



A Silent Snapper

It may be a case of spring fever or a sudden loss of appetite but this twenty pound snapping turtle has lost its snap. It was pulled out of a farm pond on the property of Reuben May, conc. 4, Unbridge and is held here by 18 year old Ken. It tipped the scales at an even twenty pounds. It was the subject of a nature study lesson at the Webb Public School on Friday and later freed. —Staff Photo

Survey on Pickering Twp. Split, Turned Down by Council

A survey that would evaluate the economic stability of a divided municipality was rejected by a majority vote of Pickering Township Council at a special meeting on Monday night. Only Councillor Ross Deakin, who introduced the proposal, favoured the plan.

"I'm not saying if I'm for it or against it, but I feel a survey should be made," said councillor Deakin. Mr. Deakin suggested that certain monies should be set aside in the 1962 budget to take care of any expense involved. The line, as tentatively laid out by the councillor, was drawn at the 3rd concession.

Councillor Deakin's suggestion was met with a volley of verbal protests. "It's premature," countered councillor Harvey Spang. "I'm opposed," interjected councillor John Greening. "It should be put to a vote of the people," stated Deputy-Reeve, Mrs. Jean McPherson. "Let's explore it ourselves first," suggested councillor Milton Mowbray.

Reeve Sherman Scott cautioned the Council against making any major move in such a direction. "Where is the question going if it's split or if it isn't split?" questioned the Reeve. He contended that no particular area was hurt as long as the people who desired the services were required to pay for them. "It boils down to a case of dollars and cents," he said.

Wish to Investigate
"I only wish to investigate the issue," argued councillor Deakin.
Deputy-Reeve, Mrs. McPherson remarked that the matter had been given some thought before but was never considered feasible. "I don't like the term, North and South," she continued, "to me, we are all one people."
Councillor Mowbray agreed

that there were persons in both the urban and rural areas of the township who would favour a division. He contended that from a planning and economic standpoint, the township was in a stronger position as a solid unit rather than two divided sections. "There are advantages in having the township the way it is that cannot be measured in dollars and cents," he concluded.

Reeve Scott, while not lending support to councillor Deakin's proposal, advocated serious consideration to the acquiring of a Planning Director.

GOOD FRIDAY CANTATA

On Good Friday evening at 8.15, the choir of the Stouffville United Church will present in the church auditorium, the sacred cantata by Stainer, "The Crucifixion," a meditation on the Passion of the Holy Redeemer. The public is invited to attend this Good Friday presentation.

County Turned Down in Bid For Court House

The Attorney-General of Ontario has turned down the application of York County to set up their own Department of Justice and possibly use county buildings now in existence.

Metro Toronto is anxious that York share in the cost of a multi million dollar court house to be erected on University Avenue. The matter will be placed before the county council at a meeting next week, April 26th, and it is known that all municipalities are adverse to sharing in the extensive Metro cost.



A team of horses still holds an important place on the farm of Bunker Bros., conc. 9, Markham Twp. Pictured here, Mr. Harvey Bunker brushes down his 1,800 lb. black Percheron before going out to the field. —Staff Photo

Regulate Fireworks in Markham Twp.

Discussion on the proposal to pass a bylaw regulating the setting off of fireworks in Markham Township, reached its conclusion in Markham Council on Monday night, and resulted in the bylaw being passed, and instructions given that it be published for the benefit of the ratepayers.

Councillor Sumner who has been the strongest proponent of the bylaw, again presented the matter to council and won the support of Deputy-Reeve Mumberson. Councillors Hoover and Hooper, while not presenting strong opposition, have continually expressed the view that such a bylaw was most difficult to enforce.

Deputy-Reeve Mumberson said that in his past experience he had viewed many cases of disaster from explosion of fireworks resulting in loss of eyesight. He considered that some control was desirable and would agree to the bylaw since it required an adult to be in charge when any fireworks were being set off.

Paving Here Soon

Beamish Construction Co. will be moving into this area in about a month to complete several paving contracts. The company has work to finish in the extensive new intersection at Don Mills Rd. and Aurora Rd. north of Vaudor. They have a \$210 contract to pave the front and parking lot for the Township of Whitchurch municipal building, and at the same time put the final coat and level up the residential streets rebuilt in Stouffville last fall. This information was received during Monday meeting of Whitchurch Township council.

112th Plowing Match on Kennedy Farm

The East York Plowman's Association has been organized for 117 years and on Oct. 24th, the organization will mark its 112th season of active operation with a match on the farm of Cam. Kennedy and Sons, conc. 7, Markham. Only during the five year period during World War was the competition withdrawn.

Mr. Anthony Featherstone of Milliken is the 1962 President. Other officers include Jack Warriner, Vice President, Markham R.R.2; Trevor Watson, Secretary, R.R.2; Markham and Norm Jarvis, Ringwood, Treasurer.

York County will be the host for the 1963 International Plowing Match. The site of the competition will be selected very soon. The directors of the East York Association are endeavoring to make the event a success.

Horsepower Still Used On Bunker Farm

A team of horses, once a proud possession of every dedicated Canadian farmer is rapidly becoming obsolete and almost extinct on the country scene. The stable stalls are empty, it's occupants having bowed the more modern facilities of diesel and gasoline power. The revolution to mechanized equipment has been so silent and swift that few persons have taken the time to study the possible future of the gray mare era. This has not been the case on the 150 acre farm of Bunker Bros., conc. 9, Markham Township. For the past 44 years, horses have played an important part in the operation of their progressive premises and for Harvey and Tom Bunker, a sturdy team of steeds will always occupy a place on their property.

On the Bunker farm it is a balanced proportion of mechanical and horsepower. They have three horses, two Percherons and one Clydesdale. They have three tractors, two Internationals, a Model "A" V-6 and a John Deere "60".

Keep One Team
"We don't use the horses as much as we used to," admits

\$14,000 Mileage Acct Prompts Pickering Bid For Small Car Fleet

Mileage accounts, estimated at close to \$14,000 per year attributed to employees on the staff of Pickering Township, has prompted the Council to purchase a fleet of six standard Volkswagen cars. The Clerk, Mr. L. T. Johnston was instructed to order the vehicles from a sales outlet on Danforth Ave., Toronto, following a lengthy discussion on the matter, Monday night. The firm, the lowest of three Volkswagen bids, submitted a price of \$1,635.15 per unit. Only councillor Ross Deakin registered a negative reply on a recorded vote concerning the proposed purchase of the Volkswagen fleet prompted the attendance of district auto sales representatives and interested ratepayers at Monday's meeting. Prices were submitted on Renault, Anglia, Vauxhall, Austin and Morris cars. They ranged from a low of \$1,303.46 to a high of \$1,802.50.

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Products Are Imports
"The Canadian economy should be supported," argued Mr. Al Cane, one member of a delegation, speaking in protest of the Council move. "Imported products should not be considered." He contended that a 10c per mile rate for the "travelling staff" of the township was the most economical method. He suggested further that employee comfort should also be considered.

"I wonder if the finance committee has gone into the matter fully before they jumped into the idea of purchasing the cars?" questioned a ratepayer, Mr. R. E. Sproule.

"A lot of Pickering taxpayers work at General Motors and this fact should be taken into consideration by Council," said Frank Wonnacott, a representative of Cliff Mills Motors, Oshawa.

"I'm a little disturbed that the Council has made up its mind on Volkswagens," said William

Lawrence, a taxpayer and an employee at General Motors. He suggested that tenders should have been called.

Speaking on behalf of the Vauxhall, Mr. Gordon, representing Hunt Motor Sales of Pickering compared the two vehicles according to size, horsepower, wheelbase, etc. "The Volkswagen is a very fine automobile and I do not intend to criticize a competitor," he said.

"The Council should purchase the most efficient automobile for the least price," advised John Campbell, a taxpayer and chairman of Pickering's Industrial Promotion Committee.

Most For The Least
"We want to get the most out of a car at the least possible cost," said councillor Hubert Wank. He contended that prestige was not a prime factor in the issue. Countering a claim of a previous speaker, councillor Wank charged that a lack of comfort presented no argument.

Not Comparable
Councillor Milton Mowbray suggested that only three small cars were worthy of consideration—the Volkswagen, the Vauxhall and the Renault. "From the standpoint of long range cost and durability, no small car can compare with the Volkswagen," he said.

"When it's costing us \$14,000 per year, we cannot avoid going into this thing," stated councillor Wank.

Councillor Ross Deakin charged that, on paper, the proposal looked good but suggested that in reality, it would not work out.

School Board Wants Share of Lot Fees

Members of the School Board of Markham Township School Area No. 13 appeared before Markham Township Council on Monday evening seeking some adjustment of the lot fees which they requested be shared with the Board by Council.

Mr. L. S. Frost, chairman of the Board, in presenting the case for the Board, explained that the funds were derived from areas which when built up, caused the Board to move in and purchase a school site. In many cases, he said, the Board had been able to move in early prior to the subdivision being developed, and in this way they saved paying the high development fee on the land. However, he revealed that in the case of the Wycliffe sub-division, the price of the school site was \$34,000 and the government grant was only \$910.

Reeve Deane gave the Board some hope of help when he stated that the council had discussed the matter in committee and the figure of 35% had been suggested as a share for the Board. He said that council would study the matter further and the Board would be advised.

The members asked that they receive a decision within a month.

MRS JOSEPH HOOVER
Mrs. Joseph Hoover, Mill St., passed away at her home on Tuesday night. Beloved mother of Mabel and Louie. Resting at the O'Neill Funeral Home, with service on Friday at 2 p.m. in the United Missionary Church.

Eight Tenders for Disposal Plant

Eight firms tendered, on the contract for the addition to the Stouffville sewage disposal plant and the decision of council is expected shortly when the lowest bid is investigated. There was a spread of \$12,000 between the lowest and highest bidder.

Buy Tractor
Stouffville council has completed the purchase of an International tractor from Chas. Cooper Equipment Ltd., Clarendon for the price of \$2,000. In addition, the works department will be provided with a bucket, blade and mower for the tractor.

Council has debated for some time the advisability of having some equipment in town for the many jobs which arise and which require a tractor. Very often equipment cannot be rented just when required and rental rates are considerable.

Porker Fails In Freedom Bid

A full-grown pig made an heroic but unsuccessful bid for freedom on Main Street in Stouffville on Tuesday morning when it jumped from the rear of a pick-up truck.

The animal landed feet-first on the pavement and rumped onto the parking lot area at the rear of the Bank of Nova Scotia.

The driver, Murray Lewis, conc. 7, Markham, aided by three spectators at the scene, Stewart Stouffer, John Mark and Chris Haining corralled the elusive porker after a brief chase.

The pig suffered no noticeable injury from its mid-town escapade.

LOCAL CANINE A WINNER AT ST. CATHARINES

"King", a 14 month old German Shepherd dog, the property of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Becker, conc. 7, Whitchurch Township was awarded four points and placed first in the three individual classes at a show in St. Catharines on Saturday, April 17th. The entry, one of seven, was a first prize winner, a best of winners and a best of opposite sex. A total of 10 points is required to become a recognized champion.

This week, Mr. and Mrs. Becker will take their prize pet to Peterborough as an entry in another show.

After two years of intensive training, the owners will turn their dog over to the army as part of the canine corps.

TWO BRIGADES FIGHT BIG GRASS FIRE

A fire, possibly started by a lighter cigarette, burned over more than 100 acres of grassland in Markham Twp. on Tuesday afternoon and required the services of fire brigades from Unionville and Richmond Hill before it was finally extinguished.

The blaze broke out on 17th Avenue, east of conc. 3 and spread in a southerly direction toward the Don Mills Road. At one time during the afternoon, it was feared that the buildings on the Carruthers farm might be destroyed. Police and neighbours joined brigade members on the fire line in a battle that lasted almost two hours.

CONSIDER ALTERING WHITCHURCH S.S.

Whitchurch Township council met in special session last week with representatives from School Sections 6 and 13 regarding the transfer of land from No. 6 to No. 13. Mr. Wallace, chairman of No. 6 section, told council that his Board was paying to No. 13 section the sum of \$5,000 annually for the education of 19 pupils. Twelve of these pupils were from property owned by Mrs. P. Ash who has a number of tenants. He further stated that since the new provincial grant structure was implemented, S.S. No. 6 had lost their two room status and the percentage of their grant had fallen to 54%. Other representatives from this section were: Merro Sudeke, Roy Smith and Geo. J. Smith.

M. C. Vandervoort attended representing Mrs. Ash and Inspector D. D. Adams was also present.

The reluctance on the part of those in the No. 13 section to be moved to No. 6 stems from the fact that the latter is carrying a much higher school tax.

Mr. Wallace stated that he was in receipt of a notice from the No. 13 Board that after June 1st of this year they could no longer accommodate additional pupils.

Mrs. Cole from No. 13 stated that her section was losing money and that the Board only netted 19% of the \$5,000 or \$950. S.S. No. 13 representatives pressed for an alteration of the school boundaries sufficient to compensate the Board to the full cost.

Mr. Vandervoort objected to the property of Mrs. Ash being the only one considered for transfer.

Council took no action and will meet again to study the problem.

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much time in preparing plans and descriptions of the land, was opposed to altering the plan now so close to the time of hearing.

C. H. Nolan, member of the Planning Board, said that in his opinion the line should stand as originally planned, each side to present its case and the Municipal Board members to act as arbitrators. "I don't see any reason to alter the plan at this late date. There's been a lot of work put on this plan and I'm quite willing to go before the Board with the proposal as is and accept their decision," he said.

Councillor McLaughlin said he thought there might be some wisdom in allowing the two farmers to stay out who did not wish to be annexed, while the balance of lot 3 would be taken in. Reeve Wallwork said unquestionably there would be some protests wherever the line was set.

It was pointed out that so far as assessment was concerned, the assessment on farm land in the township was slightly higher than in town.

Reeve Timbers said he thought the original plan was well laid out with an even boundary all around and not corner pockets of either municipality jutting in to the other.

Both council and Planning Board passed resolutions approving the plan in its original state to be forwarded to Metro Planning Board.

The public hearing has been officially advertised for this Thursday morning, April 19th, at 10 a.m. in the Stouffville Council Chambers.

High School First Operetta Delights Capacity Audiences

The Stouffville District High School students' first operetta delighted a combined audience of nearly a thousand on the two-night performance last week. This is the school's first attempt at a full length musical, and Gilbert and Sullivan's H.M.S. Pinafore was rendered in admirable fashion by the students.

The stage direction was under the supervision of Mr. J. Smith and musical direction was handled by Mrs. G. Graham and Mr. R. Mercer. Mr. J. Waite was the accompanist, as well as band leader, and was assisted at the piano by Shirley Taber.

The appreciation of the cast as well as the entire student body for the effort and time put into the production by these members of the staff took tangible form at the conclusion of the show on Saturday evening when a presentation was made to each teacher. Corsages were also given to the three leading ladies, Donna Ratcliff, Lynda Nolan and Donna Hisey.

H.M.S. Pinafore is an operetta which has been presented for many, many years, by amateur and professional companies throughout the country. None of them could have been more enjoyed than the performance given by this local talent for a home town audience. The directors had their cast and choruses well up for the show and the sparkling music by the school band gave the musical portion of the performance a real lift.

Leading characters were Right Hon. Sir Joseph Porter played by Timothy Wees, Captain Corcoran by Eric Button, Ralph Rackshaw by Herbert Otto, Dick Deadeby by Mike Cadieux, Bill Bobstay by Gary Yates, Bob Bocket by John Hisey, Josephine by Lynda Nolan, Hoby by Donna Hisey and Little Buttercup by Donna Ratcliff. In addition there were more than fifty students in the chorus and sixteen in the band. The audience responded with continuous rounds of applause for the various numbers and there were encores both evenings.

The scenery as well as program cover design were the work of Michael Paul who received special mention for his fine contribution.

Following the finale on Saturday, the cast and their parents were entertained with lunch by a number of the ladies.

Arena Award



The Ringwood Hockey Club are still the champions of the Stouffville Community League. They retained the title with a four game sweep of their

final series with Markham. The coveted Arena Trophy was presented to team captain, Harold Hodgson (right) by Erle Lehman, President of

the Stouffville Arena Co., at the conclusion of Friday night's contest. —Staff Photo