

**York Region**

**Contract enquiry possible**

**YORK REGION** — Accepting a bid \$2,000 higher than the low bid may involve the region in an enquiry over its policies on tendering and awarding contracts.

Such an enquiry has been demanded by a Hamilton company, E.T.S. Towers, Inc., which recently submitted a bid to build a water tank in East Gwillimbury. The

E.T.S. was the lowest, but was not accepted. K. V. Gordon, president of the Hamilton firm, has written to MPP Bill Newman, saying that an investigation is needed.

The contract was awarded, said Gordon, "without any rationale and with complete disregard for the additional extra major cost."

Gordon also termed the awarding of the contract "total disregard for the spending of taxpayers' money."

The difficulty apparently arose over conflicting standards in the bids. The original tender called for a welded steel tank, but the submission from E.T.S. specified a concrete tank. The Region's engineering committee accepted a tender from Hotron C.B.I. Ltd. of Toronto, although it was \$2,000 higher than the E.T.S. tender.

Regional councillor Gordon Rowe, committee chairman, said that East Gwillimbury had insisted upon a steel tank. East Gwillimbury Mayor Gladys Rolling confirmed this, and claimed that a concrete tank in the town of Simcoe split open.

Gordon said the matter "makes a farce out of bidding on public projects," and indicated his firm would refer the whole thing to the Ontario General Contractors' Association.



Travellers to Toronto from Uxbridge and Stouffville were delayed somewhat by the breakdown of a GO Transit bus. The bus was scheduled to leave Uxbridge at 9:45 a.m. but experienced transmission difficulties and a replacement bus had to be brought over from

Thornhill. This put the run at least an hour behind schedule and the bus scheduled to leave Stouffville at 1:45 p.m. and arrive in Uxbridge at 2:30 p.m. ran about half an hour late. The broken down bus wasn't towed back to Thornhill until some time in the afternoon.

**MP Sinclair Stevens**

**Abolition will make us an island**

Should the Trudeau government succeed in making Canada an abolitionist country, we will be an island surrounded by retentionist nations and states. Only 1 percent of the world's population live under abolitionist laws.

The United States Supreme Court upheld the death penalty last week in an historic decision that may lead to a resumption of executions in 14 states. Another 21 states who are retentionist may have to change their existing capital punishment legislation to comply with the Supreme Court decision which states the penalty cannot be mandatory, but must leave some discretion with judges and juries.

Four years ago, the High Court struck down all U.S. death penalty statutes because they placed too much discretion in the hands of judges and juries. Since then, 35 states re-enacted new statutes and extended the number of crimes for which the death penalty could be prescribed.

In their decision last week, the U.S. High Court concluded, "that the infliction of death as a punishment for murder is not without justification and this is not unconstitutional severe."

In the U.S. it is estimated that there are 572 men and 10 women on death rows in 30 states who awaited this decision of the Court.

In Canada there are 11 awaiting execution, commutation has been the custom in Ottawa since 1962, or passage of the government's proposed legislation which would end the death penalty.

second reading the vote was 133 in favor with 125 against. Two retentionists were absent which would have made the vote 133 to 127. Two more votes are required in the House before the bill is passed.

A few abolitionists have been wavering.

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**Police news**

**Man convicted for break enter**

**STOUFFVILLE** — A local youth has been convicted on charges of breaking and entering.

Terry Stevenson was found guilty by Judge Ian Munro in Newmarket on the charges associated with break-ins at a Stouffville auto body repair shop and the Cannington Memorial Arena, as well as an attempt to break into the Pickering Co-Op.

The court was told that Stevenson smashed a window to get into the body shop, then forced open a cabinet and stole \$135. At the Cannington Arena, the loss consisted of a radio and a large quantity of cigarettes.

Stevenson was remanded for sentencing July 21.

**Public mischief**  
A Stouffville man has been charged with public mischief as the result of an automobile accident. The collision occurred June 25 at the Aurora sideroad and the 10th

Line. A driver gave police a false name, and repeated the offense July 3.

Charles Hamilton, 76, of Windsor Drive, was arrested at his residence and charged.

Obscenities scrawled  
Belfry Investments, Albert St., Stouffville, were the victims of vandals during the night of June 29 - 30. Police state that obscene words and pictures were scrawled on the walls. The damage will have to be covered by a \$600 paint job.

**Selective thief**  
A selective thief recently struck in Buttonville.

Victim of the theft was Gunter Franzen. He reported to police that someone had come onto his property June 29 and removed 13 rolls of chicken wire that were in his driveway. Value of the wire was placed at \$650.

**New ward for Markham is approved unanimously**

**THORNHILL** — It is almost a certainty that by the time the next election rolls around in November, the Town of Markham will be comprised of seven wards.

In a recorded vote, council unanimously approved a request to the cabinet that a split be made in Thornhill's Ward 1, an area that takes in approximately 10,000 people.

At present council is made up of the mayor, two regional councillors and six ward members.

The request for a division of Ward 1 boundaries is the second made by council in the past year. Although Regional Council previously approved the cabinet refusal, claiming the technicalities could

not be completed in time for next November's election.

However, a clause in Bill 55 now gives the government the right to approve a change in ward boundaries, at Markham's request, anytime in 1976.

Ward 1 councillor, Peter Grosskurth refers

to Markham's second request as a "formality" and the "fruition of a lot of hard work on the part of council."

Mr. Grosskurth said the split in Ward 1 is imminent, saying the cabinet would not have included the clause in Bill 55 if they did not intend to approve the request.

**Bob Adams to be mayoralty candidate**

**MARKHAM** — Regional Councillor Bob Adams has announced he will be a candidate for Markham mayor in the December elections.

Adams, a three-term member of town council, made the announcement at a recent press conference. He stated that he would run for mayor whether or not the incumbent, Tony Roman, decides to run again.

The candidate, an executive with Bell Telephone, said he is willing to give his full time to the job. His employer has agreed to a leave of absence, he said.

Adams touched upon several issues in making his announcement. He supported the idea of retaining the Markham fairground site as open

space, and indicated he would like to see Markham win more representation on Regional Council. He also called for a slowdown in the rate of growth in the town, and predicted that financial restraint will become more important in future.

**Greenwood residents form local tennis club**

**BY MILDRED MCTAGGART**  
Rev. T. H. Fleatham left on Tuesday for his new home in Fordwich. In his fare-well service on June 27, he reminded us that the church is where ever God's people are praising and exhorted us to be faithful to it. His friendly smile and warm personality will be missed by all who know him, and he is wished health and happiness in his ministry at Fordwich.

The Official Board met on Monday, June 28, in the Mount Zion Church. The trim on the manse and the garage has had a fresh coat of paint and other necessary repair work is to be completed as soon as possible. Church services will be held at the regular hour during July, Greenwood, 9.45 a.m. and Mount Zion,

11 a.m. We welcome John Van Gulick, our minister, his wife Rhoda and daughter Jenifer to our community.

A bus trip to Peterborough, a two hour boat ride on the Trent Canal and a visit to the cheese factory in Lakefield was enjoyed by the senior citizens last Wednesday.

Mr. Joe Pegg, Diana, John and Steven were with Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Pegg for a few days last week.

A Greenwood Tennis Club was formed at a meeting in the Community Centre and the following officers were appointed; Pres. Glen Snowden; Vice Pres. Tom Elrick; Secretary Margaret King; David Cole, Linda Fehn, Bill Smith and Joanne Snowden are members of the executive.

**Fine or year in jail is sentence for gambler**

**THORNHILL** — A local man faces a fine of \$5,000 or a year in jail after conviction on a charge of keeping a common betting house.

Robert Steinberg, 58, of Clark Ave., Thornhill, was convicted by

Provincial Court Judge Alex Davidson. A co-accused, Edward Goldstein, 56, was sentenced to the same fine or 18 months imprisonment.

The two men were given 60 days to pay the fines.

**Local driver crashes into track barrier**

**MOSPORT** — Danny Burritt of Stouffville failed to finish in a Formula 100 race for the Bulova Championship last Saturday.

Burritt, who had won the qualifying heat, and was leading the final, hit an oil patch and crashed into the guard rail on the eighth lap.

The rest of the field did little better in the unfortunate 20-lap race when a downpour caused a string of accidents in the 13th lap. The race was stopped, but not before drivers flipped into ditches and bounced into guardrails on the slippery track.

**Road tenders \$1.1 million less than budgeted**

**YORK REGION** — Economic conditions have worked to the advantage of the region.

Councillor Gordon Rowe, chairman of the region's engineering committee, revealed recently that tenders for nine road reconstruction projects have come in a total of more than \$1.1 million under budget.

Rowe attributed the low bids to "fierce competition" among construction companies. Fiscal restraints have reduced the number of such projects being undertaken all across the province. The money saved, he said, will be used to finance three other projects.

The three projects which can now be started are road rebuildings on Davis Drive east of Newmarket; Keele St. south of King City; and Mount Albert Rd.



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