

## Tenders Called for New Markham High School

Drawings have been completed and tenders are now being called by Shore & Moffat, Architects, Toronto, for the new Markham District High School.

Planned to provide for the high standards demanded of Ontario Secondary Schools, the new low cost high school will accommodate 310 pupils and is designed for future expansion.

Located on the south side of Church Street at the Eastern outskirts of Markham, the school will have a 50-car parking lot. Provision has been made for two baseball diamonds, track and field events.

The building is composed of three major functional components, the classroom and administration wing, separated from the active gymnasium and change room area by the cafeteria and utility block. In this way the complete functions of the modern school plant are ideally coordinated; and maximum consideration has been given to noise isolation, multiple usage and student circulation.

Provision has been made economically to allow for eventual development and expansion. The classroom wing now containing four classrooms, library, agricultural-science and general science rooms, home-economics room, shop and commercial room may be extended easterly to provide additional space for shop and commercial areas and westerly to include eight future classrooms to serve a student population of 610.

The gymnasium has been designed to allow for the future development of a double gymnasium which will be used for separate boy and girl activities. Upon completion the two gymnasiums can be used as one large auditorium for extra-curriculum activities and also to serve the surrounding community. Gates will completely close off the classroom and administration wing, and this area will then function as a completely independent community centre.

The cafeteria, which is contained in the utility block is fully equipped. At present capable of seating 80 students, this unit is also designed for future expansion.

Fluorescent lighting is the general scheme throughout, producing comfort and high intensity for all classroom tasks. A unique feature is the overall ceiling used to light the lobby, teachers' room and administration areas. This method of lighting, which combines utility of low operating costs and high efficiency, also creates a very beautiful ceiling of diffused light.

Heated by oil-fired boilers, the building is double-glazed for greater comfort and economy and all exterior walls and roof areas are insulated.

A public address system with speakers in all main rooms serves the school throughout and also the playing field. A master clock system is provided, along with program bells which sound automatically at pre-set times.

## CEDAR GROVE

(Thursday, Feb. 19)

In every school room there is always a picture or two of the reigning monarch. Sometimes they are not a very good likeness or so badly reproduced they could be anybody. Cedar Grove is luckier than most schools. Mr. and Mrs. Petrie gave two beautiful photographs, both taken when the royal couple visited Canada, to our school. These have been framed and are now hanging on the walls. They both show the Queen dressed in formal clothes as every child expects the Queen should be.

There were three small books on display in the school at the last social evening which seemed to have gained popularity in the village. They were "Birds in the Big Woods," "Birds," and "Plant and Animal Partnership." These books are available from the museum and although we are not quite sure of the price, we know they are not more than 50c each. There have been a few requests for the books which are very good for young children and if anyone would care to have one or all of them we would be glad to get them. Please let us know as soon as possible, ph. 262w11.

In the quiet of the early morning last Saturday, the Dares were disturbed by the three children filing into the bedroom one at a time, to say, "There's a man in our kitchen." After the third announcement Bob and Marie decided it could not be a dream. They investigated and found a man sound asleep on the couch in the kitchen with their alert watch dog curled cozily up beside him. How long he had taken advantage of the hospitality no one knew. However, they gave him coffee and brought him to life. He departed without volunteering any more information that his name was Lucky and he thought he was in Sutton. Marie has not decided whether to lock the doors or just hold open house for all the stray dogs and wayfarers who find their way to their back door.

Monday night's euchre was very successful with 17 tables. The winners were Helen Little, Marg Hollinger, Mrs. Howard Plaxton, Brock Road, Mr. Plaxton, Cecil Crosier, Box Grove, and Dennis Pilkey.

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## Tells of Overseas Catastrophes

By George Abell of Stouffville

The news has made grim reading all winter but the last two weeks has been the worst yet. It started with the burning of the Empress of Canada in her refitting docks at Liverpool. She was a fine ship and in her twenty-odd years of running between Canada and England had built up a first class reputation for comfort and safety.

The loss to this country of the dollars the great ship earns is what really hurts. She was booked solid for the whole year and the C.P.R. will now have the almost impossible task of finding some other way for the people who were to travel on her getting over here this summer. The cause of the fire is unknown as yet but before the hull of the Empress of Canada had cooled off the headlines were telling of another fire in another ship.

This one was on the Queen Elizabeth in Southampton. This time the firemen were luckier and after a few hours had it under control although there was considerable water damage. Next day another of these mysterious fire outbreaks was discovered in a stateroom cupboard and put out at once.

It was then disclosed that these fires had been set by means of hidden chemical igniters and that there had been three such attempts to destroy the Queen Mary the previous month when she was refitting in the same dock.

The question is, who or what is trying to put the big ships which mean so much to the country in

peace or war out of action. Every liner that comes into harbour in this country now is surrounded with guards as long as it's here but as far as the public knows the authorities are no closer to solving the mystery.

Let's hope the guilty parties are caught before long or the Atlantic passenger traffic may be carried in little rowboats with outboard motors.

Then we had the black weekend when the wind howled from the north east and the air was full of flying bits of chimney pots and pieces of wood. A velocity of 120 miles an hour was recorded which is the highest that has ever been known in England.

The ocean was completely out of hand and the radio news bulletins were soon telling of troubles all around the coast. Trawlers were missing, herring drifters sunk or driven ashore and then on the Saturday afternoon at 5 p.m. a cautious little statement was made that the Irish ferry on the Stranraer, Belfast run, was in trouble. The 10 p.m. news pulled no punches. The ship had sunk with the greatest loss of life in British coastal waters since steamships took over from sail.

The Princess Victoria was a new ship but she was no match for the Irish Sea that day. There is a vicious cross chop there in a dead calm and it must have been terrible in a hundred mile North East gale. Twelve years ago I made that crossing on the old ferry and it did everything but

dive for pennies in an ordinary breeze.

But the news of the big floods the same night took first place over the tragic story of the Irish ferry.

The extent of this disaster won't be known for a while yet but there can be no doubt it is the worst thing here since the war. For one I am glad that we are no longer living at the foot of the Canvey Island Dyke which was our first home here.

## Drover Dies Unexpectedly At Sunderland

A Sunderland resident has dropped dead at his home while going about his daily work. Lester Keeler, aged about 47, a drover and trucker in the Sunderland district for many years, died very suddenly at his home last week. He had lived all his life in the Sunderland-Manilla district.

A report from Sunderland stated that Mr. Keeler was preparing his bank deposit for the day when he died very suddenly at his home. Surviving him are his widow, the former Jean Harris, of Oakwood, and two children, Faye, 14, and Bobby, 11.

Several from Stouffville attended the funeral on Friday.

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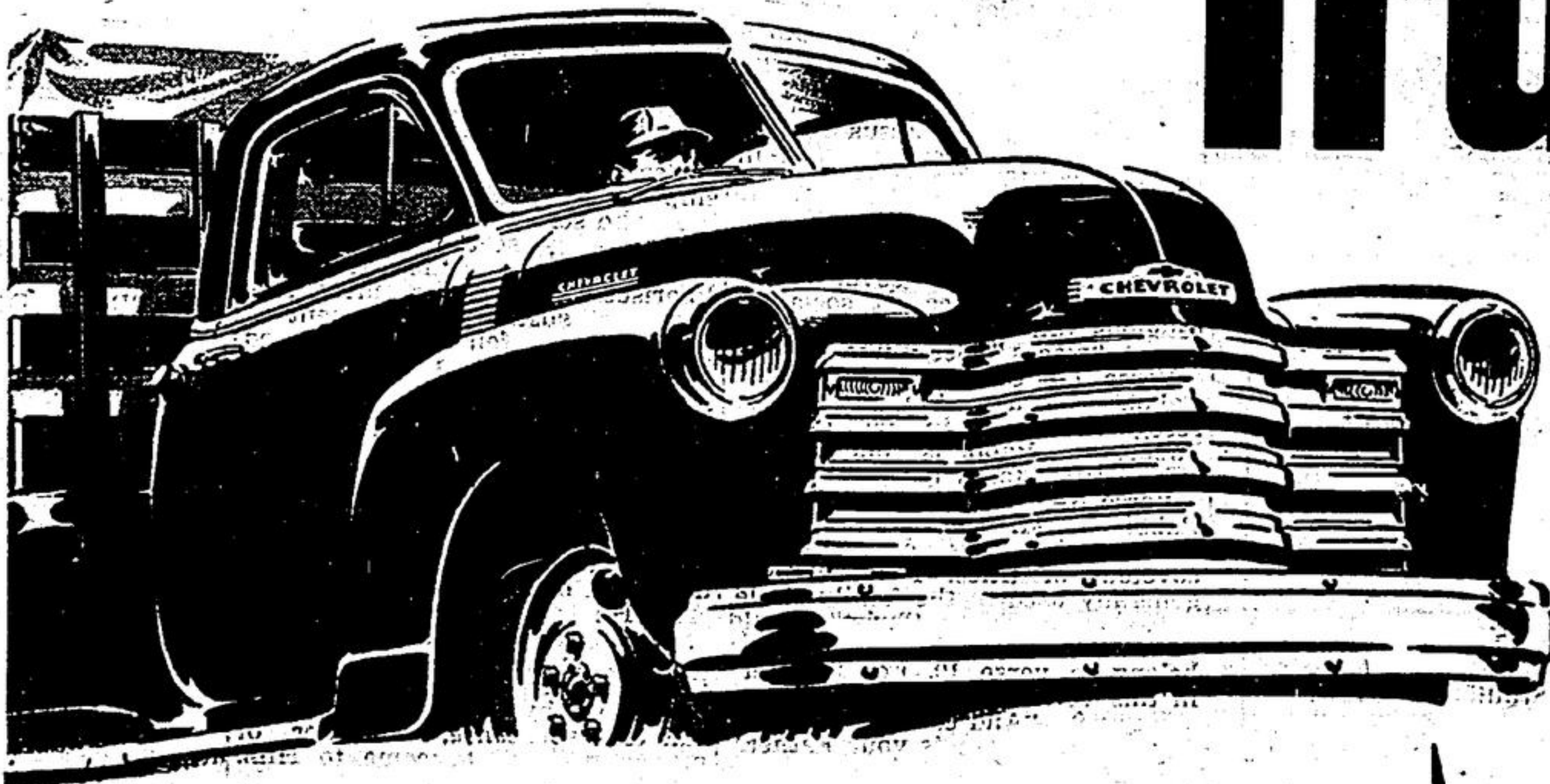
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