



Want Police Chief Named For Next Council Meeting

Stouffville municipal council police committee, councillors Gar Lehman and Bud Spang, have been requested to bring forward their recommendation for the naming of a Police Chief, at the next meeting of council.

This decision arose out of a long discussion at Thursday night's meeting when councillor Parsons revealed various reasons why he would not stand as a member of the police committee for 1962.

Councillor Lehman who has accepted the chairmanship of the committee said he agreed with many of councillor Parsons' complaints but would like the matter of the cruiser going to fires, to be settled.

"What's the good of dealing with one little item on police when there must be a dozen?" said deputy-reeve Ken Laushway. "Let's either have a special meeting to discuss the whole situation or do it now," he said.

Questioned by Public Councillor Parsons said that when it was revealed in the press that he would not stand as a member of the committee this year, people in town wanted to know why.

He said that for one thing he didn't think Stouffville officers should be required to police outside of town. There are other forces there for that purpose.

"I'll admit officers must use a certain amount of discretion but as far as I'm concerned, this matter of going out of town has been abused, as well as the use of force," he said. "There's got to be some administration to this police force whose orders are going to be observed," said Mr. Parsons. "I don't think the ratepayers are getting value for their money."

Constable VanKoughnet is the senior officer and should be sergeant although this is rather a debatable title, and the authority of the police committee is dubious, too," continued councillor Parsons. "There needs to be somebody to lay down some rules that are going to be observed."

Easy Job
"This is one of the easiest places in the country to police."

There's too much friction between the officers. It's the old story of too many chiefs and not enough Indians," he said.

"I didn't know there was any trouble until I got in here," said reeve Timbers. "There's got to be a cause for everything, and we're going to find out what it is and try and correct it," he said.

"As far as I'm concerned, the town has been well policed for the last two years, but I'll agree it's time one of the men was made sergeant," said councillor Lehman.

"Do you think a couple of stripes is going to make any difference?" replied councillor Parsons.

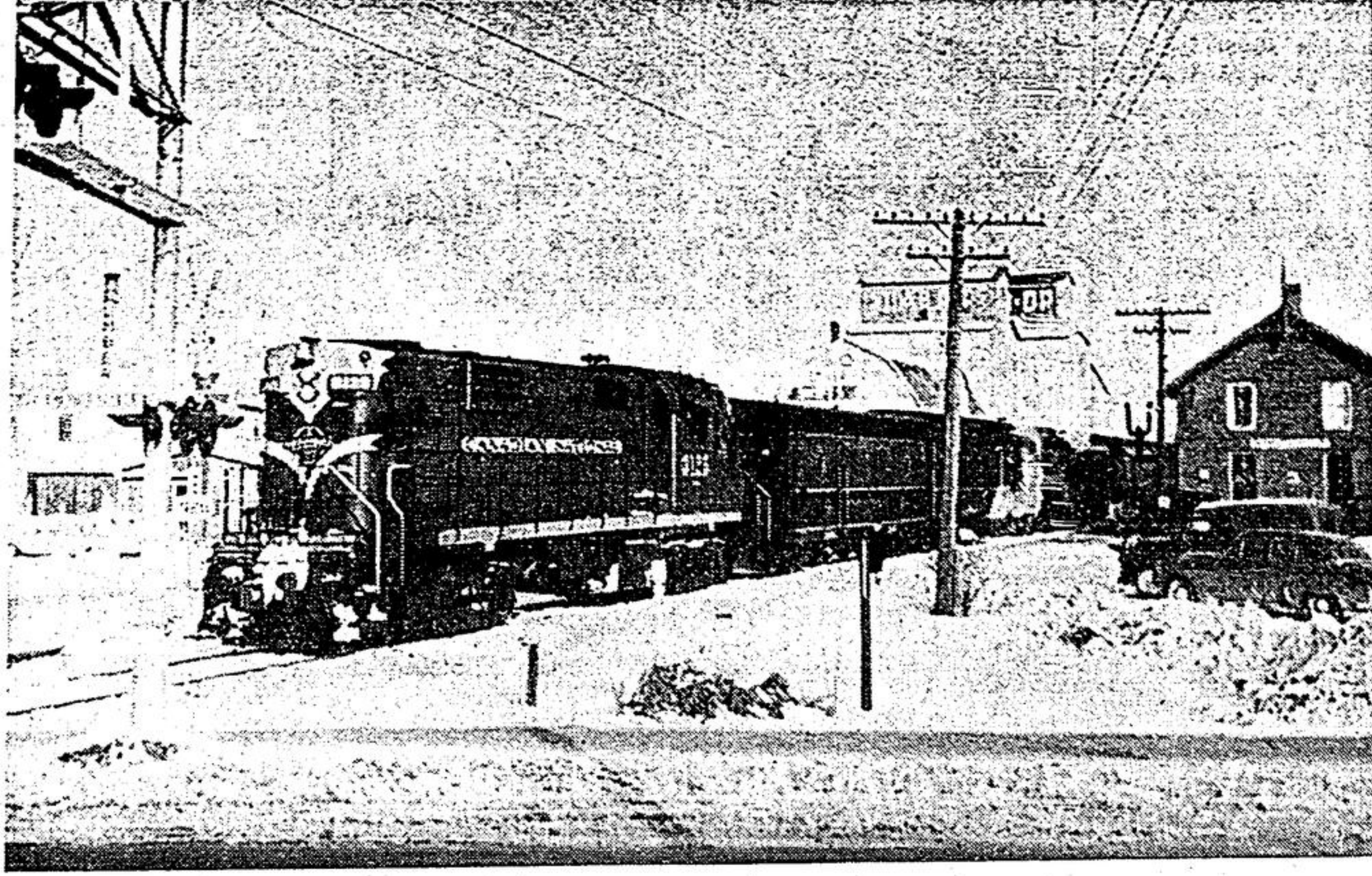
"Certainly there has to be a boss in a police department, and our senior officer is the logical man," said councillor Spang.

"The trouble is we've got 3 Chiefs," said deputy-reeve Laushway. "I'm going to recommend to the Committee that they come to the next meeting prepared to recommend who is to be Chief or Sergeant, but one boss. Whatever the recommendations, we want to wipe the slate clean of these police matters one and for all," he concluded.

"Well, I think it's entirely wrong to tell the men they have to stop chasing a robber at the edge of town — I don't care if they have to go 20 miles to catch him. It's foolish too, to say they can't go to an accident just outside of town. It might be one of our own citizens who is hurt. These are silly things and they shouldn't even be discussed here," commented reeve Timbers.

Will Go to Fires
Council did settle the matter of the police going with the Brigade to outside fires, with deputy-reeve Laushway demanding that the decision be placed in writing.

Councillor Lehman said the Fire Chief says it's an asset to have the police go along and if doesn't matter to them," he said. Council agreed that the cruiser should accompany the Brigade and that if there was no emergency at the scene, they should then return home.



The Last Round-up

Next Tuesday, Jan. 30th will mark the conclusion of all C.N.R. passenger train service to and from Stouffville. The

cancellation will mark the end of an era that has extended over a period of more than 75 years. As of this date, a night

passenger train will come only as far as Markham and will return on the same evening. Pictured here, a diesel

passenger unit prepares to pull out of the Stouffville depot. After Jan. 30th, none will return. —Staff Photo

MORE INFORMATION ASKED ON FIREMEN REQUISITION

Chairman Bud Spang of the Stouffville municipal council Property Committee must meet with the local Fire Brigade in order to get more information regarding a requisition which he presented to council Thursday night for over \$100 in new equipment.

Council did not act on the requisition as the committee did not recommend approval and Councillor Parsons voiced immediate objection as he contended, "We have no proof that these items are really needed. I think this report should be gone over very carefully. I thought we'd bought all the hose we needed; has it deteriorated?" he said.

Deputy-reeve Laushway, the other member of the committee stated that the firemen wanted the additional hose, so that they would have another set of hose ready immediately when they returned from a country fire with their hose lines frozen up. They have had to go out on a second call before any time elapsed to thaw out hose lines.

The list of requirements included hose, a blower to assist in entering smoke-filled premises, a saw for cutting through walls or roofs and a number of other items.

"I want to know if these things are to be an asset or just put away and little used. Gentlemen, we don't just pass requests from committees like this—it's still a third of a mill and is it necessary?"

Councillor Spang said he had been informed by the firemen that the additional hose would bring the supply up to 1200 feet as required by the fire underwriters.

Councillor Laushway stated that council had lifted the fire equipment from practically nothing, a few years ago, and the Brigade was only trying to improve their equipment standard by the request.

Reeve Timbers agreed that the proper procedure was for the committee to meet the Brigade and ascertain definitely what was actually needed, Council agreed that the committee should report further at the next meeting.

Service Appreciated
Council was in receipt of a cheque for \$196 from the Town of Uxbridge for the services of the Fire Brigade in fighting a recent fire there on the Main St.

Attached was a letter from Uxbridge council expressing appreciation for the excellent service rendered by the Stouffville Brigade in this instance.

Markham Minister Going to Newmarket
Rev. Norman Pick, who has been the minister at St. Andrew's United Church, Markham, for the past five years, has accepted a call to Trinity United Church, Newmarket, and will be leaving in June. He was chairman of York Presbytery last year. At the present time, Trinity United has a temporary minister, Rev. Fred Smith, who was also at Markham at one time.

Young Man Badly Burned When Gas Poured into Stove

A young Markham man suffered severe burns over 40 per cent of his body on Wednesday night of last week when he mistakenly poured a quantity of naphtha gas into a stove at Cedarena, in Cedar Grove R.R. John Reesor, Markham R.R.I. was enveloped by the flash fire and explosion that followed. Two companions, John Anthony and Fred Carter, helped beat out the flames as the victim ran from the frame rink enclosure and threw himself in the snow. He was taken by car to the Markham Medical Centre for first aid treatment and later rushed to the Scarborough General Hospital. He is reported to be making good progress.



The victim, an enthusiastic hockey player, had acquired the ice at Cedarena for an open air practice session with a few of his friends in the community. Before leaving the building to join his companions outside, he decided to sprinkle some coal-oil on the slow-burning stove fire. He picked up the wrong can that contained naphtha, a highly inflammable liquid. He was able to protect his face with his hands, but his legs and back were badly burned. Damage to the enclosure was slight.

In his more active years of hockey competition he played with Peach's in T.H.L., King Clancy and Community League rinks. Only recently he moved into a new bungalow residence on No. 7 Highway near Conc. 10, Markham. He is married and the father of one son. For a number of years he has been employed as a truck driver with Bill Hood, Imperial agent at Ettonville.

Reesor's progress is expected to be more rapid now that he can contain some nourishment. On Tuesday, he was granted permission by hospital authorities to read in bed. He is still confined to an isolation ward but will be transferred in a few days as his recovery trend continues.

STOUFFVILLE NOT INVITED
Markham and Vaughan Townships along with Woodbridge, Richmond Hill and Markham Village, are endeavoring to establish a "Little Metro" to co-ordinate services and other facilities as much as possible. Fear has been expressed many times for the possible encroachment of Metro Toronto on these municipalities and the hope is that by standing together they may better combat such a move.

When the report of the latest meeting held by the group was submitted at Markham Township council this week, the question was asked why Stouffville was not included, but there was no reply.

"TIMBER" FREED, THEN FREED BY FIREMEN

"Timber," a 4-month-old kitten, had to be rescued from the top of a forty foot maple tree by two members of the Stouffville fire brigade on Sunday afternoon.

Its owner, Mrs. Shirley Hansen, missed the house pet early in the morning. Several hours later, she saw it clinging to its lofty perch.

Brigade member, Geo. Wilson had to employ the use of the unit's extension ladder in order to reach the animal. He was assisted in his task by Fred Castle.

Mrs. Hansen praised the prompt action by firemen. "Timber" appeared to suffer no ill effects from its lengthy exposure to the elements.

showed exceptionally good financing.

Lot Sale Completed
Clerk Ralph Corner reported to council that he had received the final payment of the \$6,500 received by the town from St. James Presbyterian Church, for two park lots on Maytree Ave. The Minister of Municipal Affairs had given permission to sell the property, the money from which can only be used to buy additional or other park land.

More Than 200 Attend Official Opening Of Anglican Church Hall

A very special occasion in the life of the Stouffville Anglican Church congregation was marked on Wednesday evening, Jan. 17th when the new \$10,000 Christ Church Hall was officially opened. More than 200 members, municipal representatives and guests were in attendance. The ceremony was in charge of Right Reverend F. H. Wilkinson, Lord Bishop of the Diocese of Toronto.

The event marked the culmination of a building project that was started with a sod-turning in June, 1961. Among the honoured guests was Rev. J. D. Tiller, one of the initial promoters of the building program and who, during his Pastorship in Stouffville, laid the groundwork for the construction campaign. Other guest visitors included—Archdeacon; H. D. Cleverdon; Mrs. J. C. Stone, daughter of Rev. A. H. Wright, the church rector in 1908 and Miss Elizabeth Foote, a former organist and a member of the congregation for more than 60 years. Reeve Win Timbers and Mrs. Timbers and Deputy-reeve, Kenneth Laushway and Mrs. Laushway were also present.

Right Rev. Wilkinson pointed with pride to the advancement of the Anglican church in tune with the times. He said that the new church hall in Stouffville was a beautiful example of this trend. The Secretary and Chairman of the Building Committee, Mr. Harry Bourne and Mr. Lionel Foord also spoke briefly. Reeve Timbers praised the efforts of the congregation on the completion of their project. The service of dedication was held on Sunday.

Growing Community Making Big Demands On Local Library

Stouffville Public Library is feeling the pinch for accommodation in trying to provide service for this growing community. At the annual meeting of the 1962 Library Board, the imperative need for accommodation, both for new books and a reading room was thoroughly discussed.

The original committee which saw the great benefits of accepting the start offered by the Carnegie Foundation to get the library established here, had great vision and courage. The present building, erected and equipped over 25 years ago, has served the community well. Since that day the population has trebled. It was pointed out at the inaugural meeting that the children of both public and high schools were using the Library extensively. They required room where, under supervision, they can read and study the reference books which should not leave the Library. There are requests for the formation of a Children's Hour, devoted to the art of Story Telling, and volunteers have offered their services. There are no adequate facilities for this type of service.

At the annual meeting, Rev. Douglas Davis was elected the chairman of the Board and Miss Anne Lehman, secretary-treas. The book committee is Mrs. G.

Sisco, Mrs. R. Stapley and Mr. G. Ford and the secretary; property committee is Mr. E. Daniels and Mr. Davis.

Appreciation was expressed to Mrs. Geo. Thomas, librarian who has rendered valuable service in this capacity. Many favorable comments have been received from the public who use the library facilities and benefit from her keen interest in supplying the varied requests.

The Board purchased about 500 new books in 1961 and discarded 314. The overall circulation during the year was 15,200. The juveniles used over 6,000 books and students used 175 reference books. Every four months a supply of books is received from the Travelling Library, books that are not stocked, and these are found to be in great demand. The World Book Encyclopedia, recently purchased, has also proved very popular.

The Library provides a wide variety of magazines besides a wealth of material sent in by government departments. Gifts of books were gratefully acknowledged from the Richardson Century Fund of Winnipeg as well as from local citizens.

The list of new books that are procured are reported periodically in The Tribune.

Christmas Tree Theft Brings \$100 Fine Critical of Council's Action On Drainage

The theft of two trees from the reforestation property at Conc. 6, Whitchurch Township cost a Toronto man, \$100 and costs before Magistrate R. A. Pearce in Newmarket Court. Garry Brooks, 22, was caught red-handed by a township officer. A charge of theft was laid by the Vandal's Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police.

The incident occurred in December and it was presumed that the accused wanted the trees for Christmas.

James Smith Passes Suddenly In 66th Year
On Monday, Jan. 22nd, Mr. Jim Smith, a well-known and highly respected life-long resident of the Stouffville community, passed away suddenly at his home on 42 Park Drive. He was in his 66th year.

Born in Whitchurch Township, the son of the late Frederick Smith, he operated a farm for many years at Ringwood. He had lived in Stouffville for the past six months. He was identified with the Stouffville United Missionary Church.

Besides his wife, the former Lillian Pearl Rye, the deceased is survived by two sons, Ernest of Mount Albert, Russell, Stouffville R. R. 4, and two daughters, Pauline (Mrs. Edward) and Elaine (Mrs. Geo. Peagam) of Mount Albert. One brother, Roy, lives at Bethesda and a sister, Mrs. Roy Nelson resides at Gormley.

Mr. Smith was stricken while visiting at his sons' farm at Ringwood. Although he was returned home, he failed to rally. The funeral service will be held in the United Missionary Church, Stouffville, on Thursday afternoon (today) at 2 p.m. with interment in Heise Hill Cemetery, Rev. A. Walsh and a former Pastor, Rev. F. Huson, will.

Last Steam Train Excursion on Sunday

With the end of this month writing fins to passenger train service through Stouffville, a special steam-drawn excursion train from Toronto will be coming through this Sunday, Jan. 28th. The run will mark the end of an era, to conclude some 75 years of passenger railroading here. Sixty years ago, the station was known as Stouffville Junction and a second line branched off here and went to Sutton.

This coming Sunday morning, the last of the steam engines, No. 6167, will be drawing a special 7-car train north through town. This engine was the last of a series of steam locomotives built in the 1930's. Dubbed, "The ChilliBlain Express," it will leave Toronto at 5:30 a.m., will pass through Stouffville about 10:15 and arrive in Lindsay about 1:15 p.m. Lunch will be served in Lindsay and the train will return in about two hours time. The trip is sponsored by the Upper Canada Railway Society and will carry many historians, steam engine fans and photographers. The train can be boarded in Toronto at the return fare rate of \$9.50 for adults and .55 for children.

Driver Halted By Shots, Fined \$115, And Loses License

A police chase that started on the Main Street in Stouffville and was finally ended after the officer fired four warning shots into the air and one bullet into the trunk, was revealed before Magistrate R. A. Pearce in Richmond Hill Court on Friday morning. P.C. Harry Heatherington of Stouffville said that he pursued an eastbound auto at 1 a.m. on Dec. 10th at speeds up to 65 miles per hour within the village limits, then clocked the car at 75 to 80 miles per hour on No. 47 Highway, Clement Jack Frazier, Toronto Street, Uxbridge, was charged with speeding at 45 m.p.h. in a 30 mile zone and with careless driving. The driver was fined \$15.00 and costs on the first count and \$100.00 and cost on the second charge. In addition, his license was suspended for six months.

The accused drew a rather sharp rebuttal from the Magistrate when he suggested that the Stouffville officer had no authority to chase his car outside the boundary of the town. Magistrate Pearce informed the accused that an officer's jurisdiction covered the entire Province. He contended that the driver's action could have warranted an even more serious charge.

P.C. Heatherington said that it was snowing on the night in question and visibility was poor. He said that the highway was slippery and Frazier's car swayed badly while rounding a sharp curve at Lincolnville. He said that the "dome light" was flashing on the cruiser. He described how he fired four warning shots into the air and finally lodged one bullet in the key lock of the trunk. He said that a girl friend passenger was asleep in the front seat of the auto. Magistrate Pearce indicated that the officer had done everything in his power to stop the speeding car and that the driver had shown little concern for either the constable or his accompanying occupant. The vehicle did not belong to the accused.

CONVICTED ON CHARGE OF CONCEALED WEAPON

A Stouffville man was convicted in Magistrate's Court, Richmond Hill on Tuesday, on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon and was remanded one week in custody for sentence. Harry Hills, Main Street, the father of six, was charged by the Stouffville Police Department last week after they answered a call on a domestic complaint.

Two other charges, including resisting arrest and escaping custody were withdrawn. The accused will re-appear in court on Jan. 31st, Magistrate R. A. Pearce heard the case. Pre-Sentence Report
Cecil Hackney of Markham was remanded in custody for one week to await a pre-sentence report when he pleaded guilty before Magistrate R. A. Pearce to a charge of theft. A sum of \$40 was taken from the home of Wm. Dedlow, Main Street, Stouffville while the owner was absent from the premises.

COUNCIL TO CONSIDER EMPLOYEE PENSION PLAN

Mr. Colbourn, representing the London Life Assurance Co., appeared before Stouffville municipal council Thursday evening and requested council's consideration of a pension plan for the employees.

Councillor Lehman said such a plan had been considered a couple of years ago, but no further action had been taken.

Deputy-reeve Laushway stated that while he was not eligible to participate in any business with the municipality, he thought it advisable to request similar plans from the other life insurance agents in town. "If you don't," he said, "they'll be in here at the next meeting and will only prolong the matter."

Council agreed to this suggestion.