



Musselman's Lake, the resort centre for thousands of visitors — for a day, a week or an entire season. While water skiing remains popular, sailing has also caught on in recent years — like this one, drifting silently with the wind. The view is to the north-west with Cedar Beach, its park and pavilion in the background. —Jas. Thomas.

## Whitchurch-Stouffville Council approves six ward division

Lake special Village is part urban — part rural

This week, The Tribune publishes its Musselman's Lake Special, a tribute to cottagers, campers and mobile trailer residents, who visit the popular resort centre in great numbers for a few days, a month or the entire season. We know you'll like it here. We hope you'll come back again.

STOUFFVILLE — A six-ward electoral system has been approved for the new Area of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

The division, established on a basis of population, will be utilized for the election of a mayor and six councillors, Oct. 5. The regional government plan comes into being Jan. 1.

Proposals on ward boundaries, agreed upon by steering committees from the two municipalities, were endorsed at a joint meeting of both councils, July 6 and made public July 9.

To split up the urban strength in Stouffville, the village has been made parts of three wards, taking in rural sections to the north, south and west.

A map, designating exact boundary lines, will be published next week.

While a candidate can run in any division he so chooses, as it now stands, deputy-reeve Norman Barnard (Whitchurch) is a resident of Ward 1; councillor Betty van Nostrand (Whitchurch) in Ward 2; councillor Merlyn Baker (Whitchurch) Ward 3; councillor Gordon Ratcliff (Whitchurch) Ward 4; councillor Ian Chapman (Stouffville), Ward 5; and councillors Ethel Mole (Stouffville), Tom Loneragan (Stouffville) and Eldred King (Markham) in Ward 6. The mayor is elected from over-all.

Stouffville clerk, Ralph Corner has been named deputy-returning officer.



Ken Laushway Jim McKellar

### Two enter mayoralty race

Reeve Ken Laushway has declared himself a candidate for the office of Mayor in the new Area of Whitchurch-Stouffville. He made the announcement, July 2 at the conclusion of a regular meeting of council. This makes two in the race for the same position, both from Stouffville. Deputy-reeve Jim McKellar announced his candidacy June 2. The election date, to select a Mayor and six Councillors, is Oct. 5.

## Angry farmers protest tax hike

WHITCHURCH TWP. — Farmers in Whitchurch and Markham too, are up in arms following the receipt of their 1970 tax bills some, according to spokesman Herb Simpson of Ballantrae up \$300 to \$700 over last year.

Mr. Simpson headed a delegation of thirty rural ratepayers, Monday, claiming that while assessment increases of 5 times under revised valuations were considered normal, many had shot up 9 and 10 times.

With the first tax instalment due July 15, Mr. Simpson said owners wanted answers — and soon.

Reeve Stewart Burnett hinted that certain revisions might be forthcoming and recommended all first instalments be paid.

This solution failed to satisfy many of the farmers. Instead, they recommended all payments be withheld pending a satisfactory solution.

Reeve Burnett said a meeting between council and an official of the Dept. of Municipal Affairs had

### Alter hydro route

CLAREMONT — The original route of a hydro tower line through the Twp. of Pickering has been abandoned. Planning Director, John Faulkner told The Tribune this week.

Three alternate proposals have been submitted, Mr. Faulkner said, but no agreement finalized.

The line, to travel east through a section of Whitchurch, then south across Uxbridge and Pickering, is to hook up with the switching station near Cherrywood.

Mr. Faulkner said the original route was such that Pickering would have been cut to pieces. He said Planning Board had expressed strong opposition to the application and several meetings with Hydro had been arranged.

Mr. Simpson warned members that failure to arrive at a satisfactory settlement would prompt a public protest across the entire County.

## Recommend guard at Vandorf office

VANDORF — A recommendation that a guard be posted on location at the Whitchurch municipal office in Vandorf, has come from Lawrence

Hennessey, former township deputy-reeve.

Mr. Hennessey, addressing a meeting of council, Monday, was referring to the fire at the site in May and subsequent investigations now going on. He noted that 100 percent insurance coverage was not available and suggested that additional protection could be afforded in this way.

If council considered this move impractical, Mr. Hennessey recommended that an alarm system be installed, linking the office vault with the police station.

In commenting further on the blaze, that caused over \$9,000 damage, the township official commended council for their swift action in calling in the Criminal Investigation Branch of the O.P.P. to assist local police. He suggested that council consider the offer of a reward that might lead to the arrest of person or persons responsible.

Reeve Stewart Burnett said no request for a reward had been made by investigators.

With reference to the hiring of a guard or night watchman, deputy-reeve Norman Barnard said such action might pose a problem since so many committees and organizations made use of both the council chambers and nearby community hall.

## Study tax relief

MARKHAM TWP. — Council will study the implications of giving tax relief to certain overburdened ratepayers in the township, according to a motion passed at the regular meeting this week. There have been loud cries of outrage from numbers of taxpayers on receiving tax bills up hundreds and even thousands of dollars. The highly mixed-up situation has occurred in all municipalities throughout York County.

The provincial government has provided through special enactment, the right for municipal councils to reduce taxes where the increase is considered to be excessive. The interpretation of what is to be considered excessive has been left to the local councils.

Councillor Eldred King posed the question of who was to pay the additional taxes which might be lopped off some individual's bill. If someone was going to pay less, someone was going to have to pay more since the budget for required funds had been established for the year.

Twp. Treasurer Barton replied that such relief was only meant to be given in the most extreme cases. Deputy-reeve Anthony Roman suggested the government take a closer look at the term 'actual value' as used in the Act.

### Marathon meeting

VANDORF — It was 7:30 p.m., Monday, when Whitchurch Twp. council

## Marijuana - 5' high

DICKSON'S HILL — The fertile soil around Dickson's Hill produces excellent crops — even marijuana.

That's what Markham Township police found growing in George Clark's garden, when they visited the property east of Hwy. 48.

The youth, 16, has been

charged with possession.

It was on a night prior to Clark's arrest that Constables Ron Reesor and Richard Pike observed a truck parked near the Dickson's Hill School. They staked it out and later found ten marijuana plants in the rear. Bruce Moran, 19, of R.R.2, Markham and Derek Sim, 18, of Scarboro were arrested.

When police learned the source of the marijuana supply, they checked the Clark premises and discovered 13 more plants in a garden. Although not mature, it had reached a height of 65 inches, Detective Douglas Tribbling said. The officers quickly harvested the crop and took it to the station at Buttonville.

Detective Tribbling, a trained specialist in drug abuse, claimed it to be the first case of its kind in Markham. A prosecutor, knowledgeable in such matters, will hear the case scheduled for Richmond Hill Court, July 28.

### Championship bid

UNIONVILLE — The Giovannelli Sr. Accordion Orchestra will compete, Saturday, for the North American Championship in Louisville, Kentucky.

Mary Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hilliard Miller, R.R.1, Unionville, is a member.

commenced a rather lengthy agenda.

It was 2:30 a.m. Tuesday when the meeting adjourned.

The marathon session, lasting seven hours, is believed to be a record.

## Glass pierces girl's heart

they're so new — so safe. Air Canada's record — it's tremendous.

For Winnie it was back to the airlines again on Monday — her brief holiday ended.

"After this, do you retain any fears about flying?" asked the editor.

"Would you stay home from work for fear of crossing Main Street?" she replied.

### 60% taxes paid

STOUFFVILLE — With the first instalment of village taxes due June 30, over \$320,000 has been received or about 60 percent of the total for the year, reeve Ken Laushway announced Thursday night.

Mr. Laushway said too that the first payment of \$204,000 had been made to the York County Board of Education. He informed council that delivery of funds had been made personally by him to the Board office. He noted that inability to meet the deadline date would have cost the village \$50 a day in penalty.

### Barbara Fellows

daughter of Sgt. and Mrs. David Fellows, R.R.3, Newmarket, lived only a few minutes following the accident. Sgt. Fellows is a veteran officer with the Whitchurch Police Department.

According to information released by Chief Fred Mason, Monday, the child suffered a broken arm about six weeks ago and was wearing a cast. As she ran to the house, Mr. Mason said, she fell against the door, the cast breaking the glass. A splinter penetrated her chest.

### Mayor opposed

## Police salaries up 15 - 24 percent

MARKHAM — An increase of from 15 to 24 percent in Markham Town police salaries for 1970 has mayor Alma Walker "very concerned".

Mrs. Walker told council that she could not see why the increase should be so great. "Just because other councils voted to set salaries at this level," she said, "is no reason why we must."

Other members disagreed however, and gave approval to the recommendations of the police committee.

Committee chairman, reeve Albert Laidlaw, told council that the town solicitor had advised against entering into arbitration since the town would control salaries only for the balance of the year, and the cost of proceedings would likely be greater

than the increase. The new scale will see the chief's salary up by 24 percent to \$12,000; sergeant, up 23 percent to \$11,116; first class constable, up 15 percent to \$9,483; second class constable, up 18 percent to \$9,118; and third class constable, up 20 percent to \$8,753.

The agreement places all positions, excepting that of the chief, on par with those in Markham Township.

### Offers reward

STOUFFVILLE — Stouffville Smoco station operator, Mickey Hunt has offered a \$25 reward for information leading to the conviction of persons who broke into his premises, July 1.

### Stewardess 'Winnie' Skinner

## 'Death — sure you think about it'

STOUFFVILLE — Winnifred Skinner, Somerville Street, Stouffville, is an attractive 22-year-old stewardess with Air Canada.

For her cross-country trips to such distant points as Los Angeles, New York — even London, Rome and Paris are now 'all in a day's work'. But she still enjoys coming home, where Winnifred is just plain 'Winnie' to a host of good friends.

'Winnie' was home, Sunday, when word was received of the tragic Malton air disaster — a DC-8 down and all aboard, dead.

If news of the crash created a shock wave in Stouffville, it undoubtedly hit her hardest of all. For she had often served on similar flights and on similar planes. Perhaps even the same plane.

It was while seated on a bench at the village pool, later the same afternoon, that 'Winnie' talked about her work — and the



Winnifred Skinner

### Peter Sanderson

## 91% in English

STOUFFVILLE — Stouffville Dist. Secondary School has five Ontario Scholars this year, all planning to advance into fields of higher learning in the fall.

Each will be honored at Graduation Exercises, Nov. 13.

The highest individual mark was recorded by Peter Sanderson, Victoria Street, Stouffville. He had a 91 percent in English and an 87 percent in Biology. His over-all average was 84.4 percent. Peter will attend McMaster University in Hamilton.

With an 83.3 percent average was Jean Miller, R.R.4, Stouffville. Her top mark was 88 percent in Biology. Jean has enrolled at University of Toronto.

Allan Bacon, Church Street, North, Stouffville, scored a 90 percent in Mathematics 'A' and an 85 percent in Chemistry. Allan's average was 82.6 percent.

Paul Hamilton, Baker Avenue, Stouffville, had an average of 81.3 percent, with a high mark of 86 percent in History. He will attend at the University of Toronto in the fall.

Sheldon Sugden, Stouffville, R.R.4, averaged 80.7 percent with a top mark of 83 percent in Physics. Sheldon was the president of the Student Council during the school year. He is also enrolled at the University of Toronto.



### Work begins on 52-suite Ponderosa apartment

Construction work has started on a new 52-suite apartment building fronting on Winlane Drive in Stouffville. The structure, the largest of its kind to be

erected here, will be ready for occupancy by the end of the year.

—Jas. Thomas.