

Stouffville Council, Firemen Debate Location Of Displaced Euchre Club



Reeve Kenneth Laushway

STOUFFVILLE — A disagreement between members of Stouffville council and volunteers of the Stouffville fire department, ended in a stalemate following a one-hour meeting, Monday night. The controversy surrounds the relocation of the men's mid-winter euchre club, soon to be displaced from an upstairs room of the old firehall. The structure is to be demolished to make way for the town's new 'civic square' on Main Street.

The council has recommended that the cardplayers be allowed to use the committee room in the rear of the new firehall. The firemen are opposed, with the Chief, Walter Smith suggesting that the men be permitted to utilize space in the council chambers. Chief Smith promised to discuss the issue further but

indicated that their earlier decision was unanimous.

"Ninety percent of these men are town taxpayers," said Reeve Ken Laushway, "and have been all their lives. We want to provide them with a place. Some day, if we live long enough, we'll all be in the same position." He noted that any time the firemen required the space, they would have priority over all other groups.

Chief Smith argued that when the siren sounded, accidents could occur due to traffic around the building. "There's not a man here that wants to assume that kind of responsibility," he said, "It's an emergency building and no place for people to be wandering around." He agreed that the room was

vacant much of the time and its use by persons other than firemen had been discussed when the structure was designed.

"The taxpayers of this municipality have an interest in the firehall just as much as the firemen," countered deputy Reeve Bill Parsons, "no one can cast any aspersions on how these men will look after the place. Everyone is a gentleman. The arguments I have heard so far are rather nebulous. The council has a responsibility to look after these people and provide them with a place of recreation and, in my opinion, this is the only room in the municipality presently available. At least it deserves a trial." He termed the firemen's attitude as 'over possessive'. He said that

the police could assist in the control of traffic and the council could take care of any maintenance problem. "Personally, I can't see any fellow holding a lone hand, running out to see the fire truck," he said.

"It's a case of the camel getting his nose inside the tent. Where is it going to end?" questioned deputy fire chief, Fred Castle.

Deputy Reeve Parsons rejected any suggestion that the town's municipal building should be used for such a purpose. "The council chambers was designed for council and committee meetings and not as a club room," he said.

Chief Smith said that the firemen's finalized decision on the matter would be passed on to council.



Fire Chief Walter Smith

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Win County Posts

STOUFFVILLE— Reeve Ken Laushway of Stouffville and Reeve Stewart Rumble of Markham Township have been named to two of the top posts in York County Council. Reeve Rumble will serve as first commissioner and Reeve Laushway as second commissioner. Neither nominee was opposed. Mr. Rumble was nominated by Ken McTaggart of King Township and Mr. Laushway by Garfield Wright, Reeve of East Gwillimbury. The assessment and education committees are

two of the most important bodies that will deal with pressing problems in 1967. Deputy Reeve Bill Parsons of Stouffville will serve on education along with Albert Laird of Markham Village and Sidney Gadsby of Markham Township. Assessment will include both Reeve Ross Farquharson of Whitchurch and Stewart Rumble of Markham Township. Mr. Parsons is the chairman of the County police committee.

Taxi Rides Cost \$9,000

UNIONVILLE — Bus transportation costs for students in Markham Township Area 2 will run close to \$60,000 in 1967. This figure, as large as it is, must be paid by the Board, with the help of government grants. However, when a taxi service is required for only eight pupils at an estimated cost of \$9,000, then the trustees feel that it's time to take stock.

in for some surprises when the bills come in at the end of January. The three bus firms of Reid's, Morton's and Heise's have placed additional vehicles on the road but the Board is confident that costs will be less than when the Area operated under a staggered class system as in 1966.

Committee chairman, Stuart Watson said that children are taken part-way to Thornhill by taxi to attend special classes there. He said that regular bus routes do not provide this service. "We should take a long, hard look at this," he advised. "We'll be

County Police
VANDORF — Chief Fred Mason of Whitchurch Township police department feels that the Ontario Government's expressed willingness to subsidize the operation of municipal forces, moves the area one step closer to a County-wide police program. He presented his personal opinion at a meeting of Whitchurch council, Jan. 17. A report originating from Queen's Park, offered Provincial Police Service to municipalities with only one officer. Chief Mason said too, that financial assistance could be forthcoming to departments with more men.

March Of Dimes
STOUFFVILLE — The annual March of Dimes canvass will be conducted in Stouffville on Monday, January 30. Welcome the "marching mothers" when they call.

End Year In 'Black'

UNIONVILLE — A discussion over current expenditures in the four-figure bracket, was changed to a more pleasant topic by trustee Eldred King of Markham Township School Area 2, Jan. 17. He informed the Board that, in spite of ever-increasing costs, expenditures in 1966 had been met by current income. Mr. King was quick to point out, however, that money received from the sale of old school buildings had amounted to \$16,500 and had been included in the year-end result. It was agreed that the sum of \$200,000 should be borrowed from the bank until grants and taxes are collected.



There were more hunters than foxes in Uxbridge Township on Saturday morning as more than fifty men combed a five square mile area without success. One of the patient participants was Gordon Todd of Goodwood. He, like others, watched and waited but not a single fox appeared. The hunt was organized when incidents of rabies among wild animals caused concern among farm residents.

Fox Hunters 'Out-Foxed'

GOODWOOD — A five square mile section of Uxbridge Township could have been mistaken for a battle line in Vietnam as dozens of hunters including many from Metro, converged on the area. The point of the organized raid, was to rid the district of rabid foxes that had been so prevalent in the community only a few days before. But none was seen.

The hunt was well organized. Two-way radios and walki-talki units were used effectively. Officials of the Maple Branch, Department of Lands and Forests were on the scene along with the original promoter of the scheme, Jim Michell, Claremont, RR 1. Television cameras recorded the event, from the beginning at 9 a.m. to the conclusion at noon. They were also witnesses to a lesson in 'safety first' when a hunter leaned his gun through the strands of a wire fence, then climbed directly over the ends of both barrels.

used snowshoes while Doug Coppins of Claremont travelled first class in a skidoo. Walt Ward, of Claremont, also shouldered a shotgun. He is 90. Television cameras recorded the event, from the beginning at 9 a.m. to the conclusion at noon. They were also witnesses to a lesson in 'safety first' when a hunter leaned his gun through the strands of a wire fence, then climbed directly over the ends of both barrels.



Served 20 Years

Rev. Douglas Davis of Stouffville has announced his retirement from the Public Library Board following a period of twenty years service. His work was commended by members of town council, Thursday night.

Acquitted Of Breakin

STOUFFVILLE — Anthony Rogers, 17, of RR 3, Newmarket, was acquitted Tuesday, of breaking into Snowball's Barbershop, Stouffville, last July 16. Magistrate Russell Pearce ruled that a statement taken by Whitchurch Township Police was inadmissible.

About \$223 worth of cigarettes and other merchandise were taken. A second youth, Lorne Allen Marshall, 22, of Stouffville, was convicted of the break-in last August, along with several other offenses. He was sentenced to five years in penitentiary.

Portrait For Posterity

STOUFFVILLE—Stouffville councillor Bob Lewis feels, that for the sake of posterity, a formal photograph of the village council should be inserted in the 1967 edition of the High School Year Book. Councillor Lewis raised the point, Thursday night, after correspondence was received from student, Craig Schell, requesting the town to reserve some advertising space in their book.

"One hundred years from now, when Stouffville has a population of one million or more, people might want to know what the council members of 1967 looked like," said Mr. Lewis. "We should have had the picture taken a few weeks ago or wait for a month," commented Reeve Ken Laushway with a side glance at councillor Lewis, sprouting a centennial beard. "You look a little moth-eaten right now," agreed councillor Jim McKellar. Clerk Ralph Corner was asked to obtain a price on space that would accommodate a photo.

Washers Worsened Windshield
STOUFFVILLE — A Stouffville driver told Magistrate Russell Pearce in Richmond Hill Court, Friday, that his view of the highway ahead became obscure after he switched on his windshield washers. Ernest Roberts, Elm Road, was charged by Stouffville police under a new section of the Highway Traffic Act, that requires all windows to be clear while the car is in motion. The Roberts' auto collided with one driven by Donald Charles Herbert, Stouffville RR 2 on Dec. 12.

Mr. Roberts said that the glass was reasonably clear but when the liquid sprayed from the washers, it turned into ice. He was convicted of the offense and fined \$20 and costs.

Liquor Fines Hiked

STOUFFVILLE — Minimum fines for liquor offenses involving underage youth have been hiked to \$35 according to Magistrate Russell Pearce, but the news came too late for four Stouffville boys. Charles William Boar, 16; William Harper, 18; William Lehman, 18 and Delvin Howard Chase, 20 were convicted in Richmond Hill court, Tuesday. Lehman was fined \$100 when he admitted to a previous conviction for the same offense in September.

Magistrate Pearce said that increased fines had resulted in a decrease in the number of cases before the court in recent weeks.

HEART FUND
STOUFFVILLE—Stouffville Council, Thursday night, gave its approval of a canvass, Feb. 18 for the Heart Fund. A Heart Chapter has been organized here.

Shot Boxer Husband
MARKHAM — The wife of a former heavyweight boxing champion was placed on probation, Tuesday, following a conviction in Richmond Hill court on a charge of wounding her husband. Sally Werthman, 54, of Markham Village was alleged to have shot her husband, 'Tiger' Werth with a 22 calibre rifle following what police described as a heavy drink-

Charged Driver

STOUFFVILLE — A Stouffville district truck driver has been charged by Metro police with careless driving following an accident that killed Adolf Schmidt, 63, of Toronto. William Charles Gill, 32, Stouffville, RR 1, was in collision with an auto driven by Schmidt at the intersection of Sheppard Avenue and Kennedy Road. He leaves a wife, a son and a daughter. It was Metro's 14th fatality in less than four weeks.

Ruth Parsons Best Speaker
STOUFFVILLE — Ruth Parsons, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Parsons of Stouffville was the senior winner in the annual Lions Club oratorical contest here Monday night. Miss Parsons will now advance to the Zone contest to be held at Agincourt. The other two senior speakers were Carole Adams and Patricia Smalley.

In the junior contest, Peter Sanderson placed first, the only boy in the competition. Marlene Story and Mina Mehaffey were the other junior competitors.

Prepare Zoning Bylaw For Whitchurch Area

VANDORF — A zoning bylaw will be prepared for the whole of Whitchurch Township in accordance with a decision by council at a meeting January 17. Conrad Dowson, Planning Director for York County, has been instructed to draw it up and present it at a future meeting for further discussion. Mr. Dowson advised the members to divide the municipality into two distinct zones — agricultural and residential. He said that

this would give the council control over such development as wrecking yards, dog kennels and swill-fed piggeries. He pointed out that if an industry was interested in locating on a desirable site, an application could be submitted to change the zoning at that particular location. Council felt it would be feasible to zone the Lemoville area as residential but no decision was reached on lot sizes that would be permitted.

Police Find Still

GOODWOOD — If Robert Taylor, conc. 2, Uxbridge Township had plans of preparing his own private brew for Christmas, his hopes were dashed in the mash when police arrived, Dec. 22. In Ajax court, Jan. 15, Taylor was fined \$300 and costs by Magistrate Harry Jermyn on a charge of operating an unlicensed still. An officer of the RCMP testified that he found a complete still in the barn and several bottles of spirit-

its in both the barn and the house. The accused admitted that he constructed and operated the still himself but had not sold any of the products.

Will Control Airport

BUTTONVILLE — The federal Department of Transport will take over operation of the Buttonville Airport control tower Jan. 31 in setting up a new flight control zone for Metropolitan Toronto. The effect of the change will be less air traffic congestion, said Roy McCabe, chief instructor at Toronto Airways Ltd., at Buttonville. The busy airport handles a large number of private and charter flights daily. It is also a customs port of entry. In the past aircraft approaching Toronto International Airport from the east have flown directly over Buttonville, but have not been required to report to the local airport. After Jan. 31 all aircraft bound for Toronto International Airport will be required to report to control towers at Buttonville, as well as those at the Toronto Island, Downsview and International airports. Mr. McCabe said the Department of Transport will assume complete control of Buttonville, operating the tower and radio equipment. Weather forecasts may be provided in the future.

Issue Bench Warrant

STOUFFVILLE — The absence of both the driver and his solicitor from Richmond Hill court, Friday, resulted in an order by Magistrate Russell G. Pearce to have a bench warrant issued. Jack VanKoughnet, Lorretta Crescent, Stouffville, has been charged by Stouffville police with careless driving and following too close to another vehicle. His lawyer had informed the Crown that he would not be present. His client's absence prevented a legal adjournment of the case. Two other charges of dangerous and careless driving, laid by Port Perry police have been remanded until Feb. 1.

Officials Charge
DOG STARVED
LAKE WILCOX — The Toronto Humane Society has charged a Whitchurch Township man with causing unnecessary suffering to an animal and failing to provide suitable food and shelter following the death of a Collie dog, Dec. 14. Neil Tucker of Lake Wilcox appeared in Magistrate's Court, Newmarket on Friday. The case was remanded to February 17. Inspector Leonard Addison said that the 8 month old Collie was taken to the Humane Society shelter after complaints were received from residents in the area. It died three hours after it was examined by a veterinarian. The maximum sentence on each charge is six months in jail plus a \$500 fine.

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