

Teachers Hard to Find As School Enrolment Continues to Climb

Enrolment in the Stouffville Public and High Schools is going up and a survey reveals that a considerable jump can be expected this September. In the face of this increase teachers are getting hard to find.

Opposition to Increased Phone Rates

(No. 15 of Series)
By Mr. A. D. Bruce
In due time the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board issued its Order, granting an increase of \$1.50 per year in our basic rental for telephones: the Order to become effective Nov. 1st, 1950. On the date mentioned the accounts went out, under the new rates, and very soon thereafter rumors began to circulate that strong opposition to the new rates was developing among our subscribers.

Those who engineered the opposition organized upon an impressive scale. A petition that was drafted as an ultimatum rather than as a request, was circulated. An indignation meeting was advertised for a specified date. The Directors, through the medium of the advertisement, were practically ordered to appear before the indignation meeting to show reasons why the rates should be raised. It was also announced that more than three hundred telephone subscribers had signed the petition. For that period this certainly was a large percentage of our subscribers. Since the hearing before the Railway Board had given to the public an opportunity of learning full particulars concerning the necessity for increasing the rates — and since the public had neglected their opportunity — our Directors decided to ignore the order to appear before the indignation meeting; but we also decided to obtain a full report of the proceedings. We sought for a stenographer who was not a local resident, and located one in Uxbridge. To assist her we instructed our line superintendent, Mr. Bert Miller, to sit beside her and identify the speakers. The opposition had requested The Toronto Globe to send a reporter to cover the meeting, and his report was given liberal space in the next issue of The Globe. The Tribune also gave an extended report of the proceedings. These reports, together with the report from our own stenographer, and the verbal report from Bert Miller, gave to us a very clear picture of the proceedings.

Having fully digested all the information that was available, our Directors replied to the opposition in a series of articles that appeared in five weekly newspapers circulating in the area served by our System. The fact that not one of our Directors had obeyed the demand that we appear before the indignation meeting, had stirred the leaders of the opposition to still greater "indignation" and they made extravagant statements that left the speakers vulnerable to rebuttal arguments while we had the great advantage of being able to carefully consider and prepare our answers. Our series of articles began to appear during Christmas week, and continued into February. To the last of the series of articles was appended the declaration: Approved by the Board of Directors January 24th, 1929 — "therefore this article had the status of an official document, and in it we declared our intention of recommending to the shareholders, at the approaching Annual Meeting, that authority be given to the Directors to take one of several lines of action, if — in the judgment of the Directors — such action was advisable. The courses were:

- (a) Sell the plant to a Municipal Commission, thus establishing public ownership.
- (b) That if our critics would obtain a charter, creating a new company, we would be prepared to sell our plant to the new company, for cash, in which case we would wind up our business and would pay to our shareholders that to which each would be entitled.
- (c) Offer to sell to any group

positions in Stouffville, come next fall, will be graduates without experience. A survey reported to the local High School Board reveals that the school will have between ninety and a hundred first form students next September, necessitating 3 classes. Seventy has been about the highest number of high school beginners heretofore. The story is the same at the Public School where the Board expects to send pupils "underground" in the fall to begin the use of basement rooms for accommodation.

At the present time the high school building can accommodate about seventy-five more students than are attending. In the fall this margin will have narrowed considerably. The public school is full and the Board must soon take steps to increase the accommodation with the erection of two more rooms, plans for which were prepared some years ago, to be built above the boiler room.

Mrs. T.L. White Dies at 84

The death occurred in Markham on Friday, April 22nd, of Mrs. T. L. White at the advanced age of 84. She had been in ill health for the past month.

The late Mrs. White was the former Georgina Dennis, born in Bedfordshire, England, 81 years ago. She came to this country as a young woman, having married Thomas Lewis White who predeceased her about five years ago. The couple spent some time at Almiria where Mr. White farmed and several other locations prior to coming to Markham some ten years ago to live retired.

Mrs. White was identified with St. Phillips Church, Unionville. Her family is noted for longevity and she has two sisters, Mrs. E. A. Kitchener 86 and Mrs. C. Hull 83. Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Fred Crossen, Stouffville, Mrs. Caroline Leadbetter and Mrs. Clark Prentice, and five sons, Harry, Dudley, John, William and Dennis. There also survive twenty grandchildren and three great grandchildren. The funeral on Monday was conducted from St. Phillips Anglican Church by Rev. R. A. Wigley and Rev. J. D. Tiller. Pallbearers were Fred Gingell, Percy Hurrell, Geo. McConnell, Bert Patch, Arthur Patch and Archie Fleming. Interment was made in St. Phillips Cemetery.

Raise Pheasant License Fee in Markham

Game Warden E. Harper has been instructed by Markham Twp. Council to secure 500 pheasant pullets from the Department of Lands and Forests for release in the Township, in preparation for next Fall's hunting season. The hunting license fee for non-resident hunters will be raised to \$3.00 this year. Previously it was \$2.50 a year. The number of non-resident licenses to be issued this year will be decided at a later date. The Township cleared approximately \$500.00 last year from the sale of pheasant hunting licenses.

Shop in Stouffville on Tuesday and Saturday nights each week during the summer.

or corporation that might be willing to purchase our plant.

At the conclusion of that final article of our series we announced that our Annual Meeting would be held in Ratcliff's Hall on February 11th, and that all subscribers for telephone service would be welcome to attend the meeting and that to them would be extended an opportunity of asking questions or of making suggestions to the Shareholders.

When the day of the meeting arrived, our Shareholders — who were greatly outnumbered by the general public — sat in one corner of the Hall, while the non-shareholders maintained a respectful distance — a "no-man's land" strip that was not occupied. This writer wonders whether there ever was a precedent for such a meeting — an annual meeting of a joint-stock company laying bare to

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CROWN QUEEN AT LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL PROM



Miss Barbara Hastings, a Grade 13 student, was crowned Spring Prom Queen at a colorful semi-formal dance held in the auditorium of the Stouffville Dist. High School on Friday night. The crown was placed on her head by Mr. W. S. Sherwood, a former staff teacher. Reeve Elmer Daniels presented the Queen with a bouquet of red and white carnations. Her attendants are, left to right: Marg Smith, Barbara Hewlett, Nancy Reid and Marie Schell.

Eric Allen Is Assistant Assessor in Whitchurch

Following the receipt a couple of weeks ago of applications for the position of assistant assessor in Whitchurch Township, council at a special meeting engaged Eric Allen for the position at a salary of \$2,300. Mr. Allen is a resident of the 8th concession, and former Ringwood storekeeper.

New Salary Schedule
The special meeting also dealt with a new salary schedule for office employees for 1953 and approved the following annual rates of pay. Clerk Jack Crawford will receive \$3,600; accountant Thos. Kerr \$2,750; L. J. Harper \$2,600; road supt. Davis \$3,100; assessor Fred Cummings \$3,100; constable Mulholland \$2,700 and auditor E. A. Smith \$1,200.

Aurora Resolution
A resolution was received from the Aurora council requesting sanction by Whitchurch and which requested a prompt decision in the matter of the case before the Ontario Municipal Board in which York County is claiming that an undue financial burden was placed upon them by the setting up of the Metropolitan Area through Bill 80.

Reeve McLaughlin stated that he could not see how anything could be done until the Municipal Board hearing and this hearing had been delayed through a number of unforeseen circumstances. He added that a great deal of information had to be compiled before the case for the County could be properly presented.

Council, at their regular meeting on Thursday night, signed the annual contract with the Ontario Provincial Police covering the policing of Musselman's and Wilcox Lakes during the 3 summer months for the amount of \$1,500.

Foster Children
Whitchurch Council recently passed a resolution requesting that the County take steps to have the necessary legislation enacted to make it possible to collect non-resident education fees from those children who were attending local schools and were wards of the Children's Aid and other welfare agencies. The resolution was forwarded to neighboring municipalities for their approval.

Tribune Installs a New Type-Casting Machine

The Stouffville Tribune printing plant added greatly to its productive capacity this week with the installation of a new Ludlow type casting machine. The new machine, built by the Ludlow Typograph Co. of Chicago, is designed to make possible straight-line production of job and display type composition. It eliminates the necessity of continual use of single letter type and provides an unlimited supply of type for any commercial printing as well as newspaper production. The Ludlow machine plus the two linotype machines already serving the plant, give The Tribune a total of seventeen distinct type faces produced by machinery, along with more than fifty hand-composed faces. These latter hand-composition lines will gradually be decreased as more mechanically-produced types are added to the new machinery. The new machine as well as producing a great new variety of type faces, will also save a great amount of time in production — an aim which is continually striven for in all printing plants.

Markham Tp. Officers New Pay Schedule

Markham Township Council after some deliberation, agreed last week to a new salary schedule for all officials on the township payroll with increases ranging from \$100 to \$300. Clerk Chas. Hoover will receive \$3,840; deputy-clerk \$3,300; treasurer \$3,400; assist. treas. \$2,400; assessor \$3,540; assist. assessor \$3,150; engineer \$5,500; assist. engineer \$2,080; and stenographer \$2,000.

Mel Emmerson Gets Town Gravel Contract

Stouffville Municipal Council at a special meeting on Tuesday afternoon awarded the 1953 gravel tender to Mel Emmerson, eastend. The price quoted by Mr. Emmerson was \$1.08 a yard and 77c a ton and council agreed to have the 1500 yards delivered by the ton. Two other tenders were submitted for the order.

Sewer Discussion
A lengthy discussion occupied a great part of the meeting and dealt with the proposed survey for a sewerage system. Reeve Daniels told members of council that he had been advised through consultation with the Department of Highways that sewer pipes could be laid at the same time as the new pavement was going down from Church st. to the eastend of town. However, the Department planned to begin work on the highway this July and council was not sure if they could be ready by that time or if they could have a survey prepared by July.

At present two Engineering firms have been interviewed regarding doing the job and a definite go-ahead was deferred until Monday night at which time council will meet in regular session and their solicitor J. D. Lucas will be present. In the meantime the Department of Highways is deferring action pending word from the town on their intentions regarding the sewers.

Annexation
Council agreed to a resolution by Councillors Burk and Ratcliff recommending that the Planning Board survey the boundaries of Stouffville and report back to council on other lands that might be annexed to town at the same time as the Kellington farm.

Council was reluctant to accept the recommendation that the Planning Board placed before council calling for the annexation of the Kellington farm to be subdivided by the Dept. of Veterans' Affairs. Reeve Daniels explained to council that the Planning Board felt compelled to consider the sub-division since they had been petitioned by a number of local veterans for the development to take place. A second resolution that the annexation be deferred was withdrawn.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Stover of Markham sailed on S.S. Homic from Quebec on April 23, for a 2-month visit to England. Mr. Stover, presently employed at Stouffville Bakery, brought his war bride from England thirty-six years ago. They will be visiting Mrs. Stover's brother in London who has been in the composing room of the London Times since 1904. They also expect to visit the Communal Cemetery at Belval, Northern France, where their only son Russel Stover, wireless air gunner, with the RCAF, is buried.

Efficiency is Increased by Radio System

The purchase of two new police cars and the installation of two-way radios has increased the efficiency of the Markham Township in providing adequate protection to the municipalities' 10,000 residents. The radios which were installed recently at a cost of \$3,168 enable police to keep in touch with their Buttonville headquarters from every corner of the municipality from car to car, the radios have a ten mile range.

Chief Constable Clarence Wideman pointed out that the Buttonville office was proving to be the ideal location for clear radio reception. The police report no "blind spots" anywhere in the township. A sixty foot antenna is presently located atop the thirty-foot municipal building, giving the aerial an altitude of 90 feet.

Chief Wideman received his appointment to the Markham Police Force in April, 1946, following the resignation of Mr. Ben Gayman. The offices were then located at Unionville. Chief Wideman policed the township alone for a number of years until the recent increase in population growth necessitated the hiring of additional officers.

"We have more calls in one day now than I had in a month nine years ago," stated Chief Wideman. At the present time the Markham Twp. Police Force consists of seven men and the Chief. Sgt. Harvey Cox and Patrol Sgt. Bill Shearn joined the force in April, 1951. P.C. Geo. Clayton was added in June, 1952, and P.C. Don Dukes in June, 1953. This month, Constables Bob Hood, John McGhee and Lou Durant were selected from a group of 21 applicants to enlarge the force. Two new police cruisers were purchased recently and a two-way radio has been installed in the Chief's own private car.

With the purchase of township cruisers and the installation of modern two-way radios, the Markham Twp. Police Force is now adequate to serve the ever-growing needs of a constantly growing municipality.

OPERATING NEW POLICE RADIO SYSTEM



P.C. Don Dukes of Markham Twp. Police is pictured above, contacting the headquarters at Buttonville over one of the new 2-way radios recently installed in two new cruisers. The range of the radio is adequate to cover the entire municipality.

Whitchurch Twp. Asks \$13,000 More for Rds. And Hurricane Expense

At the regular meeting of Whitchurch Township Council on Thursday night council approved a second road appropriation for 1953 of \$13,000 and the Department of Highways will be requested to approve subsidy for this amount. An appropriation was approved some weeks ago for \$80,000.

The matter of weed spraying came in for some discussion and councillor Graham stated that he did not see that there was much to show for the money spent in spraying weeds on the 9th concession. Road Supt. Davis reported that good results had been obtained by spraying brush on the Vivian road. Council finally approved the calling for tenders for weed spray, brush spray, and for 50,000 gallons of asphalt prime for dust laying.

A brisk discussion over the present road situation ensued with councillor Wailwork criticizing some of the local road operations. However, Road Superintendent Davis stoutly defended the work being performed by the maintainers on the "frost-blown" roads and there was no action by council.

Stouffville Grading. A request was tabled from Stouffville asking for an agreement to grade the streets in town. However, council expressed the view that the township equipment had too much work to do at present at home to be doing any outside work. Reeve McLaughlin said that when such time came that a machine could be spared, he would approve of the Stouffville request. Road Supt. Davis was requested to obtain more information on the amount of work required.

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The meeting was attended by Messrs. Harvey and Barnett of the Veterans' Affairs Department, also Jack Garrett of the local Legion Branch. The Board made it quite clear that while reluctant to annex further land at this time for sub-division, the members felt that in view of the fact that evidence was shown and a petition presented for the need of this land for local veterans to build homes, they would recommend the annexation.

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To Improve School Grounds

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