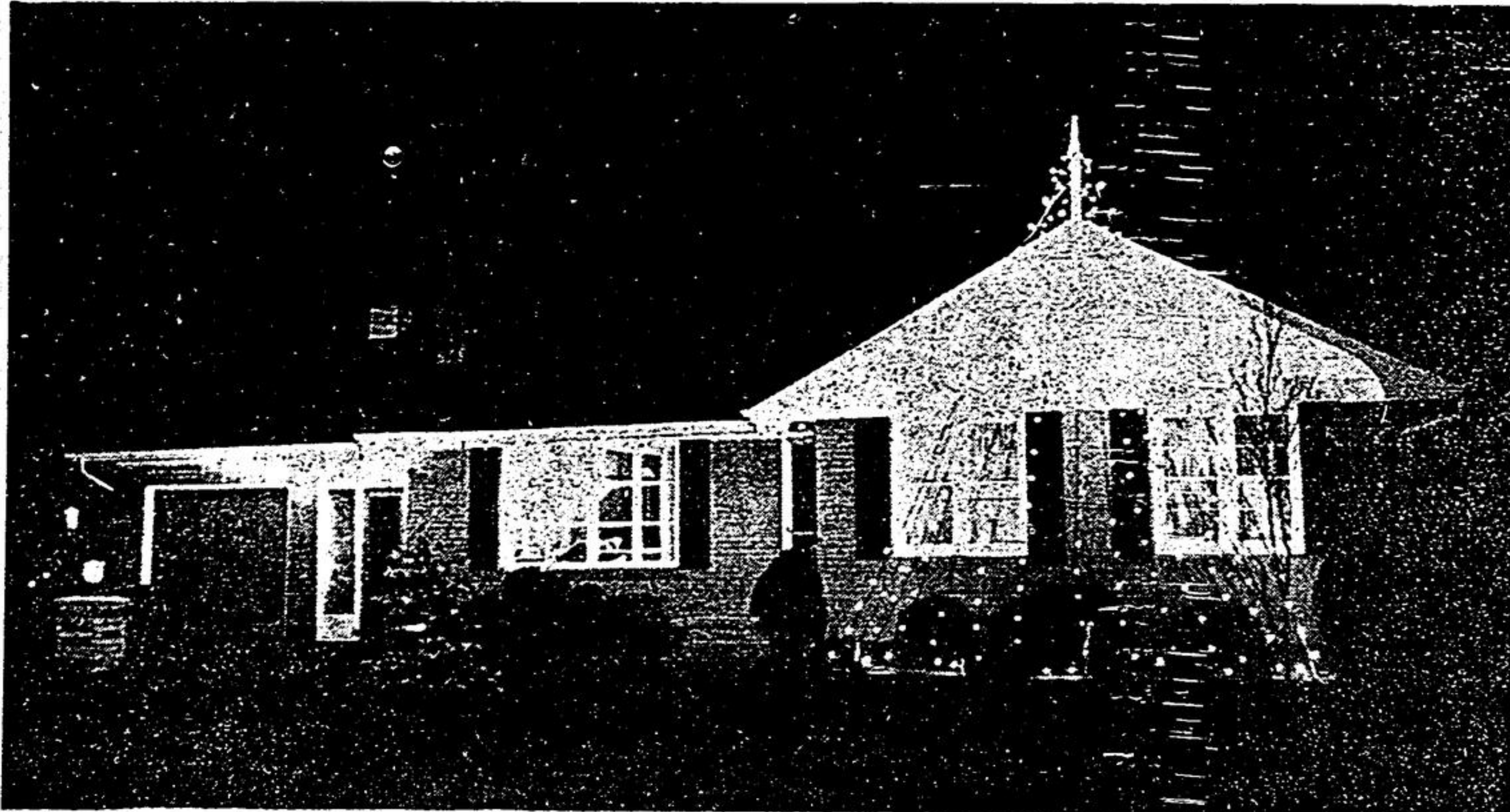


Stouffville Homes Are 'All Aglow' At Christmas Season



The Stouffville home of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Hetherington, Rupert Avenue, is always the centre of attraction in town during the Christmas season. Mr. Hetherington, an electrician, uses his talent to good advantage in decorating his house with more than 350 colored lights. —Staff Photo.



On Lloyd Avenue in Stouffville, the white frame home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hassard presents a pretty picture at Christmas time. Other residences are shown on page 5. —Staff Photo.

Praise Reeve, Clerk, For Council Leadership



Reeve Ken Laushway Clerk Ralph Corner

STOUFFVILLE — Stouffville Reeve Ken Laushway and Clerk Ralph Corner were commended by other members of the 1966-67 Council at the year-end meeting, Thursday night. Deputy-Reeve Bill Parsons referred to Mr. Laushway's leadership as energetic and imaginative. "It speaks well for the future," he said, "we have accomplished a great deal and have worked well together in the best interests of the town and the taxpayers." Touching briefly on the opening of the new west end shopping plaza, Mr. Parsons suggested that it would develop into a benefit to the municipality by prompting people to shop at home rather than go elsewhere. "We must not neglect the downtown businessmen and should assist them in anyway possible, including the improvement of parking."

WISE DECISION

Councillor Bob Lewis said that the Clerk, who also serves as the town Business Administrator, had worked very closely with him on road and sidewalk construction and maintenance. He said that the 1966 program, although extensive, was a wise decision and would prove practical in the years ahead.

Councillor Jim McKellar commended the Reeve for the orderly way he had conducted all meetings and praised the work of the Clerk for his 'steadying influence'. Councillor Tom Lonergan said that, in his opinion, the members had endeavored to be progressive in their thinking yet practical in their spending of tax dollars. "It's been a very rewarding experi-

YEAR OF PROGRESS

Reeve Laushway expressed his appreciation for the co-operation he had received from other members of Council and commended the employees on their work. He said that 'the terrible times' that had been predicted by many in 1965, with three new men on Council, had proven 'absolutely wrong'. He recommended more 3-member committee meetings in an effort to speed up the passage of motions in Council. He added his own personal words of praise for the work of the Business Administrator. "The formation of that office was an excellent move and we certainly selected the right man to fill the post."

Set Auditorium Rate

STOUFFVILLE — The Christmas spirit was surely put into practice when the Stouffville Public School Board held their year-end meeting this month. An agreement was finalized for the use of the new multi-purpose room at Orchard Park school and it comes as a veritable 'gift' to organizations in town.

Non-profit making organizations may use the premises without charge. The space is also available to charitable organizations for rehearsal purposes at no fee.

If an admission fee is charged, the rental rate will be \$2.50 per hour to cover caretaking expenses.

The Stouffville Council has been requested to contribute towards maintenance costs that will occur through use by the general public. Permission to use the building must come from the Board and application forms will be provided by the Secretary, Mrs. Elsie Sanders. Twenty-three specific regulations are listed on the permits. The Board reserves the right to revoke the permit at any time.

Careless Driving Costs \$50

STOUFFVILLE — A Cedar Valley youth was fined \$50 in Richmond Hill Traffic Court Friday, convicted of careless driving.

The charge was laid against Ronald Albert Fishwick, 17, by Constable David Hadden following a short chase. P. C. Haden said he followed the car Fishwick was driving along Montreal and South streets and Highway 47 to Main at speeds up to 45 m.p.h. Fishwick said he stopped after he realized the police car was following him.

Recommend 'Estate Zone'

VANDORF — A petition signed by thirteen property owners in an area from lots 1 to 8, concessions 6 and 7, Township of Whitchurch, has urged the Planning Board and Council to prepare a land-use bylaw to protect high-quality homes already located there. A meeting, to discuss this recommendation and other proposals, was held at Vandorf, Dec. 14. The printed brief called for single-family homes of not less than 1,800 square feet of living area on each lot. It recommended that no lot be less than 10 acres and that no subdivi-

sion plan be permitted in the area. The petition asked that special zoning retain the land for agricultural and residential uses only with prohibition on wrecking yards, airports, gravel pits, commercial dog kennels, swill-fed pigeries and other operations felt to be obnoxious. The signed application pointed to the problems in Uxbridge Township with regard to gravel excavations, which, according to the petition, had occurred because the people were not protected by a rigid land-use bylaw.

EXPRESSION OF OPINION

Whitchurch Reeve, Ross Farquharson said that the meeting had been arranged so that Planning Board and Council could obtain the feeling of the people who live in the defined area. He agreed that when the Zoning Bylaw was prepared, another meeting would be held so that most problems could be solved prior to a Hearing by the Ontario Municipal Board. The attendance was estimated at about 75 persons.

Although most speakers felt that property-owners now living in the area should be afforded some protection, there was noticeable disagreement on the minimum lot sizes that should be permitted. Charles Ratcliff suggested that three acres was sufficient while others felt that five acres would be adequate. Reeve Farquharson rejected a request from the floor that a vote be taken on the issue. He said that the Council would make the decision.

J. R. Allen, a member of the Whitchurch Committee of Adjustment stated that the area in question was unique since it was dotted with artesian wells and ponds. He said that the district was deserving of adequate protection and good planning.

Dr. J. Smith noted that the Timbers' and Cloughton farms had been purchased and he suspected that they were being held in anticipation of re-sale for profit.

Mr. A. Altenborough, con. 5 said he had acquired a ten acre lot and wished to retain the entire site. He felt that others who had done the same might be willing to split up their holdings. "If an area of small

lots is to be permitted, then I will move on," he said.

Keith Hutchinson suggested that some consideration should be given to farm owners who had lived in the community for many years and now wished to sell. He contended that any bylaw that might tend to prevent such a sale, would be discriminatory.

Henry Nauta, a member of Council noted that recent property sales in the district had proved that buyers were interested in large rather than small acreages. He noted that Mervin Turner had sold off his entire 32 acre holdings while Elgin Hastings had disposed of 25 acres, all on the 7th concession.

Dr. S. S. Crouch suggested that since persons in favour of ten acre building lots had submitted a petition, it would only be fair for those who opposed the application to also acquire support.

ACTION NEEDED

George Yake, conc. 6, caused a stir in the audience when he said that a neighbouring farm had been purchased by a transport company who planned to establish a truck terminal on the site.

Mr. Allen suggested that this was the kind of operation that should not be permitted in the area. He recommended that no applications in the defined district be approved by the Adjustment Committee pending the passing of the bylaw. He called for immediate zoning action.

Reeve Farquharson said that a Zoning Bylaw could not be prepared until at least March, 1967. He promised to arrange another meeting at that time when specific points could be discussed more clearly.

Pre-Centennial Event In Park Tree Burning Bee, December 31

STOUFFVILLE — A giant tree-burning bee in the Stouffville Park, New Year's Eve, will touch off a series of events that will extend throughout 1967. This will be followed by a centennial flag-raising ceremony at the Stouffville Legion, Jan. 1 at 2 p.m. The public is invited.

These were only two of many special activities that were discussed at a meeting, Monday night. The centennial committee chairman is Lorne Boardway.

The tree-burning is a high school Student Council project. Town residents are asked to place their Christmas trees outside for pickup by noon-hour, Dec. 31. Members of the Stouffville Fire Department will supervise the program.

The Legion ceremony holds special significance since it marks not only Canada's 100th birthday but also the 20th anniversary of the formation of Branch 459. The new Legion flags will be dedicated at the same time.

"ON THE MAP" Chairman Boardway suggested that with the combined co-operation of all committee members and organizations, a planned program would put Stouffville 'on the map'. All persons present agreed to discuss specific projects within their own groups and report back at a meeting, Jan. 11.

Mr. Boardway recommended that Stouffville's 'big day' should be July 1. The Memorial Park will be reserved for the occasion. Events both before and after this date will include — a skating carnival, a fireworks display, a centennial queen dance and sports tournaments. Two committees were appointed (finance) — Mrs. Lorna Button, William Duxbury and Leo Egberts; (publicity) — Jim Thomas and Wilf Morley. Mr. Boardway agreed to select other members including a chair-

man of Special Events.

WILL CO-OPERATE Reeve Ken Laushway agreed that while the town's centennial project was a Council matter and the centennial program was in charge of a separate committee, the two groups should work closely together. William Duxbury said he hoped the public would not become confused by the two since, although related, they represented individual ventures.

Fund-Raising Dinner

MARKHAM — Rear Admiral William M. Landymore, OBE, will be the guest speaker at a planned fund-raising dinner organized by the Cenotaph Committee of Markham Village. The banquet will be held, Feb. 23 at the Inn on the Park, Toronto. Tickets will soon be placed on sale.

Rear Admiral Landymore is one of Canada's most outstanding naval officers. He will retire from the service in June.

A letter confirming his attendance at the dinner has been received by the committee chairman, Paul Mingay.



RE-APPOINTED Mrs. June Button, O'Brien Avenue, Stouffville, has been re-appointed to the Stouffville High School Board for another term. The decision was approved by town council at their year-end meeting, Dec. 15.

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Likely To Seek Re-Election

Major A. A. 'Lex' Mackenzie, Conservative member for North York since 1945, has hinted that he will seek re-election for another term. He spoke briefly at an organization meeting of the P.C.'s for the new York-Simcoe riding, held at Bradford. Mr. Mackenzie is 81.