

## School "Torn Apart" By Vandals



A portion of the interior of the White Rose public school, S.S. No. 6, Whitchurch Township, is pictured here after it

had been damaged and defaced by vandals last week. Board Chairman, Metro Sudeyko (left) and trustee, Roy

Smith stand amid the rubble of broken furniture and light fixtures. Three Lake Wilcox residents have been charged

by the Vandorf Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police. —Staff Photo

## Vandals Charged With Over \$1,000 Damage to Whitchurch Twp. School

The interior of the White Rose public school, S.S. No. 6, Whitchurch Township, was literally "torn apart" by vandals on Friday afternoon. Due to the damage, estimated at more than \$1,000, it was necessary to close the building for a number of days this week. The one-room frame structure is located on conc. 3, north of Gormley.

Entry was gained through a rear window. Desks and chairs were overturned and broken. Every light fixture was smashed. Books and glass littered the floor. The electric clock on the wall was broken, the ceiling was scarred and many other pieces of school property were either damaged or defaced. P. C. James Tree of the Vandorf Detachment, Ontario Provincial Police, later arrested three men near the scene. Fred Scaife, 24, Geo. Leary, 31 and Wm. Riddell, 21, all of South Road, Lake Wilcox, were remanded when they appeared in Magistrate's Court, Newmarket on Monday. They face charges of break and entry and causing malicious damage.

School Out Early  
The teacher, Miss Sheila Donovan had dismissed classes earlier than usual on Friday after-

noon to enable the senior students to engage the pupils of Hartman School in a hockey game. The school has an enrollment of 31. Miss Donovan and the pupils of grades 7 and 8 agreed to assist the trustees in cleaning up the debris. The Board members include the Chairman, Metro Sudeyko, Roy Smith and Gordon Wallace. The damage is not covered by insurance.

Like a Cyclone  
Mr. Sudeyko was the first on the scene. He noticed that one of the side windows had been broken and spotted a stalled auto on the side of the road. Not far from the site, two men were walking. Mr. Sudeyko summoned the Ontario Provincial Police. A few minutes later, a third party returned to the car with some gasoline. He, too, was arrested by the police.

"It looked like a cyclone had hit the school," commented the Board Chairman after viewing the damage. Police said that the men were not looking for money but had been drinking. One of the suspects cut his hand while climbing through a window and blood was smeared around the room.

## Construction of New Dial Phone Exchange Began This Week

Plans to introduce dial telephone service in Stouffville this fall are right on schedule, W. C. Barnes, local manager of the Bell Telephone Company said this week.

The contract for construction of an exchange building to contain the necessary dial switching equipment has been awarded to Ramsay Contracting Ltd., of Toronto, and construction work has already begun.

Located on the west side of West Lawn Crescent, the one-storey building is scheduled for completion in May.

The building of brick wall construction, will have a frontage of 61 feet and will be 34 feet deep. It will have reinforced concrete foundations and a felt and gravel roof.

Telephone engineers are now designing the complex dial switching equipment to meet the specific needs of Stouffville telephone users. As soon as the building is completed, crews of highly skilled technicians will begin the installation of this equipment.

Mr. Barnes said that when dial service is introduced, Stouffville customers will receive new, seven-figure telephone numbers. All-figure numbers are now being used by all major telephone companies across the North American continent.

In Stouffville, telephone numbers will begin with the three figure prefix, 640, followed by four more numbers. A typical number might well be 640-8888, Mr. Barnes added.

## Students Qualify for Public Speaking Finals

Two Stouffville District High School students, Barbara Button and Tim Wees, qualified on Monday night to enter the Lions Club Oratorical Zone finals here on March 29th. At that time they will compete with students from Aurora and Newmarket.

The local contest was conducted at the regular meeting of the Lions Club with four juniors and four senior students competing. Barbara Button took top honours with the highest points over-all, while Tim Wees placed second and top spot for the boys. Barbara spoke on the comparison of life in our country with that of the impoverished nations and Tim took as his subject, the Atom Bomb. The Junior speakers were Janet Button, Donna Ratcliff, Sue Ketchie and David Colburn. In this group Sue Ketchie and David Colburn shared top honors. The other senior contestants were Pat Harwood and Marilyn Fosdick.

All the addresses were of a high order and the students were commended by chairman of the contest, Lion Cec Hendricks. The Judges were Mr. Wm. Sherwood, Mr. Bert Newell and Rev. Gordon Cruikshank. A number of friends and teachers of the competing orators attended. The meeting was conducted by Lion President Nell Patrick and the contest portion

of the program by Lions Cec Hendricks and Ted Edwards.

Stouffville High School has sent a student to the District finals now for a number of years and the Lions Club is to be congratulated on promoting this fine piece of work among our young people.

## CIVIC DINNER FOR PICKERING TWP.

Although the benefits of the annual Civic Dinner in the Township of Pickering were questioned by Councillor, Harvey Spang, at a special meeting of Council on Monday night, the other members registered votes in favour of the program. Councillor Spang voted against the proposal.

The Ward 1 representative contended that everyone in attendance should pay his or her own way. Councillor Milton Mowbray argued that rather than adopt such a policy, it would be better to scrap the whole idea. Councillor Ross Deakin maintained that the social event was held, mainly, to honour those who gave of their time and talents in the interests of the municipality, for little or no remuneration. No date was set for the banquet night.

## Ratepayer to Take Assessment Appeal To Supreme Court

A Pickering Township ratepayer will take his land-assessment appeal to the Supreme Court of Ontario, Dr. F. Eugene LaBrie, a Professor of the Faculty of Law in the University of Toronto and the owner of 50 acres, informed a standing-room audience at Brock Road on Thursday night that he plans to make his appeal a "test case" before the courts. He estimated that the litigation could cost \$600. A number of persons present agreed to pay a portion of the expense involved.

Dr. LaBrie revealed his plans when he addressed the first public gathering of the newly-organized Pickering Rural Ratepayers Association. A near-capacity crowd attended the meeting in the Red Cross Centre. Dr. LaBrie questioned the legality of his assessment. "If it can be set aside, I feel it should be done," he said. The President of the organization, Mr. Kenneth Carr stated that close to 90 appeals were currently slated for hearings before a County Court Judge in March.

Servants, Not Masters

Mr. Robt. G. Roy, the principal speaker, lashed out at the present Council and charged that every contract completed by them was illegal, due to the present holdings and interests of the Reeve. He asserted that only through strength in numbers could the Association speak with authority. "When the time comes for these 'jokers' to be elected, let us elect someone," he urged. He criticized the treatment that their delegation had received when they attended a regular council meeting in a body. He said that the Reeve had refused them permission to employ a tape-recorder and had rejected their request to hold the

meeting in roomier quarters. "We were huddled in there like a bunch of cattle," he said. "They are our servants, not our masters," he continued, "let us call the cards, not them."

Lack of Vigilance

Mr. Roy pointed out that the rural ratepayers had only themselves to blame for the present problems. "A great deal of the difficulties we are having with the present Council has been due to our own lack of vigilance and dis-interest before elections," he said. He charged that a lot of so-called "intelligentsia" get appointed to Council and promptly arrogate themselves as masters instead of public servants. "Had we taxpayers been alert and had a solid organization, we would not have to endure today the consequent abuses of this mal-administration," he continued. "This Council is not a hockey league or a mutual-aid society but represents a very serious responsibility to the people."

Kick In The Pants

Mr. Roy questioned the reason behind the need to increase the land assessment in the township. "Is the farmer going to get even one extra cupful of sand on his winter roads?" he asked. "Is he going to get water, sewers, hydro and other utilities? All he will get is a double kick in the pants," he replied. He pointed out that while the land assessments had been increased from 15 to 135%, his net income, according to statistics, had been reduced by 24%.

Elect Executive

Five persons were elected to the ratepayer's executive, including the following: Victor Vaughan, Green River; Mrs. Elizabeth Jackson, of Squire's Beach; Mr. A. Winn, of Altona; Mr. John Grosart, Pickering RR 1, and Mrs. D. Wiles, Rosebank.

## Late Jesse Cober Was School Caretaker 23 Years

On Saturday, Feb. 24th, Mr. Jesse Cober, a resident of Stouffville for 32 years, passed away suddenly at his home, Main Street East. He suffered from coronary thrombosis.

The late Mr. Cober was born on conc. 3, Pickering Township in 1874, the son of the late John Cober and Susan Sheffer. He was one of a family of eight children, two of whom survive. He is survived by his wife, the former Josephine Dale, one son, Gordon of Bancroft and a daughter, Edna (Mrs. Jack Forrester) of Port Perry. There are six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Two wives predeceased him. In 1905 he was married to Annie Dresser, and in 1947 he married Irene Doner.

Following his first marriage, he operated the homestead farm in Pickering for a period of five years. He later farmed at Bethesda and on the 5th conc. of Markham before moving to Stouffville 32 years ago. He was identified with the Brethren In Christ church.

A skilled tradesman in carpentry, cabinet-making and masonry he held a position of caretaker at the Stouffville Public School for 23 years.

The funeral service was held on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Heise Hill church, conducted by Rev. Wm. VanderBent. Interment was made in Heise Hill Cemetery. The pallbearers were Messrs. Earl Cober, Oran Fretz, Edward Fretz, Peter Stickley, Edgar Stickley and Asa Byers, all nephews of the deceased.

## Wilson Firm Marks 25 Years In Business

Commencing next week, Mr. Les Wilson will have been in business here in Stouffville for a quarter century. It was 25 years ago that he opened up a car-repair shop on Main Street where Garrett's garage is now located. The premises was then operated by Mr. Carl Boadway and Mr. Wilson occupied a section in the rear.

He then moved to the west end of town where he opened his own garage and service station. He obtained the agency for the Plymouth-Chrysler line and after the war, he was shipped one of the first cars to come off the post-war production line. For the past ten years, he has been an agent for Studebaker cars and trucks.

The business has continued to prosper and more recently, his station was enlarged to include a much larger service and repair area and a new-car showroom. A son, George, who literally "grew up" with the firm, is now a full partner. There are three other employees on the staff — Allan Boadway, Douglas Lornie and E. J. Wideman.

Monday that the township was being given a one year extension of time on the present dump.

Another suggested location was the large excavation at the Markham Sand & Gravel Co. just off Don Mills Rd.

## Markham Police Break Up Youth Theft Spree

A spree of thefts in the Townships of Markham, Vaughan and Whitchurch and in Richmond Hill and Metro Toronto was halted during the early hours of Saturday morning with the arrest of three Richvale youths. David James Meredith, 21, was arrested in a truck near the premises of the Rolling Hills Curling Rink in Whitchurch Township by Constables John McCague and Dan Denby of Markham Twp. Police. The officers were on patrol in the Gormley district when they were alerted by the Vandorf Office of the Ontario Provincial Police.

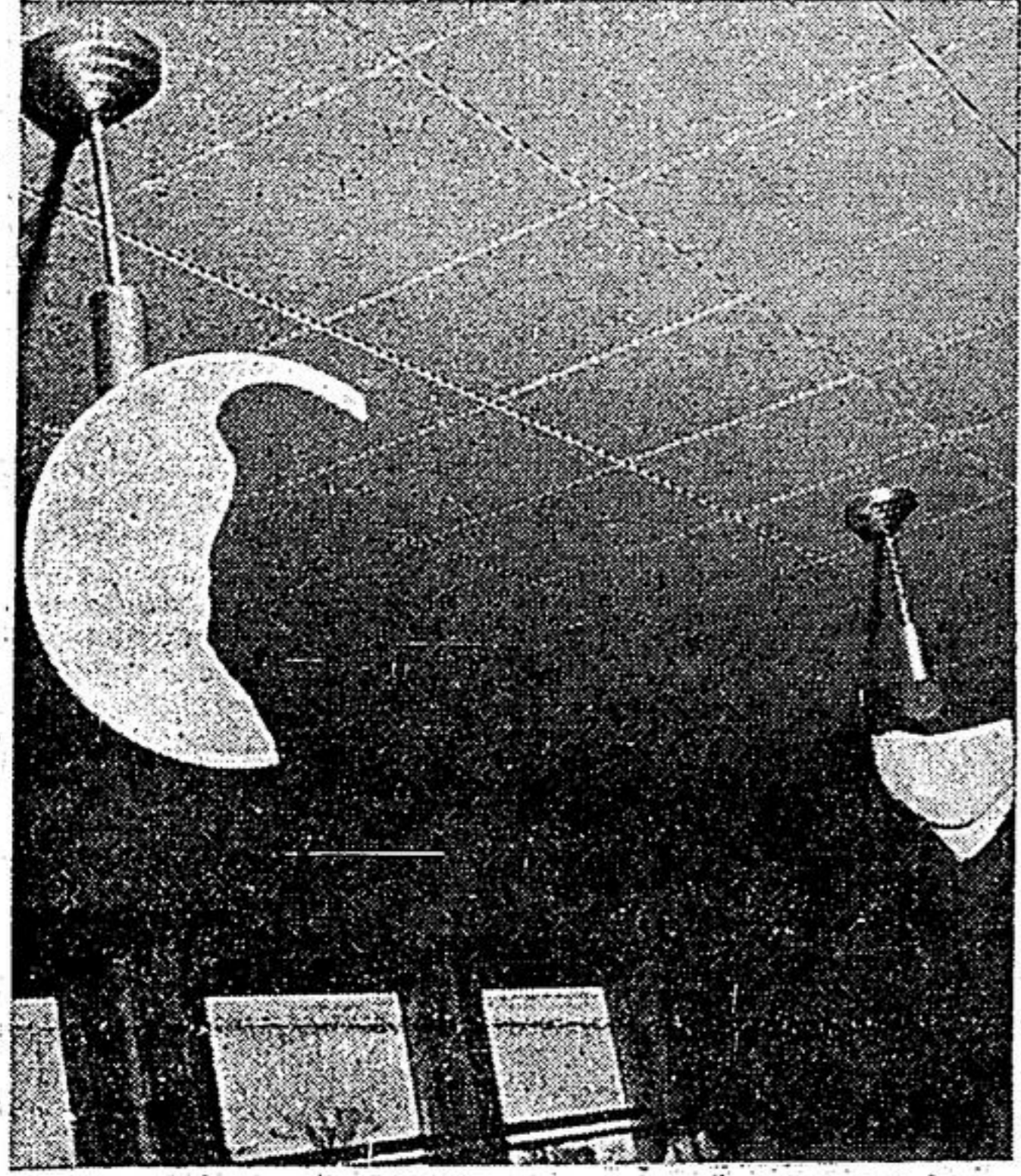
A few hours later, Sgt. William Shearn, also of Markham Twp., arrested Garry Smith, 19, and Allan Hartford, 16 as they walked along Bayview Avenue near 16th Avenue in a blinding snow storm. Both boys were nearly exhausted and were suffering from severe frostbite.

The youths have provided police with statements that could link them with a rash of thefts in five municipalities. They will appear in Magistrate's Court at Richmond Hill on Thursday.

Included in the many break-ins is the entry into the Unionville Curling Rink and the Crosby Memorial Arena. About \$43 was taken from the skating rink. Nothing was taken at Rolling Hills.

## LOOKING FOR NEW DUMP

Markham Township is looking for a new garbage dump site and have considered part of the former Harry Kennedy farm, recently purchased by the Metro Conservation Authority. Councillor Sumner told council on



Every electric light fixture in the building was smashed. One of the shattered globes is pictured here. The damage has been estimated at more

than \$1,000. The school, located on conc. 3, north of Gormley, had to be closed down for two days. —Staff Photo

## Music Festival Entries to Number Several Thousand

Stouffville Lions Club second annual Music Festival which will begin on Monday, March 5th, is attracting over two thousand individual juvenile entries. The Festival competitions will carry on throughout the week, up to and including Friday, March 9th, in the United Church. The Concert of Stars at which the winners will be heard and trophies and awards presented will be on Thursday, March 22, in the High School Auditorium. During next week there will be night competitions both Wednesday and Thursday evenings in order to accommodate the heavy entry list.

In addition to the choir and solo numbers, piano competitions have been added this year. The adjudicator for voice will be Mr. Eldon Brethour and for piano, Mr. Boris Berlin, Chairman of the Lions Club Committee in charge of the effort is Roy Dowswell, with Dr. Wm. Murphy as vice chairman.

Besides the hundreds of individual entries, choirs will be competing from many outside centres, such as Unionville, Markham and Uxbridge, along with rural centres. Some of the individual classes run high entry lists. Class 51, vocal solos for girls under seven, has 12, seventeen entries. Many have lists of competitors numbering a dozen or more.

All in all, there are more than seventy-five classes including solos, duets, triple duets, choirs and piano solos. Twenty-four trophies will be divided among the winners of the various classes and certificates will go

to many others. Assistance and advice have been given to the committee by various musical groups, and more than fifty individuals including businesses and municipal bodies, have aided with their patronage in the second edition of this great project.

An invitation is extended to the public to drop in at any time while the festival is on, to listen to and enjoy the competitions.

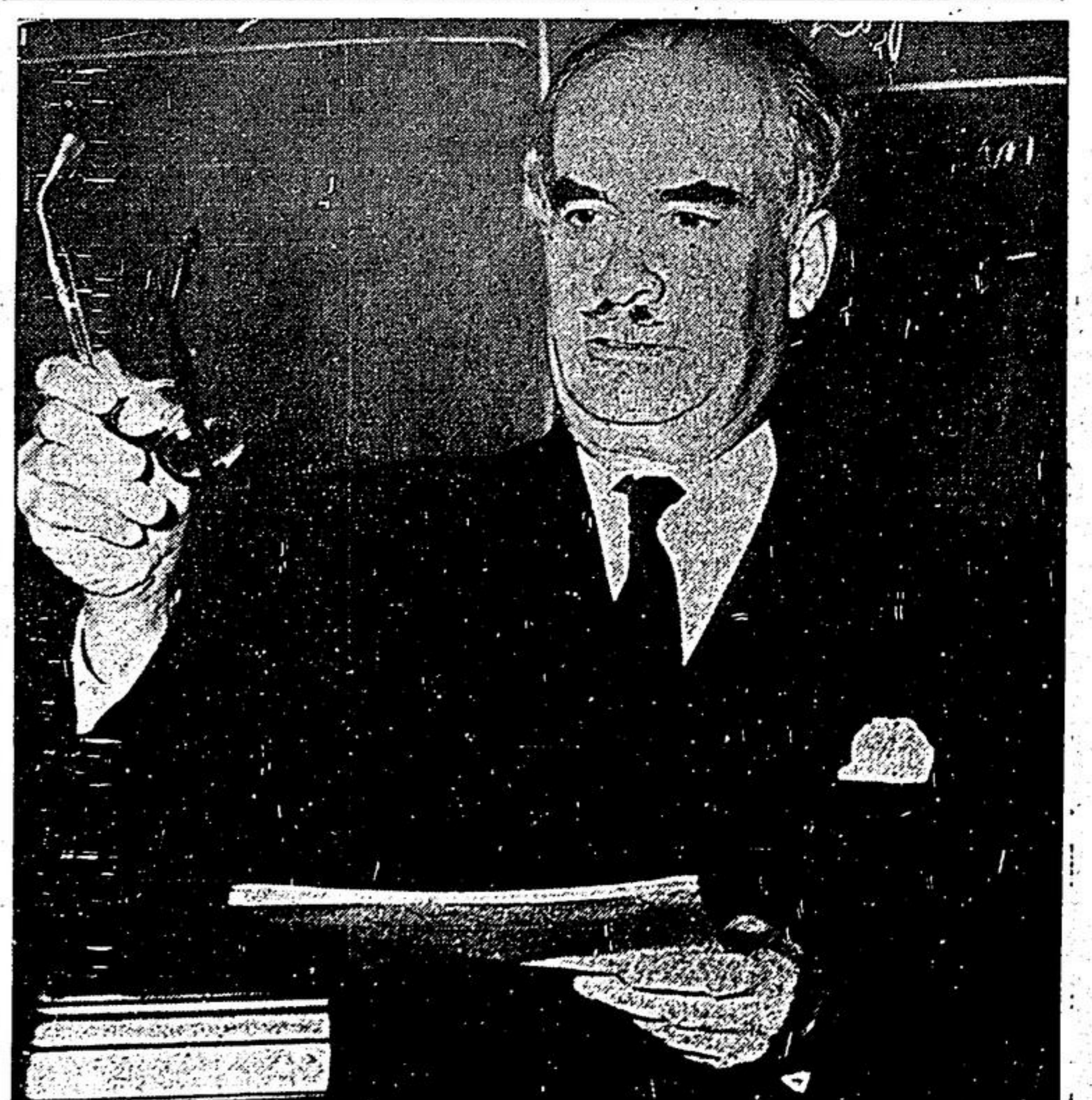
## Two Sent To Hospital In Conc. 9 Crash

A Scarboro mother and her daughter were admitted to hospital on Thursday afternoon of last week, following a two-car crash on conc. 9, Markham, at 19th Avenue.

Mrs. Ruth Lascovich, 38 and her daughter, Colleen of West Hill were injured when their auto was in collision with another car, driven by Mrs. Susan Osborn of Dickson's Hill. Both vehicles were badly damaged. Dr. D. J. Petrie of Stouffville administered treatment at the scene.

The Bruce Davidson home, conc. 9, was opened to the injured prior to the arrival of the ambulance. P.C. Barry McWhirter of Markham Township conducted the investigation.

The Ontario Government has announced a European tour for municipal councillors at \$525.



## In Assessment Argument

Mr. Robt. G. Roy of Claremont is currently waging a verbal war against the current assessment practices in the Township of Pickering.

The principal speaker at the first public meeting of the Rural Ratepayers' Association on Thursday night, Mr. Roy charged that the Council

were only servants of the electorate but instead had become self-imposed "masters".

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