

To pave 9th Line

WHITCHURCH — A section of the Ninth Line, north from the Bloomington Road to Musselman's Lake, will be widened and paved, an engineering report before York Regional Council revealed Thursday.

The work is necessary due in part to heavy gravel truck traffic plus limited visibility on the crests of some hills, the report said. A basic two-lane highway is planned, extended to a width of 100 feet. Property requirements necessary to accommodate this project have been determined, the information revealed.

Mayor Eldred King agrees that re-construction in this area is needed, but he's not com-

plaining that it hasn't been done sooner. "We've had our share," he said, with reference to other roadwork done elsewhere in Whitchurch-Stouffville by the Region, "I don't wish to appear selfish".

The mayor maintains, however, that work on the Ninth shouldn't stop south of the Lake but rather continue around it to improve its appearance. He's not anxious that anything major be undertaken there as it would only create concern among property-owners. He feels that eventually, the Lake Road will be taken over by the Town. "But we're not prepared to accept it in its present state," he said.

The mayor says he's confident some of this extended work will be completed this fall.

Lucky!

WHITCHURCH — A Whitchurch - Stouffville farmer suffered a badly bruised back but no broken bones, despite the fact he was knocked unconscious and temporarily pinned under a tree he was cutting in a bush on his property last week.

Arend Vanderwiell, conc. 5, RR 3, Newmarket, was able to pull himself free and drive back to the house on a tractor. He was taken by car to York County Hospital, Newmarket where x-rays revealed no serious injuries.

Mr. Vanderwiell, an experienced tree-cutter, usually attaches a rope around the trunk, to direct its fall, his wife said. This time, he didn't and the top lodged in the limbs of a tree close by. While attempting to move it, he was struck on the head, then pinned to the ground.

Fortunately, the area contained a slight depression that lessened the impact. Once conscious, he was able to escape.

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Year after fire memories remain

STOUFFVILLE — Bud and Nancy Lehman and family are enjoying the comforts of their home on Baker Avenue, Stouffville.

A year ago, they had little left to enjoy, victims of a costly fire that destroyed much of the interior. The date was Aug. 11 and Nancy remembers it well.

"We were up at our summer resort near Apsley, preparing for a busy weekend when Linda (Lehman) called. She told us about the fire but we had no idea it was so serious".

On their return, they learned the awful truth. The blaze started in a

downstairs bedroom, Nancy said, and spread to the main floor. Whatever areas the flames didn't reach, the smoke did. At one point, the pressure build-up was so great, the entire house came close to blowing apart.

Even now, she wishes it had. "It would have been better. We could have levelled it out with a bulldozer and started again". As it was, about all that remained were four walls and the roof. The inside, even the windows had to be replaced. Cost of renovations exceeded \$40,000.

Water in the recreation room measured six inches deep.

The carpet was hauled out by tractor.

While personal mementos can never be replaced, Nancy likes to remember the brighter side—the offers of assistance that poured in from all over.

"It was unreal; I couldn't believe it. There were so many people I couldn't keep track. Bob Bruce, who built the house, took charge of repairs. "He was really good," Nancy said, recalling how he set other jobs aside so he could do theirs.

For several weeks, they lived at the home of Harold and Marion Hodgson, Loretta Crescent South, then moved to a trailer near the property. It was almost Christmas before they could get back in.

Nancy admits it was a learning experience, a situation made easier because of friends.

"You never think it will happen to you," she said.



A pretty 18 year old brunette is Markham's Fair queen for '79. Marilyn Ilott, Main Street North, was selected from a lineup of fourteen lovely ladies at a dance, Saturday night. The lucky gen-

tleman offering his personal congratulations is Mac Cosburn, this year's Fair president. Jim Thomas.

Marilyn Ilott

The fair(est) of all

MARKHAM — For my grandparents, was the reason given by 18 year old Marilyn Ilott for entering the Miss Markham Fair contest, Saturday. And her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Meyer, Main Street North, were undoubtedly two of the happiest people attending the event.

They smiled approvingly as commentator Joanna Meharg announced Marilyn the winner—the judges' No. 1 choice from a list of fourteen lovely ladies.

The pretty brunette with a sparkling smile and pleasing personality, will serve as hostess during Fair days, Sept. 27, 28, 29 and 30. She will also have the opportunity of representing Markham Fair at the Miss C.N.E. contest next

fall. She's the daughter of Bill and Helen Ilott, Markham, also present at the ceremony along with boyfriend, Bob Tufford, Stouffville, RR 3.

Marilyn's attendants are Carrie Purcell, 20, of Agincourt and Susan Field, 17, of Wales Avenue, Markham.

The new queen's sponsor was Penelope In Vogue, Main Street, Markham. Sponsoring Carrie was Markham Pro Hardware and Susan, the Bank of Nova Scotia, Markham.

A graduate of Markham Dist. High School, Marilyn is currently attending Seneca College in a Fashion Design Course. She's a part-time model with the Eleanor Fulcher Studio.

"My grandmother encouraged me," she said later, "my sister Kathy too". She said she was pleased her grandparents could attend the event. Mr. Meyer will mark his 91st birthday, Nov. 5.

The eleven other participants included Connie Marison, Cedar Grove; Debbie

Hawkins, Gormley; Maria Murphy, Unionville; Taryna Hughes, Thornhill; Marilyn Bouwmeester, Ballantrae; Wendy Southgate, Markham; Jenny Chester, Stouffville; Gayle Milroy, Cedar Grove; Diane Stuart, Markham; Dawn Thorpe, Markham and Lori-Anne Fawthrop, Stouffville.

A large crowd attended the dance and the General Exhibits building was beautifully decorated for the occasion.

Mac Cosburn, the president of Markham Fair, addressed the audience. He praised the spirit of co-operation among all those participating in the event. Alma Walker, the Immediate Past President honored Cathy Case, the Queen of '78, through the presentation of an engraved plaque.

Contest judges this year were Patricia Fuller of Patricia's Bridal Salon, Markham; Phyllis McMaster, Asst. Agriculture Representative, Newmarket and A.B. Bud Bonner, Town of Markham Councillor.

Art gallery is a reality

STOUFFVILLE — The Latcham Art Gallery is a reality.

The display centre, located in the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library, was opened officially by Mayor Eldred King, Sept. 12. Fourteen local artists participated in the show.

The large audience on hand was welcomed by Marie Adams, Chairman of the Board. She expressed appreciation to the Ontario Art Council and Wintario for financial support.

Mayor King said the municipality is fortunate to have such a facility. He mentioned the generosity of the late Arthur Latcham for helping make it all possible.

One of the artists on hand for the gallery premiere was Lynda Hayward Baird. She's been a resident of the area fifteen years and for the last

seven has been perfecting her skills in silk screen work.

She feels the gallery is good for the community in that it allows local talent to be recognized through individual displays in the months ahead.

"It should be a good year for artists," she said.

Lots of room

YORK REGION — At a regular meeting of York Regional Council, Thursday, Mrs. Joan Paton of the York Central Hospital Foundation at Richmond Hill, enlightened her audience on expansion plans at the site.

The proposed project, she said, would include twenty-four additional beds in the psychiatric wing.

"Why twenty-four?" questioned a member, "there are only eighteen of us here".

Raise \$11,000

MARKHAM — When all returns are totalled, receipts are expected to exceed \$11,000 from a giant auction sponsored by St. Patrick's Parish, Saturday.

Committee chairman, Dr. A.T. O'Connor said response by area merchants as well as private citizens had been excellent. That kind of co-operation was best displayed by Ringwood

auctioneer Don Burd who spent nine hours on the job and donated his services free of charge.

While many items were considered 'bargains' by enthusiastic bidders, one painting brought \$465.

The funds will be used by the parish to re-establish Vietnamese refugees in this community.

Dies after fight

GORMLEY — A 22 year old Gormley area man has been charged with manslaughter following a fight in which a second party died.

Police said the victim, Lloyd Allison Jr., 29, of King City, was a passenger in a car driven by his father. He became irritated by the honking of a horn and exchanged words with the driver. When the two

vehicles pulled up to a traffic light, a scuffle ensued in which Allison allegedly was knocked off the pavement, striking his head.

After refusing first aid at the scene, he returned home. However, bleeding started and he was admitted to hospital. He died a short time later.

Charged is Mark Kim Trimble of Gormley, RR 1.

Mennonite sale a record

Proceeds-\$33,000

PIONEER VILLAGE — "They kept coming and coming; the response was fantastic," said committee treasurer Herb Diller, describing the success of the Mennonite Festival at Black Creek Pioneer Village, Saturday.

Proceeds, expected to exceed \$33,000, will be directed to

various overseas countries through the Mennonite Central Committee to help alleviate world hunger.

Everything was snapped up long before closing time, Mr. Diller said, with the 1,400 home-made pies going in little over an hour.

Heading up the project again this year was Stella Reesor, RR 1, Unionville. Her efforts were supported by dozens of helping hands.

A feature attraction of the day was the home-made quilt auction. Returns on the 105 entries totalled \$11,985.00. Margaret Empringham of Stouffville was in charge of this section.

The highest priced quilt, completed by the ladies of Cedar Grove in "Basket of Flowers" design, brought \$800. It was purchased by Stouffville Stockyards Limited.

Another, in the "Horn of Plenty" design, completed by Gladys Grove of RR 2, Markham, was purchased by Mrs. Harold Wideman of Gormley for \$520. Quilts made by the ladies of Heise Hill Church sold for \$4,842.00.



Pies like these, being prepared by Irene Steiner, R. R. 1, Stouffville, found ready sale at the 13th annual Mennonite Festival, Saturday, at Black Creek Pioneer Village. Fourteen hundred of them were snapped up in little over an hour. —Jim Thomas

Fast foods too fast

STOUFFVILLE — "Dumbfounded" was the word used by Mayor Eldred King to describe Council's approval in principle of a Kentucky Fried Chicken outlet in Stouffville.

The proposed site is on the north side of Main Street, immediately east of Neil Patrick Motors. It's currently zoned Industrial.

Mayor King said he has no complaint with the firm, in fact, he thinks it's a very reputable chain. Nor is he opposed to competition. "But I think they could have waited a year or two."