

## LOCAL BAKERY EXPERT CREATES MASTERPIECE FOR YULETIDE



Mr. Wolfgang Dams (left) an employee at the Stouffville Bakery, has created one of the finest Yuletide masterpieces ever to be displayed here. The church model pictured on the right took more than twenty hours to complete. It has been admired by hundreds of shoppers during the past two weeks.

## Clipper Netminder Badly Injured in Tuesday's Game

Stouffville goaltender Terry Sye received a twenty-stitch gash on his forehead from a puck on the stick of Orillia's Ab Bowen struck him on the head. He collapsed unconscious to the ice. The accident occurred on Tuesday night as the Clippers and the Pontiacs battled in a ten minute overtime session. The game was halted following the injury to the Stouffville goalie.

The Clippers jumped into a two goal lead in the early minutes of the first period on goals by Don MacIntosh and Frank Stephenson. Orillia counted their first goal at 10:22 with Danny McDonald blinking the light from Bowen and Robertson.

In the second frame, Nick Dubick made it 3-1 for Stouffville on passes from Stehenson and Gibson but Orillia rallied to cut down the lead as Earl Clements scored from Robertson with less than five minutes remaining in the period.

In the third period it appeared that the Clippers had the game in the bag but at 16:20 Ken Robertson of the Pontiacs scored to send both clubs into overtime. It was midway through the extra period that Ab Bowen of Orillia worked in close and fired a pointblank shot into the forehead of Clipper netminder Sye. He was treated by Dr. F. J. Button and allowed to go home.

Lions draw for \$100 doll at Arena this Thursday night.

## Wed at Ballantrae Fifty Years Ago

Mr. and Mrs. George Hood who were married at Ballantrae fifty years ago were honored by a special celebration at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Timbers, on Saturday evening. Mrs. Hood who was the former May Smart, was a native of Vivian, and George Hood came originally from Ballantrae.

Following their marriage they farmed in the Ballantrae district for some forty years, but have been living on the 7th con. of Whitchurch in more recent years. To the couple were born one daughter, Mrs. Fred Timbers, and three sons, Clarence, 7th con.; Herbert, Toronto; and Eimer of Brougham.

Mrs. Hood was a former member of the Lemonville W.A. and the couple are attendants at the Stouffville Presbyterian Church. On Saturday evening this church sent a gift of roses to mark the occasion, roses and a floor lamp were given their parents by the family, a table lamp from the Lemonville W.A. and many other gifts and cards of congratulation.

Business places closed on Monday, Boxing Day, Dec. 27.

Harold Hodgson, Galt Jr. 'A' Red Wings has returned home and will play the balance of the season for Stouffville Juniors.

Attend one of the special Christmas Church services this Sunday in your community and enjoy the carol singing.

## Monkeys are Burned in Markham Barn Fire

A spark from a stove is blamed for a fire on Tuesday which totally destroyed the cattle barns situated on the Markham Fair Grounds. The barns were being used by the March Midway Company of Toronto for storing their equipment during the winter. Damage is expected to run into many thousands of dollars.

The outbreak was noticed by Larry Clarke, 21-year-old worker. He rushed into the frame building and tried to move one of the circus vans but was unable to get the truck started. A number of trained monkeys were destroyed by the flames.

A number of years ago the barns housed the main attractions at Markham Fair. When the arena was constructed the sheds were moved to the south end of the grounds and used to house cattle when the Fair was in progress. The sheds are believed to be nearly ninety year old. The Markham Village Fire Dept. answered the call but were unable to save the structure. The March Midway Company have been using the barns for the past five years.

## Vivian Pastor Resigns His Seminary Post

A few "little bits of petty, puffing gossip unsupported by adequate evidence" were all that could be found against him, Rev. W. S. Whitcombe, professor of the Toronto Baptist Seminary for 27 years, and Minister at Vivian Church and formerly Second Markham, said Monday in commenting on his resignation.

"I have done my utmost to avoid publicizing the trouble which has shaken the institution. I long served and still love," he said.

Besides teaching in the Seminary he was an associate editor of The Gospel Witness and assisted in services at Jarvis St. Baptist Church.

He pointed out that in February he felt he was then working in a hostile atmosphere, so went to Dr. Shields and offered to resign. However, his resignation was refused and the pastor promised that when he was better he would talk matters over with him. (Dr. Shields has been in poor health for over a year.)

"However, without any hearing, I was requested not to take my usual place in the public services of Jarvis St. Baptist Church," he declared. "I had occupied a place on the platform for a quarter of a century and I had preached hundreds of times in the pulpit while I was editing The Gospel Witness and carrying on my duties as professor in the Seminary."

The church published a pamphlet entitled "An Authoritative Statement of Facts" in which it claims Mr. Whitcombe

## Together For Fifty Years



Mr. and Mrs. George Hood, Whitchurch Township, who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary this week. They are seen during the celebration at the Timbers home

## Beware of Shop Lifters

As in the big cities there has been considerable shop lifting going on in Stouffville stores and merchants have to keep a wary eye out for the light fingered customer. As many as five major articles have been taken from one store in Stouffville. The Tribune learns this week, while clerks report numerous petty thefts each day perpetrated by young and old alike.

## Want Non-Resident Fees for Schooling Toronto Children

The Township of Whitchurch is heading a campaign to alleviate the heavy school tax burden caused by the educating of children placed in foster homes by Children's Aid Societies and other agencies. Many of these children are located in homes which do not produce enough taxes to educate one child, let alone three or four, council was told when the matter was given consideration at the last regular meeting.

The situation is causing grave concern to school board and council alike as the numbers of these children has increased by alarming proportions.

The following resolution was passed by Whitchurch Council and will be passed on to each municipality in the county: "Whereas in past years increased numbers of children of school and preschool age have been placed in foster homes by Children's Aid Societies and by private persons, causing grave concern to Public and Secondary School Boards in providing accommodation. Therefore council of the Township of Whitchurch instructs the clerk to request each municipality in the County of York to pass a similar resolution and forward to County Council to request the Provincial Government to pass legislation to enable school boards to collect non-resident fees on such school attendance.

## Applications for Trees Should Be Submitted Now

Property owners who are planning tree planting next spring would be well advised to submit their applications as early as possible. Distribution of Lands and Forests, Nurseries depends on stocks available and applications are dealt with in the order received. Application forms which are submitted to the Division of Reforestation, Department of Lands and Forests in the Parliament Buildings, Toronto, can be obtained from the District Forester's Office, at Maple or from the Zone Foresters.

Regulations under the Forest Tree Act, 1952, provide that owners of private lands may obtain nursery stock from the Department for reforestation work under certain conditions. The lot on which the trees are to be planted must be in Ontario and have an area of at least two acres exclusive of any part occupied by structures. Trees must be used for establishing, enlarging or replenishing woodlot or shelter belt.

## Lay Preacher Pleads Guilty, Fined \$625.

George Selkirk, 34, evangelical lay preacher and director of Langstaff Land Development Co., pleaded guilty to 54 charges of building homes in Markham Township without a permit and was fined \$625 here today.

Magistrate Hollinrake consented to identical charges against the Langstaff Land Development Co. being withdrawn after Mr. Selkirk's guilty plea.

He was fined \$10 and cost on each of the 54 counts and ordered to pay \$112 costs.

The homes are under construction near Langstaff side-road and Bayview Ave.

## Reesor Farm Sold, In Family 150 Years

The ninety-acre farm belonging to Mr. Max Reesor of Markham has been sold. The purchase price has been reported at \$85,000. The property has been in the Reesor family since 1803, more than 150 years. The two houses on the farm have been retained. The farm has been purchased for a proposed subdivision development.

Customers of Maple Leaf Dairy should note that there will be no milk delivery on Christmas Day or New Year's Day, but milk will be delivered as usual on Boxing Day.

## Goodwood Car Smash Makes Giant Omelette

A car carrying one hundred dozen eggs and driven by Mrs. A. Masters of Goodwood skidded out of control recently and crashed into a hydro pole on the 3rd concession of Uxbridge. Seventy dozen eggs were broken. The driver received a nasty cut to her face requiring eighteen stitches. Dr. R. B. Mitchell of Stouffville treated the injured driver.

## Guard Against Fire This Yule Season

Guard against fire in your home this Yule season.

The average Christmas tree can go up in smoke in only a minute or so and that doesn't leave much time to call for help.

A live tree with roots packed in a bucket of earth is the safest. Be sure and keep the dirt moistened. A small tree is safer than a large one and festive trimmings can make up what is lacking in size.

Don't use lighted candles. (This may seem an unnecessary precaution in this day of electric lights, but lighted candles contribute to tragic fires every year.)

Check the wiring for the tree to see that it's not frayed and is in perfect condition. The switch for turning off and on electric lights should be at some distance from the tree. Don't plug or unplug lights beneath the tree.

Don't leave tree lights on when it isn't necessary and especially when the family is away from home. From time to time, check over the tree and see if needles near the lights are turning brown. If they have, move the lights.

Watch the calendar. New Year's is the day for the tree to go down. If you should extend the time, don't leave the lights on the tree for more than a half hour at a time.

Place the tree well away from stoves, radiators and other sources of heat. When you smoke, stay away from the tree. Also be sure that the tree is secured in such a way that it cannot fall. Do not put it near a doorway where it might block an avenue of escape, should a fire occur.

## Lions Draw for \$100 Doll This Thursday

Stouffville Lions will draw a lucky ticket for someone at the Arena this Thursday night and the winner will receive a beautiful gift doll all nicely wrapped in one hundred \$1 bills. The draw is part of the service club's continuous program to raise money for charity. Tickets are available at most business places along the street.

The sports bill Thurs. night will see Stouffville against Uxbridge in a regular OMHA Midget league game and Stouffville Juniors against Unionville in the second half of the twin bill, also an OHA scheduled game.

"Be sure you have a ticket on this wonderful Christmas doll in her hundred dollar wrappings."

Mrs. Stella Ratcliff will be spending the Xmas holiday at the home of Mr. Jack Drewery, Ottawa.

## Local Public School Board To Rectify 'Closed Door' Grievances by Parents

"It is certainly not the intention of this Board to create hardship on any children. This system may have been carried too far and we as a Board are quite willing to change it if the parents want it changed," chairman Len Wilkes of the Stouffville Public School Board told a group of ratepayers when they appeared before the Board on Thursday evening to protest the system of hours which kept the children outside until nearly class time.

The appearance of a delegation of parents before the Board was the final climax to weeks of protest by letter to the Board and to the Tribune. Chairman Wilkes read one of the letters sent in to The Tribune for publication last week. He stated that some of the criticism contained in the letters was quite harsh. He admitted that while some of the charges were right, others were far from the truth.

Bill Sanders, speaking first for the delegation, said that the parents were not interested in why the school was kept closed but they wanted to know what was going to be done to change it.

Principal of the School, Mr. Cedric Watson, stated that he was quite ready to carry out whatever ruling the Board should make. He said that it was his opinion that some parents sent their children to the school too early. However, he admitted that in years gone by he had opened the school when he arrived at quarter to eight. He said as regards to playgrounds the accommodation was limited because of the steady growth of the school.

Mr. Sanders replied that there was room when there were nearly five hundred there with the high school included.

Mr. Watson outlined to those present the hours now in force, stating that in meeting with his teachers, some of whom came from the city, it appeared that these restricted opening hours are in vogue there, but he would go along with any hours the Board decided on.

The matter of allowing children to visit the washrooms was commented on by Walter Smith, ratepayer who asked if the Board thought it right that children once outside could not return to the washrooms.

"Mr. Hendricks said he could not see why one teacher could not supervise children if they were admitted to the building, as one teacher had to be present at noon hour for lunch period.

The matter of storage space for unused high school desks was aired and the Board members expressed the opinion that the High School Board should be given a definite time in which to have their desks removed.

Mr. Malloy, Board member, said that the delegation was not interested in the Board's problem of storing desks. "There was room here when both schools were attending the one building and there can be room now." He stated that he had visited the school every day for one week when the doors were not open until five minutes to nine.

Chairman Len Wilkes asked the delegation exactly what hours they thought would be reasonable and satisfactory for opening and Mr. Sanders said he believed the parents would favor 8:30 in the morning.

Mr. Gerald Brillinger, ratepayer, asked if the Board thought the children should have to stand downstairs in their wet clothes on bad days and members agreed that they would be permitted to go to their classroom cloakrooms.

Mr. Middlemiss asked if the children were to be permitted to run all over the school when admitted earlier. "They would have to go to their classrooms," replied Mrs. Smith, Board member.

Mr. Osterdahl, ratepayer, said he thought the children should have the privilege of going in or out.

Chairman Wilkes reiterated his earlier statement that the Board was not aiming restrictions at anyone particularly but trying to operate the school to the best of their ability and if the parents wished changes made, they would be only too happy to carry them out.

It was finally agreed that a circular letter should be sent to each parent giving the new hours at which the school would be opened and other information pertinent to the question of opening at noon hour and hours at which the children were let out in the afternoon.

The Board congratulated Principal Watson on his cooperation and work in endeavoring to establish the best system possible for all concerned now that the Public School was established as a separate unit in Stouffville.

## Crop Improvement Meeting Jan. 5th

At the recent meeting of the Directors of the York County Soil and Crop Improvement Association, plans were made for the annual meeting of the Association which will be held in the Newmarket Town Hall on Wednesday, January 5th, commencing at 10:30. This group has an enviable record for starting on time and also having a full house for this event which this year will feature two very popular speakers.

Prof. J. C. (Jack) Steckley, York County's first Agricultural Representative and now Principal of the Western Agricultural School at Ridgetown, will speak on "Corn as a Grain Crop" and George McLaughlin of Elmcroft Farms, Oshawa, an outstanding farmer, will speak on "Managed Pastures". Many of our dairymen have visited Elmcroft and the Association's bus tour will possibly visit the Experimental Farm at the Ridgetown School in 1955.

Following the business session and pictures of the Ohio Bus tour, a panel will be conducted on various methods of making grass silage, self feeding, harvesting operations, etc. Free lunch will be served at noon in the hall.

Stouffville Fire Brigade was called to the John Lawrenson home at Ringwood on Tuesday morning where an overheated stove threatened to fire the building. No damage resulted.

Shop in Stouffville this Thursday and Friday nights.

## CAROL SINGING BRINGS CHRISTMAS CHEER



A group of girls who brought Christmas cheer to a number of homes in town on Monday evening are seen here as they sang carols outside a home on Mill St. The practice of singing carols which was very popular in years gone by is being revived by groups of young people. The girls from left to right are: Kay Brown, Elaine Waters, Elda Gray, Marie Stover, Mary Stouffer, Elaine Spoford and Audrey Brown.