



Loaded Transport Snaps Off Pole, Hits Tree, Driver Dies in Hospital

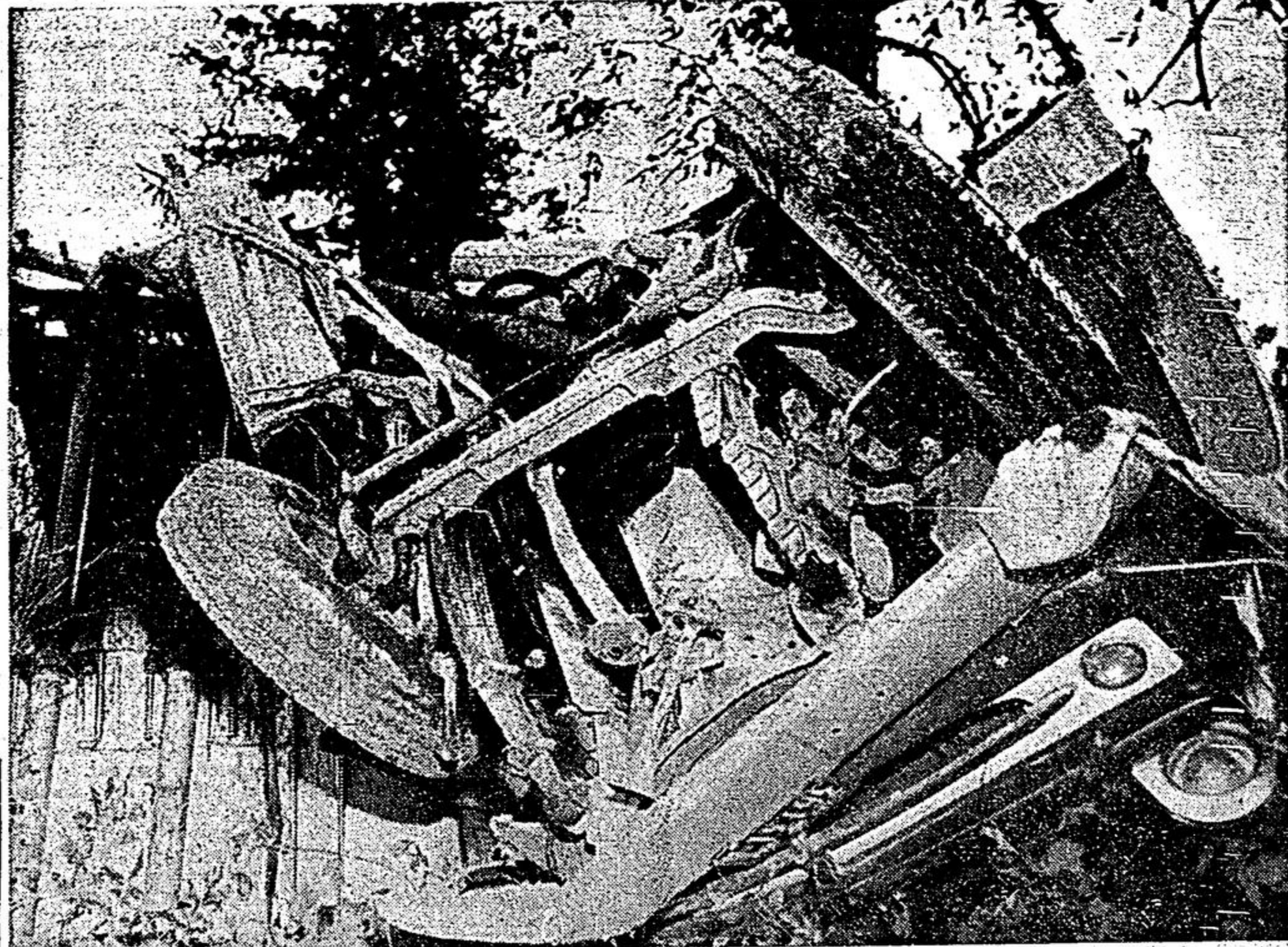
A large tractor-trailer gravel transport careened out of control on Markham-Whitchurch townline, Monday afternoon, snapped off a telephone pole and slammed into a tree, hurling the driver through the windshield, Ernest Gruenkelee, 26, of 34 Greenwood Ave., Toronto, died later in the Scarborough General Hospital.

The westbound truck was loaded with eighteen tons of gravel. After hitting the ditch, it rolled over. It came to rest against a tree after tearing a smaller tree up by the roots. A large two-inch telephone cable was completely severed. Service throughout much of the Gormley area was cut off until local repairmen could mend the break.

Dr. D. J. Petrie of Stouffville

rendered emergency first-aid to the victim on the scene. Although partially decapitated, he was still breathing quite strongly when removed to hospital in the Dixon ambulance from Markham.

The cab of the truck was crushed almost beyond recognition. The heavy steel frame was twisted and the drive wheels were sheared off. The entire load was strewn over the road and in the ditch. Though police believe a parked truck may have been responsible for the accident, there were no witnesses present when they arrived. P.C. James Stewart of the O.P.P. Detachment, Van-dorf, conducted the investigation. Constables Bob Hood and Evan Pelley of the Markham Twp. Dept. handled the traffic in the accident area.



A pile of twisted metal is all that remains of a newly-transported tractor-trailer gravel truck that rolled over on the Markham-Whitchurch townline and crashed into a tree, Monday afternoon. The driver, Ernest Gruenkelee of Toronto, died later in hospital. The transport was owned by the Western Sand and Gravel Co. —Staff Photo

Complain of Boost In Markham Assessment

A deputation of Messrs. Picton and Stephens from Doncaster, attended Markham Township council meeting on Monday evening to enquire into the reason of the sudden boost in assessment in the Doncaster area which is adjacent to Yonge Street.

Reeve Clark said that council could give little information as this was a matter of the assessment department and council did not interfere in their work.

However, Mr. Picton pressed this point: "You hire them, you pay them and fire them, don't you?" he said.

Reeve Clark stated that it was true, council did hire the assessors and could fire them if their work was not satisfactory. However, he said that a Court of Appeal was set up to protect the ratepayers to which any could take their case.

Mr. Picton said that many properties had been raised, and in his own case it was 18%. "If the boost is because we got the water mains, it would be better not to have them," he said.

Deputy-reeve Dean said that he had been informed that some lots in the district were selling for \$3,000 and were only assessed for \$400 and \$500 so that possibly the increase was justified. "However, since we had a surplus last year, I don't think the assessor's timing was very good," he said.

Councillor McNeil concurred

that the increase was not advisable in the present year.

Councillor Watson said that he thought the raise was general, as the rate on his farm was increased this year.

Clerk Crisp stated that the amount of assessment would not make any difference if spread over an even basis and only used to raise the same amount of money on the tax bill.

Mr. Stevens said that with the railway bypass going through the valleys would decrease and he thought the present increase would tax any persons out of ownership.

"I think the Assessor should be spoken to in regard to this increase," said councillor McNeil. He was supported by Deputy-reeve McNeil. Council agreed to consult the Assessor on the matter.

Landscaping
Council awarded a contract for landscaping at the municipal building, to John Redden, Duncan Rd., for the amount of \$352 which is to cover all the work this fall, and an additional \$165 for replanting in the spring of 1960.

Unionville, Main St.
Total cost of the repaving, widening and curbing on Main St. in Unionville, was revealed as \$54,000. This amount will be reduced to \$32,000 by reason of the provincial grant. The work was done under Local Improvement.

Farm Loan Hearing Continues Three Days, Wilson Case Dismissed

The Markham farm loan fraud case which reached court at various times throughout last year, came before Magistrate Hollinrake in Newmarket Court last week and the preliminary hearing went on for three days. The hearing concerned John B. White of Brougham, Ralph Furneaux, former manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia, Markham, and Jas. W. Wilson.

The charge against Wilson was dismissed on the grounds that although he had not followed the letter of the law, he had followed the spirit of it, in that he had used the money to pay a debt which he has since redeemed in full. The case against White and Furneaux was adjourned until Nov. 18th.

Sessions in court last week were preliminary hearings, and if sufficient evidence is presented to warrant a trial, White and Furneaux will be tried by Judge and Jury, at their request.

The Prosecuting Attorney appointed by the Crown, was R. C. Mathews and he was assisted by Mr. Clarke.

Cases of loans investigated included Geo. Adams, Lindsay RR for \$2800; Peter Brown, Pickering RR, for \$2,764 and George Preston, Gormley RR, for \$2800 and Carl Rodgers, Pickering for \$2600.

Duncan Spang, Uxbridge Twp., had secured a loan of \$3,000 for the purchase of livestock and Jack Mitchell, R.R. 2, Claremont had received a loan of \$2800 to purchase livestock.

Prosecutor Mathews contended that Spang had signed the name of Mitchell. He asked for information on the business of White directly with the bank. Evidence was given that

White had obtained \$12,000 advance in 1953 and \$3,000 additional in 1954. The loan was granted to be used for the purchase of one hundred cattle. Head office letters shown in evidence gave White's total loans in the amount of \$157,000.

Frank Loyst of Claremont was listed in the records with a loan of \$3,000 for purchase of implements and Roy C. Moon \$2250 for implements.

Listing of counts will continue on Nov. 18th and if not completed, the expectation is that the case will be referred to the spring calendar.

Magistrate Gives Convicted Youths chance To Be Better Citizens

Convicted on a long list of theft charges, Roy Smees, Joseph Herold, Harland Mills and John Bateman, were given suspended sentence and placed on probation, when they appeared before Magistrate Hollinrake on Wednesday morning.

In placing the youths on probation the Magistrate impressed on them that he was trying to find out if they could make good. "I am giving you the chance," he said.

Smees, whom the Magistrate said he understood to be the ringleader, was placed on probation for two years, Herold and Mills for one year and Bateman for six months.

In passing sentence, Magistrate Hollinrake stated that "the public must be protected and something must be done to act both as a lesson to the accused and a deterrent to others. If I sent you down to Reformatory it would be an excellent lesson—immediate punishment has an excellent effect."

The Magistrate said that he wanted it clearly understood what a suspended sentence and a period of probation meant. Many believe that it means, the accused gets off, but this is not so. It means that the court has a chance to find out if the convicted person can make good, and an opportunity for the accused to show that they realize they have gotten off on the wrong foot.

He stressed the point that "at any time you can be recalled and I can sentence you on these charges. I want you and other young men in Stouffville to understand this," he said.

In speaking of the youths operating cars, the Magistrate said, "If you can't afford to buy gas and accessories for a car, you should not have one. Don't let me hear of any more wild-

ness with cars."

Mayfair Out of Bounds

The Magistrate said that he understood all the thefts were plotted in the Mayfair Restaurant. He said that certain disciplinary clauses would be written into the probation.

"The Mayfair Restaurant will be out of bounds and you will not enter it for any reason. I am also directing that you be in your homes every night by 11 p.m. This is a measure both to help your parents and yourselves. You will contribute out of your earnings your share to replace what you have stolen."

Magistrate Hollinrake said that he would not send any first offender to jail if there was some other way to give him a chance to become a better citizen. He said such cases were difficult to deal with but that the court had a duty to the public and there must be deterrents both to the accused and to others.

Chief Frank Edwards was called to the stand prior to sentence and spoke of each youth in turn. He said that they had been warned both by him and by their fathers.

Fine for Passing Light Going Up

Rudolf Palica was fined \$25 and costs in local traffic court, for failing to stop for a traffic light. Evidence in court was that accused had gone through the light without any decrease in speed. The fine for this offense has previously been \$19, but has been increased \$5 in the last month.

Hillcrest School "Open House" on October 23

The official opening of the new Hillcrest Public School, (S.S. No. 8) Whitchurch Township, will be held on Friday evening, Oct. 23rd at 8.30 p.m. The two-room structure on conc. 6, replaces a seventy year old building. It has been sold to a Toronto man who plans to convert it into a winter ski lodge. The new school is located on the Ross Winterstein farm. It cost an estimated \$40,000.

Invitations will be sent out to all former teachers in the section. All parents of present pupils are invited and former students are also requested to attend. Reeve Geo. Richardson and members of Whitchurch Twp. Council will be present. Trustees Board members are Messrs. Grant Morley, Bruce Clarke and Andrew Hutchinson.

There are sixty pupils on the roll. This includes a number of students from the Melville section. The principal is Mr. Allan Plumer. His assistant is Mr. J. D. Mills.

1775 Hogs Shipped From Station

The Ontario Hog Producers Co-operative who operate an assembly point at the Stouffville Sales yards every Tuesday, shipped 1775 hogs to market last week. This is a record number for one shipment.

It required 42 trucks to transport this many hogs to market. Total value of the shipment was approximately \$71,000.

Miss M. Ford, a teacher on the staff of the Orchard Park Public School, was stricken with appendicitis early this week and was admitted to the York County Hospital, Newmarket.

These Ducks Will Prove Dear Eating

Ken Lister, William Flanagan and Ronald Campbell were fined a total of more than \$150 in local police court for hunting without licenses and having migratory ducks in their possession. Lister and Flanagan were each fined \$15 and costs for being without licenses and \$60 and costs for having four ducks. Campbell paid \$50 and costs for having one duck in his possession.

Marguerite Todd of Aurora was charged with driving 70 miles an hour in a 50 mile zone and passing a car on the right hand side. Mrs. Todd said that his car would not go 70 but she had been driving for eight months and considered passing on the right was legal. Magistrate Kelly suggested that she

Markham Twp. Council Asks For Stop Lights At Ringwood Corner

Markham Township Council has, by resolution, called on the Department of Highways to erect traffic lights at the Ringwood Corner, the junction of Highways 48 and 47. The matter was brought before Markham council by deputy-reeve Dean who stated that he had referred to the dangerous condition here on several occasions. He said the situation was getting worse.

He requested that a copy of the resolution be forwarded to Whitchurch Twp. council and the county council as well.

Pavement for 10th Con.
Deputy-reeve Dean stated that he believed that at least part of the 10th concession should be paved north of No. 7 highway. He contended that a lot of traffic could be moved down to No. 7 highway on the 10th concession. No. 48 highway, the 8th concession, he said, is badly clogged and is backed up on weekends for miles.

The deputy-reeve was advised that some paving on the 10th concession is on the 1960 paving program.

Increase In Milk Prices

This Thursday, the price of milk in Stouffville, will be increased by One Cent a quart. Regular milk will now cost the householder 23c per quart. Owners of Maple Leaf Dairy advised The Tribune that the Milk Board has granted the farmers a 19c per cwt. increase in the price of raw milk.

This is the first increase in milk prices locally in several years, and the Maple Leaf proprietors have absorbed operational increases up to this time. The new boost, they say, is one over which they have no control and must pass it on to the consumers.

Notice of the advance is advertised in this week's issue and by circular from door to door.

First hockey game here next Friday night, Oct. 9th.

Top Cow Brings \$730 At Grove Auction Sale

A registered Holstein cow brought \$730 at the auction sale conducted on the property of Mr. Russell Grove, conc. 8, Markham Twp., on Thursday, Sept. 24th. The calf brought an additional \$40. The sale, one of the largest in the area this summer, was conducted by auctioneer, W. D. Atkinson.

The herd, comprising almost fifty per cent young cattle, averaged \$320. A bred heifer brought \$475. A July heifer calf sold for \$230. A number of the cattle were purchased by local buyers while others went to varied Ontario points.

The implements also sold well. A forage blower brought \$760 and a forage harvester sold for \$700. A seed drill brought \$360 and the tractor went for \$1,675. The milk cooler sold for \$900.

Auctioneer Atkinson informed

CONSUMERS' GAS

Consumers' Gas Co. commenced laying mains in Stouffville last week. They expect to install all the pipe lines in about five weeks.

WITNESSES WANTED

Any person or persons who may have witnessed the two-car collision at the intersection of conc. 6, Markham and the Gormley Road on the morning of July 30th at approximately 6:30 a.m. are urgently requested to get in touch with Mr. Goldwin C. Elgie, Q.C., at Bay St., Toronto. The telephone number is Empire 4-5418. Local readers may recall that a passenger in one of the autos, Gerald Racine, died following the accident. It is believed that a driver in an Oldsmobile car was the first on the scene but after notifying the police, he left and no one obtained his name. Lawyers acting in the case are anxious to know the driver's identity.



Words of Warning

Stouffville Police Chief, Mr. Frank Edwards issued a few words of warning to nearly ninety young cyclists who attended the opening exercises of the newly organized "Pedal-

mechanical defects. All faults are to be corrected when the boys and girls return again this week. Pictured here, the Chief talks with 8 year old Lee Turner while her sister, 6 year old Rhonda looks on.

Perkins Sells Local Gas Stations to BP

The distinctive yellow and green shield of BP Canada Limited goes up this week over 16 automobile service stations in Stouffville, Markham and Richmond Hill. This latest take-over means that in about two and a half years of operation BP has built or acquired more than 500 service stations in Ontario and Quebec.

The 16 stations have been acquired by BP after negotiations with the J. W. Perkin Company of Unionville, who have been distributors of petroleum products in the area for the past 29 years and who will continue in this capacity with BP.

Having settled in Unionville in 1918, Mr. J. W. Perkin soon realized that Canada was a growing country and that as it progressed, Unionville would grow too. In this belief he bought a hardware store and, being an energetic and enterprising man, he looked around for a sideline. At the time he considered either farm imple-

ments and tractors, or fuel as a supplement to his hardware business. He chose fuel, put one pump in front of the store and bought himself a truck to deliver gasoline to farmers in the area.

As Unionville grew, Mr. Perkin began negotiations for a tank car and truck. He purchased the corner of Toronto York Road (now Kennedy Road) and the proposed No. 7 Highway from Dr. A. C. Kennedy and the first service station was built on this site in 1930.

Some residents may find it hard to believe that the Toronto York Road was the only paved road in the district in 1930. However, within two years plans were in operation for the construction of the present No. 7 Highway.

In that first year of operations, Mr. Perkin sold approximately 50,000 gallons of petroleum products. In those days it was something of a pipe-dream to consider a sale of 2,000,000 gallons a year, but that

is what Mr. Perkin has achieved after 29 years of operation. Automobiles were coming into their own in the early 1930's and with the new highway running in front of the first outlet, it was obvious that one storage tank was not enough to meet the demand. So the storage capacity was increased.

From then on, Mr. Perkin took steps to keep pace with the rapidly growing popularity of the auto. He built a second service station at Claremont, and over the years, at Stouffville, Goodwood, Gormley, and on Highway 48. Three more were built on Sheppard Avenue and others were rented elsewhere. During this time Mr. Perkin's accounts included two farms on Eglinton Avenue, where the Golden Mile now stands.

He added fuel oil to his list of petroleum products just before the start of the Second World War. The year 1954 was a milestone for J. W. Perkin. His

'sideline' had grown rapidly and was still expanding at such a rate that he decided to form a limited company with himself, his son R. W. Perkin, and his bookkeeper, Miss Marion Warne as directors.

Asked why he became associated with BP of Canada Ltd., Mr. Perkin summed up his reasons this way: "I was anxious to associate myself with the Canadian member of the British Petroleum Group—the largest organization within the British Commonwealth."

NEW CARS ON DISPLAY

The first 1960 cars to be shown at dealer show-rooms in Stouffville this fall, are the Chevrolet, Oldsmobile and Corvair models at Bourne-Hunters Motors. Large display advs. announce the new models in this issue of The Tribune, and the public is invited to drop in and view these early arrivals.