

## Former Lemonville School County Board to sell site by auction

LEMONVILLE - The 48 year old, two-room Lemonville Public School, will not be sold by sealed tender.

By a vote of 9 to 3, York County Board of Education agreed, Monday, to dispose of the property by public auction, with the sale date set for Oct. 30.

A 75-name petition, circulated throughout the Lemonville area by local ratepayer, Henry Nauta, indicated majority support for a Community Centre.

Mayor Ken Laushway, speaking on the residents' behalf, pointed to need of such a Centre, where organizations could hold their meetings rather than in the church. He asked that the sale be delayed until supporters could work out means of financing the purchase. Mayor Laushway also drew attention to the fact that the building is located on a private road, limiting its func-

tion to institutional use.

When asked why he favored an auction rather than bids by sealed tender, Mr. Laushway said he feared the school could be lost to the community through an offer that was low by just a few hundred dollars.

Board Chairman, Arthur Starr, agreed that the property should be retained by the community. He noted, however, that there was an outstanding debenture debt of \$16,000 against the school, dating back several years. This was assumed by the County when the new system was established. Mr. Starr said that in closing the smaller units, larger schools had to be built to accommodate these children, and these had to be paid for. "We certainly can't afford to give schools away," he said.

While trustee Keith Nisbet of Aurora recommended the Lemonville sale be postponed to Dec. 1, he was overruled. Instead, Oct. 30 was approved.

## Request approval for trailer park at Lazy Lake

UXBRIDGE TWP. - Should a summer cottage owner in Uxbridge Twp. be required to pay up to \$700 in taxes while a trailer resident, living in the area for the same period of time, pays nothing at all?

This was the question asked by councillor Clark Muirhead, following the receipt of an application from A.V. 'Bud' Smith, for a trailer park permit at Lazy Lake, four miles north of Stouffville.

Mr. Smith, speaking for his son, Jim, said the Park could accommodate at least 27 trailers for a period extending from May 24 to Thanksgiving Day. He said the families would not pose a welfare problem and the children would not attend any of the local schools. He noted that he required a "clearing letter" from the municipality to obtain a permit from the Ontario Department of Tourism.

Council members were cautious. "We can't get carried away with enthusiasm and hang ourselves in later years",

warned councillor Muirhead. He said that should some of the residents decide to stay on past the deadline date, the township might have trouble forcing them out.

Councillor Frank Hendy said the May 24 to Oct. 12 residence period was, in his opinion, too long.

Councillor Darcy Higgins questioned whether a camper with employment in Metro could, in fact, be classed as a bona fide tourist.

Mr. Muirhead said he feared the creation of a trailer city. He noted too, that the municipality should reap some return for services offered. He mentioned a fee of \$700.

Bert Hoffman, Development Officer, Dept. of Tourism, informed council that if the venture proved unsatisfactory, the licence could be cancelled immediately or the renewal of the permit refused.

Members agreed to consider the request.

## Accused found blameless

CEDAR GROVE - One criminal charge was withdrawn and a second dismissed, when three men appeared in Provincial Court, Newmarket, to face a preliminary hearing related to the methyl alcohol deaths of two former Cedar Grove residents last April.

George Davis, a Sutton real estate salesman, and his wife, Dinah, both 47, died within a day of each other, after consuming a quantity of the liquid.

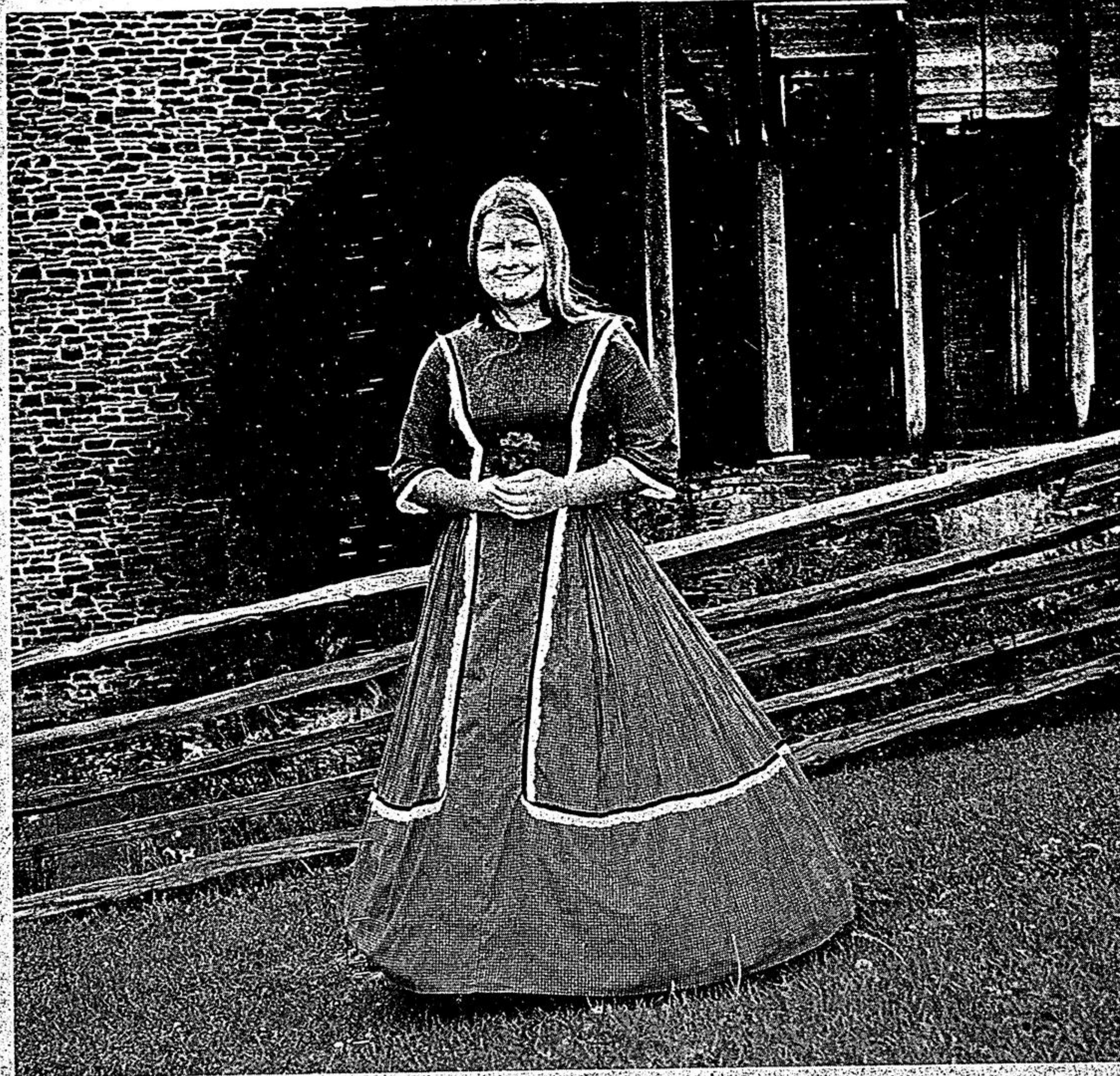
Two of the couples' children were also hospitalized, after they drank a lesser amount.

Crown Attorney James Crossland withdrew a charge of criminal negligence against Horst Kurt Hennemann, 37, of R. R. 2, Sutton; Keith Adams, 28, Scarboro and Gustav Hoppe, 39, of Don Mills.

A second charge of committing a common nuisance by unlawfully selling methyl alcohol, which caused physical injury, was dismissed by Judge Clare Morrison.

Judge Morrison agreed to a

request by one defense counsel, Arthur Malloney, that no evidence from the hearing be published.



Time turned back at Mennonite Pioneer Festival

The setting was perfect and the demonstrations authentic at the 15th annual Mennonite Pioneer Festival, Saturday. An estimated 10,000 persons attended, many in old time dress. Like pretty 19 year

old Cathy Kerr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Desmond Kerr, Claremont, R.R. 3. In the background is the huge wooden water wheel of Roblin's Mill. —Jas. Thomas

## Tax reductions 'acceptable' says Mayor

STOUFFVILLE - The 1971 budget for Whitchurch-Stouffville, giving effect to tax reductions for most residents, has been termed 'acceptable' by Mayor Ken Laushway.

The Mayor made this and other general comments at a recent special meeting, when the budget was approved. He detailed the months of work which had gone into the final draft, including a four-month delay at the Department of Municipal Affairs. Each member of Council was invited to express an opinion.

Councillor Betty vanNostrand said she was pleased there would be no drastic increases this year.

Observed councillor Tom Lonergan, "I'm glad you said this year." He declined further comment.

Councillor June Button expressed appreciation to the administrator and his staff for the work done in preparation. She, too, was relieved to see

increases kept down. Her relief was echoed by Councillor Herb Simpson.

Councillor Gordon Ratcliff was not present.

"This should be an acceptable budget for the first year of operation under the 'Region', said Mayor Laushway. He went on to review some key provisions of the measure, including mill rates. Separate school supporters will pay more, he observed, as will commercial properties.

Of the total budget figure of \$1.8 million, said the Mayor, about \$985,000 goes to the costs of education and some \$316,000 to the 'Regional' government. Money to be raised in Whitchurch-Stouffville would not pay even 50 percent of the cost of services provided, he said.

"Actual expenses to operate the Town will amount to over \$4 million," commented the Mayor, "much of it will come in the form of grants".

He speculated that these

grants would probably continue and increase in future.

On the matter of Departmental approval, which must be obtained to finalize the budget, Mayor Laushway was hopeful matters would be resolved in time to issue tax bills payable Nov. 15.

He admitted that further delay and some changes were possible, but thought them unlikely.

After council adjourned, the Mayor stated that no services had been cut and many had been increased. The Town has assumed extra expense with roads, he said, and pointed to a figure of \$20,000 budgeted for over-expenditures in snow removal last year. Also included in the budget are some non-repeating costs, such as renovation of the Municipal Building.

## Cemetery damage \$10,000

GREEN RIVER - Damage to gravestones within the Brunswick Cemetery at Green River has been estimated at \$10,000, a spokesman for Stouffville Monument Works told The Tribune this week.

The burial ground, maintained by Green River Baptist Church, was "desecrated by vandals, sometime during the early hours of Sept. 13. Only one

of the newer stones was left standing and many of the older ones were broken.

Gordon Tarr and Reg. Tompkinson of the Monument Firm in Stouffville, assisted in the restoration of the markers. Cemetery Board member, Austin Pearce, used his tractor and front-end loader to lift the majority of stones back into place.

## Home hit by dynamite

BALLANTRAE - Three separate dynamite blasts, triggered by a timing device, caused an estimated \$50,000 damage to the country estate home of Carl Rahey, Faulkner Avenue, west of conc. 7, Whitchurch-Stouffville.

The blasts, described by neighbors as 'like cannon shots', tore apart the ground-level area. The damage was discovered by a lady census-taker, late Friday afternoon. She called police.

Mr. Rahey said he was in the process of purchasing the property, owned originally by William Kirby, a promoter with the Chinchilla Guild of Canada. He and his wife are now believed to be living in Spain.

A creditors' list shows claims against the firm totalling nearly \$300,000.

Mr. Rahey said he had received several telephone calls from people trying to locate Mr. Kirby. "It appears he had problems that I was not aware of", he said.

## Spending spree on \$8,200 phoney cheque

STOUFFVILLE - A 61-year-old Brown Hill man convicted of forgery and uttering involving a cheque for almost \$8,200, was given a suspended sentence and one-year's probation in Newmarket Court on Tuesday.

Joseph Stanley Hall, deposited the cheque in the Bank of Nova Scotia, Stouffville on April 16. Police said the cheque was from the Supreme Court of Ontario and made out to a Donald Hall of R. R. 3, Uxbridge.

York Regional Police Sgt. Don Hillock said that Hall made withdrawals on the phoney cheque, bought several tractors and took a trip to Vancouver. Hall testified that he was 'rolled' for about \$5,000 while on his way to the west coast. None of the money was recovered.

## Road supt. at 'dead end'

GOODWOOD - Regardless of direction, Uxbridge Twp. Road Superintendent, Ross Pew, ran into a 'dead end'.

He attended a meeting of council, Sept. 22.

The department head advocated the purchase of a Michigan loader at a net price of \$22,000.

Council favored a Trojan machine at \$17,822.

He recommended the removal of trees on the 6th concession to facilitate safer operation of school buses on the road.

Council suggested that all such trees be tagged and adjacent owners be consulted.

He recommended the purchase of a 52 acre gravel site for future township use.

The proposal was termed 'ludicrous' by councillor Clark Muirhead.

With that, Road Superintendent Pew walked out, saying "I wanted to bring up about buying a truck before the snow flies, but there's no use tonight. You're on a tangent".

## Hit on head by golf ball

STOUFFVILLE - A one in a million chance accident occurred on the 7th fairway of Sleepy Hollow Golf Course, Sunday, when 20-year-old Bill O'Neill of Stouffville, was hit on the head by a ball at close range.

In spite of the impact's severity, the young man remained conscious. He was rushed to hospital for treatment and later released.

His playing companion at the time was Nigel Dunn, Rupert Avenue.

Bill is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas O'Neill, Fairview Avenue.



Town Council survey site of new Whitchurch-Stouffville community hall

Work has already been started on a new community hall in the Stouffville Memorial Park. The donor is Arthur Latham (fifth from left). Surveying the site are members of Town Council (left to right) - Merlyn Baker, Herb Simpson, Mayor Ken Laushway,

June Button, Betty vanNostrand, Tom Lonergan, Gordon Ratcliff and contractor, Bob Bruce. The brick structure, measuring 90' by 40', will accommodate 270 people with a stage, washroom and kitchen facilities. —Jas. Thomas

## Premier at Fair

MARKHAM - Premier William Davis, accompanied by Bill Hodgson, member for York North, will be in attendance at Markham Fair, Saturday evening, Oct. 2.