

Juvenile Complaints Concern Markham Village Police

Break Teen Party Ring

MARKHAM — Offenses and complaints attributed to juveniles, doubled during the past year, according to the 1966 report prepared by Markham Village Police Chief Fred White and presented to Council, Monday night.

Chief White revealed that one person had been charged following a search of a home where a large house-party had been held. He said that many young people, the majority from good homes, had been involved in the drinking spree. He noted that the parents of the boys and girls had no knowledge of what was going on.

The Chief said that a series of house breaks had also involved juveniles. Three were charged and convicted and much of the property, including a large amount of jewelry from one home, was recovered.

LOTS TO DO

Mr. White told the Council that problems with a certain element of young people was by no means common only to Markham but prevalent across the Province. He said that lack of supervised recreation was no excuse since Markham's facilities ranked with the best.

Juvenile thefts from stores also showed an increase but in most cases, the merchants accepted restitution rather than press charges. He said that his force had attempted to supervise activities outside village restaurants during the summer months where teenagers tended to congregate. He called for the co-operation of the general public in assisting police in such matters.

SAFETY RECORD

Chief White described the traffic problem within the Village, created mainly by heavy trucks moving to and from gravel pit areas to the north. He said that, in spite of this, the pupils of Robinson School had recorded an 11-year accident free record, equalled only by Sault Ste. Marie. He noted too, that St. Patrick's School was adding to its no-accident total.

An officer has been assigned to provide safety instruction to all junior-class children and supply literature to senior students.

Mr. White said that the radar speed-control unit would be used as often as possible. In 1966, an average of 25 charges per month were laid under the Highway Traffic Act.

Nine automobiles were stolen last year. All were recovered in addition to two from adjacent areas.

DOMESTIC COMPLAINTS

Police answered 38 domestic complaints in 1966, an increase over the previous year. Chief White said that in most cases, alcohol was a contributing factor. He said that officers attempt to mediate the dispute, especially when small children are involved. When this fails, a physician or family agency is brought in to assist.

Minor complaints climbed from 1,196 in 1965 to 2,140 in '66. "This is the clearest indication to Council of the work load increase," the report read.

Mr. White said that his department was working to capacity and a considerable amount of overtime had been recorded by the men. "With the continued expansion of Markham, additional staff will be required to properly maintain adequate police protection," the report concluded.

Oratorical Competition

BALLANTRAE — A public speaking contest will be held among pupils of Whitchurch Township with the finals planned for Ballantrae School on March 1 at 1:30 p.m.

The chief organizer of the competition is Mr. Harry Hunt, Principal of Ballantrae. Prior to the finals, eliminations will be held at the individual schools in the Area. Teachers, parents and board members are invited to attend the competition at Ballantrae. The judges will be — Mrs.

Grant Wells, Dr. S. S. Crouch and Professor Ernest A. Smith.

Claims Parking Bylaw Not Properly Publicized

MARKHAM — Edward C. Carter, Drakefield Road, challenged Markham Village's parking bylaw in Richmond Hill Traffic Court Friday, and Magistrate R. G. Pearce has asked for written argument before he finishes hearing the case, March 17.

Mr. Carter claimed the bylaw, passed Aug. 2, 1966, had not been properly publicized as required by the Municipal Act. He asked that the charge be dismissed.

He was issued a parking ticket by Markham Village police, Nov. 16 for parking for more than three hours outside his home.

We extend a welcome to three new residents of the Watson Heights Subdivision. They are Mr. and Mrs. Gary Usherwood and family and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Koski and family, both of Watson Drive, and to Mr. and Mrs. Love and family on Loretta Crescent.

DOGS BEWARE

VANDORF — In an effort to control the dog problem in Whitchurch Township, the council has approved the hiring of a full time Canine Control Officer, to be stationed in the municipal building at Vandorf.

Mr. Fred Ricker commenced his duties, Jan. 20. He will answer complaints and look after the sale of tags.

Mr. Ricker will maintain regular office hours, five days a week. On weekends, he will answer emergency calls.

When the Whitchurch office is closed, calls will be accepted by the Police Department and the information will be passed on.

Judge Suggests Removal Of Unused Buildings

VANDORF — A County Court Judge has recommended that any farmer who feels that his unused buildings should not be assessed, should remove them from the property.

Judge L. M. Ball sustained an appeal application filed by Joseph and Helen Olszewski and Sons, RR 4, Stouffville following a Hearing, Feb. 1.

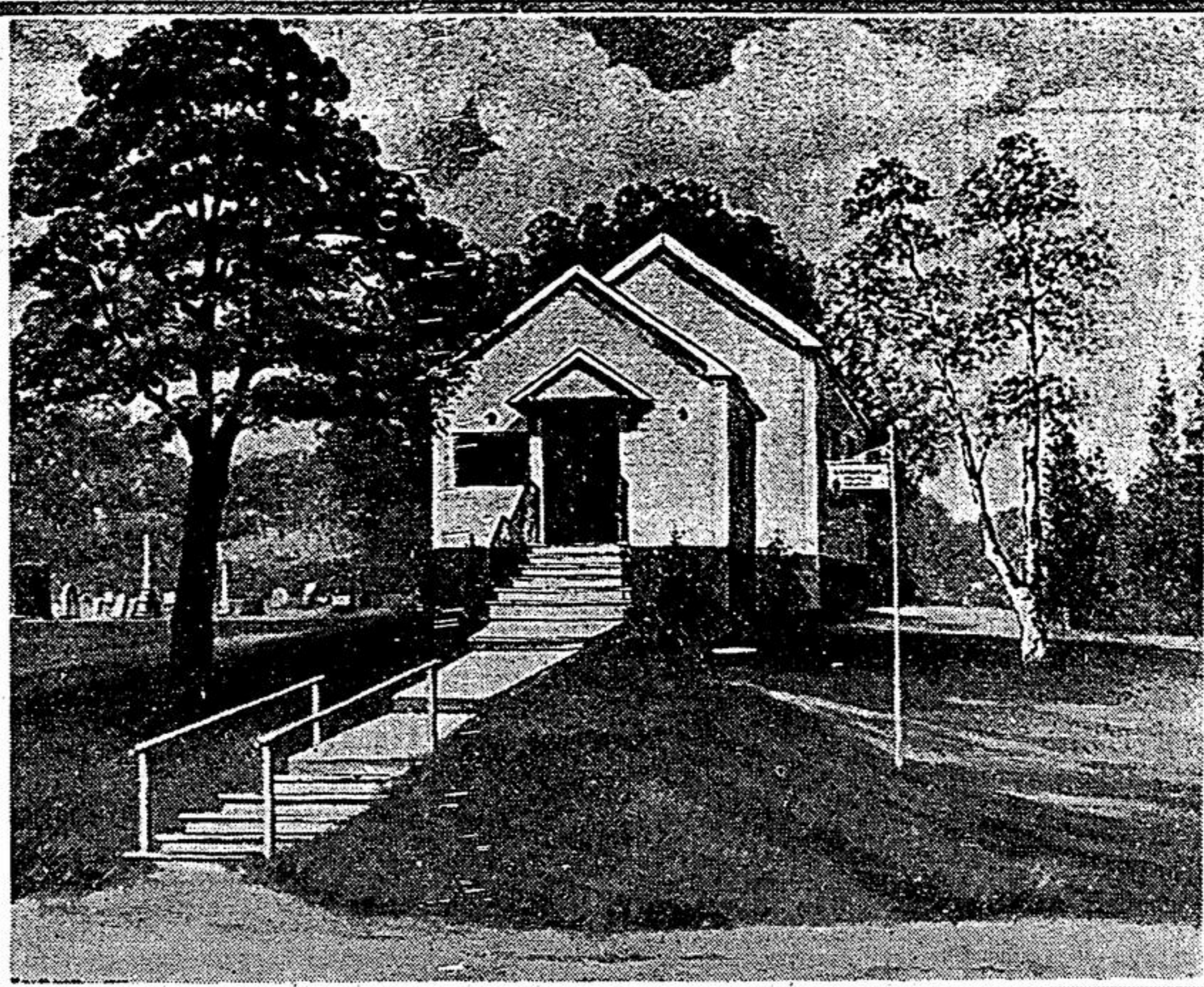
Mr. Olszewski admitted that he had built a new home on the farm that he valued at \$14,500. The total assessment on both lands and buildings was listed at \$11,605. He said that only 70 of the 100 acres was workable land but the assessor had raised the figure to 88 acres workable. He felt that buildings unfit for use should not be taxed.

Judge Ball recommended that the applicant remove the unwanted structures and then file a new appeal.

To Florida

VANDORF — Reeve Ross Farquharson of Whitchurch Township will have a holiday from the steady routine of both township and county council activities. He will leave for Florida, Feb. 16.

The regular Whitchurch meeting of Feb. 21 has been cancelled so that members can attend the Good Road's Convention in Toronto.



Painting Of Lemonville Church Completed By Member

In the vestibule of the Lemonville United Church is a beautiful oil painting of the sanctuary completed by congregation member Humie Macpherson, R.R. 4, Stouffville — Staff Photo.

If Standard Is Met

Will Approve Homes In Flood Area

STOUFFVILLE — A request by Stouffville Council to the Conservation Authority in reference to lands presently 'frozen' under a Greenbelt Bylaw, resulted in a visit to the area and a written report, presented at a meeting, Feb. 2. The property in question is located south of Main Street in Stouffville and border a branch of Duffin Creek in the centre of town. Lot-owners include — William Malloy, David Crosier, Stanley Schmidt, Mrs. Margaret Wagg, Kenneth Betz and Schell brothers. Recommendations were as follows:

The Malloy lot was considered 'extremely flood vulnerable' since it is bounded on two sides by the existing creek. They asked that it be left in the Greenbelt Zone.

The Crozier property was said to be located on the edge of the flood plain. The Authority agreed to consider an application for a building permit if the grade level was raised to a point above the flood danger.

Lots owned by Stanley Schmidt, Mrs. Margaret Wagg and Kenneth Betz were said to be poorly drained and located only slightly above the actual flood plain. The Authority said that before a building permit could be considered on any of the properties, a plan, outlining drainage proposals and the placing of adequate fill, would have to be submitted to Council and the Authority.

The Schell property was considered by the Authority to be part of the flood plain and the creek chan-

nel. It was recommended that engineering drawings be submitted to show what protective work was planned, if development was anticipated prior to the Authority's channelization program.

Stouffville council agreed that copies of the report should be sent to each of the lot-owners affected.

Bruce Mill Area

Host To 125,000

STOUFFVILLE — The popularity of the Bruce Mill Conservation Area in Markham Township is supported by attendance figures for 1966 as recorded by Authority officials.

Last year, 125,100 people visited the site, located on the Markham side of the Markham - Whitchurch townline.

In total, more than one million persons visited the eleven areas administered by the Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Authority. Most popular was the Boyd Area near Woodbridge with a record of 255,700 visitors.

Attendance totals at the other areas were Albion Hills, 186,800; Black Creek Pioneer Village, 144,300; Claremont, 20,300; Cold Creek, 13,500; Greenwood,

47,400; Glen Haffy, 49,500; Heart Lake, 205,100; Humber Trails, 7,500; and Falgrave, 9,600.

During the year, 29,300 students from elementary schools in Metro and region toured the Black Creek Pioneer Village of whom 2,000 participated in the pioneer crafts program.

Cash Box, Less Cash

MARKHAM — Markham Village police recovered an empty cash box on the 9th concession roadside, north of Highway No. 7 following a break-in at the Texaco Service Station.

In addition to money taken from the register, tools valued at over \$1,000 was also removed from the premises.

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