

Community Mourns Popular Businessman, Late L. E. O'Neill



The Village of Stouffville suffered a distinct loss last week with the passing of L. E. (Tim) O'Neill, popular businessman and a sports leader here for the past thirty years.

L. E. (Tim) O'Neill came to Stouffville as a Port Perry boy in 1929 and was employed here for three years by the late W. J. Mather. In 1932, he purchased the funeral and furniture business on Mr. Mather's retirement.

Mr. O'Neill was a member of Richardson Masonic Lodge and a charter member and past president of the Stouffville Lions Club.

In the field of municipal endeavor Mr. O'Neill headed the Stouffville Cemetery Commission for many years, and his interest and attention to the Cemetery Grounds did much to bring the local burying place up to the splendid condition in which it is kept today.

Lisgar E. (Tim) O'Neill was in his 54th year, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred O'Neill. His wife who survives him was the former Mildred Goode.

The public funeral service conducted from the Stouffville United Church on Monday afternoon was most widely attended.

The pallbearers were Messrs. Geo. Stark, Donald Hodgins, Reg. Button, Don Lehman, Elmer Daniels and Murray Daniels, and honorary pallbearers were, Messrs. Telf. Rennie, Harry Stouffer, Dave Stouffer, Don Lewis, Harry Lee, K. R. Davis and Les Wilson.

In addition to the hundreds of friends who attended the service, there were also many professional associates, and prominent men in the sports field, including W. A. Hewitt, father of Foster Hewitt, and Pat Patterson, prominent referee.

Gas Leak Causes Concern at Rink

Three members of the Stouffville fire department, equipped with oxygen masks entered the ammonia-filled engine room of the Rolling Hills Curling Rink at Bethesda on Friday night when it was feared that an employee, Charles Kirk, 21, might have succumbed to the gas. He was later found at Oak Ridges.

Toronto Train Was Filled Sat. Morning

Dozens of adults and children took advantage of the Saturday morning passenger train service to Toronto and filled the weekend southbound unit to capacity.

Although additional coaches were acquired to cope with the Saturday crowd, many passengers had to stand in the aisles and some were accommodated in the baggage car.

The Stouffville station was buzzing with activity. On recent weekends, the C.N.R. has been promoting special excursion rates. From Stouffville to Toronto and return, one adult fare would cost only \$1.35.

New Policemen For Markham Township Run Into Opposition

Authorization for the employment of two additional policemen was given at Markham Township Council meeting this week, following a recommendation by the police committee.

The police committee's report also recommended the conclusion of a long-time arrangement with the Chief of Police regarding mileage and proposed that he be given a monthly car allowance of \$50.

The staff sergeant is to be in charge in the absence of the Chief Constable, the report said. Mumbernson Objects

The police committee report was handled in council by Councillor Charles Hooper, in the chair, Councillor Charles Hooper and Councillor Al Sumner.

Schell Lumber Co. Completes Forty Yrs. In Business Here

For the past forty years, the firm of Schell Lumber Limited has operated from the same site on Edward Street in Stouffville.

The Schell company has enjoyed an enviable relationship between employer and employee—a record that can be certified by the length of service of their staff.

Embezzled \$6,000 From Unionville Firm, Man Picked Up In Montreal

Two Markham Township police officers, Sgt. Harvey Cox and Sgt. Bob Hood journeyed to Montreal recently to arrest a Unionville bookkeeper on a charge of theft.

DeLaurier pleaded guilty when he appeared before Magistrate O. S. Hollinrake in Richmond Hill Court on January 18th.

The Unionville company discovered the shortage a short time after DeLaurier had left their employ. They notified the Markham Township Police and a warrant was issued for his arrest.

Mrs. Hilda Wilson Heads Park Board for '62

Mrs. Hilda Wilson is the new President of the Stouffville Park Board. She accepted the post at a special meeting in the committee room of the Municipal Building on Monday night.

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Five members of the Stouffville Lions Club swimming pool committee attended the meeting, including Messrs. Neil Patrick, Tat Aida, Bob Hammond and Jim Ogilvy.

Careless Hunter Fined \$100 Man Loses Eyesight

A Toronto hunter was fined \$100.00 by Magistrate O. S. Hollinrake in Richmond Hill Court on Tuesday on a charge of careless hunting while in possession of a firearm.

Continuing his attack on police administration in Markham Township, Deputy Reeve Mumbernson declared that "ninety-nine and a half percent of the troubles are due to poor administration."

"It's entirely your responsibility," he told other members of council. "It isn't a matter of how good a man is—it's the problems you are creating."

Man Killed in Mysterious Explosion

The cause of the explosion that touched off a fire in a private garage in Unionville and killed a 51-year old insurance salesman, remains a mystery, according to P.C. Clifford Cox, the investigating officer with Markham Twp. Police.

The deceased, a devout member of the Anglican church, is survived by his wife, a son, Tony, 13, and twins, John and Janet, 15.

Two Suffer Broken Bones On Icy Streets

Two Stouffville residents suffered broken bones through falls which they sustained on the ice-coated streets here Saturday.

At the east end of town Mr. Gordon Kennedy, a resident of Montreal St., tumbled on his way out street, and suffered a triple break in one leg.

Stouffville Works Dept. sander was on the job for about ten hours during the day, but it required most of the day in order to cover the entire town, a distance of some fourteen miles.

PRESSURE ON WHITCHURCH TAX DELINQUENTS

Those whose taxes are in arrears in Whitchurch Township, some for several years, are having increased pressure applied by the tax collector's office.

Most troublesome has been the collection of business tax which is the responsibility of the owner unless prior agreement is made with the tenant.

The township has a large number of gravel pit businesses operating and at least two of these were liable for tax payments, in one case of more than \$1500, the collector reported.

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Resources stating the project could be extended to the Whitchurch side if the residents and council so desired.

Taxes Stumbling Block Mrs. Gibbs, councillor, touched on the real stumbling block to the issue, taxes. She suggested that no action be taken by council until the petition had been examined and it was determined what arrears of taxes were outstanding on their properties.

Mr. Jack Blyth stated that having a water supply had reduced the fire insurance in King area by forty percent and he doubted if the Whitchurch residents could depend on the continuance of the well supply of water.

Mrs. Bunn who had brought the opposition petition said, "We're not against having water but against any increase in taxes." She said many were living on pension which was being extended to the limit. Any increase in taxes would mean a loss of homes, she said.

Would Charge All Jos. Gibbs said he favored the area being supplied with water by the township and the whole project be charged against the entire township. He noted that the township was putting more pressure on tax delinquents and thought this was a good thing.

Clerk Jack Crawford read a letter from the Ontario Water emergency operation in the Scarborough General Hospital but lost the sight in his left eye.

Old Steam Engines Expensive

The price of \$57,000 was regarded as too high by the Town of Lindsay, for a discarded CNR steam locomotive. Lindsay has made a request to the Victoria County Council for financial assistance in the project.

Warden John Alton said he thought Lindsay should have an engine as a historical relic. "These municipalities have paid a lot of money into the railways in the past years. They should give them an engine," he said.

The matter of obtaining an engine was suggested by Reg Mackay, chairman of Stouffville Planning Board, at a recent meeting.



Model U. N. Students

Twelve students from Stouffville District High School represented a country at a model United Nations Assembly in the Parliament Buildings, Toronto. About 900 participants

from the Metro region were in attendance and current problems now facing world powers were discussed and debated throughout the day. A

portion of the Stouffville group is pictured here. They are—(left to right) Dawn Grosse, Jamie Ogilvy, Pat O'Connor, David Stephens, Susan Ogilvy

and Sven Christensen. The local delegation represented Columbia. Six other members will be pictured in next week's issue. —Staff Photo