houses as we can't get the people in to see them," he said.

Mr. Chrysler, reporting to council for the Engineers, stated that the materials being used in the road base were entirely unsatisfactory. He said that no sump holes were provided in the storm sewer man-holes to prevent plugging with silt. The curbs, Mr. Chrysler said, had been laid in short sections. Many were damaged and others were out of line. He said that he would certainly recommend that consulting engineers be required by the town, of the subdivider in future to prevent costly repair work.

Council agreed that Cedar Pines Development should be officially notified of the conditions and Mr. Chrysler agreed to meet with the Road Committee and Cedar Pines before entering the property to lay out the necessary repair work.

Rescue Workman from Sewer Cave-in; Dies In Hospital

A forty-four year old father of three, died in the Scarborough General Hospital on Saturday, three days after he was almost totally buried in a sewer excavation cave-in on Edward Street, near the site of the Stouffville Dist. High School. Russell George Brown, a workman with the Brockton Construction Co., Lake Wilcox, suffered severe back, neck and chest injuries when he was temporarily entombed in a fifteen foot deep trench on Thursday morning.

The deceased had been employed by the Brockton firm for only one week. He was pinned in the excavation by a large mound of earth and momentarily buried alive by the rush of loose dirt that followed. The foreman, Mr. Alex Brockton was one of the first on the scene. He cleared the debris from his head. He was later freed by fellow workmen, using their hands and shovels. Dr. John Button of Stouffville rendered first aid until the victim was removed to hospital.

The accident was never reported to the Vandonri Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police until Monday afternoon. Their office expressed much concern of the delay. P.C. Harry Heatherington of the Stouffville Department conducted a routine investigation and reported his findings to Vandonri. It has not been revealed whether an inquest will be held. The location of the accident is outside the Stouffville boundary and comes under the jurisdiction of the O.P.P. at Vandonri.

The foreman denied an earlier report that insufficient shoring had been installed in the trench during the excavation operation. "I took every precaution," he said. He also denied that he was attempting to hide any details concerning the mishap through his failure to notify the police. The sewer line will serve a new addition now under construction at the High School.

Survey Bloomington Corner

As a first step to improving the dangerous Bloomington intersection which has claimed so many lives, Whitchurch Township council on Friday, authorized that a survey be made of the entire corner area to a distance of 40 rods.

Road Supt. Davis reported that he had attended a meeting with Dept. of Highways officials on the corner. It was suggested that the entire corner be cut back on all four corners in order to improve the vision.

It was also suggested that the rise approaching the corner from the north, be reduced and the fill removed into the hollow to the north. This would place cars coming from that direction in view of those using the crossroad.

Whitchurch Approves Race Track

By a recorded vote in the early hours of Saturday morning, Whitchurch Township Council approved the granting of a license to the Heather Association to operate a go-cart race track just south of Ballantrae. The Heather Association was represented at the meeting by Mr. Daniels. Along with five colleagues, he operates the track on the Montgomery farm. They have been operating up until now on a dirt track.

Council has had a number of previous meetings regarding these tracks but were apparently unaware that one was already in operation at this location.

Mr. Daniels stated that the owners had noticed the recent by-law regulating the operation of these tracks but were making application.

Deputy Reeve Wallwork stated that he resided in the area and this was his first intimation of the existence of the races. "There can't be much noise or complaints," he said.

Councillor Farquharson asked about buildings but Mr. Daniels stated that at present there would be the track only.

The final vote was taken about 2 a.m. and resulted in three favourable and two opposed for the granting of the license.

Many Lots Sold at Preston's Lake Not Usable for Building

At least 17 persons have purchased lots on Preston's Lake in Whitchurch Twp. which are less than half the size on which the township allows a residence or cottage to be erected. The purchasers claim they purchased the lots in good faith and were ignorant of the fact that they were too small to build on.

A deputation from the area attended Friday night's council meeting and presented a petition asking for special consideration.

Councillor Ross Farquharson advised Mr. Bell, the spokesman, that while council sympathized with the owners, council could have 17 similar cases there next year if the owner kept selling off land without any consideration of the regulation size.

Reeve Richardson suggested that the owners make a test case in an effort to obtain their money back. However, the spokesman said that solicitors had advised that the land was sold according to description, even though it had no regard for township bylaws. The sales, it was said, were legal, and the owners were "stuck" with lots on which they could not build.

Council referred the question to the solicitor and planning consultant for an opinion.

Markham Twp. Being Asked for Go-Cart Track

Markham Township Council has been asked for a permit to operate a go-cart race track in the township. This is the first such application received by this municipality and came from Heather Association Ltd., the same firm which is presently operating near Ballantrae in Whitchurch.

The Markham track would be operated on seven acres of vacant land on Highway 48 below No. 7 highway and owned by Mr. Patterson. The owners stated that they were also operating in Pickering Township.

Reeve Clark said that this was the first such application of such a track, council would make careful inquiry as it would require a revision of bylaw.

Deputy Reeve Dean requested to know what was proposed in the way of conveniences for the public and was told that only the enclosed track was being considered right now. The operations would be mostly on the weekends. The owner of the property said he was willing to lease the land. He said he had watched the races and could find no objection.

A demonstration is to be arranged for council before any decision is made.

Bruce Property Likely For Conservation

Markham Township council was advised this week that the Bruce property on the 6th concession was now clear in title and could be offered for sale. The Metro Conservation Authority has been interested in the property for some time and it is expected they will now complete the purchase.

Reeve Clark stated that the Authority was also interested in the Harry Kennedy farm which would give the Authority an outlet on the townline. However it was understood that Mr. Kennedy wished to retain the buildings and there were also differences in price.

Magistrate Rules That Trailer Contravenes Bylaw; Owner Fined

The owner of an \$8,300 mobile home was fined \$25.00 in Buttonville Court on Friday morning when Magistrate Robt. Hirtle ruled that the structure would be classified as a trailer and therefore contravened a Markham Township bylaw. Miss Minnie Jane McKay of R.R. 1, Milliken, was defended by her brother, Louis H. McKay. He suggested he would appeal the decision.

Sgt. Wm. Shearn of the Markham Twp. Police Dept. said that the owner had continued to live in the trailer for a period of 18 months. He noted that their home had been destroyed by fire.

Miss McKay explained that she had lost everything when her frame bungalow was burned to the ground in November, 1958. "I didn't know what to do and I thought the trailer was the best solution," she said.

She contended that the surrounding properties were enhanced by its presence. Mr. McKay suggested that some allowance should be made by the Township for persons whose homes have been destroyed by fire. "I feel that it is completely unfair," he said.

Sgt. Shearn pointed out that there were no collectable taxes on a trailer home. "It's a bad thing for the Township," he said.

Magistrate Hirtle contended that the Township had shown considerable sympathy towards the accused in permitting them to live in the trailer for an extended period. "It cannot be allowed to continue," he said. He suggested that the trailer occupants were taking a long-range business view of the entire matter and hoped to profit at the expense of the Township.