

## Toronto Pair Arrested Charged with Theft of Cashel Mink Pelts

Two Toronto men, Arthur Johnson and Charles Appleton, have been arrested by Markham Twp. Police and charged with theft following the robbery of some 25 mink pelts from the property of Mr. Harold Powell of Cashel. Constables Lou Durrant and George Clayton carried out the investigation.

The theft occurred on Wednesday night, Dec. 7th, after a stranger called at the Powell residence to inquire concerning proper direction to Stouffville. Early the following day, three of the pelts were recovered by New Toronto Police after a man had purchased them for only \$10.00. Markham Police have been continuing their investigation since that time.

On Tuesday night, Dec. 6th, there was a rash of break-ins here in Stouffville when Les Wilson's Garage, the Arena and Schell's Lumber Ltd. were entered. A new Studebaker car was stolen from Wilson's Garage but was later recovered at Long Branch. A quantity of cigarettes and money was taken

from the arena. Constable W. S. Hilliard of Stouffville was almost certain that the men involved in the mink thefts were also responsible for the break-ins here but no definite evidence could be established. The pair upon being questioned, denied any knowledge of the Stouffville thefts. The two Toronto men charged by Markham police have served jail terms on other occasions and have impressive records.

## Centenarian Of Pickering Tp. Dead

The death occurred in Pickering Township on Tuesday, December 20, 1955, of Tom Madill, who was believed to be about 102 years of age. No exact records of his birth are at hand, but it is known that he was born in the United States. He spent most of his life in Pickering Township, where he was a barber and butcher, as well as a farmer. He farmed on the eighth of Pickering until about ten or fifteen years ago.

## Slippery Roads Blamed For Saturday Night Crash Near Markham

Mr. Frank Wigley, 30 years old, of 1665 Kingston Road, suffered severe cuts to his face and head on Saturday evening when his car collided with another auto driven by Mrs. E. F. Longfellow, R.R. 4, Stouffville. Wigley was thrown out of his car to the highway. The accident occurred on No. 48 highway, two miles north of Markham.

The injured man was returning to his home from Stouffville where he had been rabbit hunting with Mr. Roy Heaton. Two dogs jumped out of the damaged vehicle but were later recovered. Wigley was rushed to the Toronto East General Hospital but was released after treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Longfellow escaped with only minor cuts and bruises. The front portion of the Longfellow auto was damaged while the side of the Wigley auto was quite badly dented. The Longfellow car came very close to running over Wigley who was lying unconscious on the road. While two tow trucks removed the cars from the highway, busy Saturday night traffic was tied up for close to a mile, both north and south. Constables John McGhee and Bob Hood of the Markham Twp. Police investigated. They blamed the collision on slippery roads.

## Lions Club Draw Dec. 27th Holiday Week Feature

The lucky draw to be staged at the Clipper Hockey game on Tuesday night, Dec. 27th, by the Stouffville Lions Club, is drawing considerable interest. Some lucky person will win an aluminum door and a second prize winner will be presented with a mantle radio. The prizes were donated to the club by Lion Major Diggle and Lion President Ed Neville.

Big interest centres around the fact that the proceeds from the affair will go towards the financing of the PeeWee Hockey which has been promoted by the local Lions for the past several seasons. The Club has put about a thousand dollars a year into the promotion and some one hundred and thirty young lads are benefiting.

Those persons holding tickets for sale are asked to be sure and have their stubs returned to Committee Chairman Ken Laushway or at Arena, by this weekend.

## Skating for Children This Saturday

It was learned this week from the Arena management that the children of the town will have the opportunity this Saturday to skate on the excellent ice in the Arena.

Doors will be thrown open to the children at 1 o'clock, and skating will continue until 5. Admission is 20c. That's this Saturday, Dec. 24.

## TOWN BOWLING LEAGUE

Harold's Grill 21, Aida Cleaners 21, Ringers 18, Red Caps 18, Machine Shop 16, Hot Shots 14, High Single, F. Bielby 269, High Triple, M. Redshaw 682

## Illuminated Decorations Christmas Attraction at This Home



A number of homes in town have taken the trouble to decorate outside Christmas trees this holiday season and enhance the doorways of their homes. Perhaps the finest Christmas artistry to be seen in town is the illuminated decorations on the Henry Ogden home at the west end. Santa and his reindeer on the roof have been a source of nightly interest to children driving into town with their parents on shopping excursions.

## Firms Announce Changes in Hours

With only a few days left until Christmas, the average shopper must plan his time carefully to ensure that all the last-minute details of the season are completed in time.

Merchants in town are doing their best to keep the stores open enough hours this week to make sure that the needs of all the shoppers are attended to. They will remain open each night this week, Thursday, Friday and Saturday until 10 p.m. Following the Saturday night closing, the staffs will be able to relax for the first time in many days.

Just how long they will relax depends on their employer. The Tribune office will close on the Monday following Christmas, and requests all loyal correspondents to send in their local dispatches to reach us on the first mail Tuesday morning. For the last issue of the year, we request advertisers to have their copy into the office by Saturday.

The Maple Leaf Dairy announces that besides the usual holiday on Christmas and New Year's Day, their staff will also enjoy a holiday on the following Monday, and there will be no delivery on Dec. 26 and Jan. 2.

The Stouffville Bakery will be open all day Tuesday, but there will be no deliveries until Wednesday.

Mr. Don Lehman has announced that Garbage Collection will continue as usual through the Holiday Season.

## Miss Minnie Lee Passes in 92nd Year

Just one month short of her 92nd birthday, Miss Minnie Lee passed away peacefully in Stouffville on December 7, 1955, at the home of her niece, Miss Greta Hatley. Miss Lee lived east of Goodwood, where she was born, for most of her life, coming to Stouffville about 8 years ago.

Miss Lee was born on the 7th of January, 1864, the daughter of John Lee and Mary Lewis. She was one of a family of ten, of whom four are left to mourn her passing. Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Alfred Hayward of Arburg, Ontario; and Mrs. James Davie of Toronto; also two brothers, George of Aurora and Cecil of Goodwood.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. G. Davis, from the chapel of L. E. O'Neill on Saturday, December 10. Interment was in the cemetery at Goodwood.

## New Owner Takes Over Roy Curtis Business

After twenty-seven years as an active merchant in Stouffville, Roy Curtis has disposed of his men's and boys' clothing business to Ted Topping, also of Stouffville. The business is located in one of the most familiar blocks on Main St. and prior to Mr. Curtis' clothing business, the place was operated as a grocery by Mr. Frank Rowbotham.

Mr. Topping joins the local business fraternity as an experienced clothier, presently travelling for a large city commercial house. The Toppings came to Stouffville several years ago and occupy a fine new residence in our expanding west end sub-division area.

## Public School Board To Establish Scholarship In Honour of Principal

At a recent meeting of the Stouffville Public School Board, the members unanimously approved the establishment of a Cedric E. Watson scholarship which will be awarded each year to the Grade 8 student who attains the highest standing upon graduation. The amount of the scholarship will be set by the 1956 Board.

The Board members felt that the scholarship would be very appropriate at this time, since Principal Watson's resignation becomes effective in January.

The name of Cedric Watson has become almost symbolic of Public School education here

in Stouffville. Mr. Watson was engaged as Principal on July 5th, 1926, almost 30 years ago. His starting salary was \$1,200. He succeeded Mr. Paul Boardway and later Miss M. G. Martin to the Principalship. There were approximately 190 pupils on the roll at that time. The other members on the staff were Miss Orchard, Miss Barber, Miss Sargeant and Miss Logan. The members on the School Board were Messrs A. V. Nolan, A. E. Booth, Frank Baker, W. H. Shaw and Rev. A. McLeod, Secretary.

Mr. Watson came to Stouffville from Glasgow where he taught school for a time. In

## Claremont Visitors Return to England

After spending an extended visit with Mrs. D. Dawson of Claremont, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Holtby and children left recently on their return journey to England. Prior to their departure, they were presented with a gift by the Claremont Women's Institute.

The Holtbys sailed for home on the liner Scythia. An interesting start was made when heavy ice was encountered in the St. Lawrence River. The family expect to reach home in time for the Christmas season. Their new address is 34 Trafalgar Rd., Scarborough, Yorkshire, England.

his more than 29 years as Principal here, he has always been held in high esteem by the rest of the staff. The C.E. Watson scholarship will become effective in 1956.

## Wed for Fifty Years

On Tuesday, Dec. 20th, Mr. and Mrs. Abe Lehman, Main St. residents of Stouffville, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. The well-known and highly respected couple were the recipients of many cards and gifts. More than 100 friends and relatives gathered at their home during the day and evening to offer their congratulations and best wishes.

The day was further gladdened for Mr. and Mrs. Lehman when their four sons, Gar and Donald of Stouffville, Mervin and Gordon of Toronto and two daughters, Mrs. W. T. Rennie of Stouffville and Mrs. Jack O'Neill of Belleville attended the celebration. The local couple have 14 grandchildren, one a great-grandchild. The family presented their parents with a beautiful television set and a bountiful anniversary dinner complete with a cake, turkey and all the trimmings was prepared for the celebrated residents.

Mrs. Lehman is the former Margaret Ann Harper. Much of her early life was spent at Ringwood where her father, the late William Harper, operated the farm now owned by Mr. Herb Hisey. She attended the Ringwood Public School. Mr.

Lehman was born on the 7th of August, 1885, on the farm now owned by Mr. Norman Hoover. His father was the late Elias Lehman. He received his Public School education at both Dickson Hill and Mongolia.

Mr. and Mrs. Lehman were married at her parents' home. Following the ceremony, the happy couple travelled by sleigh to Stouffville where they took the train to Toronto and then on to Thornbury for their honeymoon. They took up residence in Toronto for 6 months, then moved to Ringwood and later operated a store at Mongolia. Their business at Mongolia was destroyed by fire, so Mr. and Mrs. Lehman came to Stouffville where they have been living for the past 37 years.

Mr. Lehman has known much hard work during his life and although 74 years of age, he is still very active. He operates a cartage truck and also drives a truck for the Stouffville Bakery, a job he has held for the past 12 years. A number of years ago, Mr. Lehman thought nothing of driving his sleigh or wagon from Stouffville to Toronto where he peddled eggs and butter. Some forty years

ago eggs sold for eight cents a dozen, butter 10c per pound, apples \$1.00 per barrel and turkeys 12c a pound. Paved roads were very rare and in the winter much of the route between Stouffville and Toronto would be blocked with snow. Mr. Lehman recalls how the district around Davenport Road and Yonge Street was nothing but market gardens. When he first started working for a living as a young lad, his wages ranged from \$6.00 to \$10 per month with the latter figure being regarded as "big money."

"We could have a good day at the C.N.E. on \$5.00," said Mr. Lehman.

Mr. and Mrs. Lehman are one of Stouffville's best known couples. Both are blessed with friendly personalities and this has gained for them a wide circle of friends. They are active members of the Stouffville Christian Church where Mr. Lehman held the office of Sunday School Superintendent for 30 years.

The Tribune takes this opportunity to extend to Mr. and Mrs. Lehman hearty congratulations with the hope that they will experience many more years of health and happiness together.

## Mansion House Changes Has a Hotel History that Goes Back Over 80 Yrs.

The Mansion House, located at the corner of Main and Edward Streets in Stouffville has been sold by Mrs. Delbert Holgen to Mr. Harold Dixon. The deal was completed last week. The new owner is presently re-decorating the interior of the structure. He will continue to operate it as an apartment house. In addition to the apartment, Mr. Dixon will also continue to operate Harold's Grill on the main street.

The Mansion House has a long history that dates back more than eighty years. In 1877 it was operated as a hotel, by Mr. Frank D. Miller. It was first established by his father, Mr. Elijah Miller.

According to early historical facts, the Mansion House was at one time considered to be one of the first-class hotels north of Toronto. It would accommodate between seventy-five and one hundred guests. It was heated with a combination of hot air and hot water and each room was supplied with an electric bell. A large stable-yard, which has since been torn down and its convenient location to the railroad station made the hotel especially attractive to travellers.

Although a number of rooms in the three-storey structure are now occupied, Mr. Dixon plans to expand the accommodation facilities for both year-round and overnight guests. Although the new owner is presently working on the interior, he expects to also modernize the exterior at a later date.

## Resume Talent Show

A jamboree and western talent show of increasing popularity has been staged for the past few weeks at the Community Hall at Vandorf on Thursday nights. A drawing card has been the musical efforts of Stouffville's own Sobusters.

The local songsters emphasize, however, that theirs is only part of the program, and an effort is being made to attract a larger number of amateurs to perform. Beginning at 8:30, a stage show lasting for an hour or so is presented, to which all aspiring talent is invited. Following the stage show the remainder of the evening is given over to dancing.

This evening of fun is open to all music lovers, and is provided for the modest admission charge of 50c. Refreshments are available, provided by the ladies.

The show will not be presented this week (Dec. 22) it is pointed out, but we are assured that the show will go on next week, bigger and better than ever.

Wednesday morning's south-bound train was several hours late due to trouble on the main line near Peterborough.

## Mennonites Publish Four Volume Encyclopedia

In Scottsdale, Pennsylvania, the first of four volumes of the new Mennonite Encyclopedia has just come off the press. This event climaxes nine years of research, writing and editing, and is hailed as a great achievement in Mennonite research and publishing.

Dr. Harold S. Bender, dean of the Goshen College Biblical Seminary, and the late Dr. C. Henry Smith, a member of the Goshen College faculty from 1903 to 1913, were the original editors of the new work.

Writing of the Encyclopedia started in 1948. Dr. Smith died in that year, and Dr. Cornelius Krahn, of Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas, was appointed associate editor.

Dr. Melvin Gingerich, on leave in Japan this year, is managing editor of the Encyclopedia. He is a professor of history at Goshen College.

The new reference work will cover all subjects relating to Mennonitism and Anabaptism. It includes articles on the distinctive doctrines and cultural practices of the Mennonites.

Two German Mennonite scholars, dating back to the early part of the century, prompted the work. However, both died before completing their German "Mennonitisches Lexikon." Much of their research is incorporated in the new work.

The editors are gathering information about a 400-year-old denomination, whose members have lived in many countries of the world. Their work is complicated by the many Mennonite divisions — cultural, national, and linguistic.

Nine assistant editors are engaged in assisting the three editors. Fifty additional persons, six of them outstanding

Reformation historians including Dr. Roland Bainton of Yale, Dr. Franklin Littell of Germany, Dr. Fritz Blanke of Switzerland, and Dr. William Pauck of the University of Chicago, serve on an editorial council.

The four-volume set will consist of 3,200 pages in which will appear 10,000 articles with 400 illustrations and over 100 maps. All Mennonite congregations, institutions, organizations, and publications are featured in separate articles. This is also the case with countries, provinces, states, counties, cities, and some towns and villages where Mennonites live and have lived.

This work will be the most complete source of information on all phases of history, culture, theology and other aspects of Mennonite life in existence.

Many maps of settlements and countries illustrate the articles in addition to 45 pages of unique illustrations. Volume I consists of 749 pages of double column articles and includes the letters A through C. There are 472 authors who contributed articles for the first volume.

The Encyclopedia is a joint venture of three American Mennonite publishing houses — Mennonite Brethren Publishing House, Hillsboro, Kans.; Mennonite Publication Office, Newton, Kans.; and Mennonite Publishing House, Scottsdale, Pa. The three represent the Mennonite Brethren, General Conference Mennonites, and the Mennonite Church, respectively.

Volume I is now available to the public. Price per volume is \$10.00. A reduced price for the four volumes is \$33.75. If ordered in advance, the remaining three volumes are expected to come off the press in intervals of one year.

## O.P.P. Recover Stolen Property in Raid on Whitchurch Farmhouse

More than \$1,000 worth of stolen goods were recovered by Vandorf OPP officers after a raid on a Bogartown farmhouse on Thursday, Dec. 8, resulted in the arrest of Ross Bowers, 40, and Margaret Houting, 42, both of R.R. 3, Newmarket.

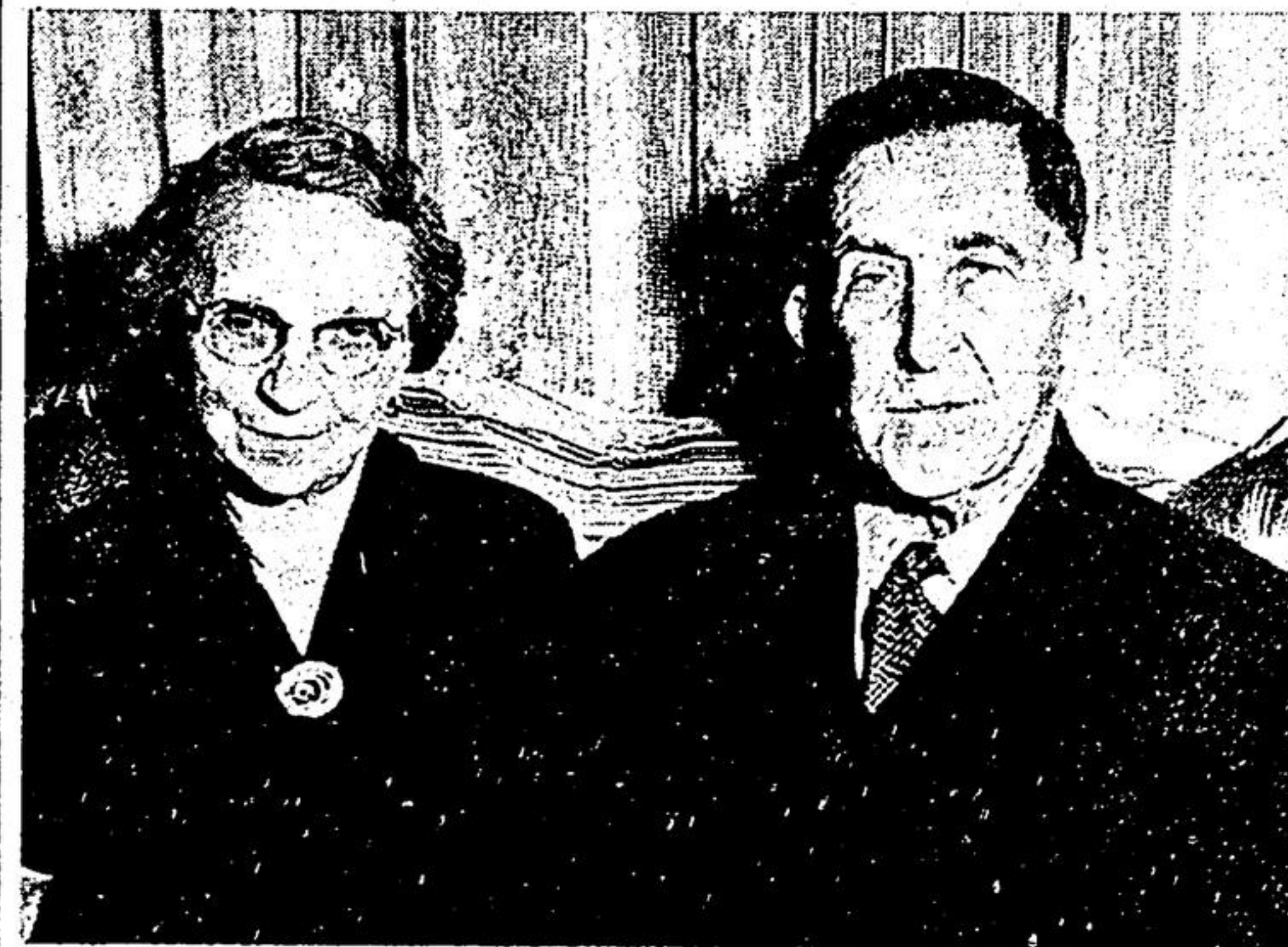
Bowers escaped when police raided his house, but he was arrested later in Toronto by the city police. Vandorf officers arrested the woman who was released on \$300 bail. Bowers was retained in custody.

The pair appeared in Newmarket court to face charges of breaking and entering, theft, and receiving, and a charge of illegal possession of explosives has been placed against Bowers. The cases were remanded until Dec. 20.

Articles recovered during

the three-day search launched on Dec. 8 by Constable Al Houldsworth included electric stoves, refrigerators, oil space heaters, water pumps, men's and women's clothing, machinists' and carpenters' tools, power mowers, vacuum cleaners and other items. To date the property has been identified as articles stolen from Scarborough, Markham, Peterboro, Beaverton, Lindsay, Whitby, Toronto, King and Whitchurch.

Mr. Houldsworth said that the Vandorf detachment was alerted by a tip received from Sgt. William Shearn of Markham township police. Each day, as the search progressed, more property was recovered by the Vandorf police and further charges are being laid by other police forces.



## Reeve Jos. Fry Wins Markham Town Election By a Wide Margin

Mr. J. V. Fry was re-elected as Reeve of Markham Village by a wide margin in Monday's Municipal election. Reeve Fry piled up a total of 745 votes as compared with only 167 polled by his opponent, Mr. Thomas J. Wignall.

Mrs. Alma Walker was returned to the office of Deputy Reeve with a 325 vote majority over her opponent, Mr. O. B. Hisey. Mrs. Walker polled 601 votes to 279 for Hisey. Both Mr. Wignall and Mr. Hisey have served previous terms on Village councils.

"Chuck" McCarthy headed the polls for Council with a total of 668 votes. Mr. Nick Schouten was returned with 487 and Edmond Comfort ran third with 228. A very close race developed be-

tween Mr. Comfort and Mr. W. J. McDonald, a former councillor, with the latter being edged out by a mere 12 votes. The unsuccessful candidates in the field finished in the following order — W. J. McDonald, 216; Edward Reeve 210; Howard Cosburn 205; Royden Greer 193; Reeve with a 325 vote majority over her opponent, Mr. O. B. Hisey. Mrs. Walker polled 601 votes to 279 for Hisey. Both Mr. Wignall and Mr. Hisey have served previous terms on Village councils.

The Public School Board members were all returned. The voting was as follows — Mrs. Evelyn Cattanaach 752; Jack Carson 602; and J. H. Sommerville 336. Three unsuccessful candidates finished in order — John Harris 209; Stuart Robinson 171; and Jarvis Crane 121. Approximately 60% of the eligible voters exercised their franchise.