



First 1961 Baby at Brierbush Hospital

The first 1961 baby arrived at Stouffville's Brierbush Hospital on Thursday, January 5, at 3:17 a.m. A pretty daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Buker, conc. 8, Pickering. The initial arrival was presented with a complete hand-knit outfit by Mrs. Jessie Lawson R.N., (left). The gift of an engraved silver cup was presented to the baby by Mrs. Olive Reed, R.N., (right), owner of the Brierbush. Mr. and Mrs. Buker have three other children, Wayne, Gerald and Tenia. —Staff Photo

New Fire Alarm System In Operation this Week

This week the Bell Telephone Co. will complete the installation of the six phones and the hookup to the Stouffville fire siren. Henceforth, when a fire call is received at the local telephone exchange, the operator will immediately relay the call to one of the six special telephones, and from here the receiver of the call will ring the siren. In order that the public may be assured the system is in readiness at all times, a short blast on the siren will be given from one of the six special phones. A different phone will be used each day so that in a week, all have been tested. This short sounding of the siren will take place every day in the year at 12 o'clock noon, with the exception of Sunday.

Should a fire call actually occur at the hour of 12, the person sounding the alarm will continue to press the button indicating a fire and not just the short testing. Stouffville Fire Chief Walter Smith reported to council Thursday evening on the installation and council concurred in recommendation for a daily trial of the new phone system. Operation of this new fire alarm system will cost approximately \$32 a month. Appointments Made Fire Chief Walter Smith was re-appointed at an annual salary of \$200 and deputy-chief Fred Castle was returned at \$100. Brigade secretary will be Everett Smith who will receive \$50 for his services, and George Wilson, caretaker at \$100.

Wife of Former Pastor Dies as Result of Burns

Rev. S. S. Shantz, a former Pastor of Stouffville United Missionary Church, with his family, has suffered a great loss in the passing of his wife as the result of a tragic accident which took place in their home at New Dundee, Ontario. Mrs. Shantz was preparing breakfast on the morning of December 23, when her clothing caught fire. By the time Mr. Shantz, who was in another room at the time, reached her, she had suffered first and second degree burns over a large part of her body. While at first it appeared as though she might recover, complications developed, and she passed away on the morning of January 1st.

Rev. and Mrs. Shantz were making preparations to celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Dec. 28th. Mrs. Shantz is survived by her husband and family, Howard, a minister of the United Missionary Church at St. Catharines, Dorothy (Mrs. Roy Goodrich), of New York State, and Roy of Thorold, a teacher. The funeral service was conducted on Wednesday, January 4, at 3 p.m., from the New Dundee United Missionary Church, with the Pastor, Rev. J. E. Montgomery, in charge. Rev. W. M. Shantz, Supt. of the Ontario District of the United Missionary Church, assisted. Interment was made in the New Dundee Cemetery.

Green River Youth Fined

A 20 year old Green River youth was fined \$20 and costs in Newmarket Court on Tuesday when he was charged by Markham Village Police with being drunk in a public place and having liquor. Police Chief Fred White told Magistrate O. S. Hollinrake that Robert Bruton was picked up near No. 7 Highway in a very drunken condition. The accused pleaded guilty to both charges.

Possessing Liquor Geo. Thomas, 35, of Brantford, pleaded guilty to a charge of possessing liquor in a place other than his residence. Markham Twp. Police said that they found two part cases of beer in Thomas' car while making a routine check of the vehicle. The man was fined \$10 and costs.

Claimed Ownership Ray Woods, 33, of Todmorden, claimed ownership of a quantity of beer found in a car by Markham Twp. Police. Woods was a passenger in the auto. He pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined \$10 and costs.

Assessment Appeal Cost Twp. \$12,000

The appeal against Ontario County's equalized assessment bylaw will cost the Township of Pickering over \$12,000, according to the latest figures released last week.

The total figure may be broken down into three separate categories, including their solicitors' fees; a hired assessment expert and a 23% share of the County's costs. These approximate totals are as follows: Solicitors — Stevens, Hassard and Elliott, \$4,100; Assessment Expert, Mr. Paul Mantha, \$4,300; Share of County's Costs, \$4,000. To add insult to Pickering's injury, the appeal against the \$1,500,000 assessment increase was not only sustained but an additional \$732,000 was added. Reeve Sherman Scott has suggested that the result may mean a complete re-assessment of the entire municipality. Steps toward this end may be made this year.

The Bruce Gallamore family of Market St. were happy to have their daughter Ruthie from Willowdale home with them on Sunday when she celebrated her 5th birthday. On Tuesday she was on Channel 9 on TV on "Your Special Day" program.

Miss Vera Tarr was a visitor in Toronto over the weekend.

Planning Board Chairman

Stouffville Planning Board meeting on Tuesday morning elected Reg McKay as chairman for 1961. A. G. Thompson was returned as vice chairman. The Board will meet regularly on the second Thursday of each month, commencing on Feb. 9th.

Police Answer 459 Calls

Markham Township police officers answered a total of 459 calls during December, it was reported to council on Monday. The cruisers were driven a total of 9,475 miles at a cost of \$370.69. Accidents investigated totalled 32 with court summonses issued 26. There were 9 breakins and 16 dog complaints. The arrests under the Criminal Code totalled 13 and liquor seizures 6.

Mrs. George Hoover, Mill St., entertained about 20 members of Peaches W.M.S. on Tuesday evening. Mrs. Harry Warriner was in charge of the program, the topic being "Missions of the World."

Markham Twp. Employee Arrested, Discover Shortage In Tax Money

Stewart Kinnear, 42, of Richmond Hill, an ex-employee of the Markham Township municipal office, has been arrested following the discovery of a shortage in tax funds. Kinnear was picked up by Sgt. Cox and Sgt. Hood of the Markham Twp. police force and is out on \$2,000 bail. He will appear in court at Newmarket on Monday.

First public disclosure of the shortage was made by Reeve Wilf. Deaf in his remarks at the inaugural meeting of council on Monday.

It is believed that tax money from a dozen and a half tax bills was taken, amounting to about \$2,400.

Kinnear was engaged as a bookkeeper in August but was dismissed in December for inefficiency. Following his dismissal the shortage was discovered with the subsequent arrest.

The Township auditors have been called in and have been working on the municipal books for about two weeks in an effort to fully assess the exact shortage. It is believed that the tax money was taken from taxpayers and then the receipts destroyed.

Twp. to Enforce Trailer Bylaw After May 1st

The Township of Uxbridge will take court action to enforce its trailer bylaw after May 1st, 1961, according to a resolution of Council approved this week. The inaugural meeting was held on Monday.

The members agreed that the trailer residents should be permitted to reside in their temporary quarters throughout the winter months but should locate in more permanent dwellings by the deadline date. Only two families are affected, one on the Herb Hill property, No. 47 Hwy. near conc. 6, and the other on the Russell Albright farm between conc. 5 and 6.

Mr. Francis Cook, Pastor at the Goodwood United Church, conducted the devotional exercises on Monday morning at 11 o'clock. The next regular meeting of Council will be held on Saturday afternoon, Feb. 11, at 1:30.

Hold Inquest At Whitby

An inquest into the death of a Scarborough student pilot killed in a crash at the Goodwood Airport on Dec. 31st will be held at the Whitby Office of the Ontario Provincial Police on Thursday afternoon, Jan. 19th at 2 p.m. It will be conducted by Coroner T. E. Lennox of Uxbridge.

Donald Geo. Taylor, 50, was hurried through the windshield of a CF-70 training plane when it plunged nose-first into the side of a hill on approaching the landing strip. It was suggested that the pilot might have suffered a heart seizure.

Driver Had "Socks On His Hands," Court Told

Kenneth Glenn McIver, aged 18, of Manhattan Drive, Toronto, pleaded guilty to four charges of auto theft in Newmarket Court this week. He was remanded for sentence until February 13th. Constable Evan Kelly of the Markham Township Police told Magistrate O.S. Hollinrake that the accused youth had admitted theft of the vehicles in North Gwillimbury, Georgina, Markham and Toronto. He had driven three of the four cars until they ran out of gas, then abandoned them. The fourth one was totally wrecked after he had collided with another car on Don Mills Road, near Markham. Three persons were removed to the hospital as a result and McIver also received severe back injuries. Constable Kelly said that the accused had been travelling at speeds between 70 and 80 m.p.h. and had skidded approximately 330 feet before hitting a car driven by Mr. J. A. Fosen of Hamilton. McIver had been wearing socks on his hands at the time, to avoid leaving fingerprints. Magistrate Hollinrake told the court, "I am not going to let this young man, or any others get away with such actions."

Forgery Charge James Ross Sheard, aged 25, of Newmarket, appeared in Newmarket Court this week charged on 6 counts of forgery and uttering. He is alleged to have committed offences in Markham and Stouffville. Markham Township Police agreed to a remand until January 16th. Sheard was allowed bail at \$2,000.00.

Student Charged Michael Donovan, aged 18, of Agincourt pleaded guilty to a charge of consuming liquor under the age of 21. He was fined \$10.00 and costs or ten days. The accused youth told the court he is still attending high school. He said, "I just went to a party and had too much." Markham Township Police said Donovan had been found in an almost drunken condition on Christmas Eve.

inrake and fined \$200.00 and costs. Lee told the court that his erratic driving was due to the fact that he was feeling ill. He said that he had taken only one drink before driving from Toronto toward his home in Keswick. Lee said he only took that to try and relieve a severe stomach-ache.

Pleads Guilty Kelly Edward Douglas, aged 23, who is a horseman at the Bayview-Horse Farm, pleaded guilty in Newmarket Court on Monday to six charges of forgery and uttering. He was remanded for sentence until January 16th. Richmond Hill Police laid the charges as a result of investigation by Constable Kenneth Sider who told the court on Monday that Douglas had forged cheques on the Bank of Commerce at Richmond Hill in the amount of \$834.00. Douglas pleaded for leniency and said "I have had time to think while I have been in custody." Crown Attorney Arleigh Armstrong told the court that Douglas has previous convictions dating from 1956 to 1960.

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Markham Twp. Council Notes

Confirmed the engaging of Bernard Pick as assessor at a salary of \$3,800.

Re-appointed Frank Brumwell to the Planning Board for a three-year term and councillor Chas. Hooper as a member from council.

Set the time of meetings to be the first and third Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. and the 2nd and 4th Monday at 1:30 in the afternoon.

Agreed to issue \$75,000 in debentures for T.S.A. No. 1 for an addition to school.

Thirty-one Stouffville Boys Enroll for New Air Cadet Squadron

Stouffville's new Air Cadet Squadron, No. 94, was officially launched on Tuesday evening with thirty-one boys enrolling. Mr. J. B. Smith, manager of the Ontario Committee of the Air Cadet League, was present to fully outline the operation and purposes of the league and to acquaint the group with the many advantages and privileges of belonging to the cadet squadron.

The Stouffville Squadron will be affiliated with Camp Borden R.C.A.F. Station and the Liaison Officer will be Flt-Lt. Bill Strathy, Members of the R.C.A.F. and other civilian committee members were introduced by Mr. Smith. Present were Flt-Lt. Gerry Hynes, Sgt. McCully, Flt-Lt. Chas. Konvalinka now with No. 700 Squadron, Weston; Wing Comm. Jan Falkowski who served with the R.A.F. and will be the Commanding Officer of the new Stouffville Squadron, Mr. R. H. Button, Jos. Koblenzky, Civilian sponsors, and Police Officers Fred White of Markham and Harry Hetherington, Stouffville. Mr. Smith paid tribute to the energetic work of Constable Hetherington in getting the new Squadron underway. He said that he had first known Mr. Hetherington when he was an air cadet at Noranda, Quebec, during the war years.

Mr. Smith stated that of the 350 Air Cadet Squadrons across the Dominion, 64 were in Ontario. The Squadrons took in some 25,000 cadets.

The boys and a number of parents enjoyed a color sound film on "The Air Cadet Story," and were then assembled for enrollment. Next week on Tuesday night, the group is expected to be joined by boys from Markham and possibly Uxbridge.

Post Office Returns 350 Dead Letters

A total of 350 dead letters were bundled up at the Stouffville Post Office last week and shipped to Toronto — the majority never to reach their proper destinations. It is the same story at Postal Departments throughout the Province. In most cases, the intended receiver cannot be located and no return address is listed on the envelope. A large portion of the "dead" mail are Christmas cards.

Authorities at the Dead Letter Office in Toronto will open the envelopes in an effort to locate some means of identification either of the sender or the intended receiver. Local postal employees are not given this authority. The number of rejects does not vary greatly from year to year.

Blood Donors Are Wanted

The service of blood donors is urgently required from this area. On Monday, Jan. 23rd, a Red Cross Mobile Unit will visit Markham and a clinic will be held in The Veterans' Hall between 2 and 4:30 in the afternoon and from 6 to 8 o'clock in the evening. A quota of 300 donors has been established and it is hoped that the public will co-operate to assure the success of this project.



All-Star

All-Tidbury of Markham will be one of seventeen local hockey players who will share the all-star spotlight in the Metro Jr. "B" group. A portion of the annual benefit exhibition game in the Stouffville Arena on Friday night, Jan. 20th. A picked team from the Stouffville Community League will meet the Unionville "Jets" top contenders in the Metro Jr. "B" group. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Stouffville Minor Hockey Association. —Staff Photo

Markham Twp. Building Continues To Increase

Although building generally was down throughout the province last year, Markham Township continued to show considerable increase totalling nearly \$5,000,000. The Building Inspector's annual report on Monday revealed that the total value of new residences built in 1960 amounted to \$2,688,365; public buildings amounted to \$1,037,400 with commercial and industrial building \$993,850, making a grand total of \$4,719,615. The total building in 1960 was nearly double any of the previous years since 1955. In 1959 the amount reached \$2,207,020 and dropped to a low of \$1,455,460 in 1958. In 1959 the amount of building was valued at \$ 2,243,685.

Borrowing Rate Questioned Council on Monday authorized the borrowing of up to \$250,000 for current expenses until tax payment time. Councillor Chas. Hooper suggested that the third reading of the bylaw be delayed as he considered the rate of 5 and three-quarters percent interest was too high. Clerk Harry Crisp assured councillor Hooper that other banks besides the Bank of Commerce would be glad to take the account but not at any less interest.

In reply to a question the Clerk stated that the township had about \$150,000 in uncollected taxes but would receive a return from the government in 1960 road subsidy of \$89,000.

Hauling Gravel for New Highway May Hurt Whitchurch Roads

Whitchurch Township council is deeply concerned over the effect the hauling of thousands of tons of gravel for the new 404 Highway is going to have on township roads. Members recalled the "beating" taken by Whitchurch sideroads when highway 404 was built. At that time the township received a \$10,000 special consideration grant for the extra maintenance although the bill was \$26,000. A great deal of the gravel for the new super highway will come from Whitchurch pits and it was pointed out that the loads hauled when 404 was built are only a fraction of the weight of those being hauled today. Deputy-reeve Frank Williams suggested that a former plan to charge a levy on every load of gravel leaving the pits should be imposed for road maintenance.

"That was proposed before by the Highways Department themselves but we never heard any more about it," said Reeve Wallwork.

Road Supt. Davis suggested that council should plan now to have a special grant for undue maintenance required to handle such unusual traffic. Members discussed the possibility of bringing a motion to the floor of the Good Roads Convention as it was believed other municipalities along the highway route would suffer as well.

"Whatever we do, it should be started now," said Supt. Davis, and members agreed. Clerk Jack Crawford and Road Supt. Davis will discuss the problem with the provincial district highway engineer and a hearing will be sought with the Highways Minister if it is deemed necessary.