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Crosswalk Hazard Concerns Council

MARKHAM—An increase in the amount of traffic on Main Street and No. 7 Hwy., within the Village of Markham is causing the council concern for the safety of children.

Councillor Lloyd Abernethy regarded the pedestrian crosswalks at Princess and Main Street and on Hwy. No. 7 at St. Patrick's School as particularly hazardous. "I wonder if there is anything else we can do to ensure the safety of children crossing the streets at these points," he said.

Reeve Alma Walker said that many school pupils persisted in crossing the Main Street at locations other than the crosswalks.

The council recommended that officers of the Police Department visit the schools and explain the dangers of highway traffic and the proper use of the town's crosswalk system.

Family Farm Is Sold

UNIONVILLE — An auction sale on the former Tom Risebrough farm at lot 3, conc. 6, Markham Township on Saturday attracted a huge crowd.

The property has been in the Risebrough family name since 1872. Auctioneers Bill Walker of Unionville and Ron Rogerson of Locust Hill were in charge and in spite of inclement weather, the bids were good.

Markham historian, John Lunau purchased an old wooden beam plow built in 1878. It will be placed on display in the Markham museum.

Mr. and Mrs. Risebrough have purchased a new home in North Sherwood, Markham Village.

Diamond Rings Stolen

MARKHAM — Five homes were entered in Markham Village on Sunday night and the loss in both cash and merchandise has been estimated at \$400.

The theft included two diamond rings valued at \$250.

Three other break-in attempts were unsuccessful. Homes entered were located on Strathroy Crescent, Talisman Crescent, Deer Park and Peter Street. The owners' names were not revealed.

Sgt. Wm. Vance has urged through the newspaper that people refrain from leaving sums of money in their houses when they go away.

Break Own Bylaw

Home On 10 Acre Lot Approved By Council

VANDORF — In an unprecedented move in Whitchurch Township, the council has contravened its own zoning bylaw and will permit a house to be erected on a 10-acre lot that is not served by a standard township road.

Mr. Frank Speight of Lemonville had earlier informed the members that he had spent \$11,000 on the property and now wished to acquire a building permit.

Reeve Ross Farquharson, speaking in favour of the application, said that a new home would produce a sizeable assessment and put a piece of vacant land to some practical use. As far as the bylaw was concerned, he said he would be willing to deal with each request on its own merits. He was supported by councillors Ivan McLaughlin and Henry Nauta.

CLERK THOS. KERR said that previous applications had been refused in accordance with the bylaw and without reference to council.

"What about the ones we have refused?" questioned councillor Williams, "they should be advised that the gate is now open." He suggested that the next request would be to build a road and provide other services. "If we're going to grant exemptions, we should rescind the bylaw."

"It will destroy the bylaw," charged deputy-reeve Burnett. He said that it was unfair to consider one particular case. "I'm thinking of the township as a whole," he said.

Councillor Ivan McLaughlin said that he never did favour such a control over building. Councillor Nauta, a neighbour of Mr. Speight, said that the road should be improved. "It may be the thin edge of the wedge, but at present, it's the only application of its kind before council."

Want Union Sections Dissolved No Hold-Up In School Addition

Reach Agreement

STOUFFVILLE — The Stouffville Public School Board passed another hurdle, this week in its bid to gain Ontario Municipal Board approval of a \$150,000 addition to the Orchard Park school.

Whitchurch Twp. council agreed by resolution, to assume its share of current liabilities providing the municipality is relieved of any expenditure in the proposed debenture issue. Since only 1 student from Whitchurch attends at Orchard Park, the council has asked that the union section be dissolved.

A similar situation has occurred in Markham Township where five pupils are enrolled at Orchard Park. They too are calling for the dissolution of the union section and exemption from the new debenture payment.

A MISUNDERSTANDING

Some alarm was expressed by members of Stouffville council last week when it was learned that the school board had advertised for construction bids without first obtaining consent from Whitchurch and the O.M.B.

Ian Chapman, vice chairman of the board said that neither he nor the secretary had been informed of Whitchurch council's desire to dissolve the union section. "It was all a misunderstanding," he said, "everyone was sitting back and waiting for the next one to make the move." He said he planned to meet with the Inspector and get the whole problem ironed out. "If we, as a board were supposed to follow it up, then we were in the wrong," he said, "if the council knew about it, then they should have told us. We must all work together."

NOTHING SIGNED

With reference to the board's request for tendered bids on the Orchard Park addition, he said it was only to learn if the architect's estimate was close to the actual cost. He suggested that if such procedure was in error, then the tenders would not be opened. He denied that the board had signed any agreement with an architect nor would they do so until after O.M.B. approval was received.



Uxbridge Township farmer Grant Helmky stands at the site of a 'grave' that he believes may contain the charred remains of a human body. The plot is located near Musselman's Lake and the Whitchurch police department has been notified. The pasture land property is owned by Mr. Helmky. —Staff Photo.

Farm "Grave" Uncovered Police To Investigate

STOUFFVILLE — Whitchurch Township police have opened an investigation into the report of a 'grave' site in a pasture field near Musselman's Lake. The plot, measuring 3 feet wide by 10 feet long, is located in a secluded valley on fifty acres of property owned by Grant Helmky, conc. 2, Uxbridge.

Mr. Helmky actually found the 'grave' some time ago during a routine visit to the field to check on his cattle. He said that car tracks were plainly visible near the spot where the sod had been freshly turned. His curiosity aroused, he proceeded to dig out the earth. At one end, he found only ashes. In the centre, however, he located pieces of charred flesh. He picked up a book of matches nearby. He said that the remains were about six inches under the ground surface. "It was awful," he said, "it almost made me sick."

Mr. Helmky claims he reported his findings to two police officers but did not get in touch with the Whitchurch Department at Vandorf. The Tribune contacted Police Chief Fred Mason on Tuesday after checking out the story and visiting the site.

The location of the 'grave', although covered by almost two feet of snow, was found easily because Mr. Helmky had placed two large stones at each end. The ground underneath, was frozen solid, but still appeared fresh. Pieces of burnt wood were scattered around and a tree close by was partly dead, possibly from the heat.

The property, according to the owner, is a favourite rendezvous for young couples from the city on weekends. Drinking parties are quite common and on occasions, Mr. Helmky has collected dozens of beer bottles left behind. The road, now blocked off by a wire fence, was commonly known as 'Lover's Lane'.

There's something rather strange and sinister about the whole affair. The remains could be that of a human. It could be nothing at all. It's now in the hands of the police.

Approve Location Hydro Sub Station

STOUFFVILLE — The Stouffville Committee of Adjustment, headed by chairman, William Sanders and including members, Reg. McKay and Edward Logan has granted approval to the erection of a new \$50,000 hydro sub station on the Vivian farm in the east end of town.

The only formal objection to the location had been registered by Mr. Fred Castle whose property lies adjacent to the proposed station site. He had earlier agreed, however, that if another lot nearby could not be acquired, he would not stand in the way of the P.U.C.'s project. Mr. Castle did not attend the hearing. Solicitor Reg. Button, representing the Public Utilities Commission, said that an attempt had been made to purchase a lot farther to the north but it was not for sale. Officials of Ontario Hydro said that a second site to the east lacked adequate drainage. The committee reached its decision following a fifteen minute recess.

Prisoner Sets Jail Afire

UXBRIDGE — A 25 year old Uxbridge man, arrested last week by the town police department, only added to his troubles on Friday when he set the jail on fire. "James" David Carnegie was rescued from the building by Constable Roy Aldworth. He was on patrol not far from the office and noticed smoke. The prisoner was admitted to Uxbridge Cottage Hospital for treatment and released the next day. He has been charged with arson.

The arresting officer said that he removed matches from the clothes of the accused but apparently others were hidden in a second pair of overalls.

Damage to the police office was estimated at \$15,000. The building has been closed down until repairs can be completed.

Submit Purchase Offer For New Hospital Site

MARKHAM — An offer of purchase has been submitted by the York Markham hospital committee, to retain 35 acres of land, fronting on Hwy. No. 7 in Markham Village as a proposed hospital site.

Publicity Chairman, Mel Wardman of Markham said this week that \$13,000 had been sent in to Crown Assets Disposal Corporation with the offer with the guarantee of an additional \$30,000 by June 1st. The committee has asked for a ten year period in which to raise the remaining \$85,000. Members of the executive are confident that the agreement will be acceptable. If it is, a fund-raising campaign will be started to include the whole of the area that will be served.

Mr. Wardman said that more than 100 letters had been received from individuals and organizations wishing to participate in the project. He said that all comments had been most encouraging.

Sign Needed

BUTTONVILLE — A five man coroner's jury, attending an inquest hearing at Buttonville on Tuesday night, recommended that traffic warning signs be erected at all construction sites.

The decision followed reports surrounding the death of Michael Stephen Lacombe on Feb. 28 at the 7th conc. of Markham Twp.

Lemonville Resident Passes In Hospital

LEMONVILLE — Mrs. Elsie Winnifred Burnett, who until a few years ago, was correspondent for the Stouffville Tribune, passed away Sunday at Brierbush Hospital. She was 73. Mrs. Burnett died following a lengthy illness.

Born Elsie Smith at Gormley, she married Henry W. Burnett. She was the daughter of the late Henry and Margaret Smith.

She leaves three brothers, Victor, West Hill, Harry, Gormley and George, Erin, and a sister Betty (Mrs. D. A. Blair) of New Liskeard. A son, Harry, resides in Markham.

After resting at the O'Neill Funeral Home, service was held in the chapel Wednesday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Douglas Davis.

The pall bearers, all nephews, were Kenneth Smith,

Ralph Smith, Forrester Smith, Stewart Burnett, Aubrey Barker and Lloyd Harvey.

Interment was in the Richmond Hill Cemetery.

Death

SELLERS, Carrie, passed away at her home, Unionville, on Tuesday, March 22, 1966, Carrie Couperthwaite, dear mother of Marion (Mrs. A. F. Hart) of Boston, Mass., Earl, Jean (Mrs. Jack Harper) of Unionville, sister of Leslie, Margaret (Mrs. G. Ogden) and Carleton. Resting at the Ogden Funeral Home, Agincourt. Funeral service in Central United Church, Unionville, Friday, at 1:30 p.m. Interment Lutheran Church Cemetery.

Question Inquest Recommendations

STOUFFVILLE — Police Chief Orland Keating of Stouffville has questioned both recommendations, the result of a coroner's inquest hearing held on Feb. 24 into the death of Mr. Frederick John Pilkey, killed in an accident on Main Street, Dec. 6.

Chief Keating, in a letter to the town council on Thursday night, argued that a flashing amber light over the 'courtesy walk' in front of the Summitview School would only tend to confuse rather than assist motorists approaching the area. He said that amber flasher lights were more commonly used at intersections rather than crosswalks. Mr. Keating noted too that the roadway where the accident occurred was seldom used by pedestrians, except during school hours when a guard was always on duty. He said that the zone was properly signed and the pavement

was marked.

SPEED NOT A FACTOR

Chief Keating also questioned the suggestion that the 25 mile per hour speed zone should be extended. He said that this limit was presently in force for a distance of 303 feet east of the school crossing zone. He noted too, that excessive speed was not found to be a contributing factor in the man's death. "It is my opinion, that the signs are presently placed at an adequate distance from the school and if disregarded, it then becomes a matter of enforcement," he said.

The chief did recommend the erection of a stronger street light in the area of the accident.

Reeve Ken Laushway suggested that new fluorescent fixtures should be installed from the firehall east to Montreal Street. "It's the darkest section in town," he said.



Ready For A Spring Run

"Smokey", a two-week old Welsh pony, owned by Jerry and Valerie Wilson, of Mongolia, is all ready for his first Spring romp in the sun. 'Queenie', ridden here by Jerry, was a Christmas gift to the children from their grandfather, Clark Bunker. —Staff Photo.

Markham Twp. Council Member Nearly 30 Yrs.

UNIONVILLE — A member of Markham Township council for nearly thirty years, a former reeve of the municipality and warden of York County, Mr. William Lyman Clark passed away on Tuesday morning in the Brierbush Hospital at Stouffville. He was 75.

Mr. Clark, who was retired, had been in ill health for several months. It was in 1960, his last year as reeve of Markham, that he was elected to the York County warden's office. It was the crowning point of an amazing political career. But in spite of his success, he never changed. He retained his popularity with the farm folk who considered him as one of the 'old guard'.

He was an ardent plowman and keenly interested in match work. Although in declining health, he was still able to attend the International at Milliken in the fall.

Born in Scarborough, the son of the late James Clark, he lived at Agincourt before moving into the Unionville area.

Besides his wife, the former, Phyllis Baker, he is survived by two sons, James of Barrie, William of Unionville and three daughters, Betty (Mrs. Jack MacKinn), Lois (Mrs. K. Bennett) and Hazel (Mrs. S. Savage).

There are ten grandchildren. Mr. Clark is presently resting at the Ogden Funeral Home, Sheppard Avenue, Agincourt. Rev. John Mutch will conduct the service on Friday afternoon.

Apartment 'A Benefit'

STOUFFVILLE — Only two objections were heard by the Committee of Adjustment on Monday over the proposed erection of a 16-suite apartment building on Main Street East.

The application was approved but consent is still required from the Ontario Municipal Board to affect a change in the zoning bylaw.

The site, located immediately west of the Douglas Booth residence brought objections from Mr. Delbert Booth, representing his father and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald McLeod who purchased property nearby six years ago. Both parties said that the apartment would reduce the value of their land. Mrs. McLeod said that she had moved out of an apartment to come to Stouffville and now learned that one was to be built next door.

The committee, in announcing its decision, noted that the bylaw permitted multiple dwellings and the apartment was considered much more desirable.

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