

Judgement Reserved In Assault Charge Laid Against Former Twp. Assessor

The seating accommodation in the Uxbridge Town courtroom was taxed to the limit on Tuesday afternoon as Magistrate F. S. Ebbs listened to more than an hour of conflicting testimony that related to an alleged assault against Uxbridge Twp. Reeve Alvin Redshaw on the steps of the Goodwood Hall, March 26th.

Charged, is the former township assessor, Robt. F. Clarke, 56, of conc. 5, Uxbridge. Magistrate Ebbs elected to reserve judgment in the case until April 28th.

There were no witnesses to the alleged assault and facts as provided by Reeve Redshaw were refuted by the accused whose story was the direct opposite to that told by the plaintiff. Mr. Clarke's solicitor failed to appear but he elected to proceed on his own claiming his opponents were "ganging up" on him and "out for blood".

Fighting Stance

Clarke, well-dressed in a light blue suit, white shirt and bow tie, charged that Redshaw tapped him on the chest with his right hand after the two exchanged words outside the hall. He said that the reeve had his left hand held high "in a fighting stance" and when he warned off a second blow, the plaintiff lost his balance and fell down a flight of cement steps. Following this incident, Clarke said he left.

"I told him, you're the reeve of the township and I don't want to get mixed up with you." The accused admitted to a weight of 250 pounds, about 100 pounds more than Mr. Redshaw. Clarke charged that the reeve was "hostile" because he had won a deduction in his assessment in the County Court of Appeal. He denied that he had hit Redshaw on the jaw with his fist. "I've never had a mark against me and at nearly 57 it's a little late to start pounding anyone around," he said. "I came out here (Uxbridge Twp.) to live a quiet life."

Cursed The Council

Mr. Redshaw with a red mark still visible on his forehead told the court that he attended the Appeal Court in Goodwood as an observer on March 26th. He said that Clarke, who had served the municipality as assessor in 1963, quit the post because the Council, acting as a Court of Revision had raised his assessment after he had lowered it. "He told us what we were and walked out," he said. He said that he later went to Mr. Clarke's home to pick up some County assessment books but he refused to give them up. "He tried to pick a row with me then, but I left," he said.

The reeve said that after Mr. Clarke's case had been completed before Judge Alex Hall, the accused asked him to step outside. "As I was the reeve, I felt that it was my duty to go," he said. Mr. Redshaw said that Clarke cursed the whole council and then hit him on the side of the face with his fist. "I fell down five cement steps," he re-

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Former Uxbridge Twp. Assessor, Robt. F. Clarke, puffing on his customary cigar, leaves the courtroom building in Uxbridge town following a case hearing on Tuesday afternoon. He is charged with assaulting the reeve of the municipality, Alvin Redshaw in Goodwood on March 26th. Judgment has been reserved. — Staff Photo.

Favour Purchase Of Ballantrae Sport Field

Members of the Whitechurch Township Community Centre Board appeared before the township council on Monday night and submitted a unanimous resolution favouring the purchase of the eight acres of land near the Ballantrae School as a recreation centre for the district. The price offered is \$4000. The Board had been asked by council to examine the site, study the need, and be prepared to submit recommendation. Those present were, Geo. Craig, chairman, Cliff Wallwork, K. J. Rodgers, Mrs. R. Ellis, Wm. Dike and Harry Lavender.

Mr. Craig said that those interested in recreation at Ballantrae had demonstrated over the past few years that they were prepared to give financial and also personal support to the project.

Mr. Wallwork stated that the area had some 300 children for which recreation was being provided. He said the group had raised about \$3,000 through various projects and this could be increased if they had a definite location on which the government would pay a grant on capital expenditure.

Mr. Rodgers said that the Erie Mfg. Co. had provided a site for some time but the company was expanding and required use of its land. He said they intended to establish a pond for fire-fighting purposes. Mr. Craig said it was the policy of the Board to help those who helped themselves and the residents of the area had done just that.

Deputy reeve Farquharson said he favoured the purchase. The township had \$2600 in its park account and the government would pay a grant of \$1200 which would only leave \$1100 for the budget.

Reeve Williams drew attention to the fact that the government grant would not be available for over a year so if consent was granted for the use of the \$2600, the budget would require to raise the remainder of \$2300 not just \$1100.

He said there was already a high increase expected in the tax rate and members should not forget that there would be (Continued on Page 12)

Divided on Welfare Vote

York County Council voted last week in favour of a County Welfare Program. The margin of acceptance was small, being 15 votes to 11. In the report concerning the project, it was stated that a staff of 14 be engaged at a cost of \$75,000 for the first year.

Reeve Garriock of Woodbridge said that he could not support the idea as his municipality, already only controlled 15 cents of each tax dollar. The Richmond Hill Reeve was also opposed. He expressed the opinion that the Provincial Government should assume all welfare.

Charles Hooper of Markham Township said that any municipality was at liberty to hire its own welfare officer. He said that their own man could secure work for many of the unemployed. He said any County man would merely be advising and investigating the reports. Reeve Timbers of Stouffville said he believed a county officer was needed. He was supported by Reeve Williams of Whitechurch. In a vote that followed, Reeve Timbers voted yes and Deputy-Reeve Laushway voted no.

Suggests Shifting Rupert St. Park West; New Park Would Be 4 Acres

Mr. A. Chiavitta, the developer of the fifty-acre parcel of land lying immediately west of West Lawn Cres., has suggested to a joint meeting of Stouffville municipal council and planning board that the present park on Rupert St. be abandoned for a much larger area immediately west and running from Rupert to Elm Rd. Mr. Chiavitta said he realized that he would be required to donate a five per cent parcel of land for park purposes, but he was not prepared to extend the services by the park property which he considered should be a municipal responsibility. He was willing to do the job on a share basis but suggested that council sell its present park lots and obtain funds in this way.

New Home Site

The firm presently has plans for industrial lots on the highway while the Home for the Aged would take a 6 acre parcel, fronting on Rupert Ave. with the rear on Elm Rd. Homes would be built on the south side of Rupert facing north, on the north side of the extension of Elm and on a new street running north and south and to be known as Timberlane.

There were no definite objections raised by council regarding the Home, but councillor Parsons raised the question on the amount of taxes the large establishment would be called upon to pay.

Councillor Spang said he did not object to the development but he was definite that the municipality should not pay out any money for services. He was generally supported by all other Board members in this stand.

Anxious To Start

There was considerable speculation as to whether or not the Department would permit a shift in the park property and it was agreed that the government would be contacted this week on the matter. Councillor Spang also questioned as to whether all the work which has been done on the present location should be abandoned. Mr. Chiavitta said he would like to proceed immediately and the Home was anxious to commence work. However, it was pointed out that the plan was only being presented for the first time

and no action could be taken until it was fully approved and registered. There was also the matter of an agreement with the municipality regarding services which would have to be signed before any lots could be sold.

Home A Gift

Mr. Chiavitta and Mr. H. Woods, a member of the town industrial committee were strong in their praise of the Home as a town asset. Councillor Parsons said he couldn't see as it was any great asset and it would likely be exempt from some municipal taxes. The developer indicated that he would like the Home to be classed as "industry" so that he could obtain permission to proceed with home-building. This point members were not ready to agree to. He said he was donating the land to the church group but members could not see that this was any concern of the town.

A new plan on the area showing the street extensions and lots was supplied to the town office early this week as well as a cash offer if the town would make certain service concessions.

1,700 Attend Antique Show At Markham

A 3-day antique show and sale in the Franklin House on Main Street in Markham last week, attracted an estimated 1,700 people to the premises. The project was sponsored by the Markham Kiwanis Club.

Interested buyers arrived from many different centres including as far distant as Lindsay, Oshawa and Toronto. Both the top and bottom floors of the building were utilized.

Price tags on some of the items were as follows: crank telephone, \$12; spinning wheel, \$20; oxen yoke, \$18; large lamp, \$110; wide rocker, \$80; cupboard, \$675; sleigh bells, \$18; hanging lamp, \$55 and jars of Moonshine Hunie, \$1.50.

Children Eat Sample Pills From Mailbox

Two children who became suddenly ill after consuming about 50 pills taken from sample bottles in mailboxes, has aroused some concern among officers of the Markham Twp. police department.

A girl, Patricia Staniewicz, 3 and her boy companion, Johnny McAlpine, 5, were taken to the Branson Hospital, North York where their stomachs were pumped out.

One hundred tablets were in the bottles. About one-half of them were consumed. The pills, coloured pink, looked much like candy.

Uxbridge Twp. Office Open

The municipal office of the Twp. of Uxbridge was reopened on Tuesday although the Clerk, Mr. Elwood Foskett is still convalescing from a recent operation.

Mr. Foskett was advised on Friday by his physician to take things easy for two more weeks. He is making good progress, however, and attended a regular council meeting on Monday afternoon.

Agree to '64 Grant In Lieu of Taxes

Markham Township Council has, by bylaw, agreed to accept the sum of \$4,200 from Toronto in lieu of taxes on the old Jail Farm property at Langstaff. Some years ago the assessment on the farm was set at \$55,000 and the farm was rented by the city to the provincial government. Since the government no longer leases the property, it cannot legally be held for municipal taxes.

Clerk Harry Crisp said that the city anticipates having the place sold in 1964. Councillor Hoover said that he thought the figure should be more realistic in view of the assessment and the mill rate in the area. However, it was pointed out that the township was fortunate to obtain what was offered under the existing law.

Whitchurch Adds Two Sergeants To Police Force

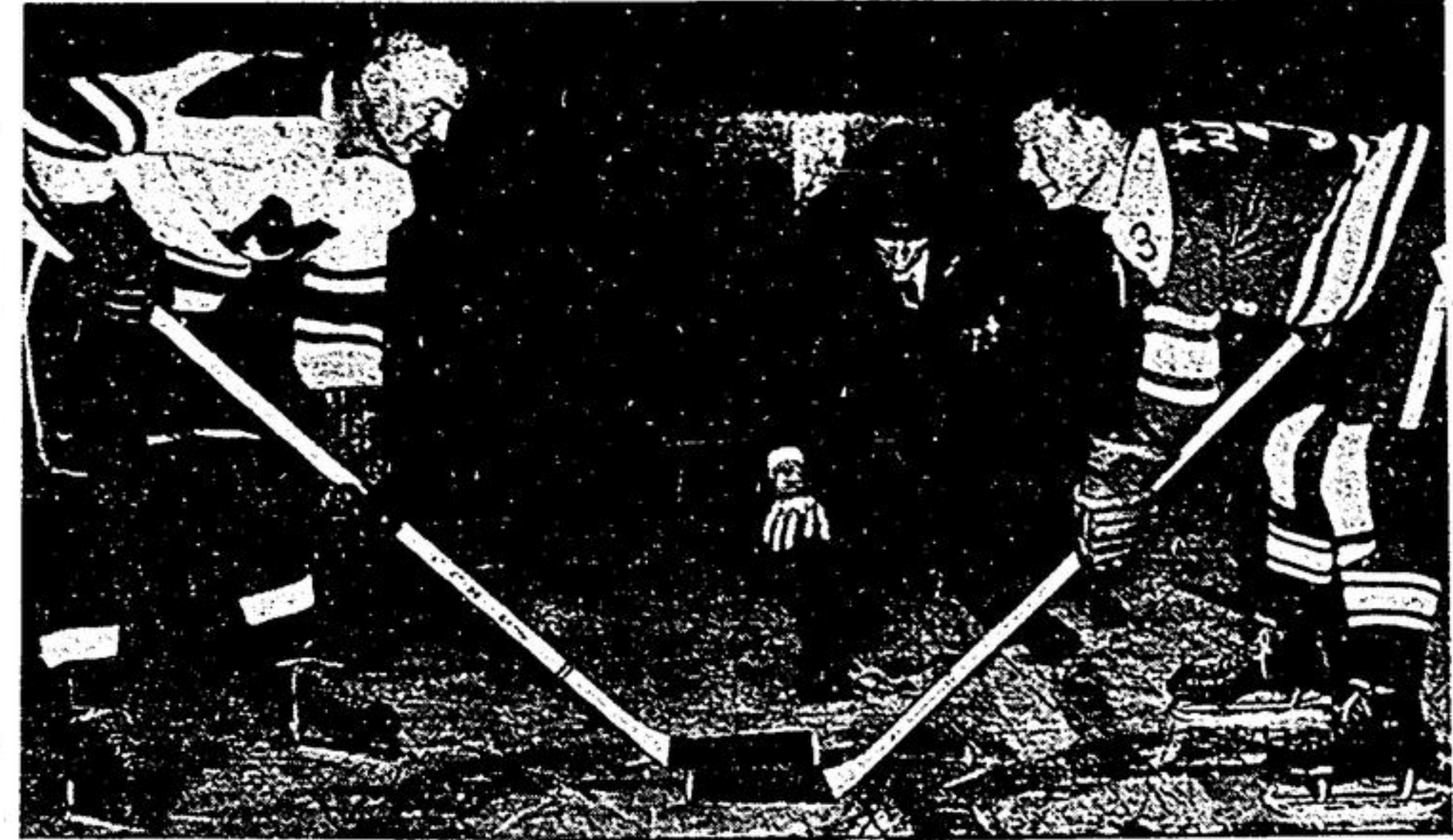
From the vast number of applications, Whitchurch Township Council is gradually building up a township police department. At a special meeting last week which was attended by newly engaged Chief Mason, 2 sergeants have been engaged by the municipality. They are Neil Raven of Elliott Lake and Roy Leather of Thorold and they will take on their positions at a starting salary of \$5,000. The new Chief of Police is reporting for duty this week.

Markham Police Asking For New Salary Scale

Markham Township Police Association is asking Markham Township Council for a new and increased salary scale. The new rates being asked, were not revealed at the regular council meeting.

The township council police committee has agreed to consider the request further. If no satisfaction is reached the matter can be expected to go to arbitration.

Official Face-off



Mort Selyk, 86, a former Markham speed-skating champion officiated at the opening face-off on Friday night between Nick Bangay (left) of the "Millionaires" and Wally Stanowski of the N.I.L. "Oldtimers." More than 1,800 fans witnessed the return of their former hockey heroes. — Cadieux Studio.

Charge Two Youths Caused \$2,500 Damage To Uxbridge Twp. Home

Using a shotgun, a rifle and a hatchet, two teenage boys caused damage estimated at \$2,500 to the interior of a house owned by Mrs. Edna Hall, conc. 4, Uxbridge Twp., on March 8th. Kyrán Boland, 16, R. R. 1, Goodwood and Douglas Barkley 17, of Stouffville were convicted before Magistrate Harry Jermyn last week and retained in custody for pre-sentence reports.

In addition to the havoc caused in the Hall home, the pair also pleaded guilty to break-ins at the Roseville, Quaker Hill and Garibaldi Public Schools, all in the Twp. of Uxbridge. Nothing was stolen from the schools and neither lad had ever attended there before. Constable Norman Wasylak termed it "a spree."

All Furniture Destroyed

The officer said that every piece of furniture in the Hall house was destroyed. All the windows were broken and the boys admitted firing shotgun and rifle pellets in the walls. The premises is located some distance from the 4th concession road, about two miles north of No. 47 Hwy. A no trespassing sign is posted at the entrance to the long lane and a gate is kept closed and bolted.

You Must Face Up To The Fact

"You must face up to the fact that this woman can probably never recover this loss," said the Magistrate in addressing the accused, Mrs. Hall, a 70 year old widow, had moved out of the house for the winter months.

You Might Just As Well Have Stolen The Money

"This action was thoughtless stupidity and the deterrent aspect of the law is important here," advised Mr. Affleck. "It is obvious that the owner will never be paid for the destruction caused."

You are Not One Inch Higher

"You are not one inch higher or one cent richer for what you have done," said the Magistrate, "you have only made yourself look foolish in the eyes of the people who know you."

Every Room In The Two-Storey

frame structure was turned into a shambles. At the three twp. schools that were entered, damage was estimated at about \$50.

Wm. Sheridan Clerk in Markham Police Office

William (Bill) Sheridan of Mongolia has been added to the staff of the Markham Twp. Police Department and will serve in the office of civilian clerk with the force.

Mr. Sheridan, 20, will work on a shift basis with Richard Pike who joined the department in March, 1963. He will assist in the operation of the radio dispatcher unit, accept telephone calls and handle clerical duties of that office.

The Acquiring of One Additional

employee will permit other officers to put more time in on regular cruiser patrol. The Markham Twp. police staff now consist of 19 men, including the Chief, Harvey Cox.

Former Cashel Resident Dies At Whitby Lodge

Mrs. Charlotte (Lottie) Lotton, wife of the late Russell Lotton of Blackwater, died at Fairview Lodge, Whitby on Monday, Apr. 6, 1964, in her 84 year. She is survived by two sons, Ray of Toronto and Norman of Blackwater and grandchildren, Blake, June, (Mrs. Leslie Brethour), Margaret, (Mrs. Ted Bickell), Kenneth and Donald, also seven great grandchildren.

The Lottons had lived at Cashel before moving to Blackwater. The service was in charge of Rev. R. Chapin, on Thursday at 2 p.m. from the O'Neill Funeral Home with interment in St. Phillip's Cemetery, Unionville. Pallbearers were Don Lotton, Ken Lotton, Blake Lotton, Ted Bickell, Leslie Brethour and Charlie Hodgson.

Rescue Farmer From Pond; Dies Of Heart Attack

Four Markham Twp. boys rescued a stricken farmer from a pond on Sunday afternoon but the man died a few minutes later from a heart seizure.

Robt. V. Campbell, 48, conc. 2, Markham, had walked to the rear of his farm property to ask a group of lads not to play near the water that, at this time of the year is quite deep. As the boys left, one of them noticed Mr. Campbell fall from a man-made dock into the pond.

The foursome, John Regan, 14, Richard Newton, 13, Gerald O'Beirn, 13 and Bert Tagear,

12 ran back and were able to pull the victim onto dry ground. While two remained, two others went to the farm house for help. Mr. Campbell was pronounced dead by Dr. F. M. McAteer of Richmond Hill. An autopsy performed on Monday at the York Central Hospital showed that death was due to a heart attack. Mr. Campbell is survived by his wife, two daughters and one son.

P.C. Glyn Forrester and P.C. Cliff Cox of Markham Twp. police were summoned to the scene.

Former Markham "Millionaires" Return



Twenty-six members of the former Markham "Millionaires" returned home to Markham on Friday night to compete in an exhibition hockey game with the famed N.I.L. "Oldtimers." More than 1,800 fans were present. Markham players pictured here are — Front Row (left to right) — Jack Rummy, Geo. Scott, Jack Watson, Bill Armstrong, Hal Gibson, Jack Colburn, Norm Stundin, Harry Milroy, Fred Scott, Bert Baker, Bob Bangay, Centre Row (left to right) — Russ Robertson, Morley Fitch, Ernie Lawrie, Ken Brennan, Howard Fergie, Bruce Fergie, Rear Row (left to right) — John Lunan, Norm Gray, Vic Meharg, Bob Lawrie, Frank Hill, Geo. Stark, Ron Bell, Bruce Harper, Jim Sabiston and Nick Bangay. — Cadieux Studio.