

Review of Local Headlines and Pictures during 1954

JANUARY

Ferguson Home Burns While Family Away — Fire Brigade Answered 31 Calls in 1953 — Whitchurch Tax Sale in March — Engineer Threatens Resignation, Claims No Harmony in Road Dept. — Trucker Flags Train as Truck Flounders on Track — Meet to Consider Ballantrae School Addition — Youth Rescues Bethesda Boy from Pond — Massey-Harris Agency Changes Hands — Eight Applications for New H. S. Caretaker Job — Stouffville to Increase Fire Protection Rates to Townships — Markham Bldg. Dept. Heads Both Resign — Markham Asked for \$155,000 More for Public Schools — H.S. Boards Notified of Contract Suspension — Destitute Families at Lake, Problem for Whitchurch — Whitchurch Sets \$93,000 Road Budget for '54.

FEBRUARY

Markham Will Ask County to Shoulder Huge New School Debenture — Pickering Election Procedure Will Be Aired in Court — Will Set Up Kindergarten in Local Public School — Markham Twp. Road Budget to be \$154,150 — Public School Budget Here will be \$31,160.00 — Chamber of Commerce to Sponsor Elmer the Safety Elephant — Clippers Open Playoffs — Walter Craig New Markham Bldg. Inspector.

MARCH

Sewer Question Discussed by Town Council — Three Man Industrial Committee Named by Whitchurch Twp. — Loss in Gormley Breakin More Than \$1,000 — Local Publishers Absolved of Contempt Charge — Richvale School in Trouble, Erected Addition Without Proper Approval — Pass Bylaw to Dissolve School Area in Uxbridge — Bidding Bristle as over 75 Whitchurch Properties Go at Tax Sale — About \$45,000 Assessment Involved in Local Annexation — Whitchurch Not Satisfied with Fire Agreement — Judge Orders New Pickering Election — Thos. Reesor, Farmer and Mennonite Minister, Dead — Local Annexation Okayed by Municipal Board.

APRIL

Whitchurch Man Gored by Bull—Capacity Crowds at High School Commencement — Whitchurch Clerk Resigns after 20 Years Service — Threaten Legal Action to Bar Erection of New Masonic Hall — More than 20,000 Chicks Burned at Whitevale — Stouffville Moves into North York Riding — Markham Twp. Tax Rate Set at 19.2 — Young Canada Night Proves Popular — Health Unit Moves into Whitchurch — Large New Sub-Division Planned for Stouffville — Driver Escapes When Truck Goes into Pond — County Offices Move to Newmarket — Charge Four with Co-op Breakin — Markham Would Leave County if No Tax Relief — Toronto Firm to Conduct Meter Survey Here — Official Opening of Markham Offices Planned — By-election in Whitchurch — Half Million Dollar Sub-Division in Markham.

MAY

Dynamite Blast Kills Victoria Square Farmer — Markham Police Had Busiest Month in History — Ted Kennedy Here for Lions Hockey Night — Tribune Changes to Metropolitan Size — Whitchurch Tax Rate Up Nearly Ten Mills — Community Shocked by Death of Alfred Mole — Public School Likely Filled by Fall is Belief — Conservation Club Plants 5,000 Trees — Cober Barn Burns at Gormley — Merchants Boost Local Shopping Centre — Markham Council Disapproves Wholesale Annexation — Thousand Dollars Donated to Blind Building Fund — Hugh Boyd, Former Councillor, Dead — Police Continue Liquor Crackdown at Dance Halls — High School Principal Resigns.

JUNE

High School Budget Here Increased by About \$40,000 — Geo. Richardson Wins Whitchurch By-election — Claremont Cannery in \$10,000 Court Action — \$20,000 in Hydro Debentures Needed to Cover Town Growth — Pickering Twp. Building Well Over Million Dollars — Some Increase in Hydro Rates Coming in August — May Be Budgeting into Bankruptcy — Arena Shareholders Critical of Lack of Municipal Aid — Ontario United Missionary Church Conference Here.

JULY

Residents Petition to Divide Pickering Township — 8th Con. to be Extension of Prov. Highway No. 48 — Five Injured in Car Crash — C.N.R. Commuter Service, Stouffville to Toronto, Is Urged Locally — Stouffville Tax Rate Increased to 73 Mills — Local Horse Show Had 5 ft. 5 in. Jumping Event — Atha Plowman Jos. Tran is Western Champ — New Sub-Division for Town Has Over Hundred Lots — 250 at Vacation Bible School — Floodlight Soccer Started Here — Wind and Hail Damage Crops at Goodwood — Markham's Bayview Sub-Division Runs into Opposition — Car Skids on Wet Pavement, Toronto Lady Injured — Crop Damage in Thousands as Army Worms Cross Markham — Lake Bowling Alley Owner Claims Appeal Made to Ontario Municipal Board — Struck Local Officer, Sent to Jail.

AUGUST

Town Sidewalks Create Council Issue — Young Man Is Seriously Injured as Car Snaps Off Pole — Insufficient Care in Road Work Says Reeve LeMasurier — Upper School Results Announced — Over Thousand at Opening of Arena Meetings — New High School to be Ready for Fall — Markham Council Urges Drastic Action Against Stream Polluters — Over 300,000 Bushels of Wheat Being Handled by District Elevators.

SEPTEMBER

Tax Defaulters in Pickering May Lose Voting Privileges — Mrs. Eleanor Crossen Wins Provincial Lawn Bowling Championship — Robt. Ratcliff Succumbs to Series of Strokes — Missing Uxbridge Man Found in Creek — Don Fairbairn to Open Trade Fair — Must Provide Blue Prints for New Buildings — Altona Farmer Injured in Tractor Accident — Over 300 at Raymer Reunion — Stouffville Red Sox Tri-County League Champions — Donald Goudie Injured in Freak Shooting Accident — Markham to Air Grievances Before Health Unit — Town Population Figure Up to 2,089 — Throngs Attend Three-Day Trade Fair.

OCTOBER

Electrical Mfg. Firm Interested in Locating Here — Markham Police Have Another Record Month — To License Junk Yards and Restaurants — Lions Sponsor Free Chest X-Rays — Eleven Bids Received for Whitchurch Twp. Bonds — Hydro Linesman Severely Burned — North York Plowing Match at Ballantrae — Main St. Awash at Height of Hurricane Flood — Jail Speeder After Wild Race Through Town — Half Million for New Bridges and Roads in Markham — Local Train Runs Aground — Jos. Tran New Canadian Plowing Champion — Stores To Open Friday Nights Till End of Year.

NOVEMBER

Markham in Need of Greater Police Force — Whitchurch Storm Damage Estimated at \$04,000 — Town Will Retain O.P.P. Providing Better Contract — Markham Reeve Announces Vast Housing and Factory Development — Town Seeks Dept. Help for Overspent Budget — Township Opposes Markham Village Annexation of 2500 Acres — Court of Revision Urges Measured Assessment in Whitchurch — Markham Annexation Decision Reserved — Queen's Own Band Here for Santa Claus Parade.

DECEMBER

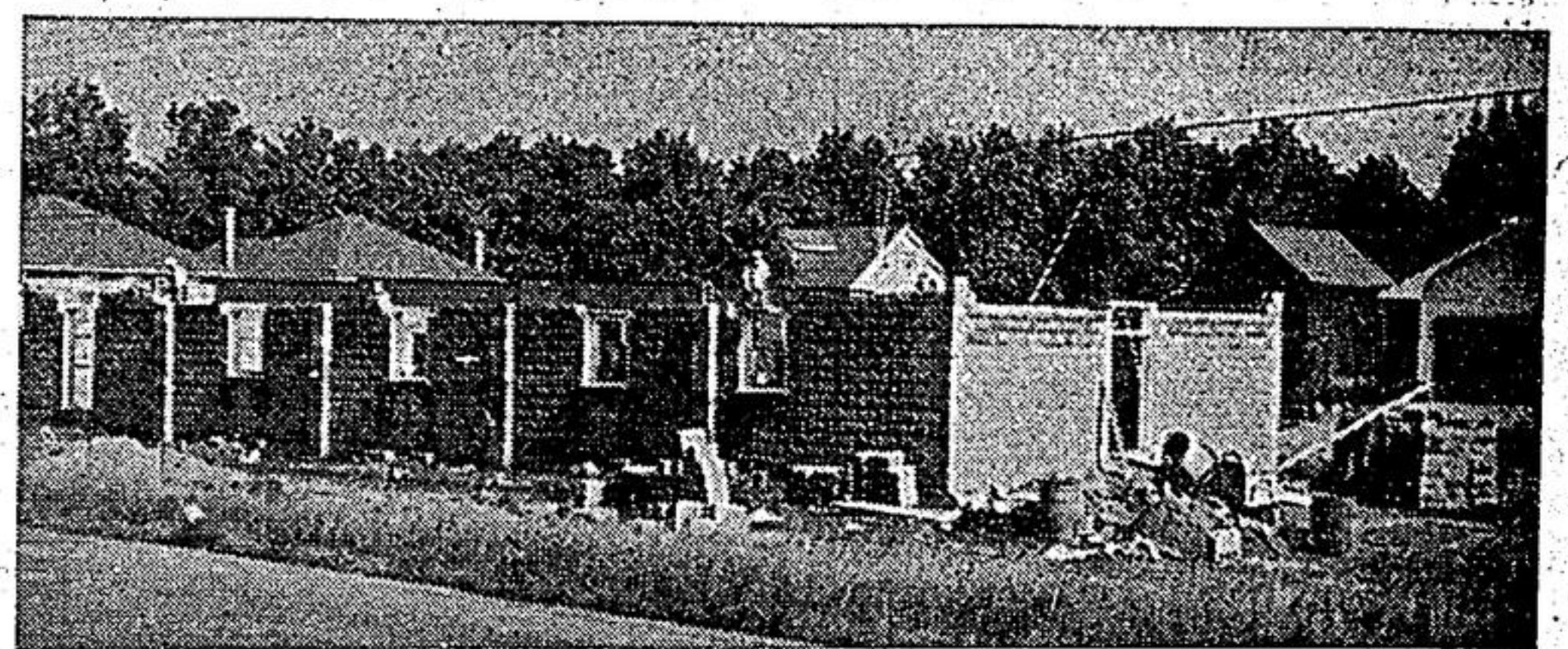
Eight Candidates Qualify in Town Election — New High School Officially Opened — Reeve McLaughlin Gets Third Term in Whitchurch, Sid Legge, Deputy — Markham Returns Alf. LeMasurier by Big Majority — Trucker Killed by Live Wires — Approve Ward System in Pickering — Geo. Todd Re-elected in Pickering — Landslide Here for Elmer Daniels — Wyatt Johnson Hurt in Accident — Burk, Ratcliff, Wagg, Timbers, New Council, Largest Vote Out.



Fighting Army Worms in Markham Township



Sews Without Glasses at 98



New Masonic Hall Under Construction



Pet Woodchuck at Shadow Lake Camp



Tommy Bunker and Pet Crow Charlie



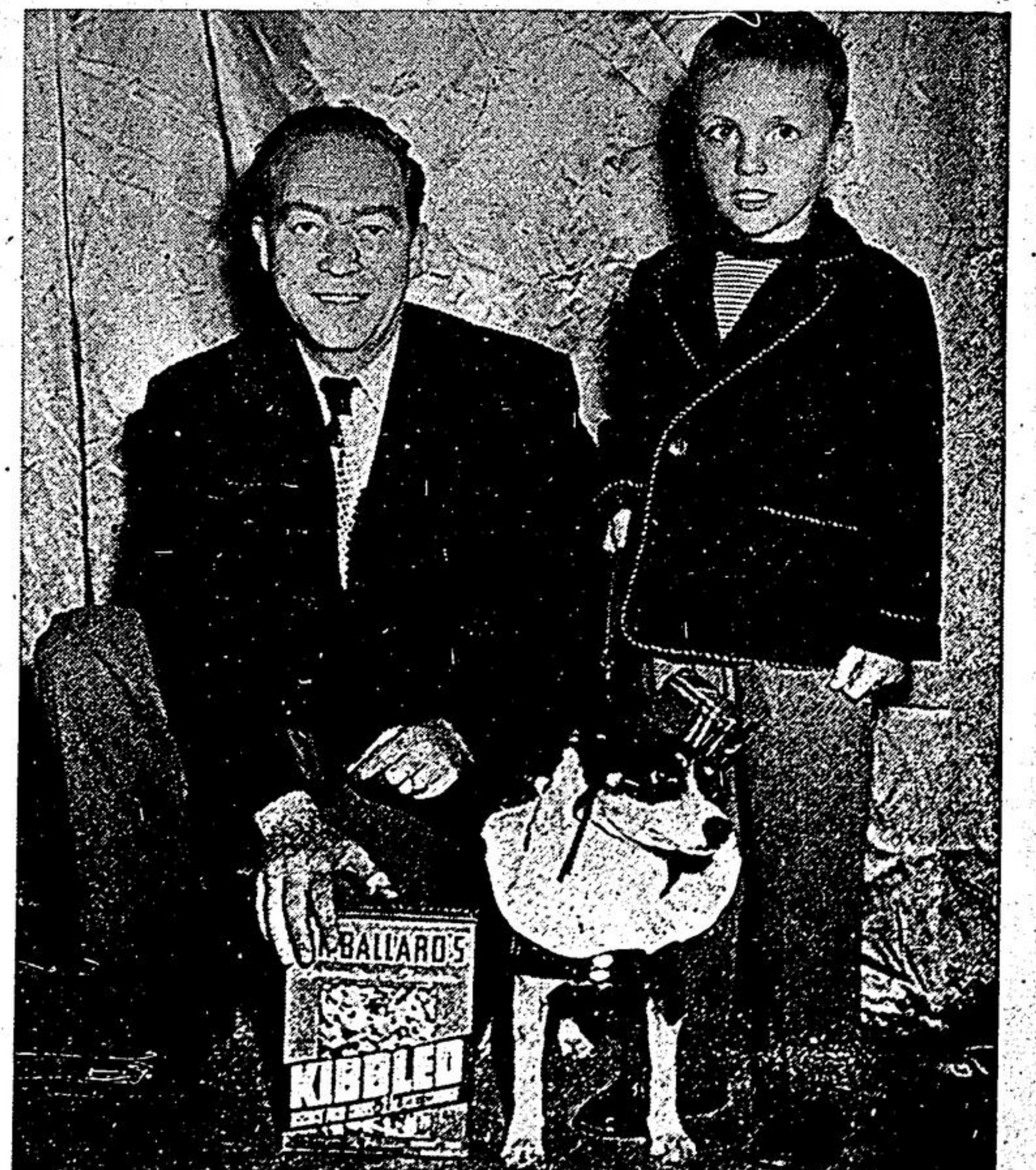
Presentation to Ontario Lady Bowling Champ



Main Street During Hurricane Hazel



New High School Principal



Mutt Show Prize Winner at Trade Fair