



Markham Twp. Constable, Don Dukes inspects the wreckage of a huge fourteen-ton transport that careened off No. 48 Highway on Friday morning and rolled over. Loaded with sixteen tons of bulk cement, the vehicle snapped off a hydro pole, cutting power over a wide area. The driver was only slightly injured.

## Fourteen Ton Transport Rolls Over at Markham

Carl Ritchie, 40, of Oshawa, was pulled from the cab of his fourteen ton transport on Friday morning after it went out of control on No. 48 Highway, near Markham Village and rolled over. The vehicle, en route to the Gormley Block Co., carried a sixteen-ton load of bulk cement. Contents from the trailer were scattered over a wide area.

Two nearby residents, Walter Young, 37 and Wm. Byers, 18, were awakened by the crash. Disregarding the danger of tangled hydro wires and spilled gasoline, the men mounted the cab and freed the driver. He suffered only a seven stitch gash on his head and a cut on his arm. Damage to the truck was estimated at \$22,000.

An area extending from Scarborough to Ballantyne was completely blacked out by the accident. Hydro crews replaced a broken pole and power was restored within an hour. The

## Whitchurch Favours Grant to Retarded Children Campaign

A deputation of Bud Gilbert and Chas. Gaddy attended the regular meeting of Whitchurch Twp. council on Thursday night on behalf of the erection of a building in Newmarket for instruction of Retarded Children. They stated that a survey showed some thirty children in the area required attention.

Newmarket was reported to have contributed \$500. It was expected that Aurora would give a similar amount and they requested that Whitchurch consider a donation to the fund.

On discussing the matter later in the meeting, a resolution was passed instructing the Clerk to advise the delegation that while council favored support, no money was provided in the 1958 budget to care for such contingencies and the matter would be referred to the 1959 council.

## Public Meeting Slated For Locust Hill School On Air Field Dispute

A public meeting is being held in the Locust Hill School on Thursday at 8 p.m. for discussion and information regarding the proposed flying school to be opened at Locust Hill.

Messrs. Parkinson, Gardiner, Roberts, Anderson and Conlin, solicitors, advised Markham Township Council on Monday that they were engaged to protect the interests of the farmers opposed to the Flying School. They requested that they be advised of any meeting of council at which this matter would be discussed.

However, council agreed to wait till the outcome of Thursday night's meeting before discussing the matter further.

## To Complete Sewers In 1959; Seek Gov't Winter Work Grant

Stouffville municipal council meeting on Thursday night, agreed to seek Ontario Municipal Board approval to complete the balance of the local sewerage system through the government's winter works program whereby the Dominion government would pay 50% of the labor costs, and the Provincial government 25%. A resolution was passed to this effect and council will try for an immediate decision so that the construction could begin sometime in January.

The Municipal Board had previously agreed to the entire sewerage program involving over \$600,000, but would not agree to the final stage beginning before 1959.

The municipality stands to save an estimated \$20,000 if the Board will sanction the approval of the work as part of the government's winter work program.

Hisey & Barrington, engineers, attended the meeting and presented council with an estimate of \$118,000 to complete the sewer system in town, including one pumping station down Tenth St.

Council authorized the engineers to prepare plans and specifications for the balance of the sewer program in preparation to advertising for tenders, subject to approval of the Municipal Board.

## Marine Officer in Race With Winter Freezeup

Chief Engineer Wes Jack, Second St., Stouffville, is aboard the Norman P. Clement, huge Great Lakes grain carrier, caught in the ice at Montreal. Mr. Jack has been aboard these vessels plying the Great Lakes for some thirty years and this is the first time that they have been caught by the freeze-up.

The Norman P. Clement reported a rough time from Port Weller on the last trip down, as heavy seas swamped the deck house. On the present trip, progress has been very slow due to the ice and storms, with the result that many vessels have been late in clearing the lake canals ahead of the annual freeze-up.

## Pioneer Family

Word was received here this week of the passing of Benjamin F. Boothby in Los Angeles, California. He was 72 years of age. The late Benjamin Boothby was a son of Edwin and Hannah Boothby, pioneer family of Altona. Mr. Boothby, Sr. operated a blacksmith shop, just north of the four corners at Altona.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife, one son and three grandchildren. In Stouffville there is his one sister, Mrs. Geo. Hughes, Lloyd Ave., and a brother, Charles Boothby, Mission, B.C. also survives. Only two remain of the former Altona family of ten children. Another brother, Rev. Freeman Boothby died at Everett, Wash., a few years ago.

## Fined \$40 For Speeding

William Wallace, charged with driving at 75 miles an hour in a 50-mile an hour zone, was fined \$40 and costs or eight days, when he appeared in Vanderdonk court on Tuesday. He requested time to pay the fine and was given one week by Magistrate Kelly. Police testified that the pavement was wet at the time, as it had been snowing. The officer said that he chased the accused for three miles.

Bruce Lee of Toronto, charged with going 70 miles an hour, was fined \$35 and costs or seven days. The officer stated that two cars were returning from a dance and persisted in passing each other, endangering oncoming traffic. Patrick Choma, the second car charged, was fined \$20 and costs as the officer considered Lee the offender.

William Fox Pitt of Toronto, charged with doing 60 miles an hour through Nobleton, was fined \$40 and costs or eight days. Accused had not paid any attention to the summons, but appeared on Tuesday after a warrant had been issued. The officer stated that in addition to the speed, it was raining and the pavement was slippery.

Fox-Pitt said he hadn't noticed the sign, and thought he was still in the country. He offered no excuse for not appearing when originally summoned.

## Lions Club Selling Trees

Stouffville Lions Club is selling Christmas Trees at five local locations: Reid's Store at Ringwood, Hunt's Smooch Station, Patrick Motors, Sanders Service Station and right in the heart of town, on the Bank of Nova Scotia Lot.

The price of all trees is \$2.25, and there are attendants at all lots to assist you in selecting your tree. Persons would be advised to pick their trees as soon as possible for best selection.

All proceeds from the sale of trees is for Lions Club welfare work.

## Whitchurch Declines to Take Over Private Road

Chas. Ratcliff appeared before Whitchurch Twp. council on Thursday evening suggesting that the township council purchase the road he had built through his property and assess half the cost to the property of Dr. Morningstar, the neighboring owner.

He was advised that council would have no authority for such action.

The road in question runs along near the property line with Dr. Morningstar, but it was pointed out that it was Mr. Ratcliff who was developing his land for homes and Dr. Morningstar had no interest in the road.

Mr. Ratcliff contended that Dr. Morningstar had intentions of development on his own property. Council replied that when such time arrived it would be dealt with then.

Thos. Kerr, acting as clerk, advised Mr. Ratcliff that he had decided to build the road without consulting council in any way and so far as council knew, his neighbor, Dr. Morningstar had no intention of subdividing his property.

"The road is your responsibility," said Mr. Kerr.

Mr. Ratcliff pointed out that a one-foot reserve was left against the Morningstar property and he sought backing to prevent anyone crossing this reserve. However, council expressed the opinion that they could only be interested in roads built to Dept. of Highways specifications and any costs would have to be arranged by the owners on a private agreement.

The matter was later referred to Solicitor Lucas.

Delay Paving Until Spring

Mr. K. Beamish and H. G. McCann, president and vice president of the Beamish Construction Co., advised council that weather conditions made it difficult to complete the paving program on the Wilcox Lake road in 1958. However, they said that the delay would be a benefit as a Dept. of Highways representative on inspecting the road had decided that another 5,000 tons of gravel was required. They said that doubtless the addition would make a better and more lasting road.

Council agreed that it would be advisable to leave the paving of gravel and hard-topping over until spring.

## Willow Beach All Clear

Dr. King of the County Health Unit advised council that the Unit had inspected Willow Beach at Wilcox Lake and found the place in a sanitary condition. Council had received complaints concerning this beach. He stated that the property was privately owned and the Unit could not force the owner to arrange toilet facilities. No charge is made for the use of this beach.

Council discussed the matter at some length and there was a suggestion that Metro Conservation Authority be asked to purchase this beach and establish a park. However, some members thought the beach too small for this type of project and parking would be difficult to arrange.

The matter was referred to the solicitor for advice on how the beach might be controlled.

## Need Metro Appointee

The resignation of Mr. Alf LeMasurier from Metro Planning Board, has been received, and since Metro Board meets on January 13th, they have requested that a new appointee be made. This appointment concerns Richmond Hill, Markham Twp., Markham Village and Stouffville.

Election Pay Schedule

Council set up a new pay schedule for officials connected with municipal elections, and the following amounts will apply if an election bylaw is passed at the end of 1959: returning officer \$30, deputy returning officers \$12, poll clerks \$9, polling booths \$10, double booths \$10 and constables \$9.

It seems to bad that the average speeder doesn't wake up until a cop pinches him.

## Markham Building Over \$100,000 for November

Total value of new building in Markham Township during November was \$103,915, according to the regular report of the Building Inspector, placed before council on Monday. Of this amount, dwellings totalled \$31,600, industrial buildings \$34,600 and public buildings \$35,000.

Sgt. Clayton submitted his report as Fire Protection Officer showing that he had inspected six commercial buildings and 1 industrial plant.

Police Brief

The Police Dept. submitted a brief to council requesting certain changes in their organization for 1959, as well as a review of salaries. The monthly report revealed 510 calls, and the number of miles travelled by the cruisers, 7,592. There were 29 accidents investigated, 47 summonses issued, 6 liquor seizures and 18 dog complaints.

## Turn Sod For \$187,000 Church Building Project

Miss Mary Robinson of Markham and Canon James T. Rhodes of Newmarket turned the first sod to officially open a \$187,000 building project to be started immediately by Grace Anglican Church in Markham Village. The ceremony was conducted on Sunday morning. The Pastor, Rev. R. A. Wigby and members of the choir took part. A large congregation was also present.

Construction will start early in 1959 on a new \$67,000 Parish Hall. A \$20,000 rectory will be added and in 1961, a new \$100,000 church is proposed. To date, the congregation has raised \$67,000 in a recent campaign for funds. The 2 1/2-acre site is located on the former Robinson Estate.

## Relief Reaches Peak Since Depression

Relief payments in the Township of Whitchurch have reached their highest point since the depression days of the 30's. The November relief account totalled \$2,121.83.

The government is now paying 80% of this relief account which would other wise be a most difficult portion of the budget.

General accounts for the month totalled \$1,012.95 and road accounts, \$6,929.28. Accounts for Aurora Fire Brigade standby pay of \$250 and Mount Albert of \$150, were also paid.

## Extend Store Hours Here

Stouffville Merchants will extend their store hours beginning Dec. 18th, remaining open every night until 10 o'clock, with the exception of Christmas Eve when they will close at 6 p.m.

The local business places are also open during the day on Monday, Dec. 15th, and Monday, Dec. 22nd.

They will be closed on Christmas Day and Boxing Day, re-opening on Saturday.

## Delay Approval of Services In Davis Sub-Div.

Stouffville Council gave much time and discussion on Thursday night to the approval of services in the new Davis subdivision east of Park Drive. A communication was received from Mr. Davis' solicitor, requesting acceptance of the water and sewer services. However, a communication was also received at the same meeting from the Public Utilities Commission stating that the Commission could not accept the services as satisfactory as a number of the water shut-offs were buried in the ground.

"I think the council must take some responsibility for this. If builders are allowed to build on the town property and cover up the shut-offs," declared reeve Daniels.

It was suggested that possibly the services were installed too low.

"You mean you're going to let people come in and alter the levels of town property," continued the reeve.

"I think we should refer the letter from the PUC to Mr. Davis' solicitor," said councillor Wagg.

"I don't feel that the PUC should have to put men in there to uncover these shut-offs when the town allowed builders to build up the lots and cover them up," said reeve Daniels.

"We're only dealing with Mr. Davis," said deputy-reeve Lehman.

"Not when the town issues building permits and allows them to build up the lots," contended the reeve. "Once the Plan is registered it's the responsibility of the town."

"If Mr. Davis doesn't fix it, the work will just come out of the bond and work would be done by the P.U.C. or council," said Mr. Lehman.

Resignation

The resignation was received from Stouffville's representative on Metro Planning Board, Mr. Alf LeMasurier. Clerk Ralph Corner was advised to contact Markham Township regarding a new appointment.

Fox Bounty

Council was advised that the County would now pay a \$5 fox bounty but Stouffville would be expected to pay for any of these animals shot within the corporation limits.

Statutory Meeting

Council set Thursday morning at 10 o'clock as the date for the annual statutory meeting. A grant of \$250 was approved towards the Building Fund for the Retarded Children's School and a Proclamation will be issued for Boxing Day, Dec. 26th.

Leaving with Regrets

Councillor Tommy Farr expressed congratulations to the incoming council members as well as his regrets at leaving the council board. He said that he had found it a real pleasure to work with council members in 1958, and publicly thanked the citizens who did support him at the polls.



"All I Want Is..."

To sit on Santa's knee is probably the dream of every little boy or girl at Christmas time. Four and one-half year old Kathy Ward, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Ward of Claremont, had her wish come true on Saturday afternoon. Clutching her doll Cinderella, she cuddles close to Santa after receiving a well-filled bag of candy. The annual Claremont Parade attracted hundreds of children and adults in spite of extremely cold weather.