

Historic elm condemned

MONGOLIA - Mongolia's famous elm tree, located on 18th Avenue, Markham, and now dead, was felled Dec. 8.

Hydro crews planned a start on the job, Tuesday, but later called the work off due to inclement weather.

The tree, 200 years old and 100 feet high, was used as a flagstaff during the Mackenzie Rebellion of 1837. It was reported that spikes were driven into the trunk to prevent its removal.

The trunk will be cut to ground level and the road straightened at this point.

A section of the elm will be preserved by Markham Museum curator, John Lunau.

Begin work on 4-storey apartment

STOUFFVILLE - Construction has started on Stouffville's third medium-rise apartment.

The location is at the intersection of Albert Street South and Sunset Boulevard, the site of the former Goldfish Supply Company plant.

The new building will be four storeys and contain 60 suites. Underground parking will be provided for 45 cars with sufficient space above-ground for thirty more.

The 13,600 square foot structure is scheduled for completion by April, 1972. The contractor is Martise Developments of Toronto.

Transfer to central police site

YORK REGION - The latest move to consolidate police operations within the Region of York has gone smoothly. Chief Bruce Crawford informed a meeting of the Commission, Monday.

Four stations were closed Dec. 1 and operations transferred to a central depot at Newmarket. No longer in use are offices at Vandorf, Aurora, King and the old Newmarket headquarters.

"The new communications system is working well", said the Chief. "We're bursting at the seams right now because so much equipment has been brought in. It will take us awhile to sort it out."

Judge William Lyon said the Chief was to be commended for completing the changeover in such an orderly manner.

Residents of Whitechurch-Stouffville and Markham are notified once again of the new telephone number, 887-5877.

Markham Planning Committee

'Cool' to 77-lot buildup

MARKHAM - A proposal to build a new housing development near 16th Avenue met with a cool reception at Markham Planning Committee, Dec. 2.

The Plan calls for dividing land into 77 single-family lots. The new houses would abut on the town's museum and front on Highway 48 to the north. A total area of almost 19 acres is involved.

Planning Director Kunio Hidaka explained that the property is presently zoned rural; no program for extending services to the site is presently underway.

Councillor Bob Adams termed the proposal 'premature'. Councillor Roy Muldrew agreed, and moved the Plan be received, and further action delayed until



Top 4-H show(man) - judges not fooled that easily

Although classed as the best show(man) in the Markham 4-H Dairy Club, judges attending the competition at Markham Fair this fall, weren't that easily fooled. They were unanimous in their choice of pretty Dianne Clark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Clark.

Stouffville, R. R. 3. On Friday night, Dianne was honored at the Fair Board's annual Awards' Banquet. She received the Bank of Nova Scotia Trophy from Roger Gardham, an executive director. —Jas. Thomas.

School programs should hold priority

STOUFFVILLE - School programs should hold priority for students - even over accommodation, trustees Mrs. Louise Aimone and Mrs. Margaret Coburn told The Tribune this week.

Both Mrs. Aimone and Mrs. Coburn are members of the York County Board of Education. Their reference was to the closing of Vivian and Shrubmount schools in the former Twp. of Whitechurch and the placing of some pupils in portables at Ballantrae. The Tribune, in a recent editorial, termed these closings as 'premature'.

Mrs. Coburn said that in some instances, the public has a false impression about portables. "They are not really all that bad", she said.

Mrs. Aimone explained that due to construction delays, particularly at Ballantrae, it was difficult to time the closing of old schools to suit the opening of new or expanded ones.

Mrs. Aimone also expressed concern over a lack of communication between the public and the Board. She suggested that newspapers all newspapers in the County,

should endeavor to bridge this gap. She said ratepayers are always welcomed at Board meetings or to contact their Board representative personally if they wish. "The trouble is", she said, "many people don't even know where the Board meets or even who their trustee is". She praised the work of trustee Arthur Starr (Whitechurch-Stouffville), who presently serves the dual roll of

Chairman. Mrs. Coburn observed that due to the vastness of the Area, it was difficult to overcome an impersonal attitude that has occurred between the people and the Board. She said too, that rather than continually explaining its policies and defending its programs, trustees must be willing to listen and then act on recommendations that appear practical.

Altona resident wins handily in Ward 1

PICKERING TWP. - The personal approach paid off, Saturday, for John Anderson, successful Ward 1 candidate in the Twp. of Pickering.

Assisted by a well-organized committee, that called on every home north of the third concession, Mr. Anderson rolled to an easy victory over his two opponents, Mrs. Shirley Pyke and ex-councillor John Campbell.

The total vote count for candidate Anderson was 456. Mrs. Pyke had 276 and Campbell 248.

In spite of his landslide win, Mr. Anderson was disappointed over the turnout. Out of 4,000 eligible voters in Ward 1, only 980 cast ballots.

The support for the councillor-elect was particularly amazing since he entered the race a comparative unknown. His rivals, on the other hand, had enjoyed some experience politically. Mrs. Pyke in provincial politics and Mr. Campbell as a former councillor in Ward 3.

With a portion of Pickering (and part of Ward 1) likely to become a borough of Metro, John Anderson's stand on issues relevant to this change, will be observed closely by rural area

ratepayers. To better understand the thinking of residents in this regard, he is already contemplating several public meetings where the pros

and cons can be discussed. Elsewhere across the Township, reeve John Williams successfully defended his office, defeating Harry Ashton, 3,560 to

Zoning bylaw imposes freeze on lake lands

New home construction is prohibited

STOUFFVILLE - No new home construction will be permitted in the areas of Musselman's and Preston Lake, according to provisions contained in Whitechurch-Stouffville's new Zoning Bylaw.

The temporary land 'freeze', explained to ratepayers at a public meeting in the Whitechurch Centennial Centre, Dec. 1, met with no formal opposition.

Approval of the Bylaw in its entirety, is expected either Dec. 14 or 28. The document, plus recommended changes, will then be forwarded to the Ontario Municipal Board.

With respect to restrictions imposed on the two resort centres, including Shadow Lake, Mayor Ken Laushway said some authority had to step in and call a halt before it was too late. The 'freeze' has nothing to do with home additions or renovations.

Meetings, to discuss an over-all Plan for the Lake communities,

will be held in 1972, the Mayor said. "The people fully realize that proper planning must be done. The future of these resorts is at stake. We must do something now or things will only get worse". The lake areas have been placed in what is called a 'transitional' zone.

Mayor Laushway said he was quite well satisfied with the attendance of ratepayers at all three meetings, one at Vandorf, another in Stouffville and a third at Ballantrae. He said the main purpose was to enlighten people on the need for a Zoning Bylaw, implemented by an Official Plan.

He said all objections were noted at the time and a 14 day waiting period was allowed in case other recommendations might be brought forward.

The possibility of a Public Hearing, now rests with the O.M.B., Mayor Laushway concluded.

Mother wages school bus safety campaign

BETHESDA - Mrs. W. McGregor, R. R. 4, Stouffville, is a mother who can be disappointed, but not discouraged - particularly where the safety of school children is concerned.

She's bothered by a Department ruling that forbids school bus drivers to utilize 'stop flashers' when picking up or letting off boys and girls in an area posted at 35 miles-per-hour or less. Such a location is the 5th concession of Whitechurch-Stouffville, extending through the hamlet of Bethesda.

Mrs. McGregor feels that rather than wait for passage of provincial legislation, that would alter the law across the Province, the Town Council should act on its own and increase the speed limit to 40 m.p.h. This would permit bus 'flashers' to be used.

"Nobody pays any attention to the 35 mile limit anyway", she said.

Mrs. McGregor has made one appearance before Council, and although her appeal found little favor, she plans to return again, likely on Dec. 14.

While no known injuries have occurred locally because of this

law, a 6 year old Sault Ste. Marie boy was struck and injured, near his home, Dec. 1. Richard Rougeau, nephew of Mrs. Pat Cashman, Hillsdale Drive, Musselman's Lake is a patient in Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto, following an emergency trip by air from the Sault to Malton. He suffered a fractured skull.

No change in tower line route - Mayor

STOUFFVILLE - Mayor Ken Laushway agrees with representatives of Ontario Hydro that the holding of a public meeting to discuss a proposed tower line project, would serve no useful purpose.

Mayor Laushway, incensed over a Tribune editorial on the subject, said the former Twp. of Whitechurch Council had already approved the plan following a public hearing in March, 1970. He said the route had not been changed.

Mr. Laushway said the meeting with Hydro, Nov. 22, was only to acquaint new members with the project. He said the line would extend through an area that would cause the least possible inconvenience to property owners.

Appeals denied

UXBRIDGE TWP. - An application, filed by Century City Developments Limited, for the right to appeal judgments on foreclosures, has been denied by Justice Morand of the Ontario Supreme Court.

The appeals are related to properties owned formerly by Wm. C. Morris and Charles M. Ricketts.

According to an informed source, judgments to allow foreclosures were permitted on an order issued Oct. 22 by Chief Justice Hughes.

Variety show

STOUFFVILLE - A variety show, sponsored by the students and staff of Stouffville Dist. Secondary School, will be held, Dec. 15 at 8 p.m. All proceeds will be donated to the Stouffville Fire Fund. The public is invited.

Rural Pickering

Go it alone - Ashton

PICKERING TWP. - Whatever the future holds for the urban area of Pickering Twp. to Oshawa or Metro, should cause no concern in the rural north - it can be a viable municipality on its own. This is the opinion of Harry Ashton, defeated candidate for reeve in the recent election, Dec. 4.

Mr. Ashton, who swept all but two of the polls (Whitevale and Altona), north of conc. 4, but still lost out to incumbent, John Williams by 2,280 votes, cautioned against amalgamation with either Uxbridge or the Region of York.

The new Pickering, Mr.

Ashton said, would be little different than the original municipality, 15 or 20 years ago. He said road maintenance would be the greatest expense. "The rural residents will never need the services that the South area demands and they never should be expected to pay for it either. Services", he said, "produce only more development and more problems".

With respect to the next election, Mr. Ashton said North Pickering could well be holding one on its own. "I hope I can be part of it", he concluded, "because I'll be living there".