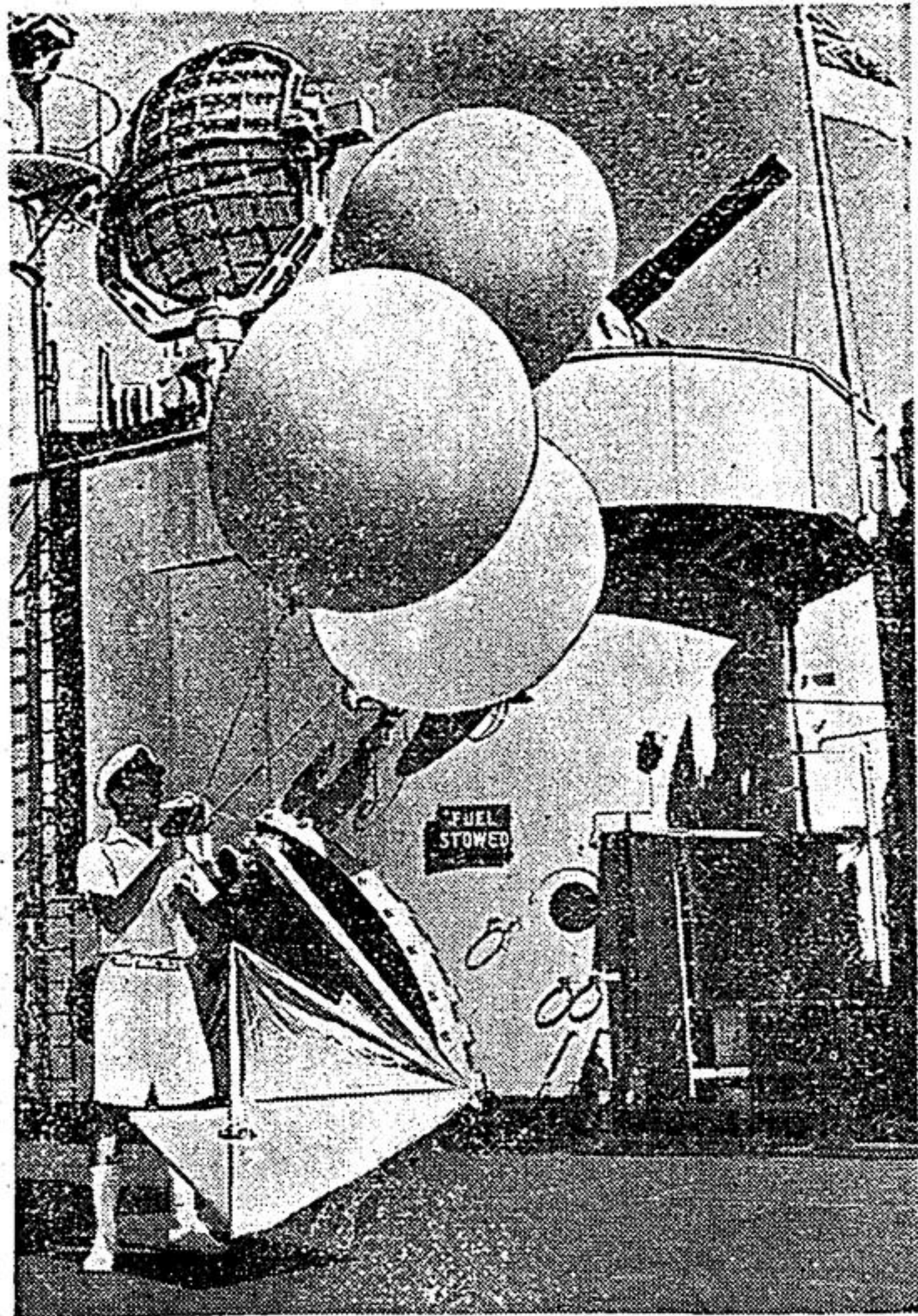


## Stouffvillites Visit Aircraft Carrier



One of a three-vessel task force of the Royal Canadian Navy, the 18,000-ton carrier Magnificent which left New York city a few days ago, after a courtesy call, was visited by more than 20,000 New Yorkers, and among the Canadians who happened in New York and

visited the vessel were Mr. and Mrs. Les Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. K. R. Davis who were on a holiday in the big city over Easter. It was the first visit of a Canadian warship to New York Harbor. Seen here she is releasing weather balloons, prior to the ship's departure.

## Honors to Goodwood Girl, Quarter Century Of Service

Miss Viola Todd, member of well known Goodwood family of other days, has just completed 25 years of service with the T. Eaton Co. in Toronto, and the occasion was marked by the firm presenting Miss Todd with a diamond ring, the staff in the mail order exchange where Miss Todd was employed, with a lazy boy chair,

and on the evening these presentations were made friends gathered at the home of her sister, Mrs. George Rodanz to present Viola with a nest of tables. This latter event which came as a complete surprise was attended by another sister, Mrs. Rolph White, of Stouffville.

Miss Todd later left on a motor trip to Florida, visiting Miami Beach, Fort Lauderdale, and Lake Worth. She expects to return by May 1st.

Stouffville business men will meet this Thursday evening to settle the Tuesday evening opening that has been the custom over the years, usually starting in May.

## Councillors Claim Many After Jobs if Markham Tp. Roadmen Decide to Quit

"I would like to know whether our Road Superintendent Harold Cowie has quit, also have his men left the job?" demanded Councillor Charlie Hooper on Monday after Markham Council opened its mid-month meeting. "So many stories are circulating, I do not know what is true and what is not."

Reeve Timbers informed council that Harold Cowie resigned, and his resignation had been accepted, effective May 1st.

Councillor W. Clark claimed there were a lot of men making applications for jobs over the stories going around.

Mr. Hooper said that if an employee holding a chief position was not going to co-operate, the situation just couldn't continue. Mr. Cowie came before this council and said he and his men were getting paid enough, next meeting he presented a new wage demand for the men. "When Cowie stated in a press report that the road budget was cut nearly \$10,000 he is making a false statement." "Actually," said Mr. Hooper, "the figure cut is nearer \$3,000, and with the smaller budget, more road work will be done, because last year heavy expenditures were made in machinery and none is being bought this year."

"I think the actual cause of Cowie's retirement was the fact he has been offered a much better job," opined Councillor Alf. James. Reeve Timbers held much the same opinion. He felt everything was O.K. until Cowie got a big offer elsewhere. The Reeve explained that Cowie had been offered \$2800 by Markham. All agreed he was a good man.

Councillor Clark insisted that one or two could not go on telling the township what to do, and if they could the council better disband.

"Oh well, I think they were all fairly well satisfied until Cowie got his big offer," concluded Reeve Timbers.

It was pointed out the men working in the Road Department in Markham are extra well paid, since the men under Cowie had averaged

\$50 a week thus far in 1950.

Deputy Reeve D. Rumney urged council to take action to have the big road maintainers remain on the job, and not continue the practice now in vogue of leaving Unionville with them at eight in the morning, and returning to reach Unionville again at 5 p.m. Too much wasted time on the road, he argued. Mr. Rumney suggested the employment of two or three more grader operators, and then the big machines could be kept going more hours, start early and work late with two shifts, was the idea.

Reeve Timbers said he had mentioned this scheme too, some time back.

Councillor Alf. James said big businesses do not run heavy machinery back and forth to a job, and somebody said this was what the township kept a small truck for, to see that men got to their jobs. It was the duty of the superintendent.

Councillor Hooper moved that a \$1,400 surplus from the Soldiers' Memorial Fund be transferred to defray expenses of the township centennial this year, after the auditors had recommended the amount be placed against last year's operating deficit in general account. The motion was approved, when Mr. Hooper argued that last year's business could stand on its own feet, and was not exactly the responsibility of the 1950 council.

The Reeve and deputy-reeve have been instructed to interview township solicitor, D. Lucas, with a view to having him present at the regular meeting on the first Monday each month. "We paid out \$1200 last year for solicitor fees, and it might not be any more expensive to have the solicitor right here. Save writing letters and running down to Toronto for interviews, according to Councillor Hooper who moved the resolution for the heads of council to interview Mr. Lucas.

An account for \$45 for Markham share of blinker light at corner of 6th concession and No. 7 was forwarded to the village trustees who someone said had made the request for such a service. The Dept. of Highways pays 50 per cent, the county 25 and the municipality in which light is located 25%.

# Ex-Reeve Griffin Challenges Markham Township Council to Public Meeting

Ex-Reeve Vern Griffin of Markham Township informed The Tribune on Tuesday that he was challenging the head of Markham Township to hold a public meeting to discuss the issue arising out of the resignation of Harold Cowie, road superintendent.

"I have the assurance of Mr. Cowie that he could be retained by Markham Township at a salary of \$3200 per year and that the men employed on the graders and other township road work would be satisfied with an increase of 10c per hour. Mr. Griffin said that there is no man as capable as Harold Cowie, and that his retirement would be a distinct loss to Markham.

It is his opinion that the ratepayers want Cowie's services retained. "I know that Mr. Cowie and his men will all remain with the township if the approval of a

public meeting on the proposed rates is manifested," concluded Mr. Griffin.

Being close to press time The Tribune was unable to learn the attitude of councillors over Mr. Griffin's proposal. However as council is elected to transact the business during the year, any reference to ratepayers could well create confusion. Mr. Cowie has not been dismissed but he has resigned. His grievances were partly reported in an interview with this paper last week.

The request of the road employees for higher pay has been refused. It was said on Monday at council meeting that the men had averaged around \$50 per week thus far this year, which a councillor claimed was a good deal more than half the ratepayers who contributed to the employees pay are making.

## Ballantrae United Witnesses First Wedding Ceremony

The first wedding ever performed in Ballantrae United Church was celebrated in the traditional way by the presentation of a beautiful white leather bound Bible from the Woman's Association of the church. The interior was decorated with ferns and Easter lilies. Rev. Douglas Davis officiated. Mrs. Grey sang "Because" during the signing of the register and was accompanied by Mrs. Perkins at the organ.

The bride, Margaret Ann Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Smith of the seventh concession of Whitechurch, was dressed in a gown of heavy white satin with sequin headpiece and accessories to match. She carried a nosegay of red roses and white carnations. The "matron of honour," Mrs. Evelyn Gillies, wore a gown of mauve figured taffeta with accessories to match and carried pink roses and white carnations. The groom, John Anthony Radford, was attended by his brother James. The ushers were Morley Davis and Clifford Wallwork.

After a short honeymoon the happy couple plan to make their home at Ballantrae.

## MICHIGAN EVANGELISTS COMING TO DICKSON HILL

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sherrick of Ypsilanti, Michigan, have been engaged to conduct a series of evangelistic meetings in the Dickson Hill United Missionary Church opening Sunday, April 23, and continuing to Sunday, May 7th. Week night meetings, excepting on Saturday, at 8 o'clock.

## Births

Lintner—Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Lintner (nee Jean Pasquino), Toronto, are happy to announce the birth of a daughter on April 1, 1950, at Mt. Sinai hospital. Both well.

Kennedy—Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kennedy (nee Mary Lehman) wish to announce the birth of their son on April 11, 1950, at Markham.

Williams—Mr. and Mrs. Jack Williams of Stouffville are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Joyce Louise, on Wednesday, April 12, 1950, at the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville.

Venn—Mr. and Mrs. Milton Venn of Stouffville wish to announce the birth of a son on Wednesday, April 19, 1950, at the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville.

# Man Murdered in Reno, Nevada Was Native of Markham Twp.

The district about Stouffville will be shocked to learn of the tragic death of Douglas Degeer who died in his 37th year at Saint John, Michigan, as the result of a gun shot wound. He was well known to this community, and was born in Markham Township at Mongolia.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Hilliard Degeer, the deceased with his family moved to the States some years ago. When World War II broke out, Douglas like his younger brother joined the military and immediately was sent into service, and away from home. After the war he did not return home, but went to Reno, Nevada, where he was conducting an orchestra called the "Red River Boys."

Douglas was shot and instantly killed while playing and entertaining at a night club in Reno, on the evening of April 1st, and his wife Mabel is in the hospital

suffering from bullet wounds in the lower jaw.

The couple have a family of eight children, five of whom are by a former marriage, and three by the second marriage. There are twin boys 2½ years of age, and the youngest child is six months old. His parents, two brothers, Edward and Dennis and one sister, (Elsie) Mrs. Art Coffey of Flint, Mich., also survive. Morgan Degeer of Stouffville is an uncle.

The remains were brought from Reno to the Eberts Funeral Home in Saint John, Mich., where funeral service was held on Monday afternoon, April 10. Interment was in Mount Rest Cemetery, St. John's. Many floral tributes were received from relatives, friends, neighbors and business places, all banking the bier where a great number of friends called to pay their last respects to one taken in the prime of life.

## Musselman's Lake Is Still Ice-Bound

Last Saturday morning Musselman's Lake was still frozen over from shore to shore, a resident farmer at the lake informed The Tribune. He had often seen the water clear of ice by this period in the spring, but not this year. The fact that two cuttings of ice over a couple of acres this past winter didn't make any impression toward an early spring breakup. For the most part the winter was a record for mildness, and fear was expressed at one time that there would be no ice to harvest. However when the mercury dipped in January for a couple of weeks, the required ice was provided and two crops were taken off some parts of the lake.

## WILLIAM LEATHERS, FORMER WHITCHURCH RESIDENT DEAD

William Leathers died on Sunday at the home of his son Eric in New Dundee. He was in his 77th year, and is predeceased by his wife, the former Ella Baker, daughter of the late Gideon Baker of Whitchurch. He was born on the 9th concession of Markham.

William Leathers lived in Whitchurch 30 years ago on the sixth concession, and had served as a councillor in that township. Mr. George Cook of Lemonville is a brother-in-law of the deceased.

The funeral on Wednesday proceeded to New Dundee cemetery for interment.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Birkett are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Jones of Brooklin.

## Spark from Stove Fired Farm House Roof

The Fire Brigade was summoned to the farm of Ezra Brownsberger just south of town on the 10th of Markham at noon hour on Tuesday, when a spark from the kitchen stove started a blaze on the roof, which was about under control when the brigade arrived in a few minutes time. Mr. Brownsberger was just leaving the barn for the house when he saw the blaze starting.

About a year ago Mr. Brownsberger lost a brooder house from fire.

## Markham Twp. Joins County Health Unit

Markham Township Council on Monday took definite action to join the York County Health Unit now being formed and which is expected to go into operation on July 1st, extending its services over ten or eleven of the northern municipalities in the county.

Beginning with nine places, it was understood on Monday that Vaughan Township now wishes to enter, and with the application from Markham the service will cover almost the whole county with the exception of Whitchurch, E. Gwillimbury and King Townships, and of course Scarborough and the Yorks who have separate Health Units because of their great size.

The move to take Markham Township into the system, came after Mrs. R. Harrington of Unionville waited on council and urged them on behalf of the Home and School Club to do something tangible about a health nurse. This was the second appeal within a month heard by the council.

"We should not block the wishes of the ratepayers if they desire this service," said Reeve Win Timbers, and after hearing former Reeve Chas. Reesor of Markham village who had been very active in organizing the Health Unit, councillors unanimously decided they should take advantage of the service, even though as Councillor Hooper pointed out, it would cost an additional half mill on the tax rate.

Councillor Hooper said that back in 1947 he supported the idea of a health unit, and worked to that end in the county. After his retirement, however, Markham turned the proposal down in the face of her experience of having hired one or two nurses only to lose their services and any good they might have been to the municipality was spoiled. Several thousand dollars were lost in this effort. Nurses cannot be obtained for single township work.

The resolution which was seconded by Deputy-reeve Rumney called upon the clerk to prepare the necessary bylaws that would bring the municipality into the Health Unit.

The York County Unit will have an estimated expenditure of around \$50,000, employ qualified nurses, drainage inspectors, milk inspectors, and one or more full-time Medical Officers of Health. If only one is employed, services of local medical men will be employed when the Unit visits schools, but all will be under the direction of the chief medical officer. School and home visits will be made by the nursing staff.

The Ontario Government will pay half the cost of the service, and a clause in the bylaw states that no municipality may be assessed for more than a mill on their tax rate as a maximum in any one year. This feature appealed to Markham councillors who did not want to start into something that might bring burdensome proportions like the York County Children's Aid Society.

"I like that protective feature," said Councillor Wm. Clark. Councillor Alf. James said the move had his support, but his knowledge of Health Units was limited, he confessed.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Batt are visiting relatives in Goderich and Bruceville for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dyck have moved from their rented home in the east end to their new place, the former Lintner property, four doors east of the Brierbush Hospital. The sturdy old home has been completely remodelled.

## Goodwood Urges Council Remedy Flood Conditions

## ARTHUR WAGG BUYS MOUNT ALBERT PLANING MILL

Mr. Arthur Wagg who recently sold his farm in Scott Township near Leaskdale to Milton Gilham of Whitchurch, has purchased the Dike & Son planing mill at Mount Albert, and will take immediate possession.

Mr. Wagg who is holding an auction sale Friday, April 28, will find many old Stouffville friends in attendance. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wagg and his wife is also a former Stouffville girl.

It is interesting to note that the sale of Mr. Wagg's 100 acres in Scott and the sale of the Mount Albert planing mill were negotiated by George Allison real estate.

## BELL SINGERS AT NEWMARKET

The Leslie Bell Singers, the outstanding girls choir of the North American continent, will give a one and one-half hour concert in Newmarket, in the United Church Auditorium on Friday, April 28th, at 8.15 p.m. Last year the choir attracted an audience of close to 1,000 in their first appearance in Newmarket.

Tickets by T. Hilliard, Box 468, Newmarket. No tickets sold at the door.

Rev. and Mrs. Samuel Goudie spent last Sunday visiting old friends in the Vineland district.

## DAYLIGHT SAVING COMING AT MONTH END

The Tribune anticipates that Daylight Saving Time will be adopted by Stouffville on Sunday, April 30, at the same time that Toronto will go on fast time, although council has taken no action in the matter.

The Township of Uxbridge at its last meeting decided to adopt fast time beginning April 30, and it is expected other municipal councils will issue declarations to this effect before the month end.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Stover, Barry and Barbara of Milverton visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Hooper.

Maurice Dixon of Iroquois Falls spent his Easter vacation in Stouffville, guest of Miss Phyllis Fleury.