



A Final Trim To Pass Inspection

Stouffville's centennial beard-growing contest has more than 30 entries with others still to sign up this week. The first to register was Mickey Hunt, Elm Road. Just to make sure the rules were followed to the letter of the law, Clerk Ralph Corner (right) gave him a quick trim and pronounced him A-okay. Judging will take place July 1.

The Wives Say

Beards Are OK But!!

STOUFFVILLE — The centennial beard-growing contest has become the most popular and controversial competition ever held in Stouffville. The committee chairman is Jim Brazier, Hawthorne Avenue.

While the husbands appear to be having all the fun, the wives, or at least some of them, aren't quite so pleased about sharing the nuptial pillow with a pin cushion.

Said Mrs. Russ. Holder, 'he itches'. Mrs. Ken Patrick put it this way 'I wish he was someone else's husband for the next six months'. 'The children seem to like it', said Mrs. John Foulds. 'He can stay down at the station', said Mrs. Mickey Hunt. 'I didn't believe he would do it', said Mrs. Ray Steel. 'I suppose it could be worse', sighed Mrs. Ivan Harris. Said Mrs. Jack Pollard, 'no comment'.

Judging will take place, July 1.

'EXPANSION'

Square Is Centre Of Main St. 'Boom'



PUC CHAIRMAN
R. F. 'Tommy' Farr was named Chairman of the Stouffville Public Utilities Commission at the inaugural meeting this week.

STOUFFVILLE — A renovation and building 'boom' has hit the Main Street of Stouffville. It comes at a time when commercial construction in most communities dips to a seasonal low. As spring approaches, the expansion trend will likely increase if present plans of owners are carried through.

On Tuesday, excavation was started on the new quarter-million dollar I.G.A. Foodliner, next to the Bank of Nova Scotia. Immediately to the east, Ken Wagg of Wagg's Jewelry and China announced plans to renovate the interior of his store. Elmer Shirk of Stouffville has the contract.

'CIVIC SQUARE'

The big change, that has everybody talking, will occur at Civic and Main Streets where the old firehall will be removed, leaving the clock tower as a monumental entrance to a landscaped 'Civic Square'. This is Stouffville's centennial project.

Across the road to the north, Crest Hardware has acquired the former Carload Groceries store. Contractor Bob Bruce started work this week on the changeover. An interior archway will connect the two parts with a huge 41 ft. electric sign stretching full width. Crest lines will be expanded and a mail order delivery service started. Renovations will be completed in February.

EXPANSION PLANNED

Expansion is also planned for Hendricks Hardware in the current year and re-modelling work is already underway on the former Mayfair Restaurant building. Bing Ing told The Tribune that he hopes to open his new restaurant premises in March. Farther west, the Birkett Block, recently purchased by Shea Real Estate Company Ltd., will undergo both interior and exterior alterations. The Shea firm will move into the former Hodgins Grocery Store building and Stouffville police will take over the present Shea office.

Police vs. Fireman

Cache Of Liquor Seized In Raid

BUTTONVILLE — A raid, conducted by officers of Markham Township Police, on two separate occasions, at the Metro Fire-fighter's Recreation Club, Don Mills Road, resulted in the seizure of 1,733 pints of beer and 97 bottles of liquor, Magistrate Russell Pearce was told in Richmond Hill court, Tuesday.

Frederick Zemans, defense attorney said that the Club had obtained a liquor permit but admitted they were not entitled to sell. Members are awaiting approval of a liquor license from the Ontario Liquor Control Board.

Fourteen other charges were withdrawn by the Crown.

Organize Hunt

GOODWOOD — An organized fox hunt will be held in Uxbridge Township, Saturday, following the repeated reports of rabid animals throughout the area.

Jim Michell, Claremont, RR 1, will head up the posse and assistance has been offered by officials of the Maple Branch, Dept. of Lands and Forests.

About 30 hunters will take part, covering an entire block between the 4th and 5th concession from the Uxbridge-Pickering townline to County Road 1A. Only shotguns will be used, and no dogs will be allowed. All fox holes will be gassed out to kill animals hiding underground.

Angry Councillor Attacks Speed

MARKHAM — An angered councillor Douglas Allison of Markham Village charged as 'irresponsible' a report by S. C. Wilson of the Department of Highways who concluded that a reduced speed limit on No. 7 Highway in the area of St. Patrick's School would not lessen the danger to pupils using the road.

"Why do you have to wait for a child to be killed?" demanded councillor Allison, "you know damn well you'll reduce the limit if a child is killed."

Mr. Wilson replied that the posting of school guards at hazardous crossings constituted the most fool-proof safety method.

APPEAL BY BOARD

The original request for reduced speed laws in the area came from the trustees of St. Patrick's School. Mr. Duke, the spokesman also passed on his appeal to the Highway Department.

Village council has recommended that the limit be reduced from 40 to 30 miles per hour.

Mr. Wilson said that his decision had followed a close survey of motorists on Highway No. 7, using a concealed radar unit.

Seeks Expanded Planning Board

BUTTONVILLE — Sidney Gadsby, newly-elected deputy-reeve of Markham Township, ran into opposition, Monday, when he attempted to get his first major piece of legislation through council. He was ruled out of order by Reeve Stewart Rumble when his motion asked that Planning Board be expanded from seven to nine members. Reeve Rumble also expressed opposition to the recommendation.

Mr. Gadsby suggested that the names of Lawson Mumberson and Lionel Frost be added along with sitting members, Harry Maynard, Napier Simpson, William Masters, Frank

Brunwell, Nicholas Belak, councillor Anthony Roman and Reeve Rumble. Mr. Gadsby argued that with an increased membership it would be easier to have a legal quorum in attendance at meetings.

Reeve Rumble said he would regard the suggestion as a notice of motion and hold it over for discussion on Jan. 23.

Shrubs Destroyed

BUTTONVILLE — Rabbits, multiplying under the protection of a 'no hunting' bylaw, south of No. 7 Highway in Markham Township, are causing nursery operator, George A. Jennings of Milliken much concern. He claims that hundreds of dollars in damage is done annually to his nursery stock. In a letter to council, Mr. Jennings asked that something be done to control the rodents.

New School

MARKHAM — A request for \$350,000 to cover the purchase of a new site and the construction of a school, was received by Markham Village Council, Monday night. The building, to be called the William Armstrong School, will contain eight classrooms and a kindergarten.

The proposed location is in Sherwood Estates, on the south side of Highway No. 7, and west of concession 9.

Dog Pack

VANDORF — Dogs are running in packs in Whitchurch Township and Police Chief Fred Mason informed council that the situation was now serious.

Chief Mason said that one telephone report from a lady resident estimated the number of animals in one group at 40. He said he checked out the story personally and counted close to fifty.

Clerk Thomas said that two applications for the position of Canine Control Officer had been received.

York Warden

NEWMARKET — Deputy-Reeve Floyd Perkins of Richmond Hill was named Warden of York County on Tuesday. No election was necessary when Reeve Garfield Wright of East Gwillimbury withdrew from the race.

The election of first and second County Commissioners was held Wednesday.

Presents Whitchurch Council With Industrial Land Program

VANDORF — A Vandorf district resident presented a five-point program before Whitchurch Township council, last week, that called for the purchase of land suitable for industrial sites.

Lawrence Hennessey, Gormley, RR 1, also recommended that municipal elections be held on a Saturday; that the voters list be revised; that township bylaws be reviewed and an official plan be prepared; that land assessments be reviewed and compared with basic rates in other municipalities and that residential lots of 1 and 2 acres be considered. As a representative of a large real estate firm, Mr. Hennessey said that his assistance in acquiring both residential and industrial assessment in Whitchurch was available at any time.

COSTLY PROJECT

Mr. Hennessey suggested that 100 acres of land could be bought for future industrial development near Vandorf at a price of \$90,000. He noted that it was well removed from any urban area and not subject to annexation in later years. He said too, that it was adjacent to a railway siding.

Reeve Ross Farquharson said that Council did not have that kind of money to spend. He noted that work was underway towards the preparation of an Official Plan and special zoning in the Lemonville area. When Mr. Hennessey attempted to acquire opinions from each member, Reeve Farquharson ruled him out of order. "There'll be no inquisition here," he said.

Kinsmen Aid Band

STOUFFVILLE — Stouffville Kinsmen Club has guaranteed to underwrite the cost of operation of the Community Drum and Bugle Band for 1967. The project, approved at a meeting, Jan. 12, includes a \$3,800 fee for the rental of instruments, charged over a 5-year period.

In addition, the Kinsmen will donate \$1,000 to the band this year with the Stouffville Lions giving \$500 and the Legion, \$100. A flag from each of the contributing organizations will be carried by the color party.

Owner Charges

Dog Shot By 'Vigilantes'

ATHA — An Atha district resident of Pickering Township has charged that vigilante-type tactics were used in the killing of his valuable 3 year old Alaskan Malamute dog, not far from their home on the 8th concession, Ronald Baird and his wife, Cindy, who moved into the Atha area only last year, said that 'Nicki' was shot by men in a car. They named Ward 1 councillor, Harvey Spang as the one who wounded their animal when killed it at close range. Mr. Baird said he is considering charges.

WAS MISSING

Mr. Baird said he became concerned when the dog did not return last week and reported it missing to the officer at the Pickering pound. It was then, that he learned of Nicki's fate. He charged Mr. Spang had applied for a \$5 bounty.

Mr. and Mrs. Baird paid \$125 for the dog as a pup. It was being trained for competition in sled-pulling championships and had been used in several Expo '67 film strips. He described it as a 'children's pet'.



HARVEY SPANG

KILLED GEESE

Mr. Spang admitted shooting the animal but only after it had destroyed 28 geese on his 9th concession farm. He said that in the latest raid, it killed three and one other couldn't be found. "They were scattered all over the place," he said. He admitted filing application for the bounty and also admitting a claim to recover damages to his flock. "One bird isn't so bad, but twenty-eight are too many." He said he had no idea who owned the animal but had seen it on his property on several occasions. "I hate to cause hard feelings, but a man has a right to protect his own stock." Mr. Spang recalled how other farmers in the Atha-Altona areas had suffered livestock losses in past years. "It's all due to dog-owners who can't keep their pets under control," he said.



New Primary Teaching Method Attracts Area-Wide Interest

A new primary teaching method, the first of its kind in this area, has been put into practice at Stouffville's two public schools. It's called a Language Arts program and the director, Mrs. Pat Byer has expressed enthusiasm for benefits already gained by 150 pupils enrolled in the course. One 'set' is pictured here with staff teacher Miss Brenda Barringer. While (left to right) Pamela Gibson, David Burkholder, Susan Thomas and Joanne Rennie observe the actions of goldfish in an aquarium, Barry Bright dictates a story. Story and more pictures on page 3.

Driver 'Bitten' Then 'Pinched'

BUTTONVILLE — Markham Township Constable Richard Pike may have been envious or just plain curious, when he stopped 20 year old Dennis Green of Scarborough near the Buttonville police station.

The officer described in court how the driver was crowded by his girlfriend who was either kissing or biting him on the neck. Constable Pike then 'pinched' him to the tune of \$10 and costs.

"Whether driving or dating, it's difficult to do either well with one hand," commented Deputy-Chief, Robert Hood.

Breaks Arm

Mr. Jack Nigh, farm resident at conc. 7, Markham, is in Scarborough General Hospital with a broken arm. It is the same arm that he broke previously and a bone graft operation is now necessary to make the mend complete.