



Claremont Postmaster, Fred Morley, examines the door of the 1,000 lb. safe which was pried open by thieves during an early-morning robbery last week. Cash, stamps and money orders valued at \$3,800 were stolen in addition to three registered letters. A mail bag was also removed from the Post Office but was later recovered near Ashburn. It marked the second robbery in less than two years. —Jim Thomas

Resurfacing Main Street Still In Doubt

Whether the Dept. of Highways would carry their resurfacing program, now down to Church St., west through the balance of the town, was still in doubt on Wednesday. Dept. representatives were due in town this week but according to Curran & Briggs they had still not been offered a contract to continue their resurfacing west.

In the meantime Malvern Construction Co. are hurrying to repave the lateral cuts which they made in the highway, beginning at the Mill St. corner. These must be dug out and refilled with concrete and asphalt. This work commenced Monday morning.

Considerable work has to be done around some of the intersections and many sidewalk blocks have to be renewed, throughout the town.

Stores Close On Monday

Commencing on Monday, May 20th, stores in Stouffville will be closed all day Monday but will remain open on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday to 6 p.m. and Friday until 10 p.m. In addition, the stores will remain open every Tuesday as well as Friday until 10 p.m. from May 21st to Sept. 3rd inclusive. This decision was reached following a ballot vote held last week. The result was made known at a meeting of the Business Men's Association on Tuesday evening.

Elect Executive
The new Executive of the Stouffville Business Men's Association for the current year will be as follows: President—Ted Beas; Secretary—Lloyd Topping; Treas. Jake Smith; Ist. Vice Pres., Glenn Ratcliff; Directors—Norm O'Boyle, Cec Hendricks and Reg Stouffer.

Street Lights
Mr. Cec Hendricks suggested that a move be made to install a more efficient lighting system along the Main Street business section. It was felt that the present fixtures could be erected at other places in town where no lights were now in existence. Mr. Reg Stouffer, a member of the Public Utilities Commission, stated that such a request would have to be presented to Council.

Outside Canvas
In future, all outside canvases, requesting donations from local business men will be directed to the Secretary of the Association, Mr. Lloyd Topping, where a positive check will be made into the nature of each individual request.

P.C. Meet for Election

The Federal Riding of Ontario was well represented at the launching of the Progressive Conservative election campaign last Thursday in Toronto's Massey Hall.

A large delegation of local people, led by Mike Starr, MP, heard John Diefenbaker start the campaign which will carry the party's hopes for election to all parts of Canada in the next six weeks.

Many Progressive Conservative supporters from Claremont, Pickering, Uxbridge, Oshawa, Whitby and Ajax were among the crowd of 4,600 who cheered Mr. Diefenbaker's platform for the election of a P.C. government at the June 10 general election.

Public School Budget Scrutinized by Council

Stouffville Municipal Council's attempt to scrutinize the local Public School budget brought a ruffle to the special joint meeting held between the two bodies on Thursday afternoon. Reeve Daniels suggested that since the two groups were meeting to discuss the proposed new school it might be an opportune time to discuss the recent budget.

Reeve Daniels questioned the fact that the budget showed no surplus at the end of the year nor some of additional monies received as revenues. "You got \$3,000 in 1956 over and above the annual levy which isn't shown here," declared the Reeve.

Clerk Ralph Corner commented that in his opinion the Public School Board was in a much better financial position than a year ago and had sufficient surplus to purchase the new school site.

"I don't agree," said chairman Keith Middlemiss. "I won't admit to having more than half the price of the new site. What do you want us to do? Go over this budget again? We're not getting \$6 a meeting like you councillors," he added.

"I think the council is entitled to know where the money goes, we have to get it from the people," replied Reeve Daniels.

"That's definite," reiterated councillor Lausway.

Clerk Corner pointed out that the Board was \$6000 ahead of

their position last year.

"I'll admit we've got \$4,000," replied chairman Middlemiss. Mr. Hendricks and Mrs. Button, Board members, supported Reeve Daniels that Council had a right to know where all the money was.

Inspector Hallman interjected at this point by reading part of the Act concerning school budgets. He added that Council, School Board and Planning Board should work in closest harmony for the good of the ratepayers and so that the people knew that they were getting good value for their money.

Chairman Middlemiss explained that the extra \$6 grant being paid this year had not been authorized when the budget was made up, and the new \$3 per pupil grant has only been declared since the budget was finished. "If there's something wrong we'll try and fix it," he said.

"We always had a cushion of about \$5,000 when I was chairman," said Mr. Hendricks.

Inspector Hallman reminded the meeting that this was public money they were dealing with. Reeve Daniels said that Council was not questioning the figures on the budget but that he believed Council had a right to look over the budget to see how the money was spent and where it all was going.

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Lake Youth Jailed Year

Edward (Ted) McLennan, 18, of Musselman's Lake was convicted and sentenced by Judge Samuel Factor, to one year in jail and six months indefinite, when his trial concluded last week. McLennan faced five charges of breaking into summer cottages at Musselman's Lake and the home of former Reeve Ivan McLaughlin of Whitechurch Twp. Charges against Jos. Hall were previously dismissed.

McLennan took the stand and told of being arrested. "I asked one of the policemen what I was charged with and he replied that I knew," he said.

"They put me in the kitchen while they messed things up a bit," he continued when questioned by defence counsel Norman L. Mathews.

Mr. Mathews made a motion to have one of the counts, that of breaking and entering the farmhouse owned by Ivan McLaughlin, dismissed. The Judge agreed, but a further motion to have the charge of breaking and entering a cottage owned by Geo. W. Anderson was not accepted. His honor amended the charge from breaking and entering the Edward Davis cottage and committing an indictable offence to "intent to commit an indictable offence."

The two other charges, the one of breaking and entering a cottage owned by Gil Bell and one of possessing goods and cash obtained by crime, were left unchanged.

Earlier, a youth, who said he was McLennan's accomplice, broke into tears after telling the court how he had looted his foster-father's cash box of \$3,000. The youth, who has been detained in the Bowmanville training school, swore he gave most of the money to the accused.

"And what did you do with this money?" asked Prosecutor Ecclestone. "I gave it to Ted McLennan," the boy replied, stating "he said if I gave him some money he'd get me a car."

Their temporary living quarters. Neighbours and friends have rallied to their assistance and have supplied them with many necessary items of clothing and furniture.

Markham Council Presses To Control Operation of Gravel Pits in Township

The Ontario Municipal Board has turned down an attempt by Markham Twp. Council to amend their licensing bylaw where by they might refuse the location or operation of gravel pits. Representation, it was believed, was made to the Municipal Board to convince the members that such action by Markham would put certain persons now operating, out of business.

A resolution was passed by Council with councillor Cosburn abstaining, requesting the Municipal Board to supply Council

with the names of the persons making such claims and requesting an interview.

Retraction Dropped
Councillor Kathleen James stated that a report in the Richmond Hill Liberal regarding remarks which she made in connection with the absence of the Planning Director from the last council meeting, was in error and she requested a retraction. Council members made no comment and Mr. Forrest stated that he did not wish anything further on the matter. Council took no action.

Board to Seek Department Approval for 6-Room Bldg.

Following a lengthy discussion with Stouffville Municipal Council at a special meeting on Thursday afternoon, the local Public School Board instructed Inspector Hallman to seek tentative approval for a new six-room public school for Stouffville. The Board will also take immediate steps to purchase a site at the west end of town.

Inspector M. Hallman attended the joint meeting and placed before the members figures revealing that the Stouffville Public School annual cost per pupil is low, some \$80 lower than the provincial average. The local figure is \$169.74. Mr. Hallman presented a table of twelve representative schools in Ontario which showed Stouffville costs to be the lowest. Stouffville's grant is 40%. This grant would move up to 44% when the local population passes the 2500 mark.

The Inspector pointed out that it had been proven that it was often more economical to build a school slightly larger than that needed only for immediate needs. Reeve Daniels interjected that Council would not wish to cripple the municipality's borrowing power by building too large. It was believed that the new school would add \$40 to \$45 in costs per pupil.

Mr. Cec Hendricks and Mrs. Mole, Board members agreed that possibly by the time the school would be completed all six rooms would be filled. Inspector Hallman added that all schools must be built with provision for additional rooms.

Reeve Daniels pointed out the need for hydro and water lines, and Board members added that sewers would be wanted as well. The Inspector stated that a gov-

ernment grant would be forthcoming on these services, but that there was a limit of \$20,000 per classroom. When this figure was passed, he said, the cost must be borne by the local ratepayers. Cost of the services would have to be borne by the School Board so that all those ratepayers in the Union Section would help pay the cost. Both Markham and Whitechurch Twps have a small portion within the section.

In answer to questions concerning the amount of land required, Inspector Hallman stated that the recommended area was one acre for the school and one acre per hundred pupils in addition.

Mr. Middlemiss, chairman of the Board, said that he thought the Board members had held off as long as possible. "We've tried to play ball with Council while the sewers were getting started," he said.

Inspector Hallman told the members that if Council turned down the request, the School Board could demand a plebiscite within ninety days and if the ratepayers voted favorably, the Council would be obliged to issue the debentures. Mr. Hendricks said there did not seem to be any available sites in town, so the Board would have to go out into the townships for land.

Reeve Daniels reminded Council that the debenture debt in Stouffville was nearing the point considered economically sound for the present assessment.

Need for Better Water Supply Acute in Markham

The matter of a water supply is of vital concern to the residents of Markham Township, particularly those in the built-up areas on the west side. Council expressed belief that some progress was being made as the approval of Dr. Berry, Ont. Dept. of Health for a local supply was placed before Council by the Clerk.

A deputation of ten ladies from the Highland Pk. district attended the council meeting and expressed concern over the supply of water available in that area. It was pointed out that the matter is acute as the Dept. of Health is drawing attention to the fact that the pollution of streams adversely affects the water obtained from wells in the Doncaster area.

Solicitor J. D. Lucas remarked that as the consent of Dr. Berry's office was now on file, that of the Municipal Board and the Ontario Water Resources Commission might be forthcoming, but he was skeptical that any supply would be available in the immediate future.

Metro Planning
In dealing with the matter of

the outlying municipalities surrounding Toronto, not having representation on Metro Planning Board, council was advised through a communication, which was not made available to the press, that the entire surrounding area had been divided into four areas beginning with Streetsville on the west and Pickering Twp. on the east. Each district will have one member on the Metro Planning Board.

Planning Director Forrest announced that two new subdivisions were in the planning stage, one at Box Grove and the other at Gamble Ave. near Yonge Street. These, he said, would be passed on to the Planning Board before coming before Council.

Be sure and visit Houston's Drug Store this Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 2, 3 and 4 for their great yearly one-cent sale. Buy one and get an additional one for 1c.

Stouffville Municipal Council will convene this Thursday night.

Unionville Joins Thornhill In Tax Levy Dispute With Markham Twp.

Clerk Chas. Hoover announced to Markham Township Council on Monday evening that Unionville Police Village had entered similar court action to that of Thornhill, opposing the levying of taxes against the village to pay for Hurricane damage.

Council met in closed session with trustees of Thornhill at 7 p.m., the meeting lasting about an hour. Only statement to the press following the meeting was given by Reeve Clark who said that "The meeting with the trustees of Thornhill was very satisfactory and showed some progress." Another meeting will be held in the near future.

Mr. A. LeMasurier reported to Council on the meeting which he attended with the Board of Arbitration in connection with the dissolution of School Section No. 1. Mr. LeMasurier is Council's educational representative. He stated that the meeting was beneficial in bringing out more of the facts in connection with the present position of the section. He said that the Board of Arbitration was continuing to hear delegates from the Twp. of Vaughan and Richmond Hill and had not rendered any decision. Reeve Clark commended Mr. LeMasurier for the competent

manner in which he presented his report. Markham Twp. would welcome a division of this school area, as they then would be able to administer that part of the section lying within the township.

Selkirk Sub-Division
Mr. Selkirk along with his solicitor, Mr. Parkinson attended Monday night's meeting. Mr. Parkinson conferred with Mr. Lucas and the township solicitor announced to Council that Mr. Selkirk, in accordance with the decision in the recent court action, was to file a new agreement similar to the past agreement; this, he informed Council, had been done. Council agreed to leave the matter in the hands of the two solicitors.

Gas Pipe Line
Mr. Weeks of the Federation of Agriculture addressed Council in connection with the Pipe Line Company. He requested Council to withhold any permission for crossing of township roads until the company had shown some progress in their settlement with the farm owners. He pointed out that this was a much larger line than any previously laid, the size being 24 inch and carrying gas.

Pickering Tp. Opposes 1500-Acre Annexation

Pickering Village is planning to annex 1,500 acres of land from Pickering Township. Their intentions were made known in a brief presented at a special meeting of Council on Monday evening. The Village intends to make application to the Ontario Municipal Board to take in a quantity of land stretching from Ajax to 40 rods west of the Brock Road; from the Base Line to the north limit of the south half of concession two and to 40 rods east of the Old Greenwood Road. Pickering Twp. Council went on record as opposing the plan as contained in the brief.

Deputy-Reeve Sherman Scott stated that the Village might have good reasons for annexing some land but not through wholesale annexation as contained in the brief.

"What are they going to do with it?" queried Councillor Julian.

"Pickering Village is comparable to a small tropical fish that is attempting to swallow fish larger than itself," said Councillor Pugh.

Reeve Lawson cautioned Council that the matter should be

given careful study with regard to the effect of annexation on ratepayers in the defined area and the loss of valuable industrial land. The Reeve noted that he understood that Pickering Village still had approximately 300 acres of undeveloped residential land within its present boundaries and 70 acres of vacant industrial land.

ALLAN LEWIS PASSES

Mr. Allan Lewis, well-known farmer on the 7th concession of Markham at Peach's, passed away on Wednesday morning following an illness of only three weeks duration. The funeral service will be held on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The deceased suffered a heart attack last month which was later followed by a stroke. His condition this week was believed to have been improved, however. He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Don Ferguson (Margaret) and three sons, Gordon, Murray and Harry. There are also two sisters, Mrs. Wm. Harper and Mrs. Elmer Wells, both of Stouffville.

Band Competition Here Was Colorful Event

"The Parade of Champions" Band competition staged in the Stouffville Arena on Saturday night under the sponsorship of the York Lions Band proved to be a colorful and most entertaining event. Despite the late afternoon storm, more than five hundred persons attended the affair.

Five bands competed for the prizes, parading around the floor and playing various selections while a trio of judges looked on. The colorful uniforms, the manoeuvres and snappy march music kept the crowd interested at all times and brought rounds of applause. New American trumpets have been introduced into the Canadian Junior Bugle, ranks and the range and harmony which the bands are able to attain was a pleasure to hear.

Leaside Lions won the \$100 first cash prize with Danforth Tech. second and the Optimist Club of Toronto and Western Tech in that order. The special trophy awarded for best general proficiency went to the Optimist Club Band. Presenting the prizes were: S. Cook of Newmarket Lions Club, Ken Wagg of Stouffville Lions Club and R. Stevens of York Lions.

In addition to the competing bands, the Army Service Corps Band gave a demonstration and played for the crowd as guest artists.

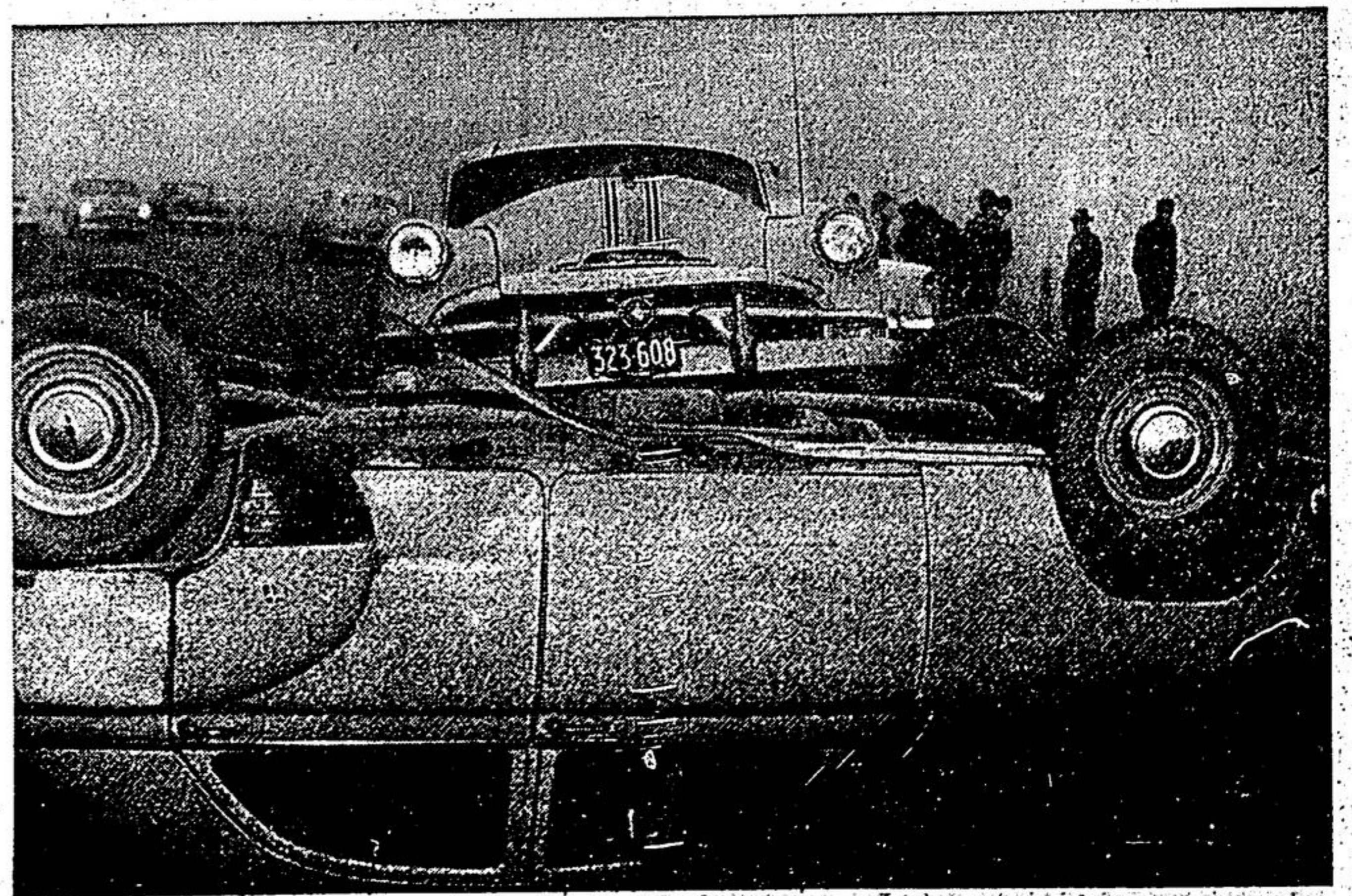
This is the first such competition for Junior Bands held in the country. Others may be held later in the year and Stouffville is slated for an outdoor concert later in the summer.

Morning Fire Destroys Farm Home

A two-alarm fire on the Lionel Conacher farm, 6th concession of Whitechurch early Tuesday morning, levelled the insul-brick home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Carter, residents on the property for the past three years. Mr. and Mrs. Carter and their son, Hugh, 15, were in the barn when the outbreak occurred around 6:45 a.m. Mr. Carter braved the flames to notify the Stouffville Fire Dept. He suffered burns to his left arm. Fire Chief Wm. Malloy summoned the Aurora brigade to the scene after they had emptied their own tank and two nearby wells. Everything in the house was destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$12,000. The home is covered by insurance.

Destroyed in the fire was a \$2,500 Agutan-Fran Cody 12-gauge shotgun which Mr. Carter had obtained in Belgium during World War II. The rare keepsake had a silver-filled stock and according to its owner, there are few comparable specimens in the world. Mr. Carter is a collector of such items. A number of other guns were destroyed in addition to a quantity of ammunition. An over-heated stove was blamed for the fire. The Carter family will make a second house on the property

Cars Play "Leap Frog" Near Gormley



Three cars and a truck were involved in weird collision on the Don Mills Road near Gormley last week. One vehicle, driven by Paul Murphy, 21, of Sharon, side-swiped a car driv-

en by Archibald Antle, 51, of Newmarket. The Antle auto rolled over on its roof in the ditch and the Murphy car "leap-frogged" on top of the

overturned vehicle. Also involved in the collision was a truck driven by Mr. Allan Terry of Markham and another car driven by Mr. Vaho Kan-

erva of Toronto. Total damage amounted to more than \$2,000. No one was seriously injured. Constable Tom Quigg of the Vondorf O.P.P. investigated.

—Cadieux