

# Charge Reeve Violated "Code of Ethics" in Land Deal



Reeve Win Timbers

"Not Retracting Anything", Parsons — "Will Stand On My Record", Timbers

STOUFFVILLE — A year old 'skeleton' was still rattling its bones in the reeve's closet on Thursday night when councillor Wm. Parsons charged that Mr. Timbers was involved in a 'land deal' transaction back in the fall of 1964.

The accusation created a noticeable stir in the Nomination Night audience and aroused mixed reaction among the ratepayers. Reeve Timbers is seeking re-election for another two-year term. Councillor Parsons has been acclaimed for the deputy-reeve's post.

Entitled To Opinion  
Councillor Parsons charged that the reeve had attended a meeting between Planning Board and a private developer on one night and the next morning, acting for a real estate company, had negotiated for the sale of the same property. "I asked for the reeve's resignation then and I still stand by it. I'm not retracting anything and I have no intentions of doing so," he said. Although he

did not produce it, the councillor said that he had a 'document' with the reeve's signature attached to it. He said that one could only assume that, as a licenced realtor, employed by a real estate firm, a sales' commission was anticipated. "I feel that I'm entitled to my opinion and I intend to express my opinion," he said, "the electorate can express their opinion on the ballot."

"Most of the members endeavour to do an honest, conscientious job but here, a 'code of ethics' has been violated. Let us make our own code of ethics," he concluded.

Not Ashamed

Referring to councillor Parsons' charge as a "little bit of an accusation," Reeve Timbers said he was not ashamed of anything he had done. "I've served you with honesty and sincerity and that's all I'm going to say about it. My record will stand."

A ratepayer in the audience questioned the reeve on

this reason for standing for re-election again, when two years ago, he had promised to remain in office for only one more term. "Why are you going back on your word?" he asked.

Mr. Timbers replied that many persons had asked him to remain. "I'm interested only in serving the people of Stouffville," he said.

No Commission

When the dispute arose back in September, 1964, it was alleged that the reeve had attended a Planning Board meeting when a sale price of \$18,000 had been established for a piece of commercial property in town. Mr. Timbers was later accused of meeting the prospective buyer personally and offering him the same site through a realtor firm for \$18,500.

At that time, the reeve said that he had been unjustly accused. He also denied that he had received any commission on the alleged transaction.



Councillor Wm. Parsons

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### Two Contest For Town Reeve; Parsons Acclaimed Deputy; Three New Councillors

STOUFFVILLE — If the Nomination Meeting here on Thursday evening was any indication, it was apparent that the Stouffville electorate was to have a selection of 19 candidates for Monday, Dec. 6th.

This, however, is not the case. Only 15 now remain and seven of these are contesting the six seats on the Public School Board. The only other election is for the position of reeve where incumbent, Win Timbers will be opposed by the present deputy-reeve, Ken Laushway.

Acclamations were received by William G. Parsons for the office of deputy-reeve; Jim McKellar, Thomas Lonergan and Robt. Lewis for the three council seats and Ken Wagg and R. F. "Tommy" Farr for the Public Utilities Commission.

Nominations were tendered to Kenneth Betz (deputy-reeve); C. E. Hendricks (councillor); Walter Atkinson (P.U.C.) and David Coon (school board), but each declined to stand.

Elected In '65

Mr. Laushway's connection with council activities goes back to 1955 when he was first elected. He has served under four separate reeves and held the office of deputy-reeve for five years. In all this time, except for a period of illness, he has never missed a meeting.

He outlined many of the projects that had been completed during the past two-year term and noted that the work had been done with no increase in the mill rate. He expressed favour in the pending Conservation Authority flood-control program in town and praised the efficiency of the police force, fire brigade, school trustees, road department employees and office clerk. He urged a closer union between the reeve and both the P.U.C. and School Board in order that each might be more aware of the others' programs and problems. He recalled that two years ago, the reeve had stated publicly that he would retire from office at the conclusion of the '65 term and on that basis, he was granted an acclamation. Mr. Laushway said that he could no longer retain his present post as it was necessary to make room for new members. He advocated controlled residential growth and advised against the acceptance of industry without investigation. He predicted changes in municipal governments but charged that "area" systems could be costly if too large. He said that both he and the reeve had voted against County Assessment but in spite of their opposition, the program was adopted.

200 Meetings

Reeve Timbers said that during the past year, he had attended a total of 200 meetings in connection with town and county business. He touched on the street lights, firehall and Sr. Citizen's Home as assets to the village and noted that many projects had been completed without affecting the mill rate. He pointed out that although welfare cases did not represent a problem in Stouffville, this was not the case in many municipalities. "It's a sad situation when persons feel that the world owes them a living," he said. With regard to the County assessment plan, he said that both he and the deputy reeve had opposed the move. "Only time will tell whether it was for better or worse," he said. He noted that he had decided to seek re-election because many persons had asked him to stand again.

### Candidates in Stouffville

Reeve  
Winfred Timbers, Kenneth Laushway.  
Dep. Reeve  
William Parsons (acc.).  
Councillor  
Robert Lewis, Thomas Lonergan, James McKellar (acc.).  
Public Utility Commission  
R. F. Farr, Kenneth Wagg (acc.).  
Public School Board  
(6 to be elected)  
Ian Chapman, Ruth Dedlow, Charles Jones, John McMurray, Keith Steckley, T. E. Topping, Florence Williams.

### P. School Addition "A Necessity" in 1966 — Chairman

STOUFFVILLE — Public School Board Chairman, T. E. Topping, told a Nomination Meeting audience in the Legion Hall on Thursday night that the expansion of the town's school facilities would be "a necessity" in 1966. He said that the extent of the building program would not be known until next month.

Mr. Topping is seeking re-election to the board for another two-year term along with incumbent members Keith Steckley and Ian Chapman. New candidates nominated include — Florence Williams, Ruth Dedlow, John McMurray and Charles Jones. There are six positions to fill.

Mr. Topping said that the total public school enrollment had reached 787 pupils with the prospects of an increase to 825 by September '66. He explained that out of a \$200,000 budget, \$140,000 was required for staff salaries. He said that increases had been approved to keep the wage rate on a comparable level with that of Metro.

Mr. Topping praised the work of property committee chairman Ian Chapman. He also expressed the board's appreciation for the work of trustees, Lorna Button and Barbara Hambly. Mrs. Button has resigned after 8 years of service and Mrs. Hambly has taken up residence in Orangeville.

The Couples' Club of St. James Presbyterian Church met on Friday night for a very enjoyable evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hood, Lemonville.

### Santa in Town On Saturday

Santa Claus comes to Stouffville on Saturday. He will receive children at his Main Street chalet beginning at 10:30 a.m. and again in the afternoon from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

A full time schedule appears in the feature Christmas section of this week's Tribune.

### Markham Principal Plans June Retirement

MARKHAM — It was an evening filled with mixed emotions at the Markham Dist. High School Commencement Exercises on Friday night.

The accomplishments of the past year, including the presentation of five \$400 Ontario Scholarship Awards, could not hold precedence over the announcement by Board Chairman, Walter Heaton, that the Principal, Mr. B. J. Newell would retire at the conclusion of the June term.

Mr. Newell, whose connection with Markham High School, dates back to 1944, has already submitted his resignation. Mr. Heaton said that it had been accepted by the Board with regret.

Looking back to the Commencement of 1944, Mr. Newell recalled that 17 students had received their honour graduation diplomas on that night. That was 21 years ago. He said that there were 15 graduates from grade 12 and 13 from grade 10. The Board of that day comprised the Chairman, Max Reesor and members, Dr. Houghton, Reuben Myers, John Cattanaeh and John Bayes. Academic awards totalled \$17. To-day, students may receive awards valued at between \$15,000 and \$30,000.

Summarizing his feelings, Mr. Newell said — "I'm glad I taught in a day when material commodities were scarce and expensive. Although I would not want to go back to those times, it has left me with a more profound appreciation of to-day's benefits."

### Drive-in Theatre Being Built in Markham Township

The Odeon Parkway Drive-In Theatre, presently under construction north of Steeles Avenue near Woodbine, is scheduled to open for business early in 1966.

Part of Odeon's 25th Anniversary Plan of Projects, the drive-in will be capable of opening every night of the year. Special features include a supervised children's playground, a modern refreshment concession, free "in-car" heaters, and hi-fidelity speakers.

Its location will offer easy access to residents of Stouffville, Markham, Uxbridge, Agincourt, Richmond Hill and other suburban areas.

### Markham Reeve Halts Meeting and Walks Out; Deputy-reeve Takes Over

BUTTONVILLE — When the motion was carried and the meeting continued.

Later, the reeve returned to the building, only to meet several of the members on the way out. He charged that any business conducted following his adjournment was illegal. He said that it would be the same as a council holding two separate meetings in a single day.

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### Hoover, Roman Acclaimed in Markham Twp.

BUTTONVILLE — Two ward representatives, Charles Hoover (Ward 3) and Anthony Roman (Ward 2) received acclamations for council positions in Markham Twp., at a nomination gathering held here on Friday night.

Mr. Roman, who lost out in his initial bid for a council seat last year by a mere 20 votes, was accorded an enthusiastic reception by the audience on Friday.

"Senator" Hoover, the distinctive nameplate applied by chairman Mumberson to councillor Chas. Hoover, presented the ratepayers with a breakdown of township expenditures in 1965, including — education, 52%; roads, 11%; county, 13%; township (gen.) 6% and police 5%. He said that Markham's record of tax collection during the year had been excellent.

He thanked the people for their support during the past term. "I was terribly in the minority on a couple of occasions but you backed me up," he said.

Mr. Truman Baxter, Rupert Ave., died in hospital on Wednesday.

### Propose Second United Church in Markham

MARKHAM — The United Church here, with a membership that includes close to 700 families, is sufficiently large to accommodate the congregation and Sunday School for the next five years. With an eye to the future, however, a new site has already been recommended when future expansion becomes necessary.

Rev. Wright told The Tribune that the proposed new location would be on Church Street in the village, near the 9th concession. Negotiations for the land will begin early in the new year.

In a report last week, the York Presbytery of the United Church of Canada stated that, within a 20 year period, 37 churches would be closed and 11 new churches would be built. One of the communities slated for expansion is Markham.

Rev. Wright explained that the extension is all part of a gradual re-organization of the whole Presbytery. He noted,

### Toronto Man Wins Lions' Car Draw

STOUFFVILLE — Norman A. Leslie of Toronto, an employee with Miller Construction Co., was the lucky winner of the Stouffville Lions Club car draw on Thursday night.

Donald Wright of Baker Ave., sold the winning ticket and will receive \$50. He also sold the most tickets which entitles him to an additional \$50.

Mr. Leslie has his choice of a 1966 Chevrolet or Pontiac or \$2,300 in cash.

There were 550 tickets sold. The first one drawn belonged to Tommy Farr, Church St., Stouffville. He received \$50. Other \$25 prize-winners included — Henry Slack, Stouffville; Walter Hesse, Scarborough; John Marshall, Stouffville; C. Moyer, Brampton; W. Lankveld, Uxbridge; L. Hird and Ted Topping Jr., Stouffville; H. R. Payne, Island Grove; Irwin Ledlie, Stouffville; Paul Skidmore, Oshawa; and Kenneth Pike, Stouffville.

The Grey Cup tickets, donated to the Lions Club by Tom Weddell, O'Brien Ave., were won by Dr. Ron Smith, Fairview Avenue. He, in turn, donated them to his son, Pat, who treated his special lady friend, Janet Winn to the game and dinner for two at the Silver Rail.

### Candidates in Markham Twp.

Reeve  
Charles Hooper, Stewart Rumble.  
Dep. Reeve  
Sidney J. Gadsby, Cleary Palmer.  
Councillor  
Ward 1 (1 to be elected)  
Laurie Rose, Robt. Sloane, Allan Sumner, Geoffrey Walker.  
Ward 2  
Anthony Roman (acc.).  
Ward 3  
Charles Hoover (acc.).  
School Area No. 1  
Louise Ailmone (acc.), Brian Leonard (acc.), John Mackay (acc.).  
School Area No. 2  
Elson Miles (acc.), Stuart Watson (acc.).

### Three Questions On Markham Township Ballot

BUTTONVILLE — In addition to choosing candidates for the offices of reeve, deputy-reeve and councillor (ward 1), ratepayers in Markham Twp., will be asked to express an opinion on three questions on Monday, Dec. 6th.

They are as follows — (1). Are you in favour of moving pictures, theatrical performances and lectures after 1:30 p.m. on Sundays? (2). Are you in favour of public games and sports for gain after 1:30 p.m. on Sundays? (3). Are you in favour of a bylaw to provide for biennial elections for members of the Council (2-year term)?

Public school staff teacher, Mr. Gary Grundy has had his right arm confined to a sling for several days, due to an infection.

Mr. Hal Dafeo, Main St. W., was the winner of a \$25 cash prize at a lucky draw held by the Markham Veterans' Assoc.

### Walter Atkinson Quits P. U. C. Post; Farr New Member

STOUFFVILLE — The Nomination Meeting here on Thursday offered several surprises, including the resignation of the Public Utilities Chairman, Walter Atkinson.

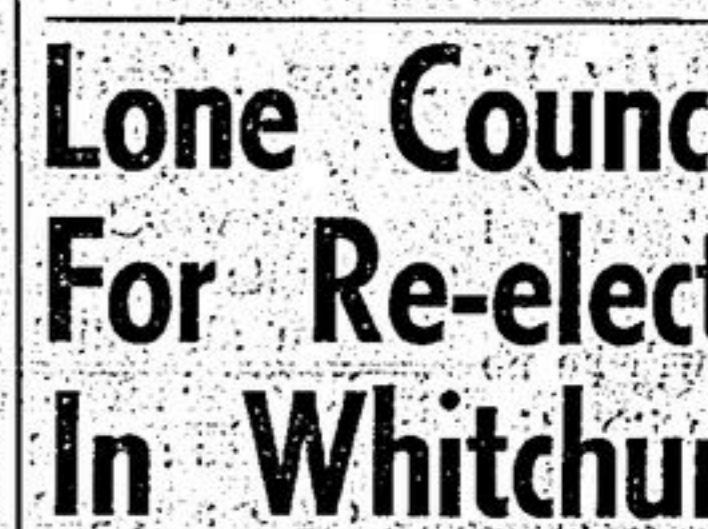
A member of the Commission for five years and Chairman for two, he urged the continuance of a "pay-as-you-go" policy rather than debenture issues and added interest rates. "I'm not trying to wave the red flag but I'm concerned about easy credit and easy buying. It has given us a period of false prosperity," he said.

Chairman Atkinson took issue over the cost of engineering services. He said that for six hours work the Commission had been charged \$125. He noted that well-drilling costs had amounted to \$10,291. He said that engineering fees on this project had totalled over \$4,000. "I think it's ridiculous. We've gone far beyond our limit."

He said that a hydro sub station, to cost \$50,000 would be erected in the east end of town. The lot, costing \$5,000 has already been purchased.

Mr. Atkinson praised the cooperation he had received from Reeve Win Timbers and Commissioner, Ken Wagg but declined to accept another nomination.

R. F. "Tommy" Farr and Mr. Wagg received acclamations.



Walter Atkinson

### Lone Councillor For Re-election In Whitchurch

VANDORF — Whitchurch Twp. is assured of at least two new members of its 1966-67 council with the pre-announced resignation of councillor Jim Smith and the unexpected withdrawal of councillor Alvin Farmer.

This leaves only councillor

Ivan McLaughlin seeking re-election. The six others in the field include — Henry Nauta, Lawrence Provost, Edward Skead, Pat Cashman, Lawrence Hennessey and Frank Williams.

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