



A crowd, estimated at 3,000, attended the farm auction sale Saturday afternoon on the property of Carman Wesley, 14th Ave., Markham Twp. This photo was taken through the rear door of the main barn. Another picture appears on page 5 of this issue. —Staff Photo.

Wesley Farm Auction Attracts Huge Crowd: \$38,000 Realized

When speaking of crowds, the term "just like Markham Fair" is often used. Never has this over-worked phrase been more fitting, however, than on Saturday afternoon at the farm stock and implement auction on the property of Carman Wesley, lot 5, conc. 7 and 14th Ave., Markham Twp.

A crowd estimated at 3,000 rolled up cash sales totaling \$38,453.00 within a period of five hours.

Veteran auctioneer Ken Prentice of Markham who has been calling bids since 1920, termed it the largest farm auction in the history of York County with the attendance far exceeding anything he had ever experienced. He disposed of the implements while his brother Clarke handled the household furnishings. They later joined forces to sell the beef cattle that numbered 102 head. The clerk was Jim Smith of Gormley, assisted by Allan Meyers of Birchcliffe and Mr. M. Mackenzie, manager of the Imperial Bank of Commerce, Unionville.

Prices Extra Good
Prices throughout the entire sale were good. The beef cattle averaged \$160 with breeding cows going at \$200 apiece. The combine brought a top bid of \$5,000 and the corn-picker sold for \$1,700. The weather was perfect which eased the pains of the leg-weary who had to park their cars about a mile from the sale scene. Although

a little soggy underfoot, no one seemed to mind and most came equipped with rubber boots to cope with the conditions.

Still in Hospital
The owner, Mr. Wesley could not be present. He is still confined to Scarborough Hospital following an accident in January when his fish hut on Lake Temagami was struck by a car. He expects to be released in about three weeks.

The entire sale was arranged by the auctioneers, neighbours and members of the Markham-Unionville Lions Club with the assistance of Mrs. Wesley. The auction, that began sharp at 12 o'clock noon was completed by five. The farm property was sold several years ago and Mr. and Mrs. Wesley will take up residence in the former Geo. Hoover residence, No. 48 Hwy., north of Markham Village.

Strike Water-Not Enough



Although a water strike was made at a site north of Stouffville on the 9th conc. of Whitchurch Twp., P.U.C. Chairman Walter Atkinson feels that the supply is not sufficient to fill the town's need. Tests will be made to measure the flow. —Staff Photo.

Disturbance Charge Dismissed Following Parking Lot Fracas

Robt. Hathaway, Main St., Stouffville, charged following a disturbance March 20th between he and Police Chief Orland Keating had his case dismissed Tuesday in Richmond Hill Court by Magistrate Russell Pearce.

The Police Chief told the Court that he was summoned to the rear of Kring's furniture store in answer to a complaint he received regarding a parked car blocking a driveway. Chief Keating stated that the car belonged to the accused Hathaway and the auto was blocking a truck. The Chief said he requested Hathaway to move his car, but his request was denied. Placing the time of day at 2:10 p.m., the officer testified that a number of spectators had gathered and were within hearing distance of the conversation.

Used Foul Language
One of the witnesses, Ronald Wagg, who is employed by Kring's told the court that he heard Hathaway tell the police chief that he would not move his car. He said that the accused used foul language.

Concluding the Crown's case, another witness, David Vaughan, Baine Ave., Toronto, testified that he observed a scuffle between the officer and the accused, and was subsequently asked by Chief Keating for assistance. However, torn muscles in Vaughan's arm prevented him from rendering aid, and he asked another bystander to help.

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Upon the arrival of the police, he said he went over to the chief to lodge a complaint. He said that Chief Keating grabbed him by the arm and motioned him into the cruiser. Hathaway refused and the scuffle started.

Two witnesses for the defence, Mrs. Linda Hathaway, the accused man's wife and David Hathaway, his brother, verified the story related by the accused man.

Solicitor Paul Mingay said that there was a conflict of evidence between the Crown and defence witnesses. He claimed that no one was actually close enough to consider the charge a public disturbance, Magistrate Pearce agreed.

He said that on the evidence, the accused did, in fact, swear, not at the public, but at the police officer but such hard language is not a criminal offense. "The incident was not near enough to the public to warrant a conviction," the Magistrate concluded.

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Wide Variance in Rates in Markham School Area 2

Some residents within the newly-formed Public School Area No. 2, Markham Twp., are in for a rude tax jolt this year while others will get off for next to nothing.

This year has been set aside as a period of adjustment and sections or areas are being credited with the assets that they contributed at the time of amalgamation. In 1966, the rate will be equalized across all of Area No. 2.

An example of the rate variance may be seen in S.S. 12 (Fifth Line) where, in 1964 it was 11.3 mills. In 1965 it will be 29.45 mills. On the other hand, at S.S. 17 (Dickson's Hill) the rate in 1964 was 15.7 mills. In 1965 it will be 6.28.

A breakdown and comparison of farm and residential rates in both 1964 and '65 are as follows:

Area	1964	1965
Former Area 2 (Milliken, Hagerman)	8.56	14.8
Former Area 3 (Gormley)	23.41	13.0
Former Area 4 (Cedar Grove, Loc. Hill)	34.91	3.6
S.S. No. 10 (Unionville)	25.04	19.2
S.S. No. 11	29.86	17.2
S.S. No. 12 (Fifth Line)	29.45	11.3
S.S. No. 13 (Melville)	25.85	nil.
S.S. No. 16 (Mt. Joy)	nil.	18.6
S.S. No. 17 (Dickson's Hill)	6.28	15.7
S.S. No. 19 (Ninth Line)	2.64	nil.
S.S. No. 22 (Mongolia)	8.1	13.8

Plan Full-time French Teacher

Markham Twp. Public School Area Board No. 2 is planning to add a full-time French teacher for pupil instruction next fall. Negotiations are underway but arrangements have not yet been finalized.

This year, French is being taught in schools of former Twp. School Area No. 3 and at Unionville where the boards co-operated with School Area No. 1 in hiring a teacher.

Late James Jarvis Well Known Here

On Monday, April 5th, Mr. Edward James Jarvis, long-time and well-known Markham Twp. farmer passed away in the Stouffville Nursing Home. He had been ill for about two weeks. Mr. Jarvis was 88.

Born at Locust Hill, he farmed on the 7th conc. of Markham and 26 years ago, took up residence on Main Street in Stouffville. His wife, the former Esther Reesor, died 20 years ago.

Surviving are three sons, Stanley of Toronto; Harold of Markham; Lorne of Ajax and four daughters, Mrs. Frank Roberts, (Mabel) of Unionville; Mrs. Fred Shadlock (Vera) of Unionville, R.R. 1; Mrs. Sam Houser (Verna) of Markham and Mrs. Wm. Morris (Edith) of Stouffville R.R. 3. There are 20 grandchildren and 36 great grandchildren.

The funeral service will be held from the O'Neill Chapel, Stouffville on Thursday afternoon (to-day) at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. Allan Borland of the Stouffville United Church with interment in the Stouffville Cemetery. The pall bearers are Clifton Morris, Glenn Shadlock, Howard Shadlock, Ken Roberts, Gordon Houser and Leslie Jarvis.

Dog Entitled To One Bite, But Not 5 or 6, Says Dep. Reeve

"Every dog is entitled to one bite, but this one has had five or six," commented Deputy-Reeve Ken Laushway at a regular meeting of town council on Thursday night.

The discussion centred around a black Labrador Retriever, owned by Mrs. Ethel Wilson, O'Brien Avenue. It is presently in quarantine at the Stouffville Veterinary Clinic after biting an employee of councillor Ken Betz of the Betz Construction Co. The town must pay the bill for this quarantine service.

"This dog is costing too much and is taking too many pieces out of people," said the deputy-reeve. He said that in the past year, it had bitten five or six persons including a local police officer.

Councillor Betz said that the attack on this man came without warning. "It doesn't bark, just bites," he said. He noted that the town had no legal right to destroy the animal unless tagged.

Police Chief Orland Keating said later that the owner had agreed to dispose of the animal.

To Discuss Fire Agreement With Markham Township

A committee of Markham Twp. Council will meet Stouffville Council members on Thursday (to-day) to discuss the proposed fire protection agreement as submitted several weeks ago.

The request was received from the township clerk, Harry Crisp and discussed briefly at the town council meeting last week.

Deputy-Reeve Ken Laushway said that he was not opposed to a meeting on the matter but he would not favour any change in the original figures.

Both Whitchurch and Uxbridge Twps. have accepted the new terms but nothing has been finalized in writing with Pickering or Markham.

Reeve Win Timbers suggested that each of the municipalities would have to decide if they wanted the continued protection.

Councillor Wm. Parsons said, in connection with the Markham agreement that it would be unfair to change it for them and not the others.

Delay Final Decision On Centennial Project

The much discussed Stouffville Centennial Project will come up for final approval or rejection at the next meeting of council on Thursday evening, April 15th.

At a meeting last week, deputy-reeve Ken Laushway submitted a notice of motion that will force a vote on the issue.

Both reeve, Win Timbers and councillor Wm. Parsons said that in view of the exclusion of the museum building from the original plan, they wished more time to consider the proposal. The project now calls for a cen-

tennial garden and park entrance off Main Street with the old Anglican Church to be demolished.

Committee chairman, Ross Giles outlined the program before council, that, exclusive of land, would cost an estimated \$7,900. He said that with grants from the government, the town and the Lions Club, this figure would be more than covered.

The chairman also suggested that to replace the museum, glass display casements could be located on the grounds to contain items of local historical interest.

Strike Water But Still Not Enough

The best water test-drill to date was made on Friday at a site on conc. 9, Whitchurch, a mile north of town.

The strike was made at the 108 foot level and a 6 inch pipe is currently running full.

Although the capacity of the flow has not yet been gauged, P. U. C. Chairman Walter Atkinson told the Tribune that the supply, in his opinion, falls short of what is required.

The location of the drill-hole is on the west side of the Ninth, only a few feet from the town's chlorination plant.

The drilling rig has since been moved to another site, north-west of this property.



FIRST SHOW

On Saturday night, Club Professional Jean Barclay will introduce her first Springtime Ice Revue in the Stouffville Arena. The program concludes many weeks of preparation and a sell-out crowd is expected. A few reserved seats tickets are still available and can be purchased at the rink.

An accident on Main Street in Stouffville back on Dec. 14th of last year in which a 23 year old Scarborough motorist collided with a car driven by Peter Slover, Main St. W., was aired in Richmond Hill court on Friday. Phillip Dickson, charged with careless driving was fined \$30 and costs. Total damage was estimated at \$1,500 and the Stouffville driver was injured.

Whitchurch Council Seeks Extension On Half-Load Period

Whitchurch Twp. Council will seek approval from the Dept. of Highways for permission to extend the half-load period to a later date in the spring.

The problem was discussed at a meeting held last week and the members agreed that due to the lateness of the season, the road break-up would occur at a later time than usual.

Police Chief Fred Mason said he had received several complaints from residents in the Bloomington area concerning gravel over-loads. He said that a delegation from the community might come before council.

The Chief said that his force was in close touch with the situation and many summonses had been handed out.

Youth Jailed 5 Days; Charge Law Outdated

A plea by solicitor Howard Garfield that the law pertaining to minors who consume liquor while under the age of 21 years was now out-dated and should be changed, failed to save his client from a 5-day jail sentence when he appeared in Richmond Hill court on Tuesday.

P.C. Albert Hudson of Markham Twp. police said that Scott Moore of Willowdale was one of six boys found in a car that contained 22 full pints of beer, three part bottles and three empties. He said that the boy's breath smelled of alcohol. Moore is 18.

Magistrate Russell Pearce said that Moore was a second offender and the minimum sentence for such an offense is five

days in jail. A second charge against the youth was withdrawn.

The Stouffville Arena will close its doors after Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Almour Clarke, Mrs. Martin Hutchinson and Mrs. Don Moyer of Toronto left by plane on Tuesday to spend a holiday in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson, Rose Ave., Mr. and Mrs. Dave White and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wilson of Victoria Square returned on Sunday from a 10 day holiday. They motored to New York City where they boarded the cruiser S.S. Homerick and enjoyed a cruise to Nassau.

New Rambler Dealer



Sanders Sales and Service in Stouffville is the town's new Rambler dealer. Mr. Bill Sanders is pictured here behind the wheel of the luxurious "Ambassador" model. —Staff Photo.

Late Chas. Sargent Markham Hardware Merchant Forty Years

On Friday, April 2nd, Mr. Chas. Sargent, hardware merchant on Main Street in Markham Village for 40 years passed away in the Scarborough General Hospital following a brief illness. He was in his 88th year.

Mr. Sargent came to Markham in 1923 and purchased the Huffman Store. He built up an exceptionally fine trade and his name became a byword in the hardware line throughout the community. The Sargent hot-air furnace and the Sargent cook stove were well-known in the area. He knew most of his customers by name and would always take a few minutes of his time to talk over old times.

Mr. Sargent was born at Mono Road in Peel County. At the age of 17 he started as an apprentice in tinsmithing and plumbing at Alliston and later was employed at Thamesford, Toronto, Uxbridge and Unionville. He spent some time in the

West and later purchased a hardware store in Claremont where he remained for 14 years. He was interested in farming and owned property in the Claremont area. He was a member of St. Andrew's United Church, Markham and the Brougham Masonic Lodge.

Surviving are two daughters, Isabel (Mrs. Frank Burkholder) and Violet (Mrs. J. V. Fry) both of Markham and four grandchildren, Ralph and John Burkholder and Joan and Marjorie Fry. His wife, the former Charlotte Johnston passed away 10 years ago.

The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Albion Wright from the Dixon Chapel, Markham on Sunday afternoon with interment in St. Andrew's Cemetery. The pall bearers were Fred Conley, Alex Robertson, Howard Pilkey, Walter Gould, Percy Wildeman and Clara Wherry.

Pickering To Put Tax Squeeze On Land Speculators

Farm properties in Pickering Twp. purchased and held for speculative purposes will be assessed, and taxed accordingly, once a new schedule of rates is worked out by Ontario County Assessment Commissioner, Gordon Hepditch and the Dept. of Municipal Affairs.

Councillor Wm. Newman informed a meeting at Brougham on Monday night that it was common knowledge that farm lands in the township were being acquired but not for farming purposes. "We must stop this practice of speculative buying and holding under the pretense of agricultural use," he said. He charged that the assessments on such properties should be raised to a realistic figure. He admitted that it might be difficult to arrive at a

finalized rate schedule. The council members were unanimous in their support of this action.

Must Take Lead
Councillor Harvey Spang agreed with the committee's recommendation. "We must take the lead," he said. He noted that many farm properties had been purchased for the sole purpose of splitting them into ten acre building lots. "Pretty soon there won't be any legitimate farms left in Pickering Twp.," he said.

Councillor Newman said that once the rate schedule of assessment for speculative land holdings is established, the County Assessor would file appeals. "I'd like to know who the Solomon will be to decide these assessment rates," commented councillor Herb Wank.