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STOUFFVILLE-MARKHAM-UXBRIDGE, ONT., THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1970

15 CENTS

## Legal fees— \$9,300.50

WHITCHURCH TWP. Legal fees in the amount of \$9,300.50 have been approved for payment by Whitchurch Twp. Council to the firm of Cassels and Brock, solicitors.

This is the total account arising from an appeal filed by the township against gravel pit operators, Sabiston and McGuffin.

The municipality lost the case and were assessed the costs.

The action followed the alleged operation of a gravel business on conc. 5, north of the Aurora Road that council contended was a contravention of their bylaw.

## Bylaw No. 1 — birth of a village

STOUFFVILLE - The Village of Stouffville had its beginning as an incorporated municipality, Jan. 1, 1877 - ninety-four years ago.

That era will end, Jan. 1, 1971. At 12:01 a.m., the village will merge with the township to become The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

At the conclusion of the final council meeting, Dec. 17, reeve Ken Laushway read the first Bylaw of the first meeting, dated Jan. 15, 1877. It was worded as follows: "Be it enacted by the Corporation of the Village of Stouffville that Henry W. Woodgate be appointed Clerk and Treasurer for this municipality and that the salary of the said Clerk and Treasurer shall be the sum of fifty dollars. That the Clerk and Treasurer appointed by this Council shall give security satisfactory to the Council in the amount of two thousand dollars." James Dougherty, Reeve; Henry W. Woodgate, Clerk.

On Dec. 30, 1970, a final Bylaw under Stouffville village status will be passed and retained for posterity along with Bylaw No. 1.

## Hire engineer

YORK REGION - The Region of York has a new Commissioner of Engineering. He's R.F. Bosworth, a staff engineer with Toronto and York Roads for the past 14 years. His duties will commence Jan. 1 at a salary of \$21,000.



**Lovely lighted homes set countryside aglow at Christmas time**

This Christmas, more than ever before, the countryside is all aglow with lovely lighted homes. One such area of eye-catching beauty is the Bethesda Road in Whitchurch Township. This particular location is the residence of Dr. and Mrs. A.T. O'Connor and family, Stouffville, R.R.4. —Jas. Thomas.

## Honor unsung board members

STOUFFVILLE - Twenty-two members of Stouffville's various boards and committees as well as the 1970 council were honored, Dec. 17, at a meeting to conclude the business, not only of the year but of an era. On Jan. 1, 1971, Stouffville advances from village status to form a combined area in the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

An engraved rose bowl "In Appreciation from Village of Stouffville - 1970" was presented to the following: Ken Betz and Bill Sanders, Public Utilities Commission; Gordon Brown, Walter Pipher and Ralph Corner,

Cemetery Board; Lloyd Jennings, Wilfrid Morley and Ted Withers, Park Board; Jerry Waite, Mrs. Teresa Foulds, Mrs. Jean Giles and Frank Mellon, Library Board; Reg MacKay, Ken Wagg, Bill Kamps and Jim Richards, Planning Board; Walton Todd, Committee of Adjustment; Jim McKellar, Deputy-Reeve; Ethel Mole, Tom Loneragan and Ian Chapman, Councillors and Kenneth Laushway, Reeve.

Reeve Laushway said several current board members had already been approached and had agreed to assist in a similar capacity next year.

## Family Life Centre

### Donation - \$1,000

MARKHAM - The Markham Town Council, Monday, voted to make a grant of \$1,000 to boost the falling finances of the Family Life Centre.

Representatives from the Centre told council how support for the project from local churches and service clubs has fallen off

over the past year, leaving the program in a critical financial situation.

It is hoped that grants from the provincial government may be received in 1971, but, present funds can only last until February, with the Centre in part-time operation, it was added.

The basic budget of the Centre is \$1,800 a month. The only staff being maintained now are the director and a secretary, in an attempt to cut costs. Part-time counsellors have been in a further economy move, it was stated.

Markham and Stouffville are the only municipalities to make grants to the project, it was stated.

## Sneak thief steals funds

RINGWOOD - A sneak thief entered the premises of the Ringwood Restaurant, early Tuesday morning, and stole a container of money estimated at about \$65.

It had been collected for the Peter White Fund in Clarendon.

The White family lost two children, their home and all personal possessions in a tragic fire, Dec. 12.

The fund was established by the restaurant operator, Mrs. Grace Sherdahl with receipts coming from donations, a raffle and several draws.

## Early-morning fire destroys two barns

UXBRIDGE TWP. - An Uxbridge Township pensioner lost his life savings in a flash fire, Dec. 18, that destroyed two barns on conc. 3, north of the Pickering townline.

Samuel Cadman said he had checked the buildings before going to bed around 3 a.m. Forty minutes later he was awakened to see one of the buildings ablaze and a second burning.

Destroyed were 40 pigs, 4 heifers, two thoroughbred colts, ducks, chickens, a half-ton of feed and 500 bales of hay. The colts alone were worth \$1,500 each, he said.

Also lost was a 1964 Oldsmobile and two trailers.

The barns, owned by Century City Developments, were insured but the contents were not.

Mr. Cadman said he had sold a number of personal effects and invested all his savings in the property.

The cause of the blaze is not known. The section where the fire started was unused at the time. It was not wired and contained only a small quantity of straw. "It went up like match sticks", he said.



**Deputy-clerk**

Elwood Foskett, Elm Road, Stouffville, is the new deputy-clerk, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville. He assumes the position, Jan. 1. Mr. Foskett is presently the clerk in the Twp. of Uxbridge, a post he has held for the past twelve years.

## Bomb threat

UNIONVILLE - More than 500 students were evacuated from Mark 11 Public School in Unionville, Friday, after an unidentified male caller

## Set council salary schedule

STOUFFVILLE - The salary schedule for the mayor and five councillors, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, has been established for 1971. The mayor's basic pay will be \$4,700. In addition, he will receive \$2,300 for travelling and other expenses.

The councillors will each receive \$2,400 (basic) plus \$1,200 expenses.

In total, this is \$2,000 less than the present wage rate of Stouffville and Whitchurch councils combined in 1970.

warned staff secretary Mrs. Beatrice Smith that a bomb was set to go off in the building in ten minutes.

Unionville firemen were despatched to the site and remained on standby while Markham Township constables George Anderson and Chris Shepherd conducted a thorough search of the structure. No bomb was found.

Earlier this year, a similar threat was telephoned to the principal of Whitchurch Highlands School.

## Big Saturday sale

STOUFFVILLE - Those persons with money to spend (after Christmas), would be wise to stop and shop at Raymer Interiors, 41 Main Street West, where a big sale is on - Saturday, Dec. 26.



**An angel on earth**

A beautiful Christmas candlelight service was conducted in Melville United Church, Sunday evening, under the direction of Sunday School Superintendent, Mrs. Wm. Sherwood. One of the choir's little 'angels' was 1 year old Lesley Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brown, Unionville, R.R.1.

# Mixed emotions as village era comes to an end

## Name still retained

STOUFFVILLE - It was with mixed feelings of emotion that reeve Ken Laushway rose at the conclusion of a council meeting, Dec. 17, and addressed a packed gallery of invited guests. "Two weeks from tonight," he said, "will mark the end of an era for the Village of Stouffville - 94 years as an incorporated municipality. At exactly one minute after twelve (Jan. 1, 1971), a new municipality will be born - a new era".

Although one additional council session is planned, Dec. 30, to pass accounts, Thursday's gathering was the last regular sitting for the year. Invited guests included members of local boards and committees who, during the past twelve months, had served the community with little or no pay and often little appreciation.

Reeve Laushway noted that any change of such major significance was looked on by some with twinges of nostalgia. "We're not really losing anything," he said, "we're merely joining up with our good friends to the north - the Twp. of Whitchurch". He said he was personally pleased that the Stouffville name had been retained and would appear on the new seal - Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

Mr. Laushway expressed council's appreciation to those who had served the municipality, not only in the current year but in year's past. He mentioned specifically, Dr. S.S. Ball and Arthur Latham. "He noted that the same kind of co-operation would be needed in the future.

In expressing his pleasure at serving the village as its last reeve, he said he would assume the position of the new town's first mayor with equal honor.

"Stouffville is a wonderful place," he concluded; "one of the best in Ontario - it has been, as a village, and it will be as a town - with your assistance and advice."



**Commissioner**

William G. Parsons, former deputy-reeve, Stouffville village council, has been appointed to the Public Utilities Commission, filling the one-year unexpired term held by chairman Bill Sanders. Mr. Sanders' resignation is effective, Dec. 31.

## Slashed tire

STOUFFVILLE - A 20 year old Stouffville man was committed for trial before a judge and jury following a preliminary enquiry before Judge M.A. Charles, Dec. 18.

Norman Dunn, Maystone Court, was charged with malicious damage after a tire on a car owned by Stouffville Police Constable William Clause was slashed.

A second accused, Lanny Jollymore, also of Stouffville, was convicted previously on the same charge.

In the witness stand, Jollymore testified that Dunn had encouraged him to slash the tire after he had had trouble with the police officer.

In a verbal statement given by the accused to police at the time of questioning, the accused man admitted he gave Jollymore the idea.

## Stouffville Fire Brigade

### Approve promotions

STOUFFVILLE - Promotions have been approved for two members of Stouffville's volunteer fire brigade.

The annual report was presented to village council, Dec. 17.

Moving "up the ladder" are members George Wilson to the rank of Captain and Grant Turner to Lieutenant.

Other officers are unchanged, Walter Smith, Chief; Fred Castle, Deputy-Chief and Charles Jackson, Secretary.

In the fire year, already concluded, the brigade answered a total of 88 calls including 28 in Stouffville; 23 in Whitchurch; 18 in Markham Twp.; 16 in Uxbridge Twp. and 3 in the Twp. of Pickering.

In addition, there were six resuscitator calls and one rescue call. "Thirty-three inspections were carried out and all schools

in the Stouffville fire area were checked.

Instruction courses were held for two Brownie and two Boy Scout groups and lectures conducted at Brierbush Hospital and the Stouffville Nursing Home.

The brigade was represented at nine mutual aid and three fire chief's meetings.

## Truck stuck on tracks

### Rammed by dayliner

UNIONVILLE - Running up the tracks, waving a flashlight, a driver tried unsuccessfully to halt the Markham to Toronto dayliner on the C.N.R. line at Unionville, Thursday.

The diesel unit rammed his truck broadside, carrying it some distance down the rails and causing an estimated \$500 damage.

George T. McLeary of Agincourt told Markham

Twp. police he was proceeding along a private road, an extension of Eureka Street, when the vehicle became stuck in the snow at the crossing. He said he could see the headlight beam of the dayliner about a mile away, so ran up the tracks in an effort to stop it. The engineer applied the brakes but could not halt the unit in time.

No one was injured.

## Former councillor urges ex-clerk's name be cleared

WHITCHURCH TWP. Former Whitchurch councillor Henry Nauta of Lennoxville, feels action should be taken, before the end of the current year, to clear the name of ex-clerk, Thomas Kerr.

Mr. Kerr's resignation was requested following the submission of an investigator's report on a fire, May 1, 1970, inside the municipal offices at Vandorf.

Mr. Kerr complied although, according to ex-councillor Nauta, he has denied any personal involvement in the matter. No charges have been laid.

Mr. Nauta feels the present-day council is obligated to make some public statement in connection with the affair.

## Marijuana garden

DICKSON'S HILL - A Dickson's Hill youth, apprehended by Markham Township Police after thirteen marijuana plants were discovered growing in his garden, was fined \$300 in Richmond Hill Court, Dec. 22.

George Clark entered a plea of guilty.

Counsel told the court the accused had obtained the seeds from a friend and was growing the plants for his own use.

Judge M.A. Charles, in imposing sentence, said the youth was fortunate he had not been charged with cultivation of the plant, an offence that would carry a jail term.

## Aid fire victims

STOUFFVILLE - Stouffville Council has approved a donation of \$100 to the Peter White Fund in Clarendon. The decision was unanimous.

Mr. and Mrs. White and family lost their home and all their possessions in a tragic fire, Dec. 12. Two children, Marlene, 12 and Dwayne, 11, died in the blaze.

The Stouffville Lions Club has contributed \$200 and a similar donation has come from the Stouffville United Church.