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AN OFFICE TO BE PROUD OF



The municipality of Whitchurch can be justly proud of their new municipal building, erected at Vandorf. The building was commenced last spring, and is practically completed with the exception of some inside finishing. A canopy is to be erected at the front with an electric clock above. To Clerk John Crawford and Assessor and Build-

ing Inspector Fred Cummings goes much of the credit for the erection of the building. The main floor has four offices, three of them occupied by the Provincial Police, while on the second floor are two more rooms for office use, and a fine board room, forty feet long, panelled in natural wood. The entire place is oil-heated, and lighted by fluorescent fixtures.

Clerk Crawford has been considerably handicapped in his eighteen years of municipal service by the poor accommodation provided by the township and the change is most gratifying. The entire cost of the building is not expected to exceed \$15,000, and is a credit to Whitchurch, and the council members who brought it into being.

Colorado River "Too Thick to Drink, Too Thin to Plough"

Route No. 1, Johnstown, Colorado, Sept. 11, 1951.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Johnson

I believe the last letter was written from San Juan Capistrano, just as we were preparing to start out for Las Vegas, Nevada.

It was with reluctance that we left the coolness of the Pacific, though we must confess that the cool, moist breezes off the ocean were very bad for sinus trouble. It seems almost incredible that one can get from one climate to another so fast. At the coast it was foggy, and about 56 degrees. In an hour or so, we were at Riverside, a beautiful city with a 6-lane highway for through traffic, and streets paralleling the highway for the townfolk to use. Here it was warm and sunny, with lots of orange groves. By early afternoon, we had crossed the Cajon Pass (pronounced "Kah-hoon"), and were in desert once more, the Mohave ("MO-hah-vee") Desert, where they have snow fences to stop the sand drift. It was so hot I felt cooked, and remarked that I was scared to grin, in case my skin cracked open like a roast chicken.

To which Bruce replied: "Oh, don't worry, old thing; an old hen takes a lot of cooking."

Bruce rather liked the bare, rolling hills of the Mohave, but I was too hot to like anything. The only time I enjoyed the desert was about 3 a.m., while it was still reasonably cool. A desert sunrise, with a golden sky behind purple hills, and the road running like a pale gray ribbon up through the purple into the gold, is something to remember. Be thankful that you live in a more humid climate, girls. The desert turns slim women into dehydrated hags at 35, and fat women look like pickled beets. That may be a slight exaggeration, but one's skin does lose its tone, in no time.

We were unable to make the trek from San Juan to Las Vegas in one day, so spent the night at Baker, right in the heart of the desert, at a court called Death Valley Inn. It could not have been more appropriately named. At 3 a.m., it was still 87 degrees in the trailer, even though the wind was almost blowing a gale. We arose at this unearthly hour in order to reach Las Vegas before the heat of the day. We arrived there at 8 a.m., and spent an enjoyable hour at the Last Frontier Village, where there are covered wagons from all the pioneering states, an old school-house, a gaol, tavern, gunshop and museum. Among many other interesting things in the museum was an automatic violin which took 20 years to perfect—then its inventor went crazy!

Apart from the old village, we thoroughly despised Las Vegas. At 9 a.m., all the gambling tables in the Gold Nugget Saloon were full, as, I suppose, were all the others in town. Every grocery store, dime store, shoe-shine parlour, cafe and alleyway has its row of slot machines. Having taken one disgusted look, we set out for Boulder City and Lake Mead.

Boulder City was built to house the construction workers at Hoover Dam, and is the most perfect town I have ever seen. There is no poor section: All the houses are beautiful, air-conditioned, and completely modern, and the lawns have built-in sprinkler systems, with a spray nozzle every 6 or 8 feet. There is a beautiful park, with huge shade trees, and lush green grass. Patsy nearly went wild when she saw the grass, and rolled and tumbled and shouted. Those of you who have never spent a few days in the desert can have no idea how wonderful cool green grass is.

Lake Mead, just a few miles from Boulder City, is formed by Hoover Dam, and is the largest man-made lake in the world. It is like a sapphire jewel, set in the heart of the desert, surrounded by almost completely bare rocks of all shades, from near-white to black, with reddish tones predominating. There is a free camp there, and we stayed three days, while we visited the Dam, went swimming, and saw a boat race. The last-mentioned was fun, especially toward the end when the lake became quite rough, and the boats lifted right out of the water as they crossed the waves. The Dam itself served to restore our faith in human nature, after the let-down at Las Vegas. It is a miracle of engineering, making possible the irrigation of huge stretches of

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Remodelling of School And Grounds Planned For Future by Board

Various methods for improving the interior and exterior of the Stouffville School were discussed at the regular meeting of the Public School Board on Monday night. The insulation of the ceiling between the basement and the ground floor, was talked over by the Board since some of the teachers had been complaining of considerable noise coming from this section. Principal C. E. Watson explained to the members present that there was one particular place in the basement that was badly cracked and it would naturally let considerable sound escape to the above rooms. Mr. Watson believed that if the entire roof was insulated the cost would be quite expensive. It was decided by the board that estimates on the cost of insulation should be acquired by the Property Committee of Robt. Bone and Elmer Daniels.

It was also decided that two of the board members price the cost of some wire baskets to be placed in the school yard in order to keep the grounds free of paper. It was revealed by Principal Watson that the students were supposed to bring their lunch papers into the school after they had finished but this regulation was not always adhered to. Mr. Watson had made it a plan to appoint a number of students to go out on certain days of the week to pick up scattered papers around the yard.

The school water fountains came in for criticism and the board decided that they should be fixed or replaced. Since they had only been in use for four years it was thought that they should be in better condition.

Since it was made known that the north rooms were very dull, it was decided to get a price on a new lighting system.

It was decided that the project should be arranged for on next year's budget.

The condition of the grounds on the west side of the school yard came up for discussion. During the

Glasgow Farmer Flin-Flammed by Bogus Eye Doctor

One of the strangest stories of flimflaming salesmen is revealed to have occurred recently in the Glasgow area just east of town, where a well known farmer, Bruce Lewis, paid over \$1248.50 to a stranger who professed to be an eye specialist and was in the process of greatly improving the farmer's failing eyesight.

The story was given to Constable Ira Rusnell and has since been transferred to the Provincial Police who operate in Uxbridge Township. According to police, a stranger, posing as an eye doctor visited the Lewis farm, and Mr. Lewis, who does not enjoy the best of eyesight, permitted the man to drop some "dope" in his eyes which was supposed to greatly improve his sight.

For this service Mr. Lewis travelled to the bank in Stouffville where he drew out a large sum of money, and paid over \$1248.50 to the so-called eye specialist. Needless to say the stranger has not been seen since.

Police advise the public to be on the lookout for sharpsters who travel through the rural areas, and successfully manipulate these frameups from time to time. It goes without saying that money should never be paid to a stranger on any account.

spring and fall the water lays in this section of the yard forcing the students to walk and ride their bicycles on other parts of the lawn thus wearing the grass away. Since there is a place in this section for a given laneway it was thought by some of the members that a curb should be run down the west side of the school to the road and the laneway covered with cinders or gravel in order to level it up. There are some trees that would have to be removed but if the project is taken up it would no doubt aid in the beautification of the yard. This project is to be kept in mind for a future date when an allowance would be made in the budget.

Whitchurch Given Hope of Recompense for Road Damage

Some hope for recompense for the road damage caused Whitchurch Township thoroughfares by heavily-laden truck traffic to the new Toronto-Barrie highway, was given to members of council by Hon. Geo. H. Doucett, Ontario Minister of Highways, when they interviewed him in Toronto last week.

While the Minister made no definite commitment of any specific amount, he told the delegation, "I will do something for you."

The Whitchurch delegation was comprised of Reeve Ivan McLaughlin, Councillors R. C. Baycroft, Sid Legge and E. L. McCarron, also Township Clerk Jack Crawford and Road Supt. Sandy Davis. The men were introduced by Major Lex Mackenzie, M.P.P. for North York.

BUSINESS MEN'S MEETING

Friday Nite, Sept. 21st
at 7.30 p.m.
in the Town Hall

Vote will be taken on Wed. issue.

HAS O.B.A. PLAYOFF BEEN CALLED OFF?

Baseball fans all around the countryside are wanting to know whether or not Stouffville Red Sox are going to hit the O.B.A. Intermediate playoff trail or not. It would seem high time the local club took the trouble to make enquiries concerning these playoffs so that the public could be informed of what is going on.

Stroke Brings Death To Markham Veteran

On Monday, Mr. Hubert Spademan, a veteran of World War I, passed away in Sunnybrook Military Hospital after a lengthy illness. Suffering from a weak heart, the late Mr. Spademan was rushed to hospital nearly two weeks ago after a severe attack but never recovered.

Born in England the deceased came to Canada when but a young man and was employed as a machinist in Toronto for a number of years. During World War II he was engaged at Malton. In 1914 he was married to Edith Thompson who survives. Twenty years ago Mr. Spademan moved out to the Markham district where he has resided on Church Street. He was identified with Grace Anglican Church, Markham.

Besides his wife he leaves to mourn his passing one daughter Ruth in Scotland and two sons Walter and Ralph, both of Markham. There are also five brothers, Palmer and Octavius of Toronto, Reg of England, Edwin of Hamilton, George of Glen Orchard and two sisters, Dora (Mrs. Frank Smith) of North Bay and Miriam (Mrs. Jos. Hood) of Toronto.

Funeral service was held at the funeral home of Thos. J. Wignall on Wednesday afternoon at 2.30 p.m. conducted by Rev. F. Herman of Grace Anglican Church, Markham. Interment was made in Grace Church Cemetery, Markham.

Former Lemonville Pastor Dies at Age of 83

Rev. Isaac G. Bowles, 83, St. Clair Ave. E., associate pastor of Wood Green United Church, died at Toronto General Hospital Wed-



nesday night after a month's illness.

Rev. Bowles was a former president of the Toronto conference of the United Church and during his many years in the ministry held posts in Lemonville, Owen Sound, Huttonville, Toronto, North Bay, Barrie, Sault Ste. Marie and Hamilton. The Lemonville pastorate was his first, and he came there with his bride as a young minister.

He is survived by his widow, Ida Louise Bowles, one daughter, Mrs. W. C. Harris, one son, Lester G. Bowles, both of Toronto, and two brothers, William of Belleville and Charles of California.

Town Assessment Likely to Reach Million Mark in '52 Roll Up \$56,600 This Year

Assessment in Stouffville will reach the one million mark next year, it is predicted, if new building continues at anything like the present rate. In fact, a considerable amount will be added to the assessment just completed by January when many of the new homes now under construction have been finished.

Mr. E. R. Good, local assessor reveals the total for the roll just completed, is \$953,167, which is an increase of \$56,624 over last year. The number of assessments total over five hundred. Divided into three categories, the report reads thus:

Land	\$185,277.00
Buildings	712,825.00
Business	55,065.00

Greatest increase was of course in the building assessment which was up \$46,225.

The assessor also reports the population has taken another upswing, and stands at 1,701, an increase of 37. There are 746 residents in the South Ward and 955 in the North Ward.

The town is still maintaining its reputation for spinsters, widows, widowers and bachelors, and this year again the number of spinsters and widows outnumber the opposite sex two to one.

Convicted on Breach of Building Bylaws

Four residents of Markham Township were fined and ordered to vacate their present dwellings forthwith, for a breach of the township building bylaw when they appeared before Magistrate Hollinrake in court on Tuesday.

Edwin Watson, lot 9, 4th con., was occupying a basement; Geo. Kent, lot 15, con. 2, was occupying a garage; E. J. Carter, Scarborough Road, lot 40, was occupying a garage; and Frank Jessup, lot 8, con. 4, was occupying a trailer. In his evidence, Building Inspector Ross Norton testified that all had been given due warning that they were contravening the bylaws, and had received several months to make adjustment.

Three were fined \$255 and costs, while Mr. Jessup was remanded until the end of the month. All were ordered by the Magistrate to vacate immediately, or he would have no alternative than to fine them again if they were resumoned.

Stouffville Badminton Club will hold their annual fall dance up at Cedar Beach Gardens, Musselman's Lake this Saturday evening.

Inspector Advises Contracts for School Area Janitors

At the regular meeting of the Uxbridge Township School Area Board held at Goodwood on Thursday evening Inspector H. R. Knight advised the members that all janitors of schools should be engaged under contract. While it was agreed that the work in no two schools was similar it was believed that this method of hiring was the best. Secretary Chapman stated that since the term had begun and contracts were not being used that the matter would have to be shelved until the end of the year. Mr. E. Catherwood stated that over a period of time he believed a set rate for this work could be established.

Several ratepayers appeared before the board in connection with the transportation to and from school. They were advised that no transportation could be provided for distances under three miles since no government grant was forthcoming. It was pointed out that transportation for short distances was entirely a matter for parents to deal with.

It was suggested by Inspector Knight that a set of basic primary writing books be placed at the disposal of the teacher in each school. The cost would be approximately \$2.50 per school. Secretary Chapman stated that the grant for books had already been spent. However the Inspector told the members that an additional grant could be arranged for this purpose.

There was some discussion concerning the trimming up of the school grounds during the summer months. It was agreed that many of the school yards were sadly neglected during the holiday season. Members all took the stand that plans should be made in



LOCAL AUTHORESS

Luella Creighton, the former Luella Bruce of Stouffville, whose new novel, "High Bright Buggy Wheels" is reviewed in this week's issue of The Tribune. It is a story concerning Mennonite life in this locality.

Head Pierced by Coat Hanger

On Friday a truck driven by Bernice Preston was hit from behind by another truck on the Bethesda sideroad near the 5th concession. The jolt from the impact caused a coat hanger fastened in the cab of the vehicle to pierce Preston's head causing a concussion and other undetermined injuries. The driver quickly removed the hanger from his head. Dr. Button was called to the scene and rushed the injured man to Toronto General Hospital where he underwent an operation on Monday. On last reports the patient was progressing as well as could be expected.

advance that these yards be taken care of and shrubs be planted.

Markham Tp. Would Prohibit Proposed Deer Shoot This Fall

Markham Township Council takes a grave view of the department's declaration to allow an open season for the shooting of deer in York County. Council took the stand that Markham was much too populated a place for this type of shooting, and furthermore there were said to be only a dozen deer in the municipality. It was reported to council that Pickering Township was taking steps to prohibit any deer shoot in that municipality.

The question of extending the pheasant shoot from two days to four days also came in for discussion, and council reaffirmed their previous resolution to hold the annual shoot on two days only, Oct. 26 and 27.

It was revealed at the regular council session on Monday evening that the final decision on the

appeals against the township's supplementary assessment roll was still in abeyance. It appears that a technicality has arisen concerning the procedure used in sending out the notices and the final adjustment is still undecided. Council heard a request from Elmwood ratepayers on Monday evening, for Stop signs on Church St. and various other points in this urban area. Road Supt. Buchanan agreed to have these erected.

Complaints were heard from a deputation of Elgin St. ratepayers over the condition of the road there. Various residents voiced their fears that the work promised on the road earlier in the year would not be done before frost time. However, the road supt. stated that it was his intention to start the job next week which proved satisfactory to the delegation.