

Council Holds Ace

But Firemen Trump Town Euchre Club

STOUFFVILLE — Stouffville council held an 'ace' up its sleeve, Thursday night, but declined to play it. Instead, they were 'trumped' by the town fire brigade who turned down a request for use of the firehall instruction room as an afternoon meeting place for the men's mid-winter euchre club.

Their present location, in the old firehall, will have to be abandoned when work begins on the demolition of the structure to make way for the Civic Square, Stouffville's Centennial Project.

Council members expressed disappointment over the brigade's decision but declined to force the issue. It was agreed to seek accommodation elsewhere and, failing that, another meeting would be held with the firemen in an effort to resolve the problem.

"I'm disappointed," commented reeve Ken Laushway, "our senior citizens could have used it for two months. Very few valid reasons were presented for not allowing it." Mr. Laushway noted that since 1960, an estimated \$75,000 had been spent on improved fire-fighting facilities. "I'm sorry that they (the firemen) have forgotten all this so quickly. They don't want to forget that it's the municipality that owns the firehall."

Deputy-Reeve Bill Parsons termed the decision "a defiance of council".

Councillor Bob Lewis suggested that one of the town organizations be approached rather than force the men into a place where they are not wanted.

"Why should we go around the town begging for space when accommodation is available?", asked the deputy-reeve. "It comes down to a matter of principle. This is council property over which we, as elected representatives, have control."

Councillor Jim McKellar agreed that they should look elsewhere. "I'm afraid the atmosphere would be a little frosty for the men under present conditions." On a recorded vote requested by the reeve, the decision was unanimous.



Now That It's No Longer A Secret

There are some days when nothing seems to go right. For six-year old Jimmy Cadieux of Stouffville, Saturday was one of those days. Just when he had his pre-Valentine gift all picked out, who should come strolling into the store but his closest friend, 6 year old Jackie Hassard. All's fair in love and war, they both agree so why wait. And besides, those chocolates look mighty tempting. —Staff Photo.

To Raise \$35,000

Plan Aug. 1 Start On U.M. Church

STOUFFVILLE — A target date of August 1 has been set for work to begin on a new church for the United Missionary congregation of Stouffville. A meeting was held Feb. 1 to discuss recommendations related to the building of the sanctuary. It was agreed that a minimum of \$35,000 be raised in outright cash gifts before the project is started. The remainder of the amount required will

be obtained by means of a bond issue.

A building committee, headed by chairman, Reg. Stouffer was appointed and they will report back to the congregation on recommended plans and costs. Committee members include—George Timbers, Earle Honsberger, Carl Reesor, Lambert Stouffer, Stewart Wideman, Ruth Herbert, Bert Stouffer and Bob Stover.

Seek Industry For Markham

BUTTONVILLE — A five-member Industrial Advisory Committee has been appointed in Markham Township in an effort to promote industrial buildup within the municipality.

At the present time, residential development far outweighs new commercial and industrial assessment.

Named to the committee at a meeting, Monday were — Edward Fritz, President of Steelcase Company Limited; George Rodanz of Ringwood Farms and Director of Royal Winter Fair; Lawson Mumberson, former Markham deputy-reeve and council representative, reeve Stewart Rumble, deputy-reeve Sidney

Gadsby and councillor Alan Sumner.

Robin Chirps At 20 Below

STOUFFVILLE — A robin made a rather ill-fated return trip to Stouffville on the weekend and was caught in the midst of the season's severest cold snap.

The bird was seen by several residents on Baker Avenue, Monday including Eldon Fretz, Main Street, East.

Thermometer readings dipped to 17 degrees below — a rather chilly reception to a feathered friend.

Prayer Service Splits Churches

Build On Or Build Up

Meeting At St. James' To Include Catholics

STOUFFVILLE — A World Day of Prayer Service, purposely intended to unite denominations around the globe, has created a split between six of the churches in Stouffville.

Now, instead of one service in one church, there will be two services in two churches, both at the same time and on the same day, Friday, Feb. 10.

According to reports, the original hosts were the Baptists. They, however, elected to join forces with the United Missionary and Christian women and go it alone. St. James Presbyterian, the next host in line, agreed to carry on and will share their service with the United, Roman Catholic and Anglicans.

Reasons for the split are shrouded in secrecy and mixed with disappointment and confusion.

MOST UNFORTUNATE

"I feel very badly about it," said Mrs. Alan Powell, President of the Presbyterian Women's Missionary Society. She said she had received a letter more than a month ago but no reasons were given for the decision. "It's most unfortunate."

Mrs. Neil Smith, head of the United Church Women said that the Baptist, United Missionary and Christian Churches appeared to favor a more evangelical type of service. "All over the world, the trend is to bring denominations closer together while here in Stouffville,

we are destroying what little has been accomplished." She said that for the first time, an invitation had been extended to the Catholic Women's League and they had expressed delight in joining in. "I'm very disappointed that it's all worked out this way."

"I'm completely in the dark," admitted Mrs. David Cuthbertson of Christ Church Anglican. "It was her understanding that the service was accepted as universal."

"We were asked to attend and we're delighted to participate," said Mrs. Jack McDermott, President of the Catholic Women's League. Past President, Mrs. William Kamps said that the Parish was actually in Markham but residents here were only too pleased to take part in the Stouffville service.

NO COMPETITION

Mrs. Garth Good of the United Missionary Church said there was no suggestion of competition between the 'breakaway' group and the remaining organizations. She declined to make further comment.

Mrs. S. F. McCleary of the Baptist Church described the move as 'a difficult one'. "Some just don't understand our position. We don't wish to cause any hard feelings."

"There are various reasons," said Mrs. C. T. Bass of the Christian Church. "It's difficult to explain."

She said that a division was almost assured for next year and the three churches decided to make the break now rather than later. "We knew that many wouldn't understand. It's not the people we disagree with but only the system."

Boy Hit

STOUFFVILLE — A 4 year old Harold Street boy suffered head and face injuries, Feb. 4, when he ran into the front corner of an eastbound car near his home.

Michael Hamilton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Belfry Hamilton was treated by Dr. Blair Mitchell and released. No blame was attached to the motorist, Raymond Pipher, Ninth Line North.

Lemonville 'Farmer' Loses Court Appeal

VANDORF — A Lemonville resident, who claimed that his property on the 7 concession, Whitchurch Township, constituted a 'farm', had his assessment appeal dismissed by County Court Judge L. M. Ball at a hearing held at Vandorf, Feb. 1.

Reginald and Margaret Fairbanks, currently on vacation in Florida, could not be present and a request for an adjourn-

ment, submitted by their solicitor, William Bailey, was refused.

Value placed on the Fairbanks' home was set at \$35,000 with \$45,000 on accessory buildings. The assessor stated that if the property was considered a 'farm' it would mean a \$265 reduction on the land and about \$2,000 on the buildings. He said that no livestock was kept and only one field was under cultivation.

Mr. Bailey submitted a statement of operations for 1965 that revealed a deficit.

Judge Ball concluded that the appellant had an income from another source and the loss was possibly charged against that return as permitted under the Act.

He said that, in his opinion, the assessment was fair.

School Breakins

Concern Board

STOUFFVILLE — Frequent 'breakins' at the Stouffville District High School is causing members of the Board some concern. The building, located at the north end of Edward Street was entered on several occasions 'last year with damage amounting to hundreds of dollars.

The latest entry occurred Jan. 24 and the loss of typewriters and mechanics' tools exceeded \$500. The doors to both the Principal's and Secretary's offices were smashed.

Preventative measures were discussed by the trustees at a meeting Tuesday night.

Contributions

In addition to the Stouffville Imperial Bank of Commerce and the Bank of Nova Scotia, contributions for the Civic Square Fund will also be accepted at the Stouffville Credit Union.

Wins Two Awards

The Stouffville Tribune has won two of the annual weekly Newspaper awards for the Province of Ontario. The Tribune stood first in the over-all competition in its population class and was also awarded first place for the Best Front Page in general competition.

These awards will be presented this week at the annual convention of the Ontario Weekly Newspapers Association being held at the Royal York Hotel. The Best Front Page is a special prize given by the Imperial Oil Co. Runners-up in the various competitions will be announced during the convention.



Can Spring (Brrr) Be Far Behind

There was a time when the arrival of lambs was a sure sign that Spring was just around the corner. But not any more, at least not on the farm of Lloyd Bryant, conc. 5, Uxbridge Township. Fourteen year old Donna Bryant finds that holding the bottle is much easier than hanging onto this frisky fellow. —Staff Photo.

Apartment Rejected

STOUFFVILLE — The Ontario Municipal Board has turned down an application for a change in zoning on Main Street East that would permit the erection of an apartment house in Stouffville.

The decision was revealed at a meeting of Council, Feb. 2. At the same time, the Board agreed to a zoning change that would allow the erection of homes in the Chiovette Subdivision, west of Westlawn Crescent. Two persons expressed opposition to the apartment during the hearing held Nov. 29. No one was opposed to the zoning change in the area of the Parkview Senior Citizen's Home.

Breaks Record

STOUFFVILLE — Eight year old Keith Acton, Burkholder Street, Stouffville, set a Provincial speed-skating record in the Bantam class of open competition at Ottawa, Saturday. He topped five other entries in the open-air finals. He received two wall plaques, a trophy and a centennial medalion.

Kevin Acton, 13, now classed as a juvenile, placed third in spite of a badly sprained ankle. Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Acton attended the competition and Betty, the boys' mother, finished 4th in her class.

In Pickering

O.M.B. Approves New Boundaries

PICKERING — The Ontario Municipal Board has given its approval to changes in the boundaries of wards in the township of Pickering as sanctioned in 1966 by a split vote of council.

The decision was handed down on Monday by chairman, F. G. Blake following a hearing that extended into its second day. The chairman said he considered the boundary changes as 'reasonable' for the present but they could be altered as population growth continued.

He viewed the alternatives as no improvement over what had been offered and passed by council.

The new ward boundary bylaw will not become effective until Jan. 1, 1968 but municipal elections in December, 1967 will be governed by the new boundary lines approved.

The Police Village of Clarendon will no longer retain that status and the trustee board will be dissolved.

Punctured By Pellets

MUSSELMAN'S LAKE — Kenneth Wayne Cowie, RR 3, Stouffville was 'punctured' by thirty shotgun pellets following a family argument, Christmas Eve near Musselman's Lake.

Larry Walter Cowie, 24, of Stouffville, RR 2, charged by Whitchurch Township police with attempted murder and wounding, was committed for trial by Magistrate Russell Pearce on Tuesday. The case will be heard in Ontario Supreme Court.

The injured brother was hit in the arm and

shoulder. He was confined to hospital for 24 hours. A shotgun and a .22 calibre rifle were later seized.

Skating Party

STOUFFVILLE — A live band and spot prizes will feature a Centennial Old Timers Skating Party in the Stouffville Arena on Saturday, Feb. 18.

The event is part of Stouffville's year-long centennial program. The sports committee chairman is Keith Sutherland.

Skating for adults only, will begin at 8:30 p.m.

Frank J. Ryfa

Town Businessman Stricken Suddenly

STOUFFVILLE — The operator of Stouffville's East End Groceries for the past six years, Mr. Frank J. Ryfa passed away suddenly on Sunday at his home. He was 51.

Born in Roblin, Manitoba, he came to Stouffville in 1961 and took over the small store on Main Street East. He turned it into a flourishing business. For a period of 16 years, he was employed as plant foreman for the McDougall Paint Company in Toronto.

Mr. Ryfa was identified with Christ Anglican Church in Stouffville and was a member of the

Stouffville Branch of the Canadian Legion. A special Legion service was conducted at the Chapel prior to the public funeral on Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock. The pall bearers were Walter, Smith, Fred Castle, Del Jennings, Jim McKellar, Grant Turner and Ivan Goudie. Interment was at Stouffville and three sons, Frankie, Kenneth and Johnny. There are also two brothers, Walter and Ted and three sisters, Violet, Julia and Nettie.