

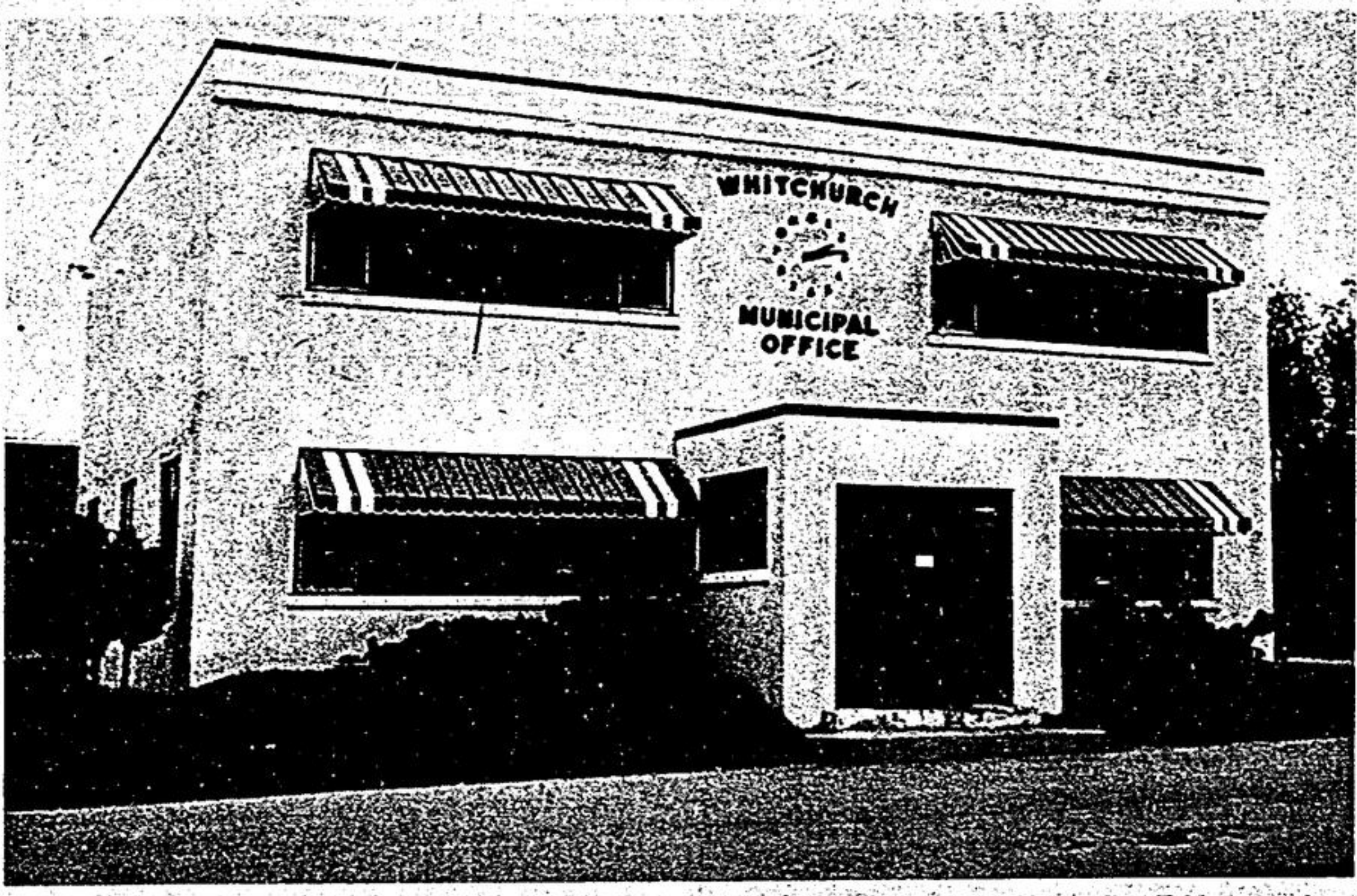
## Complete marathon walk

**STOUFFVILLE** — Fifteen students from Stouffville Dist. Secondary School completed the 32.7 mile marathon walk in Toronto, Saturday.

Crossing the finish line at City Hall were — Jane Sanderson, Heather Bangay, Sue Chapman, Pat Smith, John Dedlow, Robert Danielis, Steve McMullen and Lyla Yip, all of Grade 11; Diane Kitchen and Laurie Norton, Grade 12; Aileen Pinkerton and Sharon Wright, Grade 10; Sue Yates and John Campey, Grade 9 and Daryl Wright, Grade 8.

Other participants from Stouffville included — Tric Houston, Sue Stouffer and Pat Lewis.

Laurie Norton, also an entry last year, raised \$264 through pledges. She started out at 9 a.m. and finished at six.



While the exterior of the Whitchurch municipal office at Vandorf shows no sign of damage, the loss inside has been estimated at \$10,000 in a fire, Friday morning. The arson squad has been called in to investigate. —Jas. Thomas

## \$10,000 damage Arson squad investigates Whitchurch office fire

### Records destroyed building closed

**WHITCHURCH TWP.** — The stench of thick smoke that permeated the interior of the Whitchurch municipal building at Vandorf, Friday, has been replaced by a pall of suspicion as investigators attempt to learn the cause of the blaze that resulted in \$10,000 damage.

The fire, that appeared to start in a second story vault, destroyed many of the township's records, some of which cannot be replaced. The odor of an inflammable liquid, possibly kerosene, was evident.

Personnel from the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office, the Arson Squad, the Criminal Investigation Branch of the O.P.P. as well as Whitchurch police are working on the case. Strict security has been thrown around the building.

Caretaker Fred Ricker was the first on the scene at 8 a.m., Friday morning. He ventured in only far enough to switch on the lights, then called for assistance. Firemen from Aurora responded.

Road Superintendent Ernest Davis said by the time the brigade arrived, smoke was seeping out through a rear door.

While there was no immediate sign of a break-in, one informant told The Tribune that interior offices had been ransacked.

It was last December that the then deputy-reeve of Whitchurch, Lawrence Hennessy, revealed a discrepancy in the township's tax receipts, amounting to just over \$900. The whereabouts of the alleged missing funds is still not known. Some people in authority feel the latest incident holds some connection.

## Whitchurch home raided by police

**WHITCHURCH TWP.** — A midnight raid by Whitchurch police, supported by officers from Markham Township and Newmarket, has resulted in charges against six young people, ranging in age from 17 to 21 years.

The residence, located at Preston's Lake, north of Gormley, had been under surveillance for some time. The parents were absent from the premises where, police said, it was obvious a party had been in progress. However, they believe about 25 had left the property just before they arrived.

To appear in Provincial Court at Newmarket are Christopher Moffatt, 18, Preston's Lake; Edward Arnold Ransome, 21 and Stewart Clarke, 19, both of Lake Wilcox; Marvin Cooper, 19, Aurora; Evelyn West, 17, Holland Landing and Donna Edgcombe, 17, Newmarket.

Ransome is a member of the Satan's Choice Motorcycle Club.

## Robarts' Development Plan

## Casts doubt on 'Century City' project

**STOUFFVILLE** — Doubt has been cast over the future of 'Century City' or anything comparable to it, following the release of the Provincial Government's 'Design for Development' plan in Toronto, May 5.

The report recommends that land, in a wide band to the north of Metro, be retained to the maximum degree for recreational, agricultural and other open space uses. The Village of Stouffville lies within this band.

This policy would concentrate limited growth mainly within existing communities, the report went on.

The Tribune's Peter Harris attended the closed press session in the Queen Elizabeth Building, Tuesday morning. When he posed the question — 'what of Century City?', the reply was only — 'draw your own conclusions'.

The area, one of three development zones outlined in the proposal, is bounded by Richmond Hill to the south; Bradford to the north; Guelph on the west and Port Perry to the east. The present population of 160,000 will grow to an estimated 300,000 by the year 2,000. Restrictions have been

placed on pockets of urban buildup due to the high cost of providing sewer and water services throughout the zone, the report goes on.

Hon. Charles MacNaughton, provincial economics minister told an audience of 1,500 that one of the most pressing problems within the semi-rural area was the loss of prime agricultural land to speculators. The land in the zone, he said, is urgently needed for recreation, conservation, open space and agriculture. Therefore, it is the intention of the government to prevent large scale development and excessive damage to the environment there.

Reeve Ken Laushway and all members of Stouffville council attended the 90 minute session, Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Laushway said the only question in his mind prior to the meeting was whether Stouffville would be in or outside the mass development region. From the report, he concluded that the community's growth would be restrained.

## Surprise! Taxes down

**PICKERING TWP.** — If reeve John Williams and all members of Pickering Twp. Council had turned handsprings in the middle of the chambers' floor, Monday, no ratepayer would have questioned their sanity. They had every reason to be jubilant. For taxes in 1970 will be down.

There are several explanations for the decrease. One is a surplus of about \$200,000 from 1969. Another is a \$90,000 additional grant from Ontario Hydro in lieu of taxes on the nuclear generating

station. This figure was \$170,000. The township had expected only \$80,000.

Cost of education in both rural and urban areas of the municipality are also down from last year.

In self-appreciation of their work, members approved increases in their own wages. The deputy-reeve and councillors will now receive \$22 per meeting, up from \$18. The reeve will be paid \$9,560.

Members of Planning Board and Committee of Adjustment will receive \$19, up from \$15.

## Attempted murder charge

**SANDFORD** — A 49 year old Sandford district woman is in custody, charged with attempted murder, following her arrest, April 29, by officers of the Brechin Detachment, Ontario Provincial Police.

It is alleged that Mrs. Aletha Romano discharged a gun in the

bedroom of the family's home, narrowly missing her daughter, Margaret, age 16.

A neighbor intervened. Police said a charge of arson is also pending against the accused.

The Romano residence is located at R.R.1, Uxbridge.

## Township of Markham

## TAX INCREASE 15 PERCENT

**MARKHAM TWP.** — The municipal tax demand on the ratepayers of Markham Township will be approximately 15 percent more than last year according to budget figures endorsed by council, Monday. With the new assessment based on actual value, the farm land, industrial and commercial property will pay less taxes and the home owners more.

Due to the substantial increase in assessment, with a corresponding drop in mill rate, actual comparisons of individual properties are difficult to determine.

**School Costs Up**  
 Tax money required by the Board of Education for schools in the township is up about a half million dollars, divided almost equally between the elementary and secondary.

Largest costs with exception of schools will be the road department where gross expenditures will be \$976,900. General township operating expenses are up about \$300,000.

The cost of operating the police department in 1970 will be \$371,850 of which \$328,500 is for salaries.

**Surplus in 1969**  
 The annual Audit Report which is published in this week's Tribune reveals that council held to within 1 percent of last year's budget, resulting in a surplus of \$49,940 for the year.

**Pressure Arrears**  
 Councillor Anthony Roman suggested that council should bring more pressure to bear on tax delinquents. He said that the arrears which now stand near a half million dollars should not be allowed to grow.

## Parkview Home ruled tax free

**STOUFFVILLE** — The Parkview Home for Senior Citizens in Stouffville has been ruled tax exempt by the Ontario Supreme Court.

The judgment was announced this week at the conclusion of hearings held in Toronto.

The appeal, a test case, was lodged by the County of York.

Parkview Home was considered a branch program of the Mennonite Church and therefore not subject to the usual tax levy.

The exemption amounts to about \$7,000 per year.

## Fifty bed addition

**STOUFFVILLE** — A 50-bed addition has been approved for the Parkview Home in Stouffville.

The Provincial Government announcement was made May 2.

The project will be aided by a \$250,000 capital grant. Construction of the wing, to extend north of the present building, is expected to begin this summer.

## Queen of Stouffville High

**STOUFFVILLE** — A pretty country girl is the new 'queen' of Stouffville High. She's Betty Gayman, 18, of R.R.1, Unionville, now in her graduation year. Her attendants were Marlene Storry and Melodee Mole.

The announcement, made Friday evening by student council president Sheldon Sugden was greeted with enthusiastic applause. Cheering louder than all the rest was Betty's sister, Joyce, 16 in Grade 11.



On Friday evening, 18 year old Betty Gayman was 'crowned queen' of Stouffville Dist. Secondary School at the annual May Prom formal. On Sunday morning, she was back at the keyboard, leading the service of worship at Melville United Church. —Jas. Thomas



A proud and happy moment — the student 'queen' of Stouffville High.



Mr. Arthur E. Starr, trustee representative for Stouffville and Whitchurch on the York County Board of Education, will be the guest speaker at a meeting of the Home and School Association, Wednesday, May 13 at Orchard Park.

## Cable TV ready for Stouffville

**STOUFFVILLE** — Cable TV service is now available in The Ponderosa area of Stouffville, and will be available shortly in the rest of the town, according to Stewart Coxford, President of Richmond Hill Cable TV Limited.

The two main advantages with cable TV service are the clarity of pictures on all eleven channels, and local origination on Channel 5 of programs produced in the Richmond Hill studios.

Last fall Richmond Hill Cable TV video-taped the Stouffville Trade Fair, which is expected to be telecast sometime in the near future. The program is an hour in duration.

Another local origination occurs May 29, 30 and 31 when Richmond Hill Cable TV will provide seventeen hours of programming under the general title, 'The Suburban Dilemma'.

Over thirty suburban topics will be dealt with, and residents of Stouffville will be participating in several of the programs.

Residents of Stouffville may call the cable office direct, at no charge, by dialing operators and asking for Zenith 81000. The cost of the service is \$4.95 per month, or \$54.45 per year, if paid in advance. There is no installation charge.

## Deputation meets with Minister

**STOUFFVILLE** — A 3-man delegation, including reeve Ken Laushway of Stouffville, M.P.P., Bill Hodgson, York North and pollution probe organizer, Robert Lewis, Bloomington, met for an hour Friday with Hon. George Kerr, Ontario Minister of Energy Resources.

The subject of discussion was the controversial Bremner disposal site, east of Hwy. 48.

## Markham by-law case adjourned

**MARKHAM TWP.** — A bylaw case, involving the Twp. of Markham and Kenneth Jones of Dickson's Hill, has been postponed on a split 3-2 vote of council.

Court action was scheduled for May 8.

The decision to adjourn the hearing followed a closed meeting Monday, between the township and solicitor Donald Hindson acting on Mr. Jones' behalf.

Objection to further delay was voiced by councillor Eldred King when the issue was re-

opened for discussion later. Deputy-reeve Anthony Roman noted however that Mr. Jones had filed an appeal with the Ontario Municipal Board and he felt it improper for the township to proceed while this action was pending.

The defendant is charged with allowing a building to be erected on his property without first obtaining a permit.

In related court action earlier, charges against Stouffville Trailer Sales and McDowell Real Estate were dismissed.

## Deadline June 15

## Close Bremner site to liquid waste

**WHITCHURCH TWP.** — No dumping of industrial liquid waste will be permitted at the Bremner site in Whitchurch Township on or after a deadline date of June 15, according to provisions contained in a bylaw passed by council, Monday night.

The action followed a public protest meeting in the auditorium of Stouffville Dist. Secondary School, April 28, attended by more than 1,000 persons.

Twenty ratepayers were present Monday to hear the bylaw read, including Robert Lewis of Bloomington. It was Mr. Lewis who organized the anti-pollution campaign. Reeve Ken Laushway and deputy-reeve Jim McKellar of Stouffville also attended.

Basement quarters of the Community Hall at Vandorf had to be utilized for the meeting due to

damage by fire, in the municipal building next door. The cause of the blaze is still under investigation.

While the operation of the Bremner dump has been the centre of much controversy, the passing of the bylaw was completed with little discussion or fanfare.

In brief, the wording of the document follows:

...No person shall use any land or structures within the township for the dumping or disposal of liquid industrial waste of any kind. Every owner, lessee or occupant of land or structures so used before the passing of this bylaw shall cease using such land or structures for all such purposes prohibited by the terms of this bylaw.

The legislation carries a maximum fine of \$300 for each offense.