

## More Accommodation for Municipal Offices Early on Council Agenda

Stouffville Municipal Council will meet for their inaugural session on Thursday evening of this week, and early on the agenda is expected to be some provision to provide better and more commodious office accommodation.

It is quite apparent that both municipal and utility offices cannot be accommodated in the present quarters without a change. There is also the possibility that the staff will have to be enlarged in the near future, which will make for even more cramped quarters at present.

It is expected that later in the year some decision will be made as to whether the town should enlarge the present municipal building or move from the present site entirely, leaving a valuable business property for sale. Unofficially, some councillors are understood to favor such a move. However, for the immediate emergency, the suggestion has been made that council meeting quarters should be moved to the floor above and the present office be divided to take care of the two business departments.

## Mr. & Mrs. W. H. Clarkson Married Sixty Years

On Sunday, New Year's Day, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Clarkson, residents of Altona for the past 21 years, celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary. The well-known and highly respected couple were the recipients of many cards, gifts, flowers and congratulatory messages. A much treasured cable from Queen Elizabeth and a telegram from Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent were also received. During the day, dozens of friends and relatives extended congratulations to the celebrated Altona couple. Close to fifty visitors enjoyed the anniversary dinner in the Clarkson home.

never owned a car but relied mainly on a horse and buggy for their transportation. The celebrated couple have always known hard work but they both believe that manual labour isn't a deterrent to long life. They regularly attend Sunday School and morning service at the Altona United Missionary Church.

The Tribune takes this opportunity of wishing Mr. and Mrs. Clarkson of Altona many more years of health and happiness together.

Mrs. Clarkson is in exceptionally fine health. At 75, she continues to do her usual household chores. She prides herself on her ability to cook and her many friends will vouch for her accomplishments in this art. She baked her own anniversary cake.

Mrs. Clarkson was born east of Stouffville, the daughter of a late "Jane-Ann" Stotts and "Edward" Morris. She attended the Glasgow and Stouffville Public Schools. Mr. Clarkson is born near Lincolnville on a farm now owned by Mr. S. H. Hurd. He was the son of the late "Jane Swales" and Robert Clarkson. He received his schooling at Bloomington. He is looking back more than six years to the happy couple when they first met when ending Church and Sunday school at Bloomington. They were later married in Stouffville by Rev. Elder Percy and moved to residence north of town the Prof. Logan farm. To this union was born one son, Thurion of Montreal. They have grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren. Mrs. Clarkson has four sisters; Mrs. An-Barkey of Tillsonburg, Mrs. Robert Burnett, Mrs. Arthur Perry, and Mrs. Arthur Smith, of Bloomington, and two others, Mr. Carman-Morris of Stouffville and Mr. Delos Morris of Tillsonburg. One sister, Mrs. Herb Jarvis, is deceased. Mrs. Clarkson has two brothers, Mrs. Herbert Southby and Mrs. Violet Stadelbauer, of Orangeville.

Mr. Clarkson will be 80 years in October. He is noted for his knowledge of shearing sheep, an art that he practised until last year. Over the years he has sheared literally thousands of sheep in Pickering, Uxbridge, Whitechurch and Markham Townships. He so teamed gravel into Stouffville for the construction of any of the town's present sidewalks. A man and team would draw three loads of gravel per day at a wage of \$1.50. The loads were shovelled on hand. Both Mr. and Mrs. Clarkson recall seeing the first snow in this district. Dr. Walter Egger owned one of the first sleighs in Stouffville. Mr. and Mrs. Clarkson

Meeting in the afternoon at 2 o'clock, the council will continue in session until supper time, for which they will adjourn until 8 o'clock. A busy year is forecast for the township, which each year sees the influence of Toronto becoming more apparent.

The Council this year will see a new head installed in the person of Reeve Sid. Legge, who moves to the new top spot from the position of Deputy Reeve. New to the council chamber will be Frank Williams.

### Mary M. Lawrie Was Former Resident

Miss Mary Margaret Lawrie of Markham passed away at the Toronto General Hospital on January 1, 1956, in her 70th year. She resided for a number of years in Stouffville, but returned to live in Markham.

The deceased was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Lawrie. Surviving are a brother and a sister, Robert

## Name Committees for Markham Twp. Council

The inaugural meeting of Markham Twp. for the year '56 was held last Tuesday at Buttonville offices, with all councillors present. Reeve Al. LeMasurier called the meeting to order, noting that the council was composed of some men who held office previous year.

Named as representative of council on the Township Planning Board was councillor G. Griffin.

The water committee, charged with the important development of sewerage and water services in the south-west corner

of the township, will comprise the Reeve, Mr. LeMasurier; Deputy-reeve Wm. Clark, and councillor Don Deacon. The latter already has his feet wet in this subject, having served on the same committee in 1955.

Representation on the other committees follows: Property and Parks — Councillors Little and Griffin; Fire — W. Clark and A. Little; Police — W. Clark and V. Griffin; Roads — W. Clark and A. Little; Finance — D. Deacon and V. Griffin; Industrial — Reeve LeMasurier and D. Deacon.

## Receive Messages from Queen and Prime Minister



Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Clarkson Diamond Wedding Anniversary

and Jennie. Funeral services were conducted from the Dixon Funeral Chapel in Markham, on Tuesday, January 3. Interment was in St. Andrew's Cemetery. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Fuller, a former pastor, and Rev. H. Green.

## Christmas Mail Volume Ahead Of Past Years

Reports from the Stouffville Post Office indicate that the volume of mail this year greatly exceeded the records set in other years. During the pre-holiday rush, 100,800 two-cent stamps were sold by the staff, reports Mr. J. Sanders the Postmaster. This sale of stamps for greeting cards exceeded last year's record by \$800.

All went smoothly in the handling of mails, with the peak of Yuletide traffic being reached on the Tuesday just before Christmas. The co-operation of the public is credited for this early mailing, which enabled all mail coming and going to be sorted within two hours, even on the busiest day.

## Name Members To Plan Board

Mr. C. J. Laurin will continue as chairman of the Markham Township Planning Board for the year 1956, it was revealed at the inaugural meeting of Markham Township Council held this week. Mr. D. Tanner of Thornlea retired from the Board at the end of December.

The members for the ensuing year follow: Frank Brumwell of Victoria Square; Hugh Brennan, Bayview Ave.; Alvin Gamble, Unionville; Henry Sissons, Box Grove.

Representative on the Planning Board from the Township Council is Councillor Vern Griffin of Thornhill.

## To Honour Retiring Twp. Officials

On Thursday evening, Jan. 5th, Pickering Township Council will honour three of its recently retired municipal officials at a testimonial dinner to be held in the Brougham Town Hall at 7 p.m. Mr. Clare Balsden, a former Deputy-reeve who retired from office in 1954; Mr. Geo. Todd, a former Reeve, who announced his retirement at the conclusion of the 1955 year; and Mr. Roy Ward, the Township's Road Superintendent for the past 33 years. The Brougham W.M.S. and Women's Institute will provide the dinner. More than 150 guests are expected to attend.

**BETHESDA—** The Young Peoples' are having their re-organization meeting on Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clare Bolder. Weather permitting, there will be skating on the pond. Girls bring lunch.

## Local Missionary Family Send Greetings from Ancient Mission House

Stouffville and district readers will be pleased to hear of the activities of Rev. and Mrs. Frank Muir and family, now missionaries in Japan and once residents of Stouffville where Mr. Muir was pastor of the Congregational-Christ Church.

Rev. Mr. Muir writes as follows:

Ichjodori, Muromachi Nishi, Kamikyoku, Kyoto, Japan.

Dear Friends:

Greetings this time from Japan's classical city of temples, monasteries, priests, gongs, tinkling bells, surrounded by gentle, low-lying mountains and arched with azure skies and lines of settled clouds. We greet you from the heart of this very ancient city looking out over the famous emperor's palace grounds, from the windows of perhaps the first missionary house built here which is still standing after seventy years. The city is dotted with well over a thousand temples and has been the heart of Buddhism pretty well since this religion was 'imported' from China in the sixth century after Christ. This city also has a firm footing in Christianity. There are perhaps well over fifty Protestant churches flourishing nicely, having suffered no losses due to war. This was one city that was spared the horrors of war. Kyoto is perhaps the most famous tourist centre of Japan, not only for foreigners but for Japanese also. There are usually several dozen bus loads of people each day making pilgrimage to all the shrines. Guests from abroad also are seen being escorted with excessive politeness. Of course we shall have the joy of welcoming a lot of missionary friends here for little breaks in their busy life. The spirit of Kyoto is conservative, quiet, settled steeped in religious thought with a rich background of history to steer a steady undeviating course for the future. One senses the quiet determination to abide by and uphold the honor of the fathers. This is typical for Japanese, being present even in the busy port cities though not so easily

detected there as here. This is the city God has called us to, to do evangelistic work. If we come in the spirit and power with which the early missionaries of Paul's day were endowed to 'turn the world upside down, then we can expect results. On the surface of things we can't help but feel very incompetent and would cast ourselves upon God afresh and depend upon your continued and increased prayers for us.

In greater detail our work will be co-operation with the pastors in organizing young people in the churches to form small evangelistic teams, have practice sessions, and go out with them to surrounding villages, or in orphanages, hospitals, jails, or even on the streets and with the help of pictures and music evangelize the children. These children will be introduced to the nearest Sunday school.

After arriving and getting uncrated and smoothed out, we got the boys happily into the routine of travelling an hour and a half each way to school. Fortunately the train trip to Kobe, Can. Academy interests them. We began then to take in the young people and we were invited to come and be introduced and put on a demonstration of how to do children's evangelism. By this time we had already interested two young men and, as a surprise package, took them along and they became an example of how quickly and eagerly young people are to do this type of work. Some pastors may have been impressed with this. The bottleneck of the work in Japan is the church, its high requirements and feeling of distinction between clergy and laity. The result of the rally was fruitful in that it gave us quite a few young people ready to be 'signed up' for service. We now have regular 'workshop' meetings with them and are in the process of dividing into suitable teams. Four days from now we go out on our first field trip to a village for evangelism. The appointment

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## Markham Twp. Police Revenue Tops \$6,500

Reporting to council of Markham Township on the operation of the police force, Chief Clarence Wideman this week concluded his December report by showing a revenue for the month of \$430. Total revenue for the year 1955 was \$6,547.60.

During the final month of the year, the police cruisers covered a total of 10,701 miles. Costs for the month's operation was shown as \$1,077. A total of 469 tickets were issued by the police.

**ALL INFORMATION.**

Visitors Welcome

## Bertha Watson Passes on Christmas Day

A resident of Whitechurch Township, where she lived on the 7th Concession with her family since moving from Toronto in August of 1953, Mrs. Bertha Watson passed away on December 25, 1955. She had been in good health, and the seizure and sudden death that followed was a great shock to the family.

Mrs. Watson was born in Preston, England, on July 4, 1888, the daughter of John and Ellen Hoyle. She was married in 1912 to John Watson, the couple moving to Canada in the same year. Her husband survives her, as do two sons, Jack of Whitechurch Township, and Edmund of Newmarket. Several brothers and sisters are left also, in England.

With her family, Mrs. Watson attended the United Church at Ballantrae.

Funeral services were conducted on Tuesday, December 27, from the chapel of L. E. O'Neill. Rev. D. Davis officiated at the service, with interment being in the Stouffville Cemetery.

The pallbearers were: Len. Bone, J. Adamson, Bob Black, Beverly Rogers, Gordon Hine-man and Stanley Moses.

You can buy new Remington Rand Portable typewriters from The Stouffville Tribune.

## Building in Markham Tp. Declined in '55

In a written report to Markham Township Council, Inspector Walter Craig reported that he issued 293 building permits during the year just finished. This is a decrease from the total of 367 issued in 1954, he pointed out, blaming the decrease on the lack of subdivided land in the township. Total estimated value of the construction planned was placed at \$2,243,685. This compares with the 1954 estimate of value of \$2,886,762.

Majority of the permits taken out were for residential construction, with this class accounting for 235 of the total. Of this total, 108 were for new housing, and the balance for alteration or moving of existing buildings, or the erection of accessory buildings.

During the month of Decem-

## Public School Board Facing Expansion Two New Rooms Planned

The Stouffville Public School Board will meet in the first session for 1956, on January 19. A busy year ahead is predicted for the Board, due to continual growth of the school. While there was some speculation last fall that a new site might be sought for a second public school in the west end of town, the immediate program will be the addition of two more rooms to the present building. Provision for such an addition was provided several years ago when the new heating plant was installed, the rooms to be

built above the plant. Heating equipment was added at that time to the school, such an addition, room accommodations being taken over for purposes so that started immediately the situation.

Mr. Lorne Bowdway, this week as the new principal of the school, and teacher Miss Marion Traver, comes to with fourteen years experience.

## Golf Course Planned For Outskirts of Town

Mr. W. A. Burrows who has farmed a 99 1/2 acre farm to the north-east of Stouffville for the past 19 years, has sold the property, he revealed. The transaction was completed just before the end of the year, to a lawyer from the Agincourt area.

The new owner has arranged for occupancy on April 15, and has stated that he plans to construct a golf course on the rolling terrain of the farmland. The land extends for 89 rods along the frontage of Highway 47, and is less than a mile from the north limits of town.

At the present time, the Highlands Golf Course in Aurora, and the Tam O'Shanter in Agincourt are the closest recreational spots for local golfing enthusiasts. It is expected that opening of the new course will attract an enthusiastic following from a large surrounding area.

There will be a concert series of 400 members. The was sold and white Christ-

## S.S. CONVENT AT Uxbridge

The S.S. Convent at Uxbridge, Ontario, will be held on Sunday, January 8, at the Uxbridge United Church. The association is now old.

Speaking in the United Church in Uxbridge on Sunday was a representative of the Association, Mr. Stiver. He brought from the 30 Sabbath School services will be held at the United Church.

## First 1956 Arrival at the Brierbush

**ST. PETER BROS.**

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TO KEEP RECORDS, USE MASTER

The first baby of the New Year arrived at the Brierbush on January 1st. The baby, a boy, weighed 7 lbs. 7 oz. and was 19 inches long. The mother, Mrs. Mary Brown of Ringwood, had all enjoyed a turkey dinner at the Mayfair Restaurant.