

School Auditorium is Filled for Commencement At Local High School

The annual Commencement Exercises of the Stouffville District High School was held in the auditorium on Friday evening. A large crowd was in attendance.

Ten students, four girls and six boys, were recipients of Honor Graduation Diplomas. They were Arnold Boyd, Jim Coultice, Barbara Hastings, LeRoy Heise, Ann Lintner, Wm. McMullen, Marie Schell, Allen Stouffer, Joyce White and Geo. White. The girls were presented with corsages by the President of Students' Council, Barbara Hewlett and Marion Stouffer, Secondary School Graduation diplomas, Commercial diplomas and Intermediate certificates were handed out to seventy-one other students.

Five presentations were made to members of the student body for top academic achievement during the school term of 1954-55. Mrs. Lloyd Jennings presented a \$100 bursary to Joyce White for attaining the highest standing on the Upper School Departmental Examinations last June. Mrs. Jennings made the presentation on behalf of the Stouffville Business and Professional Women's Club. The Stouffville Machine and Tool Bursary of \$100 was presented to LeRoy Heise by Mr. Bill Ford. This award was made to the boy who attained

the highest standing on the Upper School Departmental Examination. Mr. Bruce Calk received a beautiful engraved wrist watch donated by Mr. Ken Wagg to the student of Grade 12 or 13 who has contributed most to the school during the year in character, sportsmanship, extra-curricular activities and co-operation. In Mrs. Wagg's absence, the presentation was made by the Principal, Mr. O. E. Robbins. The \$50 scholarship was donated by Whitechurch Township to the student living in the township who attained the highest standing on the promotion examinations last June. This award was won by Lorne Avery and was presented by Reeve Ivan McLaughlin. The General Proficiency Plaque Bar, presented to the school by Mr. Harold Murphy, was awarded to Caroline Ogilvy. This award is made to the student of any grade who achieves the highest academic standing. The presentation was made by Mr. Tom McCraith, First Vice President of the Students' Council. Two books were also presented along with the plaque.

Miss Barbara Hewlett, President of the Students' Council, delivered the Address of Welcome. She said she was very pleased to see so many in attendance. (Continued on page 3)

Local Students Receive Honour Graduation Diplomas



Four girls and six boys were recipients of honour graduation diplomas at the annual Stouffville Dist. High

School Commencement Exercises on Friday evening. Mr. A. G. Thompson, Vice-Chairman of the Board, made the

presentations. The graduation class is pictured above, from left to right, front row: Joyce White, Barbara Hastings, Ma-

rie Schell, Ann Lintner. Rear Row - Jim Coultice, LeRoy Heise, Arnold Boyd, Allan Stouffer, Wm. McMullen and George White.

P. S. Legge is Elected Reeve in Whitchurch Tp. '55 Councillors Returned

P. S. Legge, 1955 deputy-reeve of Whitchurch Township was swept into the reeve'ship on Monday by a majority of 261 votes over the present incumbent of the office, Ivan McLaughlin. While pre-election speculators believed the contest would be close, such a large majority was not anticipated. The vote was 825 to 561.

Mr. Legge drew particular strength at Musselman's Lake, Pleasantville and Cedar Valley, polling well over a hundred votes in each of these polls. Mr. McLaughlin had a small majority at Wilcox Lake, Lemonville and Bloomington. He will leave the municipal field after five years as reeve.

Two former councillors Delos Graham and Cliff Wallwork were re-elected and Frank Williams the one new member, ran second. Councillor Wallwork headed the polls with 883 votes.

There was no contest for deputy-reeve, Geo. Richardson being elected by acclamation.

One of the features of the election was the heavy voting at Musselman's Lake. Carloads of cottagers came from Toronto to exercise their franchise, something which as ratepayers, they have seldom done before, resulting in more than 200 votes being cast here.

Merchants Announce Their Christmas Shopping Hours

Local merchants met this week to consider the Christmas shopping hours for this year, and decided that from now until Christmas, stores will remain open each Wednesday until six o'clock. It was felt this would give the shoppers in the town and district a good chance to complete their shopping locally, in plenty of time for the festive holiday.

Bowing to the demand of shoppers who seek the late hours offered for shopping in the city, the stores here will be open next week on the Friday and Saturday nights, until 10 o'clock. The following week, just before Christmas, Main Street stores will be wide open for business on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights until 10.

Following the rush of shopping, and to enable the staff of

the stores to enjoy the sacred holiday, the stores will remain closed on the Monday and Tuesday following Christmas. They will, however, remain open on Wednesday, December 28, until 6 p.m.

Looking ahead to the New Year, the merchants decided at the meeting that stores will close on Monday, January 2, and will be open all day on Tuesday, Jan. 3. Beginning with the first Wednesday in the New Year, stores here will revert to their usual Wednesday closing hours.

The representative merchants, who met this week to decide on the course of action for the Christmas shopping season have asked for the full cooperation of all stores in town, to provide uniform shopping hours for the season's shoppers.

Almira Lady Killed When Thrown From Car Sunday Morning

The Almira community just west of Stouffville was shocked on Sunday by the death of one of its esteemed residents, Mrs. Peter Stickley. Mrs. Stickley was returning from Sunday School when the accident occurred. The car she was driving apparently went out of control and as it plunged into the ditch she was thrown out and fatally injured.

Mr. Garnet Francy found the unfortunate woman lying beside the car and though she was still conscious she passed away shortly after in the East General Hospital where she was rushed by ambulance.

Mrs. Stickley was a devoted wife and mother, always taking a keen interest in her church activities. Her passing is keenly felt by her husband, Mr. Peter Stickley, her four daughters, Marie (Mrs. Ross Hoover) of Toronto; Agnes (Mrs. Robert Lehman), Mt. Joy, Pa.; Velma (Mrs. Henry Koop) of Willowdale and Doris, Toronto; and one step-daughter, Mary (Mrs. Norman Jarvis) of Markham, besides a host of relatives and friends, including six brothers and five sisters. The funeral will be held Wednesday at Heise Hill Church.

Lions Seek Help for Minor Hockey by Lucky Draws

You may have a new aluminum door installed on your home ready to open on the New Year if you happen to be the lucky winner of a draw being conducted by the Stouffville Lions Club in aid of the minor hockey program which they sponsor and which has grown by leaps and bounds. The second prize winner will receive a mantle radio. Tickets are now on sale and the draw will be made at the Clipper home game on Tuesday, Dec. 27th.

More than a hundred boys are enjoying the Lions PeeWee

hockey and have been for the last four years at no cost whatsoever to their parents. These parents, along with the general public are being canvassed to support this effort.

More teams are needed and more ice time to accommodate the growing number of boys who are enjoying this hockey and the Lions are endeavoring to find the necessary funds. Your purchase of tickets will help greatly in this effort. During the past four seasons the Club has expended some four thousand dollars in this program.

Hear Four Appeals At Court of Revision

Council of the Village of Stouffville met this week as a Court of Revision to consider the appeals against their assessment of several of the taxpayers. One appeal, that of "Tommy" Farr, who was assessed this year for business tax, was allowed, when he stated that his business was conducted from his truck, and almost his entire stock was loaded directly to the truck without being delivered to his home. His assessment for business purposes was ordered deleted from the roll.

The assessment of J. S. Sanders, whose levy was increased this year, was sustained. Mr. Sanders complained that his assessment had been lowered last year by the Court of Revision, and stated that this year the amount was again added to his bill. The assessor, Lloyd Turner, produced figures for similar houses, and stated that he felt that houses mentioned by Mr. Sanders should be increased on the tax roll, rather than the levy on the Sanders property being reduced. He felt the latter course would mean that the other assessments should be lowered. Assessment in the village was already too low, he added.

The appeal of Mrs. Gordon Fuller of the 10th line, who considered the assessment on her land was too high was sustained by the Court.

Also turned down by the Court was the appeal of H. G. Adams, Main Street, who claimed exemption for the property located on the corner of Albert St., on the grounds that the house was used as a mission home. He stated that the mission is recognized by the province as a charitable institution. Reason for the refusal was the fact that the property is registered in the name of Mr. and Mrs. Adams, and it was explained that there was no provision in the assessment act for exemption in these circumstances.

ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Taylor, R.R. 3, Stouffville, wish to announce the engagement of their only daughter, Norma Darlene Alberta to William John Graham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Graham, R.R. 2, Markham, formerly of Stouffville. Marriage to take place quietly the latter part of December.

CLEANERS ASSIST CLIPPERS

Through the generosity of Aida Cleaners in Stouffville, the uniforms belonging to the local Clippers were all cleaned without charge to the club. The Management and players are very appreciative of this gesture by the local firm.

Urges Strengthening of Farm Organizations

Two hundred and fifty farmers attended the annual meeting of the South Ont. County Federation of Agriculture in the township hall, Brooklin.

Radio Commentator John Bradshaw of Toronto was guest speaker for the evening and he scolded the group because milk had been omitted from the menu and supplied a quart for himself which he enjoyed as he led his audience in exploring public relations possibilities. He suggested that the farm women might consider taking a country style dinner to a city group next fall prior to the ploughing match to publicize both the match and the farming industry. He urged the farmers to use and strengthen their organization and cited the conglomeration of farm organizations in United States as the way NOT to look after the farmers' interests. He mentioned that there are two organizations besides the Federation of Agriculture in Ontario now and he felt that there were too many to get for agriculture the consideration it should have.

Mr. Lorne Tindall, of Goodwood, president of the Ontario County Federation brought out the need for farmers to work as one unit due to the overbalancing of farm population at present and continually increasing.

Mrs. Hamer read the financial report for the year and the secretary's report. Also there was outlined a survey of tax costs in the rural townships to show just how much of agricultural taxes were being used in the country and how much of those taxes went into subsidizing industry. Such a survey would show whether agriculture was paying an unfair

portion of the educational and social service taxes and would be taken in the hope that some help might be given by other than local governments in adjustments.

The 1955 annual meeting was by far the most successful meeting to be held in this area for some time. The directors of the Federation of Agriculture appreciate the support of the farmers.

Light Vote in Twp. Worries Small Boy

From our correspondent in Cedar Grove, Mrs. Pat McClellan, we received word this week that would indicate that the popularity of Councillor Little is not limited to those eligible to vote.

Mrs. McClellan reports that she made her visit to the polls about noon of election day this week, to find that only seven voters had preceded her to cast their ballots. Mrs. McClellan says that her concern over this light vote must have been evident to her five-year-old son, who offered to help out in the situation. "Let me vote, Mummy," he said, "I can make kisses for Archie."

The voting picked up later in the day, and by the time the deadline was reached, there were many more kisses chalked up by the supporters of Archie Little.

Be sure to read the Christmas Store Hours for your shopping convenience.

Many a family's economic arithmetic runs something like this: Cost of living plus taxes equals income plus 10 percent.

Births

BEACH—Mr. and Mrs. Beverly Beach, Stouffville, happily announce the birth of their daughter at the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville, on Dec. 5, 1955.

BROWN—Mr. and Mrs. James Brown, Stouffville R. R. 3, wish to announce the birth of a son at the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville, on Dec. 1st, 1955. This is the 32nd grandchild of Mrs. Ethel Brown.

HEWLETT—Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Hewlett, Edmonton, Alberta, are happy to announce the birth of twins, Donald William and Donna Ellen, on Nov. 28th, 1955.

NORTHEY—Mr. and Mrs. Harold Northey of Scarborough are happy to announce the birth of a son, Wayne Dennis, at the Brierbush Hospital, in Stouffville, on Dec. 4th, 1955.

SNOWBALL—Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Snowball Jr., (nee Betty Beach) are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, June Marie, at the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville, on Dec. 1st, 1955.

WILLIAMSON—Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Williamson, Goodwood, announce the arrival of their daughter at the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville, on Friday, Dec. 2nd, 1955.

Bursary Presented to Top Graduate



The Stouffville Business and Professional Women's Club makes an annual award of a \$100 bursary to the girl who attained the highest

standing in Upper School Departmental Examinations last June and who is continuing her education. Miss Joyce White, (right), an hon-

our graduate, is pictured above, receiving the presentation from Mrs. Lloyd Jennings, President of the local B. & P. Club.

New Police Chief



William Diamond, former police sergeant at Whitby, who has been named chief of police for Stouffville. His ap-

pointment becomes effective January 1st. The new chief has a wife and family and will move to town this month.