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Local Telephone Co.'s Long Distance Connections

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· By Mr. A. D. Bruce In a former chapter of this series we related how, previous to 1830, the development of telephone business followed no systematic plan: rival companies would operate within the same city. Because of the very nature of the service that the telephone is supposed to give to the public, there is implied, —as a fundamental principle—that to give the maximum of service at the minimum of cost there should be no unnecessary duplication of circuits; also the further principle that there should be exchange of messages among all telephone systems, subject to equitable agreements being negotiated.

General realization of these two fundamental principles was a process that developed slowly. From the beginning of its history the Bell Company recognized the first mentioned principle, and the first important change to be made by them was the terminatiton of rival companies competing for business within one city, by buying or absorbing the different systems and bringing them into one organization. Commencing its operations in large cities the Bell Telephone Co. developed a "city" mentality. To Beil Co. officials, telephone service was service in cities and large towns, plus long distance circuits, for the connection of those cities and towns. This "clty mentality" is not surprising. The Bell Co. officials were so busy developing their city business that they had not givice to farmers. When farmers the company officials were unprepared, and were completely at sea, as we will discover.

rural districts, the rural dwell- is believed responsible. ers were more primitive in Mr. Farmer recalls giving the men would have hesitated to tread. Very early the independent companies accepted the principle that there should be F. H. Roberts exchange of business between all systems, but for many years bets Whitchurch they failed tot realize that delineation of boundaries was necessary before the maximum of Grave Contract service could be given to the public, at a minimum of cost.

Evidence of this erron. at 76c per ton was accepted by eous thinking is found in the Whitchurch Township Council fact that one of the company Thursday night for the annual Former Resident members in our York & Ont. supply of approximately 15,000 Tel. Union obtained its charter yards. Four tenders were reprimarily to give service in the ceived for the contract. Town of East Toronto, which town was a suburb of Toronto, of Stewart Starr for tractor in Monireal and in which the Bell Tel. Co. and man for the warble fly was firmly established. At the spray contract at \$2 an hour. other end of Toronto-in West Toronto Junction-a company ers in Whitchurch have reques- day, March 21st, after an ill called the Stark Telehone, ted that all female calves be ness of six months. Mr. Ray-Light and Power Co. announc- vaccinated as protection against mer is a former resident of operating was a possibility. In control-campaign. March, 1906, the Directors of The Bethesda & Stouffville Tel. Co. appointed a committee to communicate with the ambitious Stark Tel., Light & Power Co. with a view to discussing Markham Engages Three a possible connection between our systems. We did hold one meeting with representatives of the Stark Comany and had Additional Police Officers a friendly discussion. Fortunately negotiations had not reached a point at which we had incurred any exense - as a result of our negotiations when the Stark Co. vanished from the scene.

eight men, including Chief In 1906 an attempt was made Clarence Wideman. The new to organize a company which, men engaged include two forit was hoped, would be able to mer provincial officers, Geo. compete with the Bell Tel. Co. Fyfe and R. A. Hood who will The writer was invited to be be paid \$3,300 per year as excome one of the promoters of perienced policemen and Louis the proposed company, but de Durant of Markham who will clined the invitation. The pro- receive \$2,900. The township posal originated among U.S.A. had twenty-four applicants manufacturers of telephones from which to chose. who were anxious to promote sales among independent telephone companies throughout! the U.S.A. and Canada. The tion of Jack Howard, road pay the Federation levy can proposal was to erect long dis- engineer, during Monday object by filling out this form. tance trunk lines only, which night's meeting. Mr. Howard Only five such forms were would form a network connect. who comes from Box Grove has returned last year and this fact ing independent systems, thus taken a position as co-ordinat- Reeve LeMasurier pointed out. creating a country-wide long ing engineer for Scarboro The deputation objected on Township. He has been with the grounds that the special distance service.

The fatal weakness of the Markham for the last two paper drew attention to the

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Mr. Ray Yake and his bro- Howards move. Council agreed required him to give every ther Wilmot are on an extendithat a replacement should be farmer an opportunity to be ed bus tour of the Southern advertised for Immediately and exempt from the levy if he States. At present they are en- this matter will be taken up at wished and it was his intention joying California sunshine. | a special council session being to carry out the Act.



en any thought to giving serv- Alvin S. Farmer, Gormley It is all that remains of a once- has worked for is lost. mink rancher ended in ruina- thriving business. commenced to ask for service tion last week. His entire brood of 325 animals with the is as yet a mystery. Mr. Farexception of two, died in their cages after receiving their final If Bell Tel. Co. officials were meal on Tuesday night. The immature, when confronted loss is estimated at approxi- a thorough check will be made. pelts may still be saved. with a demand for service in mately \$13,000. Food poisoning A sample of the food will also

their thinking. Those who were mink their regular evening end of a dream that was just charged with the management meal of ground horse and whale beginning to be realized by the loss ever to be experinced by Robbins and Mr. King was of the first independent tele meat. When he returned to Gormley mink farmer, He start a single mink rancher in On- made to the students as folphone systems were densely their cages early the next morignorant concerning the diffi- ning all but two were dead. culties with which they would The only mink that survived be confronted, and sometimes was one that escaped from a rushed in where experienced cage during the previous day,

The tender of F. H. Roberts

Council accepted the tender

The exact cause of the deaths mer took a number of the dead animals to the Ontario Veterinary College at Guelph where be inspected.

The catastrophe marked the ed the business with two small mink 17 years ago. At first it was just a hobby but in a few years' time it grew into a profit-

the lowest being 98.522.

Two-thirds of the cattle own- occurred in Montreal on Mon-

Whitchurch will issue \$148,000 Stiles of Sutton, predeceased

Council accepted the resigna- farmer who does not wish to

nouncing the resignation stated | Assessor Archie Fleming that he deeply regretted Mr. stated that the Assessment Act

Markham Township Council | held this Saturday.

has engaged three new police

officers on the recommendation

of the local police committee,

bringing the total force up to

Engineer Resigns

Reeve LeMasurier in an- "bad light."

The death of Mr. Eli Raymer

No Pink Slips

Messrs, Stewart Watson, Don

McIntosh and Fred Wicks

appeared before council on

Monday evening asking for the

continuance of the half mill

levy for Federation of Agri-

culture purposes and the con-

tinued exemption for fire and

police costs for land owners of

The delegation asked further

that the sending out of a pink

slip to all farmers be discontinued. The pink slip is sent

out by the assessor and any

levy and possibly threw it in a

more than five acres.

turned into a mink morgue the floor. Dozens have been

in the costly silver-blue breed. Some were valued at \$300 each. He believes it to be the worst mediate Certificates by Mr.

sis this week the cause of lene Cake, Margaret Curtis, death was definitely established [William Daniels, Isabelle Denas food poisoning.

in debentures for public school him in 1939. Since Mr. Raymer Nancy Harwood, David Hay, enlargement at Wilcox Lake made his home with his daugh- Kenzie Lloyd, Thomas Mcand the tender of the Mills, ter, Elma (Mrs. Scott-Rafter) Creight, Wanda Olszevski, Spence Co. for the sale of the in Hamilton until last summer Colin Rae, Edward Sanders, bond issue was accepted at when he went to live with Patricia Skinner, Frances \$100.77, carrying 4% interest his other daughter, Lorna in Smith, Robert Stover, Joy for twenty years. Nine tenders | Alexandria. Although within a Vardy, Eleanor White and were received for the bonds, few months of his ninetieth John Zammit.

> Pat Smith, daughter of Al fred Smith, Cashel has received a special award from O.A.C. for a prize bull reared by her.

ment at Dickson's Hill.

ed its intention of eestablish- Brucellosis and council passed Stouffville where he came with made a grant of \$100 to the Joyce White. His wife, the former Meretta Fair.

A separate feed house was

Mr. Farmer was specializing

birthday, Mr. Raymer enjoyed The presentation of Secondvigorous health until recently. ary School Graduation Diplom-

Mink Ranch Wiped Out by Poisoning Ontario '55 Road Budget Whitchurch Land For Industry Provides for Repaving of Stouffville Main Street

Premier Frost, provides as one base by the Warren Paving Co. friday & Saturday of its capital expenditures, the is in bad state of repair, its re-paving of Stouffville's Main steady decline having been Street with storm sewers. The accentuated in recent years by while not an entire breakdown | More assistance was promisimportant items on the agenda municipal roads which is for this part of the country thought to consist mainly of change. have been revealed.

ment was laid in 1930 at a cost cane. of approximately one hundred In conversation with Reeve until 9 p.m. on Saturday. the road has been taken over tageous for such a program.

The new road budget of the and maintained as Provincial Province of Ontario as recently announced at \$220 million by laid with a six inch concrete Some Stores To Open that their visit was the exploratory, to as for such annexation.

help to those municipalities The Stouffville Main St. pave- hard hit by last fall's hurri-

thousand dollars of which the Daniels, The Tribune learned local municipality bore \$67,000 that if the re-paving is going in debentures at that time, the ahead to completion in 1955, total cost being divided be council may give consideration tween the province, the county to the possibility of sewers as and the village. Since that time the time would be most advan-

500 See Local High School Grad. Diplomas Presented

annual Stouffville District High fessional Women's Club, Mar-School held their Commence garet Burkholder; Stouffville The hopes and dreams of Mr. and another that wasn't fed. able trade. Now everything he ment Exercises in the new Machine and Tool, Graham school auditorium.

> An address of welcome was given by Barbara Hastings, where the small bodies littered President of the Student Council, and a girls' choir sang a placed in bushel baskets and number of selections. Mr. Robwill be buried. Some of the bins, principal, addressed the audience with an informative talk on the method on which the school is conducted.

The presentation of Interlows: Joan Barrett, Marilyn Following government analy- Bone, Edward Buchanan, Marnie, Lynne Foord, Shirley Fosdick, Mary Grove, Robert Hammersley, Ronald Hartwick

O'Neil's Funeral Chapel on ents as follows: Nancy Barry, vided accommodation for over Tuesday afternoon with inter- Keith Brodie, Patricia Bruce, 500 people. Marion Conner, Grant Ferrier, Barbara Hastings, Marilyn Peewees Get Ready Montgomery, Joy O'Neill, Ronald Peake, Rose Peake, Ruth For Goderich Shunk, Glenda Silverthorne, Marjorie Sproxton, Carol Steckley, Allen Stouffer, Catherine team will hold its first practice nen, Glenn Jackson, Willard Markham Township Council Stover, George White and on Saturday afternoon from 12 Peddie, Bill Ratcliff, Jim Mai-

ing telephone service, using an the required bylaw and named his family from a farm south of 1955 Markham Fair on Monday There was an athletic dis regular PeeWee contests will Coaches Bill Lennox and "Ca-"automatic" switchboard. Inci- Messrs Arthur McElroy, Bruce Markham in 1875. He worked evening and a special grant of play and dancing, both folk be cut to forty-five minutes in sey" Hilliard will handle the ing for a \$500 grant per lot dentally, to the writer, this was Clarke and Jack Crawford as as a carpenter in the district \$75 towards the special Cen- and modern, by some of the usual hour long practice sessions. The lads from sub-dividers in Whitthe first intimation that "dial" the committee in charge of the and village for many years, tennial activities of this year's girls. Academic prizes were games. The following boys are journey to Goderich on the church Township met strong

On Friday, March 18, the Stouffville Business and Pro-Frisby; Wagg Award, 'Allan Stouffer; Scholarship donated gains. by Whitchurch Township to Isabelle Dennie and General Proficiency Plaque to Joyce White and Marion Stouffer (tied) by Carole Lewis.

> A short skit called "The Four Bones" was enjoyed in place of the usual play and the School Band played a number of selec-

Graduation Diplomas to the Upper School students of 1954 For Highway Farm was given by Mr. Thompson. Those receiving diplomas were Audrey Brown, Margaret Burkholder. Graham Frisby, bara Hisey, Gloria Hood, Betty Lou Keffer, Isobel McCreight, Phyllis Paisley, Murray Pipher, June Smith, Patricia Smith, Glenn Thompson and Margaret

The Valedictory Address was given by June Smith.

There was a display of gym nastics by the boys followed by the Senior Girls' Choir.

This is the first Commence-The funeral was conducted as by Mr. Edwards and Mr. ment held in the new school. at the Stanley Theatre next Boards of the two municipaliby Rev. Douglas Davis from Williams was made to the stud- The spacious auditorium pro-

o'clock noon to. 1 p.m. The -3 loy and Eldon Wagg. awarded to students as follows: requested to be at the arena week of April 10th.

road budget was part of the heavy truck traffic through opening both Friday and Sat- falling, that employment had urday evenings this week. A fallen off and it was council's has been given, some of the ed in the provincial budget for large display adv. on page 11 desire to provide jobs for the of this issue announces the residents. He said that council

will be open for shopping un- tial purposes. til 10 p.m. on Friday night and "We just can't afford to sup-

C. H. Bell & Son In Business Here

prices dropping on some items able annexation lands. to below cost. The announcethis issue where Mr. Bell has Dales. used The Tribune's new serof these great anniversary bar- ing for a good price for their

Television sets, electric uty-reeve Legge. stoves, refrigerators - and laundry dryers will be cleared in instance in British Columbia this sale at prices which even the city's cut-rate appliance stores cannot beat. Read the announcement and see for yourself.

Presentation of the Honour Report Big Price

The 100 acre farm belonging to Mr. Wm. C. Champion west meeting, said that Whitchurch of Unionville has been sold for faced the danger of becoming a reported \$126,000. The prop- a "bedroom" for Newmarket, erty was purchased a number residents living in the township of years ago from Mr. Oscar and working in Newmarket will continue to reside there all the benefits of the industrial until the end of the year. The assessment and the township land has been purchased for a would run all the risks of havproposed development.

"White Christmas" one of those all-time great motion pictures is showing for four days

and dressed by twelve o'clock: Norman Galbraith, Lynn Mc. Move To Collect lan Boyd, Marvin Betz, George Malcolm, Larry Malloy, Rick Sub-Div. Grant Wedseltoft, Warren Hendricks, The Goderich-bound PeeWee Roger Stover, Wayne Penna-

councilmen headed by Reeve Jos. Dales appeared before Whitchurch Township Council on Thursday evening to discuss the possibility of annexing cer-tain Whitchurch farm land for the purpose of industrial development, Reeve Dales stated that their visit was purely in the exploratory, to ascertain if the township would be willing

Councillor Belugin explained Newmarket's situation, stating that the percentage of residen-A number of business places tial assessment as placed aghad taken a stand against any.~ Those business places listed further subdividing for residen-

ply services any more to homes," Mr. Belugin said.

Reeve Dales told Whitchurch that determined efforts were being put forward to bring several new industries to the town and one in question required a tract of fifty acres and railway facilities.

Deputy-reeve Legge of Whit-C. H. Bell & Son is this week church commented that the marking sixteen years in busi- township council could not sell ness in Stouffville and to cele- the farmers down the river inbrate the occasion this well- to higher taxation. Farms loknown appliance store has an- cated along the Middlebrook nounced a smashing sale with road were suggested as prob-

"They would definitely have ment appears on page two of to be considered," replied reeve

"We can't have them bled vice of two-colour advertising for taxation while they're waitindustrial land," continued dep-

Councillor Wallwork cited an where such land was given a fixed tax until the development took place and then the difference in the high industrial price was returned to the municipal-

Reeve Dales re-affirmed his stand that adequate safeguards would be given the township property owners. ---

L. P. Evans, chairman of the Whitchurch Planning Board, who was in attendance at the Cox for \$18,000. Mr. Champion which municipality would gain ing the relief problems. He said that he did not believe in wholesale annexation.

> Whitchurch Council agreed that; a meeting should be arranged between the Planning ties to discuss the subject fur-

Wallwork and Richardson callopposition from deputy-reeve Legge when the matter came before council on Thursday night. Such a move has been mildly discussed at a number of recent council meetings and a real estate firm interested in sub-dividing on the third concession had expressed a willingness to pay such a charge either by lot or in lump.

A resolution by councillors

Deputy-reeve_Legge said there was too much restriction already. "You've got a Building Bylaw and a Land Use bylaw now; it's not right that a man can pay taxes on lands for years and have the deeds and can't do what he wants to do with the land," he declared.

"A sub-divider who has started his development could sell his lots \$500 cheaper than the other fellow if we start collecting this charge," he said.

"It's going to work a hardship on some, that's true, but we've got to start some place," said Reeve McLaughlin. "If we don't do something

like this, those with farm land will have to close up and get out if the houses continue to go up," commented councillor Wallwork. Councillor Richardson offered .

o re-word the resolution more to Mr. Legge's liking but the deputy-reeve continued to express himself in opposition and Reeve McLaughlin with council's approval shelved the motion for further discussion at a later date.

He also added that he favored having legal advice on the matter before passing the resolution,

STOUFFVILLE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING CLASS



Eleven senfor graduates re- from left to right are: Marga-Commencement, The students Smith, Gloria Hood, Betty

ceived their diplomas on Fri- ret Burkholder, Barbara Hiday evening at the annual sey, Margaret White, June Stouffville Dist. High School Smith, Phyllis Palsley, Patsy

in front are Graham Frisby and Glen Thompson. The diplomas were presented by A. G. Thompson, vice chairman ' E. Robbins,

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Lou Keffer, Audrey Brown; of the High School Board, assisted by Mrs. Jemmett, Secretary, and Principal O.