

## Representative Advises Against Withdrawal From R.D.H.P. Authority

Mr. Ivan McLaughlin, ex-reeve of Whitchurch Township and a representative on the local Conservation Authority, appeared before the regular meeting of council on Thursday night and advised the members against the removal of the Township from the R.D.H.P. A move is planned whereby Metro Toronto will be amalgamated into the Authority. Council were in receipt of a resolution from the Township of Uxbridge and the Town of Ajax requesting provincial government action to exclude them from the Authority. Stouffville Council passed a similar motion.

Mr. McLaughlin agreed that the planned amalgamation with Metro Toronto would increase the cost but pointed out that since the expense was based on population it would not be felt. Reeve P. S. Legge said that it had been stated that the amalgamation "would provide a beauty spot for the well-to-do's to be paid for by us."

Mr. McLaughlin said that no provision had been made for any one municipality to hold out. "Apparently they are going to try, however," he said. He agreed that Whitchurch Township derived little benefit from the Authority since all the large projects were located further downstream in the townships of Markham and Pickering. Dep. Reeve Geo. Richardson said that Whitchurch was more interested in the Humber and Holland Rivers than in the Rouge. The matter was tabled until a later date.

## Member of Pioneer Family, Abraham Stouffer Passes

Residents of Stouffville and district were saddened early this week when it was learned that Mr. Abraham Stouffer, a resident of Mill Street for the past eight years, had passed away suddenly following a stroke. The late Mr. Stouffer was a familiar figure here in Stouffville and his sudden death came as a shock to his many friends and relatives. He had been ill only a few days prior to his passing on Sunday morning. The deceased was in his 85th year.

Mr. Stouffer was a member of the pioneer Stouffer family, his great grandfather settling here in the early 1800's from Chambersburg, Penn. The deceased was born north of town on the farm now owned by Mr. Gar. Lehman. His wife, the former Emma Shank, survives. On Saturday, Jan. 22nd, 1955, the couple celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary.

Mr. Stouffer has always been very active in church work. He was a member of the Stouffville United Missionary Church. For the past forty-eight years he was a church deacon and has also held the office of Sunday School Superintendent. The church was filled for the funeral service on Tuesday afternoon at 2:30, as friends paid their final respects to a well-known and highly respected resident. Rev. F. Huson conducted the service, assisted by Rev. H. Shantz. Interment was made in the Stouffville cemetery. Pallbearers were three grandsons, Messrs. Bert Stouffer, John Stouffer, Elgin Stouffer and Murray Ramer, Harry Stover and Carl Reesor.

Besides his wife, he leaves to mourn his passing, five sons, Archie, in Minden, Walter of Kitchener, Lambert, Abe and Reg of Stouffville, and two daughters, Mrs. James Tompkins, 4th con. of Uxbridge and Bertha of Stouffville.

Mr. Carl Arnold is on vacation in the Western Provinces.

## OVER 30 EXHIBITORS AT LOCAL TRADE FAIR

The Stouffville Trade Fair to be held in the Arena from Sept. 27-29 will see more than 30 local exhibitors displaying their goods to the public. The Fair Executive say the show will be "bigger and better than ever." A top night program is being planned with Mr. Ted Edwards heading the entertainment committee. Floor space is at a minimum with only two vacancies remaining.

## Horticultural Entries Win at C.N.E.

Stouffville Horticultural Society secured a first and a second placing with two entries at the C.N.E. Flower Show last week. In a class of "large show baskets of seasonal garden flowers, not over 4' overall," the local entry, composed of specimens donated by the society's members, placed second. A final number count of flower varieties was necessary in the close decision.

## Engagements

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Taylor wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Shirley Iola, to Mr. Clarence F. Beelby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Beelby, Port Perry, Ont., the wedding to take place on Saturday, Sept. 15, 1956, at 2:30 p.m. in Claremont Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. George F. Duncan announce the engagement of their daughter, Georgina Elaine to Harold Edward Clayton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Clayton. The marriage will take place on Saturday, September 2nd, at 4 p.m. at their residence in Brougham.

## Famed Arctic Explorer, Author Visits Here



Dr. Vilhjalmur Stefansson, a noted explorer and author, discusses one of his most recent books with his wife during a brief visit to the home of Dr. and Mrs. W. R. Wees, near Goodwood. Dr. Stefansson is considered to be the world's greatest authority on the Arctic and possibly Canada's greatest explorer. —Jim Thomas

The famed Arctic explorer, scientist and author, Dr. Vilhjalmur Stefansson, was a visitor here in Stouffville recently. He and his wife visited for a few days with Dr. and Mrs. W. R. Wees, near Goodwood in Uxbridge Township. Dr. Stefansson is the world's greatest authority on the Arctic and probably Canada's greatest explorer.

In a personal interview with The Tribune, the distinguished visitor described some of his exciting experiences "in the land of the midnight sun." Dr. Stefansson has spent ten winters and thirteen summers in the Arctic regions and describes the Eskimos as his favourite people. He has personally met and talked with Eskimos who previously had never seen the face of a white man. "They were very friendly," said Dr. Stefansson. The noted traveller and writer described the climate as being "very pleasant" if properly clothed and housed. He described the weather as being much the same as in Winnipeg. Dr. Stefansson was part of an expedition that discovered such Arctic Islands as Borden, Brock, Laughed, Meighen and McKenzie King. In Arctic exploration with dogs, the traveller does not ride in comfort on the sled as is the popular belief but walks or runs behind it. The sleigh is used for hauling supplies and equipment. Dr. Stefansson says that in his eleven years in the Arctic he has covered 20,000 miles, 2,000 miles a year on foot. He has learned to speak Eskimo,

which is one of the most complicated languages in existence. He desired to know the native tongue in order that all his findings would be accurate and not based on misunderstandings and misconceptions.

Dr. Stefansson has written and published 22 books. He has gathered about him one of the largest collections of books on Polar subjects in the world. He has presented his library to Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire where he is an Arctic consultant. Mrs. Stefansson is also an author and has had three books published. She is the librarian of her husband's Arctic collection, numbering more than 5,000 volumes.

To Dr. Stefansson, the Arctic is "the centre of the earth." It is also the central point between America and Russia. Considerable research is being done in the Arctic and it is thought that this region may hold untold resources. The Doctor pointed out that more research in this area is being done by the Russians than by the U.S.A. or Canada.

Dr. Stefansson was born in Manitoba in 1879 of Icelandic pioneer parents. As a boy, he went with his family to North Dakota. He graduated from the University of Iowa and spent a year at Harvard Divinity School, also two years as a fellow of Anthropology at Harvard. Dr. Stefansson has many degrees including M.A., Ph.D., etc. He is known around the world for the knowledge he has gained during expeditions in the frozen North.

## High School Enrollments Jumps To 234 Students

Although attendance at the Stouffville District High School dropped slightly last year, figures received from Principal W. E. Duxbury after the first week of the new term show an enrollment of 234 students. This is an increase of 34 over 1955 and 24 over the 1954 attendance figures. Enrollment in the special commercial class continues to drop with only 8 students registering this year. There were thirteen taking the course in 1955 which was also a decline over the previous year.

A total of 92 students entered Grade 9 with 51 in Grade 10. There are 40 in Grade 11 and 29 in Grade 12. The Graduating Class, Grade 13, has 14 students.

The caretaker, Mr. Bickett, had the interior of the school in spotless condition for the opening on Sept. 4th. Mrs. Burkholder is once again in charge of the kitchen and her department was also in immaculate order to start the new season.

The staff numbers ten teachers, including the principal, Mr. Duxbury, Mr. R. L. Mercer, Physics 13, Geometry, Trig, Math, 10 and Boys' P.T.; Mr. J. Marshall—Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Science and P.T.; Mr. J. R. Hammond—Shop and Commercial; Mr. H. J. Waite—History 11-13 and Social Studies 9-10; Mrs. L. Oliver—Home Economics 9-12 and Science 9; Miss Harding—French 9-13 and Girl's P.T.; Mrs. C. Ladell—Latin 10-12, English 9 and Girls' P.T.; Mrs. Gault—English 9-13; Mr. G. H. Langdale—Typing, special Commercial and Bookkeeping—Principal W. E. Duxbury—Algebra and Math.

## DEATH

GIBSON, Frederick G. — At Stouffville, on Tuesday, Sept. 11, 1956, Frederick G. Gibson, beloved husband of Alice York, in his 89th year. Resting at the Chapel of L. E. O'Neill for service on Thursday, Sept. 13, at 2 p.m. Interment Stouffville Cemetery.

## NEED FIRE GUARDS AROUND DUMPS, WRECKING YARDS

At the regular meeting of Whitchurch Township Council on Thursday evening of last week, considerable time was spent in discussing the hazards of fires in dumps and wrecking yards. A complainant appeared before council and stated that burning refuse blown by the wind from the J. E. Buchanan dump on the second concession was endangering his property. He said that there was no fire guard around the dump. It was reported also that a wrecking yard is being operated on the Elson property, lot 20, con. 7, west of Ballantrae. It was stated that the yard was being operated without a licence and fires were being lighted in a wooded area. Council gave instructions to Constable Mulholland to look into the situation. The members agreed that a fire guard would be a "must" before any approval would be given for the operation of a dump or wrecking yard where burning was taking place.

Road Report

Road Superintendent Ernest Davis reported that at the end of August there was a total of \$19,757 remaining in the road appropriation account. He said that up to August 31st of this year, \$70,000 had been spent. At this same date in 1955, the road expenditures amounted to \$80,000 which included the construction of two bridges, Road Supt. Davis pointed out that although recent rains had alleviated the dust problem, gravel truck traffic through the township is still making road maintenance difficult.

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## Constable Resigns, New Officer Reports For Duty This Week

At a special meeting of Stouffville Council held last week, the resignation was received of Police Constable W. E. Vincent. It was accepted. P. C. Vincent informed council that he had decided in favour of a new position with increased remuneration. Constable Vincent joined the Stouffville force in March of this year. His home is in Renfrew, Ont.

Due to the fact that Chief Wm. Diamond was working both day and night duty, Council held a number of emergent meetings to study applications for the vacant position. A decision was reached to employ Mr. Frank T. Edwards and a bylaw approving the appointment was passed on Thursday evening. Mr. Edwards, a resident of Toronto, was formerly a Detective Sergeant with the Metropolitan-Liverpool Police Force in England. He is married and has one daughter. Constable Edwards commenced his duties on Monday. Council agreed to give Chief Diamond an additional \$50.00 to cover the extra duties performed by him while short-handed.

Legion Delegation

A delegation, representing the local Legion, appeared before Council at their regular meeting on Thursday evening. Mr. Len Buckland, the spokesman, requested that in future, the Legion Hall be exempt from tax. Mr. Buckland stated that the Provincial Command had advised him that other Legion Branches were not required to pay taxes. Clerk Garfield Brown noted that the Assessment Act was not clear in regard to the tax status of a Legion. He said that the question was to be clarified this year. Dr. Neil Smith and Mr. Harry Lintner were the other members of the delegation.

Dr. Smith pointed out that the Legion Hall was providing a service to the village since the

building took the place of a town hall. Council stated that it would be necessary for them to discuss the question with the assessor before they could give a definite answer on the matter.

Election Interim

Council gave some thought to reducing the interim between Nomination and Election day to one week instead of the two week period which has been the custom in past years. In order that the change may take place this year, a bylaw to this effect must be drawn up before the first day of November. It was pointed out that there is a possibility of setting up four polling divisions instead of two. The act allows not more than 450 voters in each division. The plan will be given further consideration at the next meeting of Council.

Court of Revision

Council, following considerable discussion, agreed that the Court of Revision should comprise the members of council rather than an outside body. It was pointed out that it would be necessary to pay the Members of an outside court while council members receive no extra remuneration. Dep. Reeve Burke and Councillor Walters felt that the Council plus the County Assessor was the most suitable arrangement. The members agreed, however, that sitting on the Court of Revision was added work for Council but decided to carry on as before. It was stated that if measured assessment were employed, it would solve the tax appeal problem for Council.

General Business

Councillor Wagg reported that grading in the west end of town has been completed. Calcium is to be applied in the area. An application to place a light at the Horticultural Gardens in the park was approved. It was agreed also that the picnic shelter, the fence and the stands should be painted.

## Fire Destroys Blizzard Barn Near Markham

A costly fire completely destroyed the barn belonging to Mr. Tom Blizzard, two miles north of Markham on Monday evening. The outbreak occurred around seven o'clock and in a matter of minutes the entire building was a mass of flames. The outbreak was noticed by Joyce Mustard, a neighbour. Mr. Blizzard and his son Paul were able to loose more than 100 pigs but a number were burned to death.

Besides the animals, Mr. Blizzard lost 600 bushels of wheat, 10 tons of hay and a quantity of shavings. The origin of the outbreak is not known.

The Markham Village fire brigade was summoned to the scene but the blaze was out of control when they arrived. Luckily the wind was in the right direction to keep the fire from spreading to the frame house. Mr. Blizzard suffered burns in his attempt to save the animals.

## POLICE WARN RE "FAKE" REPAIRMEN

Sgt. Harvey Cox of the Markham Township Police Force has issued a warning to all local residents to keep a wary eye out for "fake" chimney repairmen who are working in the district. These men charge extravagant prices for their work after they have completed the job. Over in the Yonge Street area of Markham Twp. an elderly resident was hoaxed into paying out \$400 for repairs to the chimney on his home.

Sgt. Cox is requesting that anyone approached by such swindlers should obtain as much information as possible from the men, then notify police immediately.

## STOMACHS OF TWO ANIMALS FOLLOWING THEIR VIOLENT DEATHS. THE DIAGNOSIS WAS PERFORMED BY DR. RON SMITH OF STOUFFVILLE.

Chief Wm. Diamond of Stouffville informed the Tribune that a severe penalty may be imposed on any party convicted of such an offence. Chief Diamond stated that a man was given 30 days in jail recently at Newmarket for giving poison to a dog.

## FIND CATS ARE VICTIMS OF POISON

One prize Persian cat and one kitten, the property of Mrs. H. Fisher, South Street, Stouffville, were the victims of poison last week. The Persian, a gift to Mrs. Fisher's little daughter, was valued at more than \$25.00. A Strychnine was discovered in

## New High School Principal



Mr. W. E. Duxbury is the new Principal of the Stouffville District High School. He commenced his duties on Tuesday morning of last week. Formerly a resident of Jarvis, Ont., Mr. Duxbury was Principal of Cayuga High School for 4 years and previously a teacher at the Caledonia High School. He is married with two children, Anne, 5, and Bobby, 3. Aside from his official duties as Principal, Mr. Duxbury will teach Algebra and Mathematics.

## FIND 40lb. TURTLE NEAR PICKERING

A large 40 pound snapping turtle was taken into protective custody by Pickering Twp. Police last week when it was feared that the reptile might injure school children in the area. The turtle was discovered by Kenneth Price of Rosebank. Officials of the Dept. of Lands and Forests were summoned and they took it away to be released at some distant point. The shell measured 18 inches across and its age was estimated at more than 100 years.

## Attendance At Public School Jumps to 425 Pupils

The Stouffville Public School opened its doors for another term on Tuesday, Sept. 4th. The latest attendance figures, received from Principal Lorne Boadway, shows a total of 425 pupils registered. This marks an all-time high for Stouffville with 372 students listed last year and 338 in 1954.

This year the staff at the school number fourteen teachers including the principal. Three additional staff members have been added and seven of the fourteen teachers are new additions to the staff. The new teachers are Miss Ardill, Miss Sedore, Miss Griffiths, Mrs. Wideman, Miss Ford, Miss Sandusky, and Mr. Morley. The other members, returning for another term are Miss Burkholder, Miss Stouffer, Miss Brooks, Miss Hosie,

Mrs. Gordon, Mr. Sutherland and Principal Boadway.

Caretaker, Mr. Bill Lennox had the interior of the school building in "spic and span" condition to greet the influx of students back for the fall term. During the holidays there was a considerable amount of painting done and the roof of the building was repaired. Cracks in the cement walk were filled in.

Mr. Fred Woodward, the genial crossing guard, will continue his duties of protecting the boys and girls as they cross the highway as they proceed both to and from school. Chief Constable Wm. Diamond informed Board Chairman, Mr. Keith Middlemiss that he would be pleased to assist Mr. Woodward whenever possible.

## Signing Sewer Contract



Reeve Elmer Daniels is pictured above putting his official signature on the town's sewer agreement. Work on the system was started some weeks ago. Seated on the Reeve's left is Mr. Bruce Grose, town solicitor and on his right, Clerk Garfield Brown. —Jim Thomas