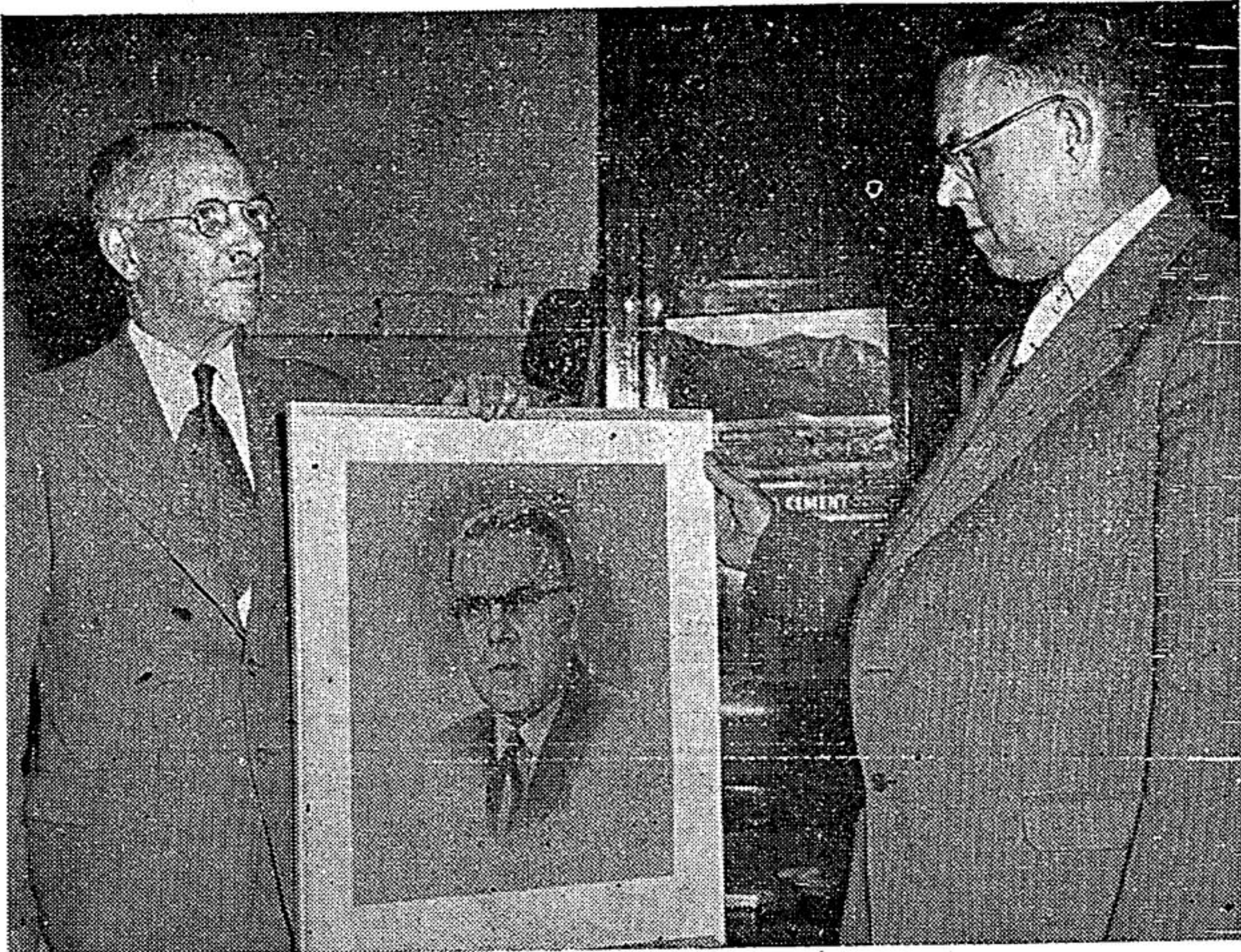


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RECEIVES PORTRAIT FROM CITIES SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE



At the regular meeting of Stouffville Council Reeve Henry Ogden was presented with a charcoal portrait of himself. The presentation was made by Mr. C. S. Hall, Regional Representative of the

Cities Service Oil Co. Some time ago the town of Stouffville went on the air on the radio programme "Ontario Marches On" where a description of some of its fine points was given. The reeve of the

town chosen is presented with a portrait which Mr. Ogden received. The sketch was done by Egbert C. Reed of Norval, Ont., who is one of Canada's foremost charcoal artists.

(Photo by Cadieux)

Graduates from American College

James Brownsberger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Brownsberger of Toronto, was among the 178 students to receive his B.A. degree at Goshen College, Goshen, Indiana, on June 14th. Mr. and Mrs. Brownsberger who were present to witness the ceremony, are former Markham Township residents, Mr. Brownsberger being a brother of Ezra and Joseph, 10th con. south of Stouffville, and Mrs. Percy Dike, 8th concession. Goshen College is a Liberal Arts College and Bible Seminary operated by the Mennonite Church.

Other graduating students from Ontario included Orval Jantzi of Waterloo, Harvey Snyder, Grimby Beach, Edna Good, now missionary to South America. Orland Gingerich of Baden, Clare Martin of Kitchener and Earl Meyers of Kitchener received their Bachelor of Theology Degree.

Drumhead Service in Memorial Park

Rev. W. Surman, padre at Sunnybrook Hospital, will be the guest speaker at the annual Legion Drumhead service in Memorial Park, Stouffville, this Sunday afternoon, June 17th. The service will be attended by local veterans and York County veterans, who will parade from the Legion Hall commencing at 2.30 o'clock. The parade will be headed by the Governor-General's Horse Guard Band and the Earlscourt Legion Pipe Band.

Capt. S. S. Ball, M.D., will preside and the salute will be taken by Brig. Laurin, O.B.E. Rev. D. Davis, hon. padre of the local Legion, will conduct the service, with the scripture reading by Rev. F. Herman. A. Hulse, 1st vice president, Provincial Command, Co. Baker, G.G.H.G.'s, Officer Commanding, will also speak.

This Sunday, June 17th, will be Fathers' Day.

Attended Market Regularly for More Than Forty Years

Although she had not enjoyed good health since last winter, Mrs. Erwin A. Gray's sudden passing at her home on Main Street was a shock to her many friends. Sitting in a chair on Friday evening, June 8th, she suddenly succumbed to a heart attack, as her daughter was near her. She had not complained of any illness. She had attended the morning service at Stouffville United Church the previous Sunday, and had worked as usual through the week.

Funeral service was held in O'Neill's Parlours on Monday afternoon, June 11th, conducted by Rev. Douglas Davis, followed by interment in Stouffville Cemetery. Pallbearers were Messrs. A. E. Weldon, Bertram Lickorish, Sylvester Polard, James Harris, Frederick Crossen and Dawson Davis.

Mrs. Gray's maiden name was Ida Emily Hamill, she being the daughter of James Hamill and Phoebe Johnston Hamill, and born at East York. She was united in marriage with Erwin A. Gray, who predeceased her some 22 years ago, and whose passing was equally sudden. After their marriage the Grays farmed at Churchill, and at the foot of Gravel Hill. They bought the farm on the 10th now owned by their daughter, Mrs. Ida Elson, from Mr. James Rae, and lived there until moving to Stouffville in 1918. For one year they occupied the home in which Walter Pipher now resides, then they bought the present Gray home after another year spent on the farm. Mrs. Gray also lived at Garibaldi in her earlier years.

The late Mrs. Gray was identified with Stouffville United Church, and had formerly been active in the Women's Missionary Society and the Woman's Association. She had formerly been active in the work of Bloomington Methodist Church.

Surviving are two children, Mrs. Ida May Elson of Stouffville, and Harold James Gray of Toronto, and one grandson Gary Gray of Toronto. Mrs. Lucy Topham is a sister of the deceased, and another sister predeceased Mrs. Gray.

A unique feature of Mrs. Gray's life was her regular attendance on Saturdays at the St. Lawrence Market for some 45 years, where she had endeared herself to a host of customers, some of whom had been coming to see her there for 42 or 43 years. Grandchildren of her first customers had been also coming to buy from her. Before death suddenly called her Friday evening, Mrs. Gray had her baking and other produce in readiness for the market the following day. When news of her passing spread around the market Saturday, everyone was saddened by a sense of personal loss. "Grandma," as she was affectionately known, had occupied her stall for the last time.

Congratulations are extended to Rev. H. B. Turner who was ordaining in Danforth Ave. Church last week. He will soon be leaving Goodwood for Sarnia. Goodwood Boy Scout Troop will hold their annual church service in the Goodwood United Church this Sunday at 7.30 p.m.

Remember the hydro will be off for about three-quarters of an hour beginning at 12.30 noon this Thursday.

Exemption of Unionville from Certain Building Restrictions Discussed by Twp. Council

The possibility of exempting all or a portion of Unionville from restrictions covering the size of building lots, was discussed at considerable length on Monday evening by Markham Township Council. The question arose because of the fact that a great many lots within the village limits, and which had been established on plans many years ago, were not the required frontage of 70 ft. An immediate instance has arisen with property of Mr. Warren, adjacent to the C.N.R.

J. D. Lucas, township solicitor, was present at the meeting and told council that they had no power to allow anyone to act contrary to the bylaws, but they could exempt certain areas with the approval of the municipal board.

"These lots have the required area, but just because they're not seventy feet in front I don't see why we should sit here and block this man," stated Councillor Chas. Hooper.

"Well as far as I'm concerned, I'm sticking by the bylaw, we don't want any more messes like we've had in the past," stated Reeve Timbers. "We need a planning board to handle these problems," continued the reeve.

"There's no use of having these bylaws if we're not going to abide by them," commented Councillor Clark.

Councillor James stated that he favored amending the bylaw to allow an exemption of Unionville.

The township solicitor pointed out that the police village trustees might object to having Unionville exempt from the bylaw, and should be contacted before any application for a change is made. This council agreed to do.

The solicitor was directed to prepare debentures for the township in connection with a new \$150,000 public school for the Markham-Vaughan union section.

A bylaw is being prepared which will license pet shops in Markham Township. A suggested fee for the license is \$25.00. Markham also collects a kennel license of \$10. Suggested repairs and improve-

ments to the second floor of the township municipal building are being considered by the property committee.

Court of Revision on local improvement on Baker and Elmwood Avenues in the Elmwood sub-division, was adjourned for two weeks while further information is gathered by Engineer Babcock concerning a sharp increase in the costs of completed road work, as against the estimated figure submitted to the ratepayers.

Jas. Meharg appeared before council concerning the taking over of Noble Ave., a private road near Hagerman. It was agreed that the residents should pay \$200. for gravelling the street and the township would maintain thereafter. Only one of a half dozen residents objected.

Defies Building Bylaw

"I'll sell lots and build without your permission, and that I'm telling the lot of you," stated Mr. Cokrane of Unionville, when he appeared before council regarding the procedure for the sale of property in the township.

"The answer is definitely no," stated Solicitor Lucas, when asked if he couldn't sell his lots without council's permission.

Mr. Cokrane became increasingly incensed in a heated debate with councillors, and launched into the matter of a private gas tank which he claimed had been installed right on the property line against provincial regulations.

"Council gave permission to have it moved to the line, what are you going to do about it," he asked.

"We only said we had no objection to it being moved when we were asked," stated Councillor Hooper.

The incident occurred some five years ago.

"I can't see that this is any concern of ours," stated Reeve Timbers.

Solicitor Lucas reiterated the reeve's contention, calling the idea of the council making a move in the matter, "utter ridiculous."

Agree to Split H. S. Area Will Proceed with Erection Of Two New High Schools When Division is Approved

After several years of deliberation, the councils of Markham and Whitchurch Townships, Markham and Stouffville, have agreed to divide the present High School Area, form two new areas, and erect a new high school in each. Only the most recent legislation made this move possible, and hitherto anyone wishing to secede from an area was compelled to become attached to some other existing area. Under the amended act, a split as proposed locally, with two areas being formed, can be effected.

Resolutions have been passed within the last few days in each of the four municipalities, sanctioning the division, and county council will be asked to bring in a bylaw to this effect at their session which is to begin shortly.

When the move is completed, two new high school boards will be established to take the place of the appointees now forming the area board, and these will take office Jan. 1st.

After several meetings within the past couple of weeks it was appar-

ent that the present area board was unable to reach an unanimous decision to solve the long-standing deadlock. Various proposals were put forward by Stouffville and Whitchurch representatives, but to little avail, and it became increasingly apparent that the present area could not be saved. It was with reluctance in some quarters that council sanctioned the division, since the opinion has been freely expressed around the council table of both townships, that if two schools were to be built, they could just as easily be built under the present board, and maintain the existing area. While the estimated total cost of the two schools is higher than for one large unit, there will be no difference in the percentage of cost to the people in the north and south, since the assessment in each of the two new areas to be created is approximately equal.

However, the move has now been made, and awaits only passage by county council and the Dept. of Education to take effect. Two years may be required to get two new schools in operation providing there are no further holdups.

False Pretenses Brings Sentence Of Two Years

Record Showed Convictions. Since 1929 Including Theft, Fraud and Armed Robbery

Ray Scott Fenwick, 39, double amputee of Stouffville was convicted in County Court on Tuesday on a charge of false pretenses and sentenced by His Honor Judge G.A.P. Brickenden to two years less one day definite and three months indefinite in the Ontario Reformatory. The jury acquitted accused on a charge of theft, being out for 57 minutes.

The charges arose following a deal involving \$6,107 which Fenwick received from Clifton C. Fink, Woodstock, hairdresser, for the purchase of a 1951 Cadillac. Fenwick got the money but failed to return and was picked up in Toronto on April 24th driving a 1950 Pontiac.

On May 10th, he appeared before Magistrate H. P. Innes, K.C., and pleaded guilty to the charge, prior to preliminary hearing. At his trial, 11 crown witnesses were called by Crown Attorney D.E.W. Tisdale, K.C., while no defense evidence was given.

Louis McNabb, Ingersoll, car dealer, said that on April 23rd, he gave Fenwick, \$7,107 in cash and cheque. Of the amount \$6,107 was for the car and the remaining \$1,000 was to be split with \$500 going to Fenwick for getting the car, and the remainder to Fink (Continued on Page Six)

Held Up Work on 9th Con. for Present Time

At the regular meeting of the Stouffville Town Council on Thursday night some concern was shown over collection of junk in a lot at the east end of town. The yard, which takes the form of a wrecking lot was believed by the council to be a fire hazard as well as an unsightly spot to any one passing by.

Clerk George Storey stated that it was unlawful to create such a nuisance unless the council had given consent.

It was decided by the council that they should not proceed at the present time with the paving of the 9th concession south of the townline for the distance of a quarter mile. Markham Township and the town were to share the cost equally. The total cost was estimated to be approximately \$6,000.

Since a Horse Show is coming to the park on July 7th it was thought by the council that a number of bridges should be repaired on the back streets. The one bridge located in the park has been torn up for some time. Estimates have been received from two builders for the job. It was thought that planks could be placed across the creek that would serve for a temporary walk. As for the other bridges on the back streets Reeve Ogden suggested that an engineer should be sent out from the Dept. of Highways to look over their condition.

Parking on the south side of Main St. is giving the council some concern. It was brought to the attention of the members by Councillor Glen Ratcliff that some of the cars were angle parking with three of their wheels on the sidewalk.

"One of the cars was parked so close to one of the stores that the proprietor had to climb over its front bumper in order to gain entrance to his store," said Councillor Ratcliff.

The matter was left for Constable Rusnell's attention.

Several budgets of news arriving on the late mail Wednesday had to be omitted in this issue.

See Harold Morden for concession space at coming Horse Show.

NURSING GRADUATE



Miss Lena White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dudley White of Altona, who was among the graduates of the Women's College Hospital, Toronto.

Familiar Homestead Saved from Flames

Fire which threatened for a time to envelop the familiar home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Nigh and Mr. and Mrs. Herb Spofford at Almira, was finally brought under control by the Stouffville and Unionville fire brigades on Tuesday afternoon. The outbreak appeared to have started from a box of ashes near a wooden washing machine on a back porch. The flames quickly

Drivers Involved In Court Action

A motor accident involving three autos Nov. 17, 1950, where Highway No. 7 and Bayview Ave. intersect, resulted in two drivers being found negligent by a county court jury in a two-way damage action before Judge F. G. McDonagh on Wednesday.

H. H. Powers of Unionville was found 75 percent responsible for damages assessed at \$1,088.44 to Wilfred Joseph Hodgins of Toronto. Mrs. Doris W. Little and Little Motors of Markham were 25 percent negligent. Powers was held responsible for 75 per cent. damage to their car, amounting to \$187.50.

Westbound on the highway Powers had attempted a left turn. Eastbound the Hodgins car had to stop suddenly to avoid collision.

The sudden stop of the Hodgins car resulted in the following Little car to collide with its rear. The jury found Mrs. Little failed to keep a proper distance from the Hodgins car.

spread up through the wall of the frame dwelling, and gave the firefighters a real battle before it was overcome. Neighbours gathered from all the surrounding farms and carried the large portion of the furniture, including two pianos, out to the safety of the lawn.

The house is located right beside the Almira mill, and was for many years the well-known home of the Lehman family.

Town Council Balks at Shouldering Responsibility For Street Carnivals

At a meeting of the Stouffville Town Council held on Thursday night it was learned that the Dept. of Highways had thrown the authorization of street dances on the highways into the hands of the local council. The Highway Dept. has always granted the various organizations who annually sponsor these dances, the permission to use the road but this year they have given notice that they wish the council to make the decision. Whatever decision the council made was to be passed on to the Highways Dept. for further action. Council was divided on the issue.

Councillor Harold Spofford claimed that he was not in favour of blocking the Main St. but since there is no other place to hold the dances he couldn't see but that the council would have to grant permission.

"It's too late to stop them now since some of the organizations have already gone ahead with their plans," continued Councillor Spofford.

Councillor Glenn Ratcliff stated that he was not in favour of street dances and never had been.

"What if a fire broke out or if one of the detoured trucks or cars went through one of the bridges on the back streets, we would be

responsible. These street dances are becoming more and more every year and this town is not equipped for that purpose," continued Councillor Ratcliff.

"These organizations have contributed much to the community in the past years and so far nothing has happened while one has been going on," argued Councillor Spofford.

Reeve Henry Ogden expressed the regret that the council had not known earlier because at the present time so many of the organizations have gone ahead with their plans.

"It's too bad," commented Councillor Reg. Stouffer.

"It's more than too bad for those who have gone ahead and made their plans since there is no other place to hold the dances," stated Councillor Spofford.

Councillors Harry Ratcliff and Harold Spofford supported a motion to grant permission to hold the dances, with Councillors Glenn Ratcliff, Reg. Stouffer and Reeve Ogden opposed.

It was expected that the organizations involved would immediately appeal to the Dept. of Highways for leniency and it was learned Monday that permits had been issued by the Dept.

GRADUATES



Miss Carol Weldon, who received her Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Toronto on Thursday. Carol is the daughter of Mrs. Frank Riches of Stouffville.