

The Year Ahead: District Set For Building Boom

Planning Agency Mooted

Stouffville can look forward to a much bigger building year in 1966 according to present indications. The twelve months just concluded have not been spectacular in the matter of house building. Less than 50 dwellings were erected according to Building Inspector Henry Ogden. A number of these were completion jobs, particularly in the Watson sub-division. Largest project was the new Parkside Home at the west end of town.

It is in this west end area that there is the greatest indication for building on a large scale in 1966. Largest project already on the drawing board is the shopping centre planned for Main St. frontage immediately east of West Lawn Cres. In the industrial and commercial land also fronting on the highway on the western outskirts a large General Motors Garage and new car show-rooms is to be built for Neil Patrick Limited. Other lots are also under consideration by various firms in this section. North of here on Rupert Avenue and to the west and north, the land has already been subdivided and plans are prepared for a considerable number of new homes. The land immediately west of the Stouffville District High School and east of College St. on Main St. east, has now changed hands and building may proceed in these areas as well.

YENI YILINIZ KUTLU OLSUN! (TURKISH)
 GLAELIGT NYT AAR! (DANISH)
 BLWYD NYTT AAR! (NORWEGIAN)
 GODT NYTT AAR! (SWEDISH)
 FELIZ AÑO NUEVO! (SPANISH)
 BOLDOG UJEVET (HUNGARIAN)
 KIVANUNK! (HUNGARIAN)
 BUON CAPO D'ANNO (ITALIAN)
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Through the many languages spoken in Canada, the message is the same — Happy New Year!

Markham Twp. Reeve Raps Clerk Over By-law Presentation

BUTTONVILLE — The early bird usually gets the worm but Clerk Harry Crisp of Markham Township received nothing but criticism from Reeve Chas. Hooper on Tuesday for his alleged premature presentation of two by-laws.

The by-laws concerned Sunday Sports and Sunday Movies, questions that had been approved by the electorate on Dec. 6th. Reeve Hooper charged that in presenting them for approval without authorization from the council, the Clerk had over-stepped his authority. "The clerk is paid to take instruction from council," continued the reeve, "in this case, he has instructed the solicitor to prepare two by-laws when the request should have come from us." Twp. solicitor, Paul Mingay attended the meeting.

Defends Clerk
 Councillor Allan Sumner came to the defence of the clerk, saying that the issue had been discussed at a previous session of council.

He observed that the reeve was not in attendance at the time. "I presume, in view of the time limit, that the clerk took action that he considered to be in the best interest of the township." In a motion that followed, the clerk was given a vote of confidence by the members.

Mr. Mingay advised the council, however, that it would be better to adjourn passage of the by-laws until 1966.

Councillor Hoover noted that due to divided feeling in the township towards both questions, it could be a point in favour of regional governments.

"You always have been in favour of splitting up the township," charged reeve Hooper.

"Kindly do not make any assertions that cannot be substantiated," shot back Mr. Hoover.

It was unanimously agreed that the questions be dealt with by the new council at their inaugural meeting on Jan. 3rd at 11 a.m.

6 New Faces In Council

There will be six new faces when York County Council meets for the inaugural session on Jan. 18th, 1966. Two new members who are best known in this locality will be Deputy-reeve Wm. Parsons of Stouffville and Deputy-reeve Palmer of Markham Twp. Two new members will come from Sutton, Reeve Sam Nasello and Deputy-reeve Harry Bulens. The Deputy-reeve of King Twp., Ken MacFaggart and Deputy-reeve of East Gwillimbury, Mrs. Gladys Rolling will also be taking a seat for the first time.

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Nearly \$300,000 Paid To Town's Elderly People

The elderly folks in Stouffville have received nearly \$300,000 from the federal government during the past year. These people, more than three hundred of them, range in age from 65 to over ninety years of age. Two hundred and seventy-seven of them seventy years of age and over have received their \$75 per month automatically, while a number of those 65 to 69 are also receiving the old age assistance by showing definite need for this help.

Elmer Wells Dies A Week Before 50th Wedding Anniversary

STOUFFVILLE — This community was saddened Christmas Eve when word was received of the passing of Elmer Richard Wells in the Scarborough General Hospital. He was 74.

Mr. Wells was a lifelong resident in the Stouffville area. He was born at Vandon in Whitchurch Township, the son of the late Charles Wells and Annie Ransom. In 1915, he was married to Blanche Lewis who survives. The couple would have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this Thursday.

For 11 years, Mr. Wells was the manager of the Albert Neighorn farm, south of Lemonville. He then purchased the former McKuen farm known as Spruce Fair where he lived for 25 years until his retirement. For the past 10 years, he resided on Lloyd Avenue in Stouffville but still liked nothing better than to revisit the property operated by his youngest son, Grant.

Mr. Wells was an active participant in local sports, playing hockey with the once famous Almira team of 1931 and district football clubs. Whitchurch residents will recall the years he served as township constable and trustee on the school board at Lemonville. He was an ardent supporter of the Plowmen's Association and retained his keen eye for a straight furrow and good finish. Always a good neighbour, he enjoyed a wide circle of friends while active in farming and following his retirement.

Besides his wife, he is survived by three sons, Lewis, Allan and Grant and three daughters, Reita (Mrs. Floyd Forsyth); Vera (Mrs. John Gibbins) and Phyllis (Mrs. R. L. Kerr). Daughters, Shirley and Evelyn are deceased. There are 12 grandchildren and one great grandchild. A brother, Alfred resides at Uxbridge and another brother, Herbert, lives at Aurora. A sister, Mrs. Wilfred Lundy (Edna) resides at Queensville.

Rev. Douglas Davis conducted funeral service Monday afternoon from the O'Neill Funeral Chapel, Stouffville with interment in the Stouffville Cemetery. The pall bearers, all nephews, were — Gordon, Murray and Harry Lewis, Joe Lundy, Bruce Harper and Lundy Wells.

Centennial Failure, Political Fight, Top Stories In 1965

STOUFFVILLE — Stouffville municipal council provided the two top news stories carried in The Tribune in 1965.

The centennial project flop, a contentious question carried over from 1964 received top billing when the idea of Stouffville having any centennial project at all, was completely "washed out." The Anglican Church property around which the controversy swirled for so long is now on the for sale block.

Verbal Exchange
 While council also provided other news of interest throughout the year, the story which finally broke on the public platform at the 1965 nomination meeting was the clash-between reeve Win Timbers and councillor, Wm. Parsons. While the two had "words" in earlier council meetings, raterayers were jolted when the animosity broke into the open.

New Projects
 The decision and execution of a plan for a new fire-hall also provided one of the year's highlights. The Public Utilities Commission drew special interest as this body proceeded with the drilling for a new municipal water source, and council took the headlines again with the announcement that there would be no increase in the town tax rate.

Accident and Death
 Several motor crashes at the Ringwood corner reached the front page, two coming in one day in the early summer, one of them being a fatality. The crash of a light plane just north of Altona took the life of a local sod specialist and at Unionville, the wife of a Markham Village councillor met death in a motor crash.

Three Reeves Gone
 The past year has marked the passing of three former Stouffville Reeves, A. E. Weldon, Harry Sanders and most recently Elmer Daniels who was manager of the P.U.C. at the time of his passing.

New Building
 Leading building story of the year was the completion of the Parkside Home for the Aged. Hundreds of residents in town and district have visited the new home which holds an impressive location on the west side of town. Plans for a 6-room addition to the Orchard Park School, later wiped out by the announcement of the building of a Separate School was a leading item in this year's news coverage. Late in the summer The Tribune carried the story of plans for the building of a Shopping Centre on Main St. west. A sign board carrying this announcement is now located on the property. Both picture and story of a \$40,000 addition to the United Missionary Church at Gormley was also important news.

Reeve Charter
 The chartering of a Kinsmen Club in Stouffville received major attention, and the sale of the large Stouffville Sand & Gravel Co. The Tribune carried a top story in the fall of the conservation program including a new dam planned by Metro Conservation Authority. The Ontario Municipal Board held a hearing on the expropriation of land for the purpose and by June 1st it will be known if the project is to proceed in 1966.

Boy Has Legs Broken When Hit By Car

GREEN RIVER — A 16 year old Green River boy had both his legs broken Sunday night when hit by a car on No. 7 Highway.

Bryan Douglas Switzer, a resident at the home of his brother, Mr. Ewart Switzer for only a short time, was carried almost 1,000 feet by the force of the impact. He was walking at the edge of the pavement with a friend, Jimmy Green, when the accident occurred.

Dr. John F. White of Markham rendered first aid at the scene to both the pedestrian and two persons in the auto. All three were taken to the Scarborough General Hospital in the Vance ambulance of Markham.

The driver was Ralph Misner of Milliken. Provincial Police of the Whitty Detachment investigated.

Stricken at Church Service

UNIONVILLE — A sudden heart attack during the Sunday service in St. Philip's Anglican Church, Unionville resulted in the death of Mr. Reino Erick Hill of Unionville. Although rushed to the Scarborough General Hospital by ambulance, he failed to recover. Mr. Hill was 46.

Born in Toronto, he served as a Petty Officer in the navy during World War II. He was later employed at St. Joseph's Hospital in Toronto and for ten years was a stationary engineer at the International Wax Works Ltd., in Agincourt. He had been a resident of Unionville for the past 14 years.

Besides his wife, the former Norma Evelyn Loftus, he is survived by two sons, Thomas and Eric and one daughter, Evelyn. A sister, Mrs. Helen Woodside resides in Toronto.

Rev. John Ball conducted the funeral service from St. Philip's Anglican Church, Unionville on Tuesday afternoon with interment in St. Philip's Cemetery. The pall bearers were Donald Woodside, Charles Cuthbertson, Bruce Mitchell, Louis Howarth, James Robertson and Andrew McMennany.

Biggest Christmas Party Held At Reesor Home

DICKSON'S HILL — The home of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Reesor, 18th Avenue, Markham Twp., was the scene of the district's largest Christmas Day gathering when 48 adults and children enjoyed dinner together. Ten individual families were represented. Two huge turkeys were prepared both exceeding 25 pounds.

Visitors included Mr. and Mrs. Harold McDowell and three children of Bethesda; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Burkholder and six children of Markham; Mr. and Mrs. Dave Reesor and four children of Dickson's Hill; Mr. and Mrs. John Reesor and four children, also of Dickson's Hill; Mr. and Mrs. Merle Hoover and four children of Vineyard; Mr. and Mrs. Hidelchi Saito of Brazil; Mr. and Mrs. Enos Honsberger and family of one of Baden; Mrs. Ida Hoover and Elsie of Stouffville and Nellie and Edith Reesor of Toronto.

Tables were set up in the dining room of the large Reesor house to accommodate the crowd.

The second largest gathering to be recorded in this area was at the Lloyd Byer home, No. 48 Hwy., north of Markham. Forty-two were present, several from a distance.

Tribune Inside Story

With this issue, The Tribune takes on a new look — a news and COLOR-FULL look to give readers and advertisers more news and better service. All the regular news coverage and favorite features remain. But we've redesigned the paper to make it easier to read, and added new features and extra news coverage. Our resolution for 1966 — to make The Tribune an ever-improving newspaper and thus maintain the progress to which it has been dedicated since its establishment in 1888.

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"Couldn't we just have a second chance at last New Year's resolutions?"

Post Office Speedily Clears Christmas Mail

STOUFFVILLE — The Post Office in Stouffville was one of the busiest places in town this month and the pre-Christmas sale of three-cent stamps exceeded the total of 1961 by 6,000.

Postmaster Jack Sanders reported a turnover of 141,000 three-cent stamps in December as compared with 135,000 during the same period last year.

Pack containers continue to prove very popular with the public and 1,600 were sold in this manner. The peak mail day was Tuesday, Dec. 14 but Friday, Dec. 17 was also heavy with a large income of cards and parcels from Toronto.

Five additional employees added the regular staff in keeping the mail clear each day. These included Mrs. Wm. Malloy, Mrs. Harley Ashton, Mrs. Bruce Willis, Ken Zeller and Raymond Rioux.

By Friday, Dec. 21, the Post Office resembled any day in the middle of May with hardly a Christmas card in sight.