

Traffic Lights to be Installed at Ringwood



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Main Street Fountain

Two Main St. water spouts were created last week in Stouffville when a power shovel sheared off a petcock on a local service line. The one stream, under 60 lbs. pressure rose almost forty feet in the air. The accident occurred during trenching operations to install a highway storm sewer. The deluge was halted when the water was shut off at Albert Street.

—Staff Photo

Safety Measures Urged For Ringwood Corner

Construction work was started this week on the erection of traffic signal lights at the Ringwood intersection. The project has received the approval of the Dept. of Highways. The mounting accident toll at the corner during the past summer has raised a public outcry for precautionary action. The Tribune, in editorial comment has taken up the torch. Last week, in Newmarket Court, Magistrate Hollinrake described the intersection as "notorious". On weekends, the east-west county road represented a death-trap. High-speed traffic moving both to and from Toronto along No. 48, was not required to slow up and the resulted collisions were usually of a serious nature. During week days, gravel truck traffic is heavy in all directions. In a personal interview with The Tribune, Highways Minister, Mr. Cass stated that the Department was hesitant about installing any measure that would tend to slow down the traffic on a main artery.

Reeve Gar. Lehman Retiring, D.R. Wagg Trys for Reeveship

Election Likely

Reeve Gar Lehman of Stouffville has announced that he will retire at the end of this year's term. The reeve made the announcement at the regular meeting of town council on Thursday evening. He stated that he feels he has given sufficient time to this community work. He commended the council members with whom he has worked and said that a great deal had been accomplished during the last couple of years. Reeve Lehman cited the completion of the sewerage system, the new municipal building, the beginning of annexation proceedings, purchase of a new fire truck, and building of a new reservoir, as matters from which he derived considerable satisfaction. Reeve Lehman entered the local political scene in the election of 1956 at which time he headed the polls. He has served the town as reeve for two terms and contributed to various committees on York County Council. Deputy-reeve Wagg stated that in view of Reeve Lehman's announcement, he would be prepared to step up to the reeve's chair. Mr. Wagg said that he would not have opposed Reeve Lehman for the position, since if by any chance he had been successful, he would have done



Reeve Gar. Lehman of the municipality an injustice. The Deputy-Reeve commended Reeve Lehman on the work that he has accomplished for Stouffville during his tenure of office, and expressed on behalf of all members of council both commendation and appreciation to the retiring reeve. Councillors Henry Slack, Wm. Parson and Ken Laushway all stated that they had no aspirations to the deputy-reeveship and were noncommittal in what they intended to do on nomination night.

Open Appeal Court on 150 Assessments in Whitchurch Township

Under the chairmanship of Mr. Fred Timbers, the Court of Appeal on the Whitchurch Twp. assessment began sittings on Wednesday. Other members of the court are, Messrs: Herb Simpson, R. C. Baycroft, Earl Toole and Merlyn Baker. About 54 cases were dealt with last week and the sitting resumes this week. The first thirty appeals concerned voters over which there was a question as to whether their school taxes should be paid to the public school or separate school. This appeal was brought before the court by Mrs. Elsie Gibb, a former councillor. She was supported by Mr. Hodge, Inspector of Separate Schools in York and Peel Counties and Mr. Wilson of Metro Separate Schools. The cases are all in the Wilcox - Oak Ridge area. Mr. Ed. Jones, County Assessor, delivered the most conclusive evidence, stating that forms were provided for such cases and if the husband signed himself as a Roman Catholic, the taxes should be paid to the Separate School. The court granted all families be changed to Separate School supporters except one where the wife had done the signing and the form was not acceptable. "It is evident that the Catholic people are making a drive to secure all Catholic families to Separate Schools and the Boards had better check their lists to see that the taxes of Catholic families are being paid to the proper Board," said Mr. Toole. George Smith, assistant assessor, stated that in one instance where he asked the family if it wished to be classed as Protestant or Roman Catholic, he was asked, "Which costs the most?" This school rule regarding taxes applies to all children residing within three miles of a separate school. The appeal of Thos. Lipine was denied as a separate school supporter since he was outside the limit. Several cases were changed, both from public to separate and from separate to public. Court allowed a reduction of \$385 in the assessment of the Ross-Winterstein farm, due to fire damage to the silos. While Mr. Winterstein admitted the silos were in use, he said that they were not satisfactory as they leaked. A. W. Hall who lives on the townline east of Gormley, appealed a total assessment of (Continued on page 7)

Bench Warrant for Delinquent Dog Owner

The continued failure of a Markham Township resident to obtain individual licenses for his three dogs, provoked the ire of Magistrate N. P. Kelley in Buttonville Court on Friday morning. He ordered that Geo. Prue, 19th Avenue at Bayview should be served with a bench warrant. Mr. Prue is the operator of a Nutria Fur Farm in Markham Township and is presently in the process of locating his business near Ballantrae. Dog Control Officer, Ronald Herd charged that the owner had acquired only one license for three dogs. "He apparently feels that he owes allegiance to no one but himself," he said. Mr. Herd stated that he had taken much abuse from the man. Magistrate Kelley ordered the execution of the bench warrant and the case will be aired on Dec. 9th. "If necessary, we will pick him up and bring him to court," he said. "I cannot defy the law." Fined \$23.00. Wm. E. Doll, Box Grove, was fined \$14.00 and costs for mak-

ing an improper left hand turn at the intersection of No. 48 and No. 7 Highways. Markham Officer, P.C. Wm. Gunn stated that the defendant wheeled his car through a service station lot at 12:15 a.m. on Oct. 16th. The driver was fined an additional \$9.00 and costs for driving a car without a proper license marker light.

School Board Members Ready For Re-Election

The three members of Stouffville's Public School Board up for re-election this year, have all stated that they are prepared to stand for another term. These members are, Mrs. R. H. Button, Mr. Harry Schell and Mr. Wm. Malloy. Mr. Cec. Hendricks is chairman of the Board and the other members are, Mr. Ted Topping and Mrs. Ethel Mole. At the regular meeting of the Board Mrs. June Button was re-appointed as the Public School Board's representative to the High School Board.

87-Yr.-Old Hunter Gets His License

Probably a record for this district, Ed. Leary of Whitchurch Township, 87 years of age, has purchased his hunting license for another season, and is off to the north country in search of deer. Mr. Leary has been going north regularly each fall for more than half a century and purchased his license from Stouffer's Crest Hardware.

New Assessor For Markham Tp.

Bernard Peck of Richvale has been engaged as assessor in Markham Township at a salary of \$3,500. If the officer proves satisfactory, his salary will increase to \$3,800 on a permanent basis. The number of applicants was not disclosed by council although it is known that several present township officers put in for the job.

Markham Building Still Climbing

Markham Township continues to show a steady growth in building and permits for the last month totalled \$894,500. Of this amount \$621,300 was for industrial and commercial building and \$166,300 for residential. The over half million for commercial includes the Bayview Country Club.

Response Was Good

More than four hundred local children collecting funds for UNICEF on Halloween night, brought in a total of \$344.99, donated by the good people of Stouffville. Pupils from Summit View school collected \$175.02 and those from Orchard Park School \$169.97. This is the first year that Stouffville public school children have taken part in the nation-wide Halloween collection, and the response was most heartening. Maple Leaf Dairy provided the containers for making the collection.

Six Apply For Contract

Whitchurch municipal council has received six tenders for the work of snow-plowing this winter, but the final decision has been left until later this month. At least two of the tenders were for exactly the same amount, Stouffville Sand & Gravel received the contract to supply sand for this winter. The price will be 40¢ a ton loaded on township trucks. There were four bids received for the 2,000 tons required.

Whitchurch will proceed to gravel the second concession for the benefit of the Collis Leather Co. dump. The town of Aurora is providing \$1500 for the work. At Thursday night's council meeting it was agreed that part of the money should be retained to buy gravel next spring. New Park Land Whitchurch Conservation Authority has turned over to the Holland Marsh Conservation Authority, 25 acres of land on the Aurora road, formerly used by the Gun Club. Council has suggested that the deed should include a clause that the use of the land be continuous for park purposes without right of sale.

Support Peel County Resolution for More Help with Hospitals

Stouffville municipal council went on record Thursday evening as supporting Peel County's resolution asking for more help from the federal and provincial governments for the construction of hospitals. The resolution, as passed by Peel County Council, stated that the contributions made by the senior governments to hospital construction were wholly inadequate to present day needs. Reeve Lehman said he couldn't see how it was much help to ask the government for more money. "It's still the same people that have to put it up," said the reeve. Deputy-reeve Wagg commented that the provincial and federal governments had many more sources of revenue open to them than had municipal councils which were solely dependent upon real estate taxes. On a resolution by deputy-reeve Wagg and councillor Laushway, council supported Peel. Grant to School Council agreed to make a further grant of \$200 to the Thornhaven School for Retarded Children. The school serves a 135 square mile area, of which Stouffville forms a part. The

Magistrate Clears Court Room For Morals Case

Magistrate O. S. Hollinrake ordered the Newmarket court room cleared of all public spectators on Thursday morning in the opening stages of a morals case involving two young men, Ronald Baker of Ballantrae, Gary Perrott of Oshawa and three girls, ages 15, 13 and 11 years. Baker faces two charges. He was remanded until Nov. 10. Perrott was convicted. The sentence will be handed down on Thursday. Perrott elected trial by Magis-

trate and pleaded guilty to the charge. Crown Attorney Arleigh Armstrong informed the court that the three girls had been picked up on Yonge Street in the vicinity of Aurora. He noted that they were apparently en route to Toronto but ended up at a cabin at Musselman's Lake where Perrott was residing. The girls had been residents of a home for emotionally disturbed children in Newmarket but had vacated the premises without permission. Mr. Armstrong explained that the two older girls had remained at Musselman's Lake for three days but a third, the 11 year old, had left the cottage and returned to Newmarket. It was then that the officials at the Home were told the story. Perrott and two girls were arrested by P.C. Bob Hart of the O.P.P., Vander, in a house in Uxbridge Township. Mr. Armstrong said that no liquor was involved and there had been no apparent consumption of alcohol of any kind. Magistrate Hollinrake asked for a pre-sentence report on Perrott. Baker appeared only briefly in court. His solicitor agreed to a one-week remand.

Watch For Gangsters

A teletype message relayed to the Markham Township Police Department from State Troopers in Niagara Falls requested local officers to be on the lookout for six cars that crossed the U.S.-Canadian border during the weekend. It was believed that the autos contained well-known gangsters. It was suggested that they might be headed for a rendezvous in either Toronto or Montreal. Sgt. Wm. Shevan told the Tribune that the Troopers had a complete description of the vehicles. He expressed some doubt that they might turn up in Markham.

Ringwood Intersection "Notorious" Charges Magistrate Hollinrake

"This intersection is becoming notorious," stated Magistrate O. S. Hollinrake after hearing evidence surrounding a two-car collision at Ringwood on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 25th. One driver, Raymond Fleury, Church Street, Stouffville, was charged with failing to yield the right-of-way. Eight persons were injured in the accident and property damage was estimated at \$1,100.00. An eye-witness to the collision had informed P.C. Clous of the Vandorf Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police, that Mr. Fleury had stopped his vehicle at No. 48 Highway but had then proceeded across the intersection directly in the path of a northbound auto. He described the impact as severe. Solicitor David A. Coon of Stouffville, appearing on behalf of the defendant, described the Ringwood corner as being very dangerous. "It is not the first time that I have defended persons involved in accidents at this intersection," he said. He told the court that he had observed the corner closely and noted that it was difficult to see approaching traffic without first creeping out into the right-of-way. "I think that the De-

partment of Highways should do something to correct this situation," he continued. Solicitor Coon charged that the Highways Department had neglected to take any action in spite of continuous pleas from surrounding municipalities. "This is not the first accident and it will not be the last unless something is done," he concluded. Magistrate Hollinrake, voicing noticeable concern over the mounting accident toll at Ringwood, agreed that Solicitor Coon's remarks had been aired before the court on a number of previous occasions. "The accumulation of injury and death at this corner has been brought to my attention many times," he said. "The traffic could and should be slowed down." In registering a fine of \$30.00 and costs against Mr. Fleury, Magistrate Hollinrake suggested that he should consent to a re-examination. The driver agreed. A court official informed the Magistrate that he believed a move was afoot to install traffic lights at the intersection. "It is regrettable that something has not been done before all the damage and injury had occurred," concluded Mag. Hollinrake.

War Dead Remembered At Sunday Church Service

Rev. Clarence T. Bass addressed the congregation attending Stouffville's annual Remembrance Day Service held in the Christian Church on Sunday afternoon. Following decoration of the graves of veterans in the Stouffville Cemetery, members of Stouffville Legion, Branch 459 and veterans of two wars paraded to the church. Supporting the veterans were members of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Canadian Legion, Scouts, Cubs, Explorers and Canadian Girls in Training. Rev. J. T. Tiller presided at the service. The prayer was offered by Rev. Gordon Hamill,

the Scripture lesson read by Rev. Arthur Walsli and Rev. J. Williams pronounced the benediction. Two minutes' silence was observed and the Last Post and Reveille sounded by Bugler Don Langford of Newmarket. Following the church service, the parade moved to the Memorial Gates at the Park where Reeve Lehman spoke, briefly, and wreaths were placed. The provincial government wreath was placed by Mrs. F. Fairles, the Village of Stouffville wreath by Reeve Lehman, the Veterans' Association wreath by Mrs. Fred Winn and the Ladies Auxiliary wreath by Mrs. J. Hoover.

Assault Victim Tied To Steering Wheel, Revived by Officer

A Markham Township police officer, on routine patrol, discovered the unconscious driver of a meat delivery truck, lying on the floor of his parked vehicle, late Thursday afternoon on the airport side road, one mile west of Buttonville. Officer Frederick Girdler, 18, Brimley Road, Scarborough had been robbed of approximately \$190.00 by an unknown assailant after the stranger forced his way into the passenger side of the van and threatened the youth with a switch-blade knife. When found by P.C. John McCague his hands were trussed at the wrists and tied to the steering wheel.

Honoured At School Opening

Mr. W. A. Fockler, 91, a Bloomington native, made the official presentation of a plaque at the opening of the section's new school addition on Monday evening. The structure, erected by Mr. Bruce Forfar at a contract price of \$27,600, includes a modern teacher's room, two washrooms and a modern classroom. The original building has also been completely modernized. The opening address of welcome was made by Mr. Noel Story, Chairman of the Board. The other members are, Messrs. Ken Tranter, secretary, and Murray Ramer, The guest speaker was Mr. E. G. McNaughton, a representative from the Dept. of Education. Other speakers were, Mr. T. Simmons, Reeve Geo. Richardson, Inspector Adams and the Principal, Mrs. G. Otto. Clarion Baker added to the musical entertainment of the program. Mrs. Otto, the school's highly-rated teacher, has commenced her second year as Principal at S.S. No. 16, Whitchurch. Her husband, a noted artist, perfected the plaque that was officially presented by Mr. Fockler. Mrs. Dawson Burnett is the other member of the staff.