

Town Council Rejects All Tenders On New Firehall

Driver Escapes Serious Injury In Crossing Crash



Toronto motorist, Geo. Zitzman, 38, suffered only minor injuries on Tuesday when his northbound car was struck by a C.N.R. diesel freight train at a level crossing in Goodwood. The auto skidded onto the tracks in front of the engine. —Staff Photo

Local Man Bitten By Rattlesnake Coiled Up In Shoe

An 80 mile race to hospital by boat and police car in less than two hours, saved the life of Stouffville resident, Robt. Plaskitt, 41, of Manitoba St. He was bitten on the finger of his right hand, by a deadly poisonous Mississauga rattlesnake on Saturday while vacationing with his family at their cottage north of the French River. The rattler was coiled up inside his shoe and struck without warning.

Carman Knox of Burkholder Street, holidaying with his wife at the Plaskitt cottage, slit open the wound with a razor blade and attempted to squeeze out some of the venom. Accompanied by 17 year old Larry Plaskitt, the three set out in a motor boat where they were met by an O.P.P. cruiser and driven the remaining 50 mile distance to the hospital in Parry Sound.

By this time, Bob's legs, arm and jaw were paralyzed but he responded quickly to treatment. He is expected home this week.

Fatal In Two Hours

Dr. Donald Smith of Stouffville said that under normal circumstances, serum treatment must be administered to an adult patient within two hours. It was 1 hr. and 50 minutes from the time of the attack to their arrival at hospital. Bob's size and good health was in his favour.

The Plaskitt family have been spending the summers at this cottage for the past seven years and never saw a snake on the island before. The rattler measured four feet in length. Larry killed it with shots from a .22 rifle.

Mrs. Plaskitt told The Tribune that their children had been playing on the cottage verandah near where the snake was found. She said that the rattler had crawled to within two feet of the kitchen door.

Cent. Park Project Raises Verbal Row At Markham Meeting

The opponents of Markham Township's Centennial Park project were back in full force on Monday and an estimated 50 persons jammed the Buttonville chambers to hear discussion on the now-contentious issue.

The park site, that includes 100 acres, is proposed for conc. 5 at 17th Avenue. The purchase price of the property has been established at \$120,000 with an additional \$25,000 estimated for improvements. The Finance Committee of Council has recommended that the cost of the land, less grants, be debentured over a 5-year period.

Propaganda Letter

Reeve Chas. Hooper charged that a printed pamphlet, criticizing the park project and circulated throughout the area, contained distorted information. He termed it a "propaganda letter" for those opposed. No persons in the audience would admit any part in its publication.

Councillor Chas. Hoover drew loud applause when he expressed opposition to the financing of the park project. In addition to the expense involved in the land purchase, he said that maintenance cost would constitute a continuous drain on the taxpayers. He refused to sign the committee's report.

Messrs. Howard Cosburn, F. R. Hume and Stephen Roman all spoke against the park land program. Mr. Roman said he favoured a centennial library for the township. He suggested further, that the council would have been wise to have appointed a centennial committee to delve into the pros and cons of several projects.

Mr. Cosburn contended that with the Conservation Authority locating a park on the Bruce property and another in Markham Village, there was no need for another site on the 5th concession. He said that owners in the township had absorbed a considerable increase in taxes in 1965 and it was unfair to expect them to take much more.

On a motion by councillor Alan Sumner and seconded by deputy-reeve Stewart Rumble, it was agreed that a final decision on the issue would be held up until the night of July 19th.

As the delegation vacated the eighty degree chambers, one ratepayer remarked that the council would be wise to invest their centennial grant in an air conditioning unit.

Car Rammed By Diesel At Goodwood Crossing

A heavy 1955 Cadillac was tossed 45 feet when struck by a southbound C.N.R. diesel freight train at a level crossing north of Goodwood on Tuesday.

The driver, Geo. Zitzman, 38, of Toronto escaped with only a bump on his left knee. He was treated at the scene by Dr. Donald Petrie of Stouffville.

Mr. Zitzman, an aircraft engineer was on his way up to the Goodwood Airport in Uxbridge Twp. He said he saw the freight approaching and attempted to stop but the car skidded onto the tracks.

Ontario Provincial Police of the Whitley Detachment investigated. The front of the auto was badly damaged by the impact.

Heart Seizure Fatal To Driver Near Altona

Donald O. Lavis, a summer resident at lot 25, conc. 9, Pickering Twp., east of Altona, collapsed and died behind the wheel of a light truck on Friday night before the vehicle veered off the road and into a telephone pole.

Mr. Lavis, a chiropractor and also an ordained minister, had left his clinic on Dundas Street, Toronto earlier in the evening. He had not known any previous heart attacks and complained only of a dizzy feeling, seconds before he died. A passenger in the truck suffered head cuts and shock and required medical treatment.

Mr. Lavis had his own church at Malton where he conducted regular services. He was a member of the Masonic Order.

Besides his wife, the former Ada Lane, he is survived by one daughter, Jean (Mrs. K. Whitehead) of London and two sons, Rev. Allan Lavis of Unionville and Dr. Wm. D. Lavis of Toronto.

The funeral service was held from the chapel of W. C. Town, Whitby, on Tuesday, afternoon with interment in Mount Lawn Cemetery, Oshawa.

To Install Twenty Lights On Main Street

Stouffville council has requested that the Public Utilities Commission install 20 new fluorescent street lights in town.

Their exact location will be determined at a later date although deputy-reeve Ken Laushway suggested that they be erected at both the east and west end of Main Street.

The council had earlier asked the P.U.C. to include the sum of \$3,500 in their 1965 budget to cover the immediate cost of this project. This amount is then paid back over a twenty year period.

The street lighting program was discussed at a special meeting on Wednesday evening of last week.

Mr. Laushway, chairman of the Property Committee, said that although maintenance costs on the fluorescent fixtures could be higher than on the Mercury vapour lights, he still favoured them, both from an appearance factor and illumination benefits.

CARELESS DRIVING BRINGS \$75 FINE

Harold G. Millar of Uxbridge charged with careless driving June 11, in Stouffville, was fined \$75 and costs Friday in Richmond Hill.

P.C. David Hadden of the Stouffville Police told the Court that he observed the accused heading East on Main Street at Charles. He testified that in 9/10ths of the mile that he followed, Millar forced three cars off the road, nearly collided with a parked vehicle and crossed the centre line seven times. He was apprehended at Charles St., taken to the station and charged.

Millar told the Court that he had put in a hard day and was extremely tired.

Magistrate Russell Pearce, however, warned, "when you drive not fully alert, your car becomes a menace."

The Pogue Boarding Stables on the townline, west of Ringwood, will be the scene of a benefit show on Sunday afternoon for Mr. Allan Saunders of Markham who suffered such a heavy loss in a fire at Sheppard Ave., and Markham Road on July 1st.

Wooden Trestle Afire; Warning Halts Train

A Markham Twp. police officer ran a half-mile up the track to his cruiser on Sunday night to radio a warning of pending danger on the C.N.R. line, south of No. 7 Hwy., near Langstaff. A wooden trestle, over a 20 foot deep river bed, had been set on fire and the rails were twisted out of shape by the heat.

P.C. Glyn Forrester put the message through to the Buttonville office and the report was then relayed to Toronto. A 3-engine diesel passenger train with 645 persons aboard was stopped at Concord, less than four miles from the fire scene.

Following an inspection of the damage by train officials, the unit was re-routed. It was bound for North Bay.

Young boys have been blamed for the blaze, one of several such incidents that have plagued police during the past few weeks.

Firemen from Richmond Hill were called to the scene.

Bids Far Exceed Original Estimate

Six tender bids on Stouffville's proposed new firehall have so exceeded the original estimate that all were rejected by council at a special meeting on Wednesday night. Although less than \$5,000 separated the highest and the lowest price, all were over \$40,000 in total. The town had hoped to erect the building at a cost of about \$30,000.

No tenders were received from contractors in the Stouffville area.

With the exception of councillor Bud Spang, all members expressed surprise at the tendered bids. "I expected something like this," commented Mr. Spang.

Only One Decision

"It's a very simple decision," said councillor Wm. Parsons. We just don't have that kind of money, unless the Chairman of Finance has funds in his back pocket that I don't know about."

Fire Chief Walter Smith termed the prices "an awful shock."

Councillor Ken Betz noted that the services for the building alone, including heating, plumbing and wiring amounted to nearly \$20,000. The plumbing alone, was estimated by one contractor at \$9,000.

Funds for the project were to be borrowed from the Province under the Municipal Works Assistance Program.

The council later met in committee in an effort to resolve the problem.

Humane Society Threatens Action

A Scarborough man who operates a stock farm on the 7th conc. of Markham Twp., at 17th Avenue, has been ordered by the Ontario Humane Society to improve his premises or face the possibility of charges in court.

Inspector Harry Brown, accompanied by Sgt. Donald Dukes of Markham Twp. police, visited the property of Mr. Harry Fowler on Saturday afternoon and confiscated a dead chicken found inside a wooden box containing several eggs. A number of horses and dogs were also found on the farm. The owner was absent.

In his recommendations, Inspector Brown asked that the horses be re-located in a new pasture field. He ordered that a coil, standing alone, should be hand-fed and not tethered. He asked that water and salt be made available to the stock at all times.

The action by the Humane Society followed several complaints of alleged cruelty.

Hit By Arrow; Boy, 9, Loses Eye

Nine year old Stephen Colwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Colwell, conc. 8, Pickering, lost the sight of his left eye last week after he was struck in the face with a steel-tipped arrow.

The lad and his brother, Ross 11, were attempting to shoot a racoon that had been treed by the family dog. The arrow grazed the eon, then hit a branch and fell to the ground, striking the younger boy.

Stephen was rushed by car to the Stouffville Medical Centre and then to the Scarborough General Hospital. The eye was removed in an operation on Friday.

Stephen is a grade 3 pupil at Atha public school.

Council Opposes Station Shutdown

Markham Twp. Council will oppose any plan by the C.P.R. to shut down the station at Locust Hill. Their decision will be submitted to the Board of Transport.

Councillor Chas. Hoover said he had made a trip to Locust Hill purposely to learn how many persons made use of the depot for passenger service. He said he found 15 people waiting for the train. He learned from a train official that on an average, from 12 to 15 passengers used it daily.

His motion, to oppose the station's closing was supported by councillor Alan Sumner and passed.

Town council will hold a regular meeting on Thursday evening (to-night) at 7:30 p.m.

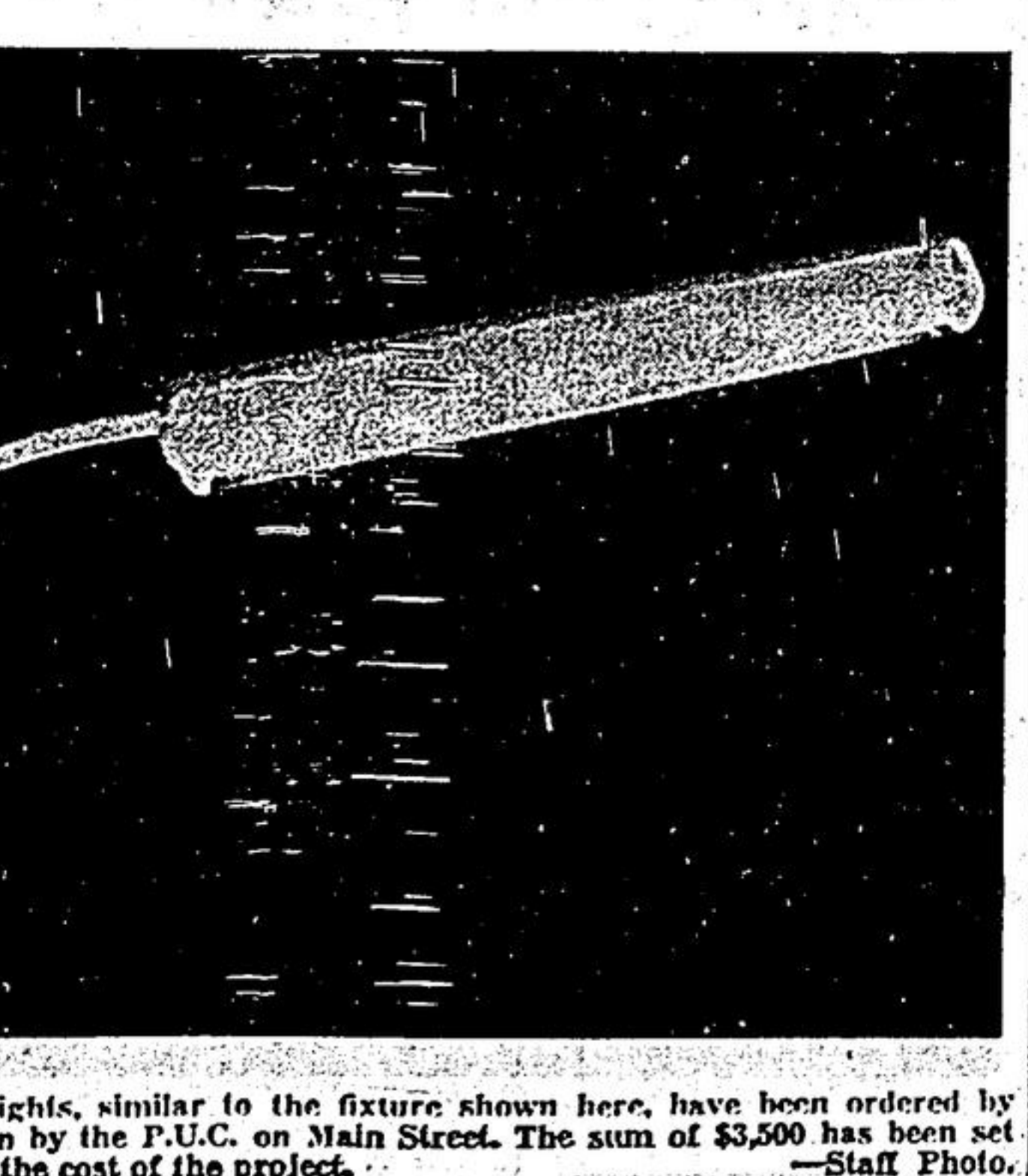
On Monday, July 19 a tross-seau tea will be held for Miss Irene Waters at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Waters at Altona from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.

Consider Radio Hook-up For Town Fire Truck

Stouffville council will consider the installation of radio communication in the town's number 1 fire truck as part of a Mutual Aid program that could cover all of York County.

The project was introduced at a special meeting on Wednesday night by Fire Chief Walter Smith. He estimated the cost at between \$1,000 and \$1,500 per municipality, depending on the

Order New Lights For Town



Twenty new fluorescent lights, similar to the fixture shown here, have been ordered by Stouffville council for installation by the P.U.C. on Main Street. The sum of \$3,500 has been set aside in the 1965 budget to cover the cost of the project. —Staff Photo.

P.U.C. Excludes Outside Tenders

The Stouffville P.U.C. established a new tender policy on Tuesday night when they refused to consider bids on a new truck that were submitted by non-resident firms.

Five prices were received and two of these were from Markham. Conlin Motors Ltd. had the lowest figure of \$2,590, but it was by-passed in favour of Patrick Motors at \$2,649.64.

A sixth tender, also from a Stouffville dealer, was submitted two hours after the deadline and was not opened.

Booster Pump in Operation This Week

The new booster pump, installed by the Stouffville P.U.C. on Main Street near Baker Avenue, will be in operation this week, according to foreman, Gordon Brown.

Mr. Brown told a meeting on Tuesday night that the pump had been tested and the water pressure in the east end of town had been increased above that in the west end. The cost of the unit is \$3,141.50.

Need New Drill

Chairman Walter Atkinson expressed concern over a report from engineers, Hisey and Barington, that another well would have to be drilled near the site of a previous drill hole. The firm said that proper tests of future water supplies could not be completed unless this was done. The report was supported by a professional hydrologist. The information also recommended that a pumping station be considered on the 9th concession.

A bill, totalling \$1,130, was received from the engineers and Hydrology Consultants Ltd.

No Opposition To Zone Change For Res. Subdivision

No formal objections were registered last week to a zoning change from agricultural to residential in the west end of Stouffville, the site of a proposed 130 home subdivision.

Only twelve persons attended a public meeting to discuss the issue, called by the Planning Board on Thursday night.

Several related questions were submitted from the floor, however, that had a direct connection with both the area and the town as a whole.

Mr. T. J. Lonergan, Loretta Cresc., expressed concern over the water pressure in the east end of town due to the planned development of more homes in the west end. He also questioned the need for an extension to the disposal plant to take care of this residential build-up.

Reeve Win Timbers said that a professional opinion had not yet been received on the yield from the new well. He said that, if adequate, it would be connected to the present system.

Clerk Ralph Corner informed the meeting that the developer, Mr. Chioveti, had verbally agreed to install sewers on Main Street as far west as Richards property and also to put in a pumping station that could cost up to \$20,000.

Pay Its Way

The Clerk was questioned on whether, in his opinion, a subdivision of the type proposed, would pay its way in both the cost of services and education.

Mr. Corner said, with reference to education, that the cost would depend on the number of children coming out of the area. He noted that an addition was already planned for the Orchard Park school and a new Separate School was now underway. He suggested that eventually, another new public school would be required north of Main Street.

It is the intentions of Mr. Chioveti to develop his subdivision in three stages with about 40 homes to be erected each year.

Order Bathing Cap For Blond 'Beatle' At Markham Pool

If you want to look like a girl then you'll be treated like a girl. That's what 14 year old Robert Berthelotte of Downsview discovered last week at Markham when he tried to enter the water in the Community Swimming Pool. He was stopped by lifeguard, Brian McCarthy and told to put on a bathing cap by the Pool Manager, Bruce Conley. When he refused, he was ordered to leave.

Manager Conley told The Tribune that a rule requires all persons "with long hair" to wear a cap while in the water. He was supported by the Markham Recreation Director, Chuck McCarthy. "They can wear their hair down past their shoulders, we don't care," he said, "but when they're in the pool, they'll abide by the rules and that means wearing a bathing cap."

Mr. McCarthy said he had contacted the Dept. of Health over the issue.

Mr. Conley said that two other boys with Beatle-type cuts had come to the pool and they were told the same thing. They had their hair trimmed back to normal. He explained that long hair tended to loosen in the water and plug up the filtration system.

In Trouble Before

The Downsview visitor admitted that the Beatle cut had caused trouble for him at Dufferin Jr. High School. He said too, that he was aware of similar regulations at most Metro pools. "I just didn't want to be pushed," he said.

The lad said that his mother did not favour the "mop-top" but his father said it was alright "as long as it's neat."

Mr. McCarthy praised the work of the Pool Manager and said that he always used good judgment in his dealings with young people. "We're fortunate to have him," he said, "he sure takes a big load off my shoulders."

Gas Lights



A gas flame burned brightly for several hours on the farm of Murray Little, No. 48 Hwy., south of Dickson's Hill after workmen using a diamond drill, hit a "pocket" at the 560 foot level. It burned itself out after two days. —Staff Photo.