

Personal service



Valentines delivered to Seniors

Saturday was St. Valentine's Day and each resident of Parkview Village, Parkview Home and Apartments and Green Gables Manor received a card made by students from the four local schools. Here Tom White of Parkview Village receives his Valentine from six-year-old

Michelle Vicente and Mrs. Strawberry, (Brenda McQuaker). Other participants included — Diane Peak, Linda Todd and Mr. Strawberry, (Janis Blackley).

— Jim Thomas

Editor's Mail

Residents ignored charges ratepayer

Dear Editor:

On Feb. 9, the Whitchurch-Stouffville Ratepayers Association held a meeting at the Ballantrae Community Centre. All councillors able to attend, including the mayor, did so. Approximately 85 ratepayers from every corner of Whitchurch-Stouffville attended, including Stouffville.

All speakers had the same message for our elected representatives:

Draft a new Official Plan for the area to reflect the needs of today. Let residents review and have input to that Plan as a whole, not in bits and pieces.

Make the draft available to individuals wishing to have input so

that we can help determine where new housing, industry, parks, shopping areas, schools, etc., will be located in the future.

As has been done in other ratepayers' meetings, the request was also made that growth be carefully planned and controlled to avoid the kind of situation that now exists in Markham and Unionville. In the meantime, slow our growth considerably; let us decide what we want as a future for our community, and listen to the electorate.

Mayor Sainsbury assured us that our views as ratepayers were always listened to by council and that democracy was alive and well in Whitchurch-Stouffville.

On Feb. 10, Council reversed a previous decision by the Planning committee (who are the same people as from council) and approved a subdivision which had been unanimously objected to at the public meeting held in relation to it. This subdivision is on Kennedy Road in an area where the town planner — the expert hired to advise in such matters — has advised there be no further development or a hamlet would be created since there are already over 100 homes (on lots smaller than our 2 acre minimum) slated for construction in that area. In addition, York Region has informed Council (in a letter some weeks ago) that no further development should take place along Kennedy Road until it can be restructured.

If democracy is at work in Whitchurch-Stouffville, it must be a variety I am not familiar with. If council is listening, I'd like to know who to!

Sincerely,

Ann Belanger
WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE
RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

Courage praised by local MPP

BLOOMINGTON — At an 'Over 90 Club' birthday party, Jan. 25, at Green Gables Manor, Bloomington, representatives from three levels of government were present.

Owner Dmytro Haluszka took the opportunity to criticize what he feels is a shortfall in government funding for privately-run nursing homes.

York North MPP Greg Sorbara was in attendance. He appeared surprised at the time. However, he told The Tribune he wasn't the

least bit upset by Mr. Haluszka's remarks, in fact, quite the opposite.

"I was fascinated," he said, "I took no offense whatsoever."

Mr. Sorbara said he appreciates people "who speak their minds."

"The politicians were all 'captured' there, so why not?" he stated. He called it 'courage'.

"If a politician wishes to insulate himself or herself from criticism then he or she is in the wrong business," he concluded.

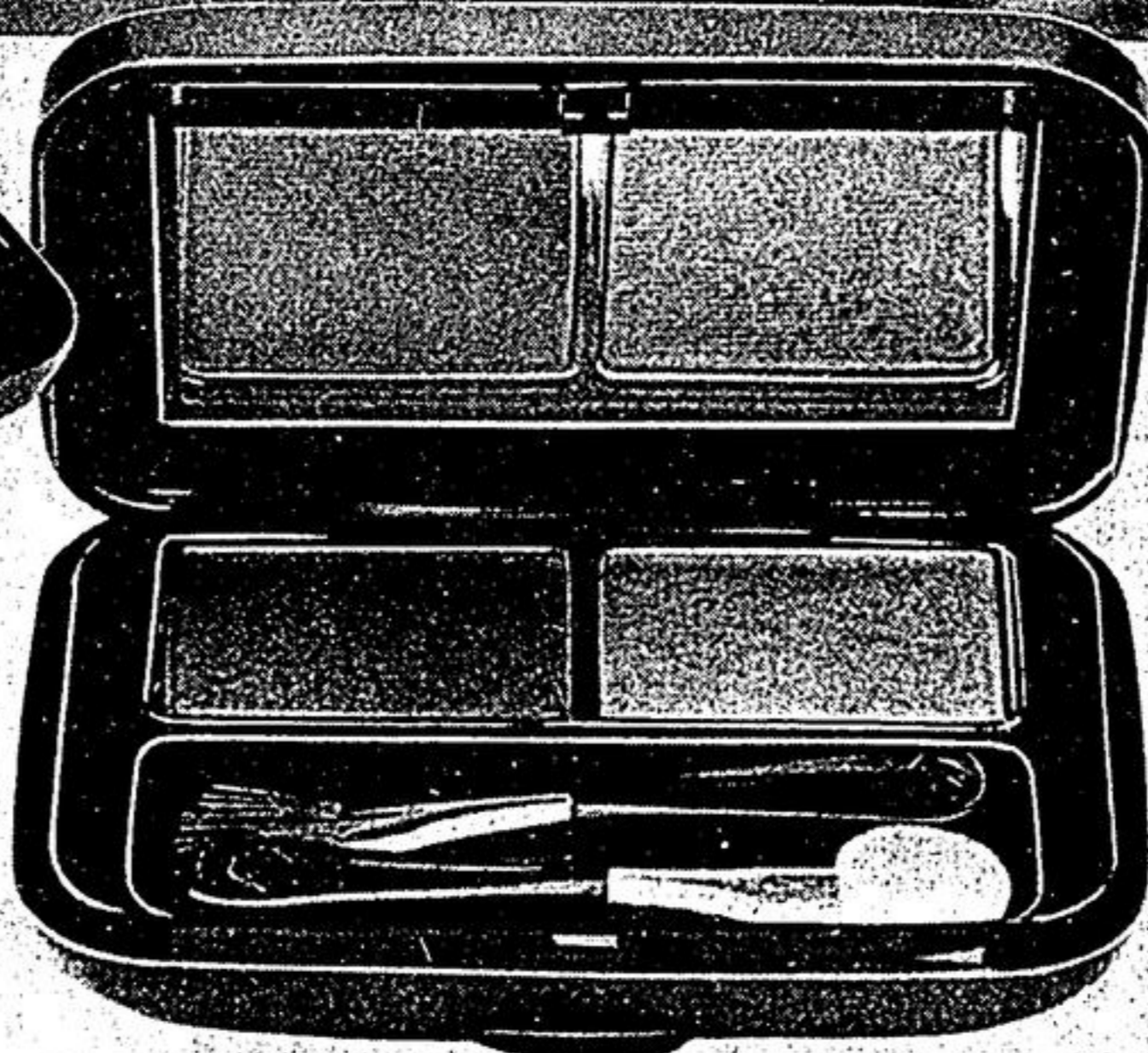
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Tragedy recalled

Service was held Jan. 29 from the Turner & Porter Funeral Chapel, Mississauga, for Lawrence (Larry) Graham following his passing Jan. 26 in Credit Valley Hospital.

Larry Graham, a retired Air Canada pilot, was the son of Owen and Tillie Graham of Box Grove.

It was during the night of Dec. 24, 1931, that the Graham family home was destroyed by fire. Larry and sister Laura escaped by breaking a window but their parents died in the blaze.

Larry and Laura were raised by neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Coakwell.

"The children were never adopted," Mrs. Coakwell said, "they just came and stayed." She said both were always considered a very important part of the family.

"We kept in touch," she said. Mrs. Coakwell described Larry as "a self-made success." Laura, a registered nurse, died at the age of 24. Larry was 62.

Lawrence Hennessey of Vaudorf is a third cousin. Lawrence and wife Marilyn called at the funeral chapel to pay their respects prior to the service.

"His favorite plane was the 747," Lawrence said, "and his two main carrier routes were Frankfurt and Vancouver."

Besides his wife, the former Isabel Keenan, Mr. Graham is survived by a daughter, Elaine, (Mrs Brian Coffell); a son, Michael and two grandchildren, Laura and Graham.

Interment was made at St. John's Cemetery, Dixie.

Antique show

With the temperature dipping below zero (F), it may seem out of season to think about dates in May. However, the congregation of Christ Church (Anglican), Sunset Blvd., Stouffville, is already planning for the 6th annual Antique Show and Sale at Markham Fairgrounds. The dates are May 22 and 23. Chief organizers are John Campbell, Jan Percy, Peggy Blackwell and Gord Watt.

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