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All Dressed Up For Centennial Occasion

July 15 was Centennial Day in the hamlet of Greenwood and many persons, both adults and children, came dressed in keeping with the occasion. One dapper couple on the grounds was Mr. and Mrs. Percy Clarke, shown here. Other pictures on pages 3, 8 and 12. —Staff Photo.

Whitchurch T.S.A.

School Board All Confusion

Too Few Trustees

MUSSELMAN'S LAKE — Call it touch tag, hide-and-go-seek or ring-around-a-rosie, but whatever the name of the game, no one seems to agree on the rules. It was a scene of confusion at a meeting of Whitchurch Township Public School Area Board, Monday night.

At 7:30 p.m., a delegation of six parents, members of the press and two trustees, Wesley Brillinger and Norman Fockler were gathered outside the Board Office. Only the trustees were allowed in since the Secretary, Jack Wylie ruled there was not sufficient room. Later, he informed reporters and ratepayers that the meeting would be held at Ballantrae School, three miles to the north-west.

At 8 p.m., three trustees, six parents and two members of the press, were ready to begin but Mr. Brillinger couldn't get his car to go and Mr. Fockler indicated he had to leave early. Vice chairman, Melvin Baker ruled that without a quorum, no business could be conducted. Mr. Baker then left with Mr. Wylie.

At 8:35 p.m., the chairman, Dr. Morris Smith arrived. He stopped, spoke briefly with Mr. Flockler and a couple of parents and drove off.

At 8:45 p.m., all that remained were two disgusted newsmen and six irritated ratepayers.

At 9 p.m., Mr. Brillinger returned but by then, the meeting, that had never officially begun, was officially over.

PASTOR RETURNS

Rev. T. H. Fleetham, United Church pastor at Greenwood, Mt. Zion and Kinsale, will be in charge of an open-air service in the Claremont Conservation Area Sunday at 11 a.m., with a congregational picnic to follow at 1 p.m. It will mark the return of Rev. Fleetham after a three-month absence for two major operations and a period of convalescence.

Ratepayers In Up-Roar

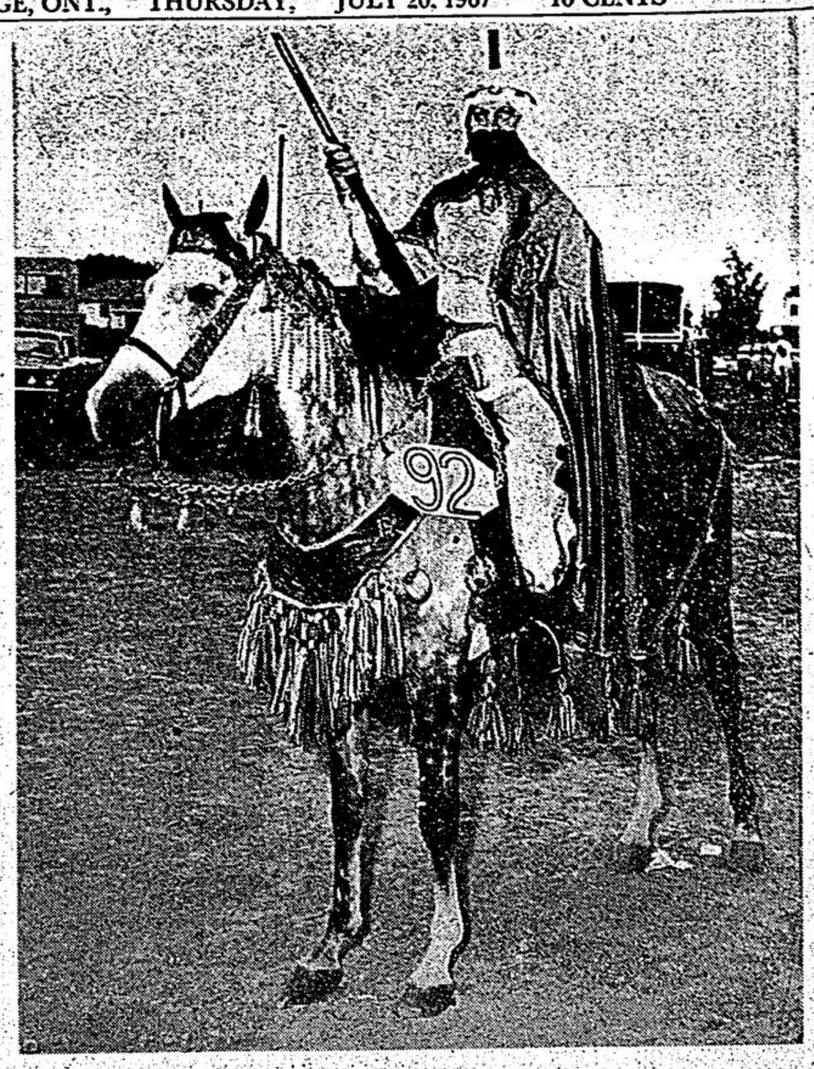
MUSSELMAN'S LAKE — A member of the Whitchurch Township School Area Board criticized the actions of the other trustees and the conduct of past meetings, in a telephone conversation with The Tribune, Monday night

Wesley Brillinger charged that members had attempted 'to pull a fast one' by re-scheduling Monday's meeting for 7:30 p.m. rather than the usual eight o'clock time.

He indicated that some ratepayers were in an uproar' over the location of the proposed new senior public school and they wished to make their views known. "They want to know what's going on and they have a right to be heard," he said. He charged that the 5-member Board was often deadlocked on motions "but the chairman always goes along with the other two." He did not name them.

Mr. Brillinger further charged that minutes of previous meetings were seldom read and that items of importance were often dealt with and finalized without motions supported by a mover or seconder.

Mr. Brillinger said that to his knowledge, the meeting, July 24, would be held at the Ballantrae School at the hour of 8 p.m. 'unless they decide to pull another fast one' and switch it to 7:30,' he said.



U. S. Entry In Arabian Horse Show

The sixth annual All Arabian Horse Show was held at Markham Fair Grounds, Saturday and attracted a large attendance of both spectators and entries. One rider, in colorful native costume, was Mr. George Foster of Foster Farms Inc., Michigan, U.S.A. —Staff Photo.

Sickening Scene

Four Die In Car Crash Accident Cause Unknown

VICTORIA SQUARE— It's seldom that an accident scene tends to turn away the curious. It did last week as bystanders arrived at the location of a head-on car-truck crash, one mile north of Victoria Square on Don Mills Road.

One man, sickened by the sight of broken and twisted bodies, was forced to leave. Others just stared from a distance as police studied the position of the vehicles and victims in an effort to determine the cause. An inquest will be held.

Killed instantly was Mrs. Edith Flaherty, 67 and her three grandchildren, Sharon, 19, Colleen, 6 and Patrick, 2, all of Toronto. Their nearly-new auto, driven only 2,000 miles, was northbound when it slammed into a south-bound truck, loaded with sod. The small car, a Vauxhall Viva was driven backwards into a pasture field. The driver and one little girl were found in the wreckage. The grandmother and the little boy were hurled onto the pavement. Stouffville firemen were called but no blaze developed.

There were three witnesses to the impact but none could provide police with a reason for the accident. Excessive damage to the auto made mechanical checks difficult.

It is believed that the family was on its way to enjoy an afternoon at the lake since the trunk of the car contained beach balls and lawn chairs.

It is the second worst accident of its kind on Markham Township police

Defends Bowling Title

STOUFFVILLE — Mrs. Eleanor Crossen of Stouffville, Provincial lawn bowling singles' champion in 1966, has won the first round in defence of her Title. She captured the District 14 honors, Tuesday in competition with ten other ladies from Markham, Agincourt, Oshawa and Stouffville.

The contest, staged in Stouffville, was extremely keen. Mrs. Crossen defeated her own club mate, Mrs. Winnie Elson in the playoff final. Other Stouffille entries included—Luella Lemon, Dorothy Wagg, Hazel Wilson and Doris Farthing. From Markham were Ethel Shaw and Betty McLean; Agincourt, Aletha Frewn and Phyllis Freeman and Oshawa, Rea Mann.

Reject Lot

STOUFFVILLE — Stouffville Planning Board turned down an application, Monday, submitted by Mrs. Harry Stover, requesting permission to erect a house on a lot owned by Mr. Lambert Stouffer, adjoining the property owned by Dr. Donald Petrie, north of the high school.

Board members felt that the land should be properly serviced before any further build-up could be permitted.

Permits First Build Later

STOUFFVILLE — Too many people, both private contractors and do-it-yourself enthusiasts are making a habit of starting their projects first and obtaining permits later. This practice must stop, warned Building Inspector, Henry Ogden or charges will be laid.

Mr. Ogden admitted that many residents in Stouffville may not be aware of the requirements. He noted, however, that in several instances, local builders are the worst offenders. He charged that they are well aware of the regulations. "I haven't the time to keep checking up on them and it shouldn't be necesary." A conviction on a charge under the by-law carries a fine up to $300 exclusive of costs.

A permit is required for changing, adding to, repairing or moving a building out of the village. A permit is also needed for the wrecking of any building. The minimum fee is $5.00 and increases according to the size of the structure.

Dance Hall Closed Before It Opened

MUSSELMAN'S LAKE — An improvised dance hall on the east side of Musselman's Lake, was closed last week, even before it opened.

Supporting a recommendation from Police Chief Fred Mason, Whitchurch Township ruled that a licence for this purpose not be granted to the owners, Mr. and Mrs. George Villemere. Chief Mason said that the building was originally opened as a bowling alley but had not operated as such for some time. He suggested that parking facilities on the premises were inadequate for a dance crowd.

In refusing the licence, Council requested the Chief to present a further report on the business operation at this site. It is the second dance hall application to be rejected at the Lake this summer. A request for a licence at Sunny Valley was also turned down.

Prior to the Council's decision, July 11, the dance operator, Douglas Royal of Uxbridge had advertised the opening of the hall, scheduled for July 14. Several groups of teenagers gathered at the location, Friday night, but quickly dispersed when there was no sign of activity inside.

Seek Permission To Close Depot

LOCUST HILL — For the second time within two years, officials of Canadian Pacific Railway are requesting permission to shut down the station at Locust Hill.

The application was rejected by Markham Township Council at a meeting, Monday. Members expressed surprise that the request should be re-introduced so soon.

Another hearing before the Board of Transport Commissioners is anticipated.

Markham Murder Or —

Was It Suicide?

BUTTONVILLE — Within recent years, Markham Township police have had their share of baffling cases but none has been more steeped in mystery than the finding, Saturday night, of a nude, decomposed male body on 17th Avenue, between Highway 48 and conc. 9.

The remains were discovered by the property owner, Antonio De Friclas, while cutting grass on a portion of his 17 acre lot. It was lying in long grass near a fence that separates his land from a farm owned by Mr. Lloyd Ham. "I just dropped my mower and ran," he said. He notified police and officers were on the scene in minutes.

NO IDENTIFICATION

Detective Clifford Cox, in charge of the investigation, said, following the autopsy, Monday night, that the cause of death had not been determined. The man's age is thought to be about 40. The victim was heavily tatooed on both arms. Detective Cox said that the body had not been burned as first reported. An attempt to identify the man is continuing.

There is no house on the De Friclas property, only a two-car garage. The owner, a Toronto resident, comes out usually on weekends. It is believed that the victim had been there about seven days. The autopsy was performed by Dr. Frederick Jaffe at the Attorney General's Laboratory.

First indications suggested a suicide but further investigations, both by Coroner Ralph P. Johns of Willowdale and Detective Cox, are hinting that it could be murder.

Donald Lewis

New Arena Manager

STOUFFVILLE — Donald Lewis, Rupert Avenue, has been hired as Manager of the Stouffville Arena, succeeding W. T. 'Telf' Rennie who held the post since 1953. The annual shareholder's meeting was held Thursday night.

Mr. Rennie, only the second manager to run the rink since its opening in 1949, found it necessary to give up the position due to pressures of a growing trucking business. He now has six vehicles on the road. His resignation, submitted to the directors several weeks ago, is not effective until August 1. Mr. Lewis plans to take over at that time.

Directors for 1967-68 include — Ken Roberts, President; Gar Lehman, Vice President; Bob Hassard, Secretary-Treasurer; Les Wilson, Dr. Ron Smith, Ken Schell and Don Harman. In appreciation of Mr. Rennie's services over the past 14 years, President Lehman presented him with an engraved wrist watch. Each member of the executive spoke highly of his work.

$4,500 PROFIT

The financial statement for the year ending April 30, 1967, showed a net profit of $4,547.39. The rental of ice was the big moneymaker at $29,548.10. The refreshment booth took in over $20,000 and showed a profit of $8,273.42. Public skating earned $2,227.35 and the skate grinder produced an income of $1,789.50.

On the expense side of the ledger, salaries totalled $18,000, including full and part-time wages. Maintenance and repairs to the equipment and building was $5,400 while the heat, light and water bill amounted to $5,100. In property and business taxes, the arena paid $1,400. Insurance coverage cost almost $1,900. The company ended the fiscal year with a balance on hand of $26,974.61.

Architect, Hershal B. Okun of Toronto presented sketch plans of improved interior accommodation at the rink that would provide enlarged dressing room and washroom facilities and also enhance the exterior appearance of the building. The estimated cost of phase one was quoted at $44,000. The new directors will give the proposal further consideration.

New Office

STOUFFVILLE — Work commenced this week on the construction of a new office on Main Street for the York County Health Unit. The new building will be built and owned by Mr. Ken Wagg, town businessman. The building is located between Mr. Wagg's Jewellery Store and the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce. It will contain 550 square feet and be finished with a brick front.

The Health Unit Office is presently located opposite O'Brien Avenue and this premise is being taken over by Joseph's Beauty Salon.

Circulation Reaches New Peak

Steadily increasing circulation of The Tribune has brought the newspaper to a new peak in weekly distribution. This week production is being increased to 6,000 copies on a regular basis to cover an expanding population and readership.

Fatal Crash That Took Four Lives Near Gormley

The second worst auto accident in Markham Township police files, last week, took the lives of four persons, including two children, on Don Mills Road, south of Gormley. The car, almost new, crashed head-on into a loaded sod truck, which drove the car backwards into a field. The truck driver and passenger suffered only minor injuries. —Staff Photo.

To Germany

STOUFFVILLE — Miss Jessie Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Smith, Church Street, Stouffville, left Malton Airport by jet, Saturday, to spend the summer in Germany.

Joins Police Force

BUTTONVILLE — Ronald Reesor, 21, Willowdale has been sworn in as a Constable with the Markham Township Police Department. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Reesor. Constable Reesor fills a position made vacant through the resignation of P.C. Barry McWhirter. Including the Chief, Harvey Cox, the force numbers 22 men.

Six Sign Contracts For Animal Control

STOUFFVILLE — Stoffville is one of six municipalities to sign a contract with the Ontario Humane Society, effective, January 1, 1968. The Society will erect a new animal shelter at Oak Ridges.

Other municipalities that have entered into a similar agreement are — Townships of Whitchurch, King and West Gwillimbury and the towns of Aurora and Newmarket.

From July 15 to December 31, the Society will provide an emergency service for the town of Newmarket only since they have terminated their present arrangement entirely. Other municipalities will carry on with systems until January 1.

To provide an emergency service for Newmarket, the Society has leased space in the Gar-lyn Kennels on Don Mills Road, near Vandorf.