

Planning Board

Plans For Busy Year

STOUFFVILLE— Reeve Ken Laushway, addressing the inaugural meeting of Stouffville Planning Board Jan. 12, predicted a 'big year' ahead in 1967. The reeve said he expected that development of the new west end subdivision would likely proceed, possibly under new ownership. He suggested that the second phase of the Shopping Plaza would be started and pointed to proposed construction and renovation of stores in the Main Street business section. He urged both Planning Board and Council to consider ways in which parking facilities could be expanded.

NEW CHAIRMAN
Mr. Reg. MacKay was elected chairman of the Board, succeeding A. G. Thompson who held the post for three years. He will remain as a member, however, along with vice chairman, Jim Richards and William Sanders. Both Mr. MacKay and Mr. Sanders also sit on the Committee of Adjustment.

Opened Wrong Door

STOUFFVILLE — Peter Fintelman, R.R. 3, Stouffville, pleaded guilty and was fined \$20 and costs on a charge of improperly opening the left hand door of his car.
The charge was laid Dec. 2, by P.C. Alvin Thompson, Stouffville Police.
Magistrate R. G. Pearce commented that serious injuries to cyclists have resulted from such an offense.

Driver Fined

STOUFFVILLE — A licence plate found at the scene of a one-car collision on Main Street in Stouffville, led to the conviction of William Alfred Simpson, West Hill, on a charge of failing to report an accident, in Richmond Hill Court, Jan. 20.
The charge was laid by Stouffville Police Constable Alvin Thompson, Dec. 24. The fine was \$20 and \$150 costs.
Simpson said he had gone off the road Dec. 3 because of a sleet storm the night before. He told the court he didn't think damage to his car was over the \$100 limit. Total damage, including the fence which was knocked over was \$225.



Begin Excavation Work At Site Of New I.G.A. Foodliner Store

Excavation work was started last week at the site of Ratcliff's new I.G.A. Foodliner on Main Street in Stouffville. The quarter million dollar structure will be much larger than the present store with increased parking facilities at the rear. Harron Construction Company has the contract.

Beard-Growing Nears 'Centennial' Mark

STOUFFVILLE — One hundred entries on Canada's 100th birthday. That is the current goal in the Stouffville beard-growing contest. By the end of this week, it could well have been reached.

Up to Jan. 19, ninety-two men had registered, including twenty-eight under the age of 21 years. New listings include: Garry Harding, O'Brien Avenue; John McBride, Church St.; Doug Greensted, Stouffville R.R. 2; Merv Bunker, Stouffville, R.R. 3; Gord Barkey, Stouffville, R.R. 2; Ken Patrick, Fairview Ave; Ray Steele, Manitoba St., Wayne-Pennanen, Main St. E.; Bob Reid, Glad Park Ave.; Glen Avery, Stouffville, R.R. 2, Lionel Begin, Elm Road; Jack Pollard, Stouffville, R.R. 3, Ivan Harris, Main St.; Neil Witwicki, Mill St.; Russell Holder, Elm Road; Ron Springer, Stouffville, R.R. 3; Grant Turner, Main St. E.; Adam Johnson, Stouffville, R.R. 2; Bradley Elson, Pine St.; Lionel Jones, Ninth Line South; Rick Roderman, Stouffville, R.R. 3; Paul Haddock, Unionville, R.R. 1; Chuck Grove, Main St. E.; Roy Ward, South St.; Don Lehman, Boyer St.; Jack Valleau, Ninth Line S.; Ron Castle, Main St. E.; Mike Bridges, Main St. E.; Peter Daniels, Stouffville, R.R. 4; Gord Hardie, R.R. 2; Markham; David Baker, Ringwood; Ted Philpott, Markham, R.R. 2; Allan Nesbitt, Stouffville, R.R. 2; Louie Wilkins, Stouffville, R.R. 2; Frank Bramham, Albert St. N.; Earle Reesor, Markham, R.R. 2; Harry Howard, Fairview Ave.; Ed Wideman, Markham, R.R. 2; Wayne Crowder, Baker Ave.; Peter Gibbins, Stouffville, R.R. 2; David Glover, Stouffville, R.R. 4;

Jim Clubine, Stouffville, R.R. 4; Ron Gallamore, Market St.; Percy Wagg, Mill St.; Neil Wagg, Mill St.; Paul Benson, Park Drive N.; Bob Smith, Albert St. S.; Bill McNelly, Loretta Cresc.; Chuck Spensley, Stouffer St.; Ken Paulton, Stouffville; Bill

Drolet, Stouffville, R.R. 4; Don Hamilton, High School staff; Ben Aida, Hawthorne Ave.; Bill Windsor, Stouffville, R.R. 2; Randy Mole, Rose Ave.; John Harris, Claremont, R.R. 3; Frank Brock, Stouffville; Armand English, Main St. W.; Ross Madill, Stouffer St.; Merv

in Turner, Church St. N.; Jim McKellar, Ninth Line N.; Stan Newmarche, Main St. E.; Wayne Davidson, Tenth Line South; Walter Melhuish, Westlawn Crescent.

Entries are still being accepted. Judging will take place, July 1.

**Give Credit — Where Credit Due
'Let's Put The Record Straight'**

STOUFFVILLE—Stouffville's centennial project is moving ever nearer a visual reality, but councillor Bob Lewis feels that neither the council as a whole, nor any individual member should take the full credit for its existence.

The plan is to remove the former firehall and create a 'civic square' leading to the municipal building and the park.

Councillor Lewis charged that council had been spurred to action by a delegation of ratepayers and the sketch promotions prepared by Mrs. Peggy Topping. He said that he had mentioned this matter at a previous meeting and wished to repeat it for the benefit of the press.

Reeve Ken Laushway contended that the 'civic square' idea had been mentioned within council but Mrs. Topping was the first to put the plan on paper. "It encouraged us all to do something," he said.

Deputy-Reeve Bill Parsons said that it had been very obvious for the past three years that the reeve was anxious for Stouffville to have some kind of cen-

tennial project. He said that two original ideas had been discarded by council. "The most recent project was never introduced by us," he said.

Councillor Jim McKellar termed Mrs. Topping's

plan and the supporting delegation as 'a driving force'.

"I just want to put the record straight," concluded councillor Lewis, "I believe in giving credit where credit is due."

M. Farquharson Heads Sunday School Assoc.

UNIONVILLE — The 1966 executive of the Markham Township Sunday School Association was returned for 1967 at the Association's 98th annual convention held January 19 at Unionville.

Re-elected were J. M. Farquharson, president; Ewart Stiver, first vice-president; Leonard Burkholder, second vice-president; Lewis Heise, secretary and Rev. Roscoe Chapin, treasurer.

Speakers at the three sessions were Rev. Elwood Flewelling, Heise Hill Brethren in Christ Church; Rev. James Burn, St. Matthew's United Church, Richmond Hill and Rev. Wes-

Klassen, Executive Secretary of the Ontario Sunday School Association.

The morning session was held at the Christian and Missionary Church, and the afternoon and evening sessions at Central United Church, both in Unionville.

Fined \$20

STOUFFVILLE — A 16-year-old Maple R.R. 1 youth was fined \$20 and costs and disqualified for three months on a charge of driving without a licence. The case was heard in Richmond Hill Court, Jan. 20.

Robert Arthur Howden was charged following an accident on Main St., Stouffville, Jan. 9.

The youth had bought the truck at a Stouffville dealer's just before the accident.

Followed Fire Truck Too Close

STOUFFVILLE — Melvin Tindall, Sandford, found out the hard way that following vehicles must keep a distance of 500 feet behind fire department trucks.

The Stouffville Fire Department was answering a call on Highway 47 when P.C. Alvin Thompson laid the charge, Nov. 30.

Tindall said the men on the truck were waving at him but he didn't know what they meant so he signalled and passed.

Liberals Organize

STOUFFVILLE — All Liberals are urged to attend the organizational meeting of the newly created provincial riding of York North. York North is one of the new ridings which has come into being as a result of provincial redistribution. The new riding which has been carved out of the old riding of York North will serve the municipalities of Aurora, Newmarket, Stouffville and the Townships of King, Whitchurch and East Gwillimbury. It will have a population of 53,069.

The organizational meeting will be held on Thursday, January 26, at 8 p.m. at the Legion Hall on Strigley Street in Newmarket. The delegates will be asked to adopt a riding constitution and elect an executive. It is hoped to have a prominent provincial Liberal as guest speaker.

County secretary is Thomas McPherson of Aurora.

Bloomington, Past and Present

Wil Fockler 'Everybody's Friend'

Active At 97

BLOOMINGTON — speak of the hamlet of Bloomington and you refer to the community's most highly respected resident, Wil Fockler. At 97, he's a living history of the area, past and present, he's everybody's friend.

Mr. Fockler is an extremely active man. You may find him chatting with a neighbor on a street corner in Stouffville; talking to the rural mail carrier or chasing a family of pesky rabbits from his raspberry bushes. He will be 98 on Oct. 31.

Mr. Fockler was born at lot 14, conc. 9, Whitchurch Township the son of Jacob Fockler and Deliah Vanzant. One brother, Rev. Charles E. Fockler lives in Markham.

Mr. Fockler can recall when five farmers joined together and purchased their own horse-powered threshers. They were Willie Rose, Will Tranmer, Jake Fockler, David Swales and Sam Holder. He also remembers the first steam-powered unit, a revolution in the custom threshing business. Jim McMullen, Chester Brumwell, Wallace Vaughan and Austin Yake were among the first to own new steam rigs. Everton Jones had the first car in the community, a Model T.

CLOSE TO CHURCH

The Bloomington Christian Church has been partially responsible for keeping Mr. Fockler a permanent resident of Bloomington all these years. It was once located on the east side of the road at the site of the present cemetery. Later, a new building was erected to the west. Mr. Fockler seldom misses a service. He was the caretaker for 20 years and a former Superintendent of the Sunday School. "I can recall getting up at 3 a.m. to put the fires on," he said, "they have it a little easier now." He attended school near the site of the present structure.



Rob Burnett of Stouffville was a roommate. Later, he served as a school trustee in the section.
Mr. Fockler had a bout with pneumonia at the age of 14 but since that time, he has enjoyed excellent health. He put in his own garden last summer.
He enjoys the company of his one daughter, Mrs. Merle McCormack who lives with him. Two other sisters, Mrs. Alta Tomlinson lives at Weston and Mrs. Aleta Leask resides at Greenbank. He has seven grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.
The hamlet of Bloomington wouldn't be quite the same without Mr. Fockler, a good neighbour to many and everybody's friend.

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Guest Speaker

Rear Admiral W. M. Landymore, O.B.E., will be the guest speaker at a banquet, Feb. 23 at the Inn on the Park, Toronto. The fund-raising dinner is being sponsored by the Markham Cenotaph Committee, in support of their cenotaph project to be located in the town's centennial public library on Main Street.

Editor's Mail

Cenotaph Committee Asks Public Support

Dear Sir,
Your assistance and many kindnesses in regard to the publicity of the Cenotaph Dinner, to date, is much appreciated and are examples of good corporate citizenship.

The means of fund raising has been such that every person in the community can share in it. Every citizen can, in the future, look at this fine piece of sculpture, which is, as well, a memorial, and say "I had a stake in that."

It appeals as well to the grateful farmer, who during the war years, tilled the soil here at home in security, as to the veteran, who remembers his comrades who fell around him. It appeals to the business man, who saw the fortunes of war pull our hemisphere out of depression of unprecedented length and depth. It appeals to the mother and father, who in the family see those values they daily seek to impart to their children.

While it commemorates those buried elsewhere, this statue is to the living; it embodies the hopes of mankind for peace and expresses it everyday to us and to future generations.

Not too often in our lifetime does one have opportunities to share with one or another in a matter of such significance. Too often we do not recognize such opportunities. We beg off for usual reasons and find later in life, sometimes too late, that at the end of the road we have not left much of a mark in the sands of time. This marble statue is a permanent immutable tribute to those things we hold dear, and to those men, who, in another day laid down their lives to preserve them for us. In it we can leave our mark for future generations. It is the mark of a great man, who plants a tree under whose shade he may not sit.

Paul W. J. Mingay,
Chairman,
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