

Whitchurch police chief requests detective staff

WHITCHURCH, TWp. — Less than 30% of all reported cases, classified as major crime, were ever finalized, Police Chief Fred Mason revealed in his 1969 report submitted to Whitchurch Twp. Council, Feb. 16. He said he was far from satisfied with this result and has asked that the department be strengthened through the hiring of three additional officers.

The force, including a secretary, numbers fourteen. The authorized strength is sixteen.

This past year has not been good or even acceptable in respect to the conclusion of major crime, Chief Mason said, less than 30% of our reported cases were finalized. The citizens of Whitchurch are entitled to a better average than this.

The Chief has asked council to consider seriously the setting up of a

permanent detective staff. He also pointed to the problem of drugs, something comparatively new in the area. He noted that officers, fully trained to deal with such matters, were required. "We cannot close our eyes and ig-



Chief Fred Mason

nore a situation which will eventually affect, to some degree, every family, not only in Whitchurch, but the entire nation," he continued.

During the year, 4,251 calls were recorded. Occurrences and complaints investigated numbered 3,763.

Officers accumulated 1,657 hours of overtime. Traffic accidents totaled 342, killing 3 persons and injuring 122. Property damage amounted to \$252,000.

There were 118 reported incidents of breaking and entering, resulting in 36 arrests. Property stolen exceeded \$23,000. The value of property recovered totaled \$5,484.91.

In his concluding remarks, Chief Mason praised the co-operation and devotion to duty of department personnel as well as township and court officials.

Advocate 5-year park program

STOUFFVILLE — A 5-year park plan, to be drawn up by a professional planner, has been advocated by the Stouffville Recreation Commission for 1970. This was one of several proposals put forward by member Wilfred Morley at a meeting with village council, Feb. 19.

Other projects were — A yearly tree-planting program; re-wiring of floodlights; resurfacing and floodlighting of tennis courts; a paved area under the picnic shelter; completion of grandstand dressing rooms; continuation of weed-spraying program; purchase of additional playground equipment and the maintenance of all park property by village employees under the supervision of the Road Superintendent.

Accomplishments listed in 1969 included: The construction of two footbridges over the creek;

the erection of a new park booth; the transformation of the gunmount into a planter and the hiring of a part-time recreation director.

Mr. Morley said that a \$500 grant from the Lions Club had been used to purchase a children's climber, slides and teeters. He noted the increase in softball activity but warned of major repairs required for floodlight wiring. He recommended the construction of a 'hill' in every park, similar to the one at Rupert Avenue and Westlawn Crescent. He requested the re-hiring of a recreation co-ordinator and the expansion of activities to include badminton and volleyball clubs.

The Park Board of 1969 operated on budget of just over \$7,000. Out of this amount, \$2,500 was spent on a new refreshment booth and \$2,282.06 on salaries.

Lawyer pleads brotherly love

STOUFFVILLE — A loyalty to his older brother proved to have serious consequences for a 16 year old Stouffville area youth.

Terry Kostuk, of R.R. 3, Claremont, appeared as a crown witness in the trial of his brother, Mel, late in 1969. In the witness stand, he swore that it was he, and not his brother, who was driving a car pursued by the Stouffville Police late one night.

The older Kostuk was convicted on the charge, and his young brother, Terry, was charged with perjury.



Rescue victim - too late

A 27 year old Toronto immigrant worker was caught in a wall of water and ice as he prepared to leave a sewer construction site in Markham Township, last week. Although finally brought to the surface (shown here), he was pronounced dead by coroner, Dr. P. W. Granton of Richmond Hill.

Terry Kostuk appeared in Richmond Hill Court, Feb. 20, and pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of obstructing justice.

Crown Attorney Wm. Kerr told Judge R. G. Pearce that the court should consider giving the accused a substantial jail sentence.

Counsel for the accused, David Coon, of Stouffville, saw the matter in a different light. "This is one of the most difficult problems for a court," he said. "He had nothing to gain — everything to lose. He was using a 16 year old morality and a 16 year old judgment. The accused felt a loyalty to his brother, and somehow, he had to save him. He could not let his brother down."

Mr. Coon said it was his opinion that the boy should have some form of guidance, such as he would receive if placed on probation.

Student 'turned out' in storm

Dear Mr. Thomas: I usually read your 'Roaming Around' with much interest, especially when you mention being out in 'the storm' of Feb. 11. That really was a day to be remembered — especially by one family group.

An eight year old boy walked alone from school — a distance of three miles in 2 1/2 hours — not quite to his own home but to a neighbor's house

about half a mile away. He said his feet were too cold to go on any farther. This is the story in brief.

On Wednesday Feb. 11, during the worst blizzard of the season, one little boy, eight years old, showed that the youth of today have what it takes when put to the test. This boy was asked to leave a school bus because of misbehavior, and was told to go back to the school, telephone his parents to come and get him. This he did not do, and an hour later, when he failed to return home with the other children, efforts were made to trace him. He was not heard from until he walked into the neighbor's house, 2 1/2 hours after he left the bus.

He said that he had tried to go back to the school, but could not see because of the storm, so he turned around and tried to walk home. He wanted to walk across the fields, but thought maybe his folks would not be able to see him when they came. Several cars stopped and offered him a ride, but he said 'no thanks' as he had been taught not to ride with strangers. He suffered no ill effects and no doubt will long remember his lesson.

Needless to say, they were all relieved when he turned up at 4:30. The child has a hearing problem, and when his head is covered with a warm woolen cap and parka, he would hardly hear a car approaching, especially in the wind.

The proper authorities have been notified and regulations will likely be made so no child will have to face such an ordeal.

I thought that you might be interested in this story.

Mrs. Roy Brillinger, Gormley

Slumped over wheel

STOUFFVILLE — A Stouffville man was fined \$100, and had his licence suspended for three months, Feb. 20, following conviction on a charge of being intoxicated while in care and control of an automobile.

Judge Russell Pearce heard the case in Richmond Hill Court.

P.C. Harry Davis said he found Nick Aland slumped over the wheel of his car in the early hours of Dec. 24, a few hundred feet down the road from his home. There was a part bottle of whiskey and a full bottle of beer on the seat. The car engine was running.

The officer took the keys from the car and aroused Mr. Aland. He was unsteady on his feet, he said, and smelled of alcohol. Taken to the police station, he found it difficult to complete simple tests given by P.C. Davis.

A breathalyzer report showed readings of 2.2 and 2.3.

The accused man told Judge Pearce he could not remember any of the events described by the officer. Presently unemployed, he was given one month to pay the fine.

Released in his father's custody on \$1,000 bail, Terry Kostuk will reappear in court on March 20.

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NOTICE

Re GARBAGE DISPOSAL

ANTI-POLLUTION MEASURE

In accordance with directions issued by the Ontario Department of Health, all burning must cease at the Township Dump by February 28, 1970, to combat air pollution. Since burning is not permitted from that date, it will be necessary to dispose of refuse by Sanitary Land Fill Methods. For the Township to undertake such a project alone, would be extremely expensive.

With this in view, an agreement has been made with Metropolitan Toronto that will provide Pickering with refuse disposal facilities at Metro operated Sanitary Land Fill sites. After February 28, 1970 all Pickering Township's refuse will be disposed of at the Beare Road Sanitary Land Fill Site in the Borough of Scarborough and the Township Dump will be closed.

Residents who receive normal garbage pick-up service by the Township will not be affected by the change. Private residents who have been taking garbage to the Pickering Dump may continue to dispose of their own garbage free of charge at the Metro Beare Road Site provided that it is generated from a single household and brought to the dump in a vehicle no larger than a half-ton pick-up.

Private Garbage Collection Companies operating within the Township and Township Businesses and Industries may take their loads to Beare Road where they will be required to pay the standard Metro Dumping Fee, currently \$2.00 per ton. This charge will replace the present charge in property taxes for the operation of the Township Dump which will be removed from the 1970 Tax Bill. No liquid wastes will be accepted.

It is hoped that all persons concerned in these changes will co-operate and if there should be any questions you are invited to call the Engineering Department who will endeavour to assist.

The Beare Road site may be reached by taking Sheppard Avenue (formerly Lansing Cut-Off) west to Kirkhams Road, turn north on Kirkhams for 3 1/2 mile. The Land Fill Site is located on the east side.

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