

POLICE GET RADIO SERVICE

Council Approves Local Radio Hookup With Markham Twp.

Stouffville, the last police outpost in York County without radio communications, will acquire this service according to the unanimous approval of council at a regular meeting on Thursday night. The total monthly cost for 1962 has been estimated at \$150 but this figure will be revised slightly for 1963.

Dispatcher headquarters will be located in the Markham Twp. police office at Buttonville. Markham Village forms another link in the communication.

Councillor Gar. Lehman, chairman of the police committee presented his report following a discussion last week with the Markham Twp. Council and Police Department. Reeve Timbers, councillor Spang and P.C. Hugh VanKoughnet were also present.

The rental cost of the radio will be refunded if the council decides to purchase the unit. It was indicated that an additional employee would be added to the Markham force to handle the calls. "Markham made it very clear that they do not wish to make money out of the deal," said Reeve Win Timbers, "we are expected to pay our fair share."

"If we're hooked up with Markham, I'm confident that we will receive good service," said councillor Lehman.

Dials Force Change

Deputy-Reeve Kenneth Laushway pointed out that the change-over to the telephone dial system had made the move necessary. Prior to this, the switchboard operators would flash a Main Street red light or attempt to contact an officer if outside the police office. "We spend sixteen or seventeen thousand dollars per year for police protection but this service is absolutely useless if an officer cannot be reached." He suggested that a check should be made into the types of radio sets that would best serve this area. Councillor Lehman said that a company representative would be willing to explain the workings of his product at council's request.

Councillor Lehman charged that the present arrangement was not fair to the officers. He said that during the night time, one constable was often out alone and was "alighted" little protection. "First we awaited a move by the county, then Whit-church, now we have an opportunity to go with Markham," continued councillor Lehman in advocating the plan. "Whatever we do, it's going to cost us money." No member voiced any objection to the proposal.

BUILDING FUND OFFERING \$1,900 AT U.M. CHURCH

The congregation of the Stouffville United Missionary Church contributed total offerings on Sunday in the amount of \$1,900 at the Dedication and Anniversary services. This is in addition to the \$9,000 previously collected.

The cost of the new church building extension has been estimated at \$24,000. The outstanding amount of \$6,000 has all been forthcoming in the form of loans from the people.

Rev. Ward M. Shantz of Kitchener, Ontario Dist. Supt., was in charge of the morning Dedication and also spoke in the evening. The congregation swelled into the vestibule addition at both services. Special music in song was provided by tenor soloist Mr. Fred Lehman, also of Kitchener. Sunday School attendance in the morning totalled 251 boys and girls.

Local Dentist Drills To Music

You can lose your worries and your teeth all in one soothing operation in the office of local dentist, Dr. Wm. Murphy, Main St. W.

At a patient's request, taped stereo music is provided through earphones and the person, adult or child, simply relaxes in complete comfort. The new scientific development has proven itself successful, especially with children.

The dentist has a portable microphone at his command which enables him to speak to his patient above the sound of the music if he so desires.

15 YEAR OLD BOY STRUCK BY CAR

A fifteen year old boy suffered a fractured right arm, head cuts and body bruises on Monday night when he crossed Hwy. 48 and ran into the side of a car. Geo. Low, son of Mr and Mrs Geo. C. Low, R.R.2, Markham was admitted to the Scarborough General Hospital for treatment. The accident occurred near Byer's bridge, two miles north of Markham Village.

The auto was driven by Mr Geo. Chong of Don Mills. He was not charged. P.C. A. Hudson of Markham Twp. police conducted the investigation.

Santa To Arrive By Helicopter

On Saturday morning, Dec. 1st, Santa Claus will make his official visit to Stouffville. He will arrive by helicopter.

A committee has been organized by the Stouffville Businessmen's Association to complete arrangements for Santa's pre-Christmas visit. A main street workshop will be erected where St. Nick will meet all his little friends.

Further details and the exact time of Santa's arrival will be revealed at a later date.

Air Cadet Promotions

The following promotions and appointments have been finalized in the Stouffville and District Air Cadet Squadron. J. H. Wylie, promoted to Flt. Sgt. C. T. Stewart promoted to Sgt. Wm. Koblenksky promoted to Sgt. C. A. Worley promoted to Sgt. Two new officer appointments have been approved. They are: P/O J. McKellar, Supply Officer and P/O R. McGrogan, Chief Instructor.

Mr G. H. Williams, Manager of The Bank of Nova Scotia, has returned from a two day conference in Toronto where he met with over 100 other Scotia bank managers mostly from Eastern Ontario, discussing financial, credit, customer-relations international operations, protection and other key aspects of banking.

Telegrams were received from Prime Minister, John Diefenbaker, Hon. Lester Pearson, Mr John Addison, M.P., York North and Mr John Yar-emko, Provincial Secretary.

\$260,000 Addition To High School Gets Town Council OK

Stouffville Council has given its approval to a \$260,000 addition for the High School. The extension to the present structure will accommodate 160 students. A 50% government grant will be received on an unfunded \$200,000 leaving an estimated \$160,000 to be borne by Stouffville, Markham Twp. and Whitchurch Twp. Stouffville's share of this figure will be approximately 42%; Whitchurch - 39% and Markham - 19%. The debenture issue will be handled through the County.

Mr A. G. Thompson, Stouffville's representative on the High School Board presented the recommendations at a regular meeting of the Council on Thursday night. He said that the enrollment had now reached 446 students although the building was erected to accommodate only 400. He said that

Hallowe'en Vandalism At Gormley P.S. Totals \$175

Although the Hallowe'en scene was one of the quietest in many years here in Stouffville, other neighbouring municipalities were not quite so fortunate.

In Markham Twp., the police department had an entire shift on patrol duty prior to the midnight hour. On conc. 7, a vacant house was set afire and burned to the ground. On conc. 3, a barn was ignited and destroyed. Markham Village brigade members were the first call and Richmond Hill attended the second blaze. On the grounds of the Gormley Public School (S.S. No. 7), Markham, vandals smashed windows-in both the original structure and the new addition. The damage has been estimated at \$175. Huge boulders were thrown through the glass and were found inside the classroom. It marked the second time this year that the school windows had been damaged.

Students attended classes as usual on Thursday morning. The caretaker, Mr Harold Tait, made temporary repairs but the panes will have to be acquired on special order from Toronto.

"The trustees had planned to purchase a floor-washer out of this year's budget but this loss will set them back," said Mr. Tait. "I'd like to make the persons responsible clean the floors with a toothbrush." At the C.P.R. level crossing in Gormley, the automatic signal lights were smashed by stones. Sectionmen were called to make hasty repairs.

Fair Building Burned
In Markham Village, police and auxiliary personnel kept a close watch on rowing groups from young people and damage was negligible during the night. At about 5 a.m. on Thursday morning, however, volunteer firemen were called to the Markham Fair Grounds. A frame structure, a show building for poultry, was burned to the ground in a matter of minutes. Police have some prime persons lined up as suspects and Chief White informed The Tribune that no stone would be left unturned in an effort to apprehend the parties responsible.

"It was a quiet night, the

Remembrance Service Is This Sunday

Stouffville's Service of Remembrance will be held in the Veteran's Memorial Hall at 2:30 p.m. this Sunday afternoon, Nov. 11th. Rev. J. L. Ball, rector of the Christ Church, Anglican, will deliver the address, and other local ministers will assist in the service.

Following the service, members of Stouffville Legion Branch No. 459 and Veterans, as well as other local groups, including the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Canadian Legion, the R.C.A.F. Cadet Squadron, Scouts, Cubs, Girl Guides, Brownies, C.G.I.T. and Explorers, will parade to the Cenotaph in the Park. Wreaths will be placed at the Cenotaph and Memorial Park Gates.

Open-Air Gym Best-Wallwork

The proposed erection of a 3,150 square foot gymnasium as part of a \$260,000 addition to the Stouffville Dist. High School aroused some concern among members of Whitchurch Twp. Council at a regular meeting on Monday night. Mr. Merlyn Baker, the township representative on the Board presented a breakdown of costs of which, Whit-church will pay an estimated 39%. Minus government grants, the project will total close to \$160,000.

The Reeve criticized the trend towards more elaborate gymnasium facilities and noted that a large portion of the Stouffville building extension program included such addition. "Mother Nature provided a very good gym right out on the playing field," he said. He contended that the physical condition of today's youth might be improved if this "open-air" gymnasium was used more often. He charged that if a double-sized auditorium was so necessary, then the Department should be willing to shoulder a larger portion of the cost.

Although the majority of council members agreed with the Reeve's stand on the issue, they consented to assume their share of the building project.

The Stouffville High School expenditure comes at a rather inopportune time for Whit-church since they are in the midst of organizing a municipal police department that will seriously affect the level of the 1963 tax bill.

Additional Locals

Mr and Mrs Norman Tapscott and John of Markham were Sunday afternoon visitors with Mr and Mrs Jas. Thomas and family, Rupert Ave.

Visitors with Mr and Mrs Cliff Lemon, Rupert Ave. on Wednesday were Mr and Mrs Chester Brumwell of Roblin, Man., and on Saturday, Mrs. Ernie Morgenson of Goodwood.



The proof of the cake is in the eating and Reg. Button, O'Brien Ave. shows no fear as he prepares to sample a piece of his own product. This colourful masterpiece of kitchen confectionary was a prize-winner in an all-male cake-baking contest on Saturday in the basement of the United Church. —Staff Photo.

Twenty-Six In Men's Cake-Baking Contest

Twenty-six men were kings of the kitchen for a day last week in a cake-baking competition that attracted much interest at the Stouffville United Church Women's Christmas Fair bazaar on Saturday afternoon. The contest was sponsored by Maple Leaf Mills and each entry used a Monarch cake mix. The Judge was Mrs Win Ficker, William Street, a noted cooking authority and columnist.

Grads Receive Diplomas Friday

Seven graduates of the Stouffville Dist. High School will receive their grade 13 Honour Graduation Diplomas at the annual Commencement Exercises on Friday night. The spotlight of attention will be focussed on — Daphne Chevins, Dawn Grose, Lorne Grove, James Hill, Ernie Miller, Donna Pattenden and Lois Stouffer.

Daphne Chevins will deliver the valedictory address. In addition, she will receive the Waterman Foundation Award; the Business and Professional Women's Club \$100 Bursary and the Ladies Auxiliary \$100 Bursary. The valedictorian automatically receives the Stouffer Family Award which, on this occasion will be presented by Mr Lambert Stouffer.

Three municipal bursaries, each of \$50 will go to Elnore Shirk, Village of Stouffville; Herbert Otto, Twp. of Whit-church and Janet Button, Twp. of Markham. Herbert Otto will also receive the \$25 H. R. Button English Bursary and the R. H. Murphy Academic Proficiency Award. Altogether, a total of 37 academic bursaries and awards will be presented to students of good standing.

On behalf of the late Robt. Cook, a grade 13 student who died only this summer, a Memorial Award has been established by the Paisley family of Stouffville and will be presented to the vice-chairman of the High School Board, Mr Merlyn Baker, by Mr Bert Paisley.

Officer Gives First Aid At Two-Car Collision

A Markham Twp. police officer used his St. John's Ambulance training to good advantage on Sunday afternoon at the scene of a two-car crash on the 6th conc. of Markham Twp., south of 19th Avenue. Sgt. Robt. Hood bandaged the head wounds of a 55 year old Willowsdale man, one of four passengers in a southbound Volkswagen.

The roadside was transformed into a temporary first-aid centre. Admitted to the Scarborough General Hospital was the driver of the small auto, Robt. Thoms, 26, of Scarborough, his wife, Linda, 21, his father, Herbert Thoms, 55, of Willowdale and his mother, Mrs Mary Thoms, 49.

The driver of the northbound vehicle, a Volkswagen (1500) model was Colin Ernest Teckover, conc. 5, Whitchurch Twp. He has been charged with improper passing. He was alone

in the car that was equipped with safety belts. He escaped injury. Dr. Robt. Seaver of Markham was summoned to the scene.

According to police, the Teckover car had attempted to pass another northbound auto and crashed into the side of the Thoms auto. The accused's car left tire skid marks on the pavement that measured over 200 feet.

The accident was investigated by P. C. Dan Denby of Markham Twp. P. C. Dennis Davies assisted in directing heavy Sunday afternoon traffic around the wrecked vehicles.

By an odd coincidence, the Ogden ambulance from Agincourt was itself involved in a collision. While northbound through Unionville, en route to the accident, it suffered minor damage when clipped by a car driven by Raymond Douglas McFadyen of Unionville. It was delayed for only a few minutes.

Over 300 Honor Couple On Diamond Anniversary

The cozy bungalow home of Mr and Mrs Walter A. Thomson, Main St., Markham was the scene of a gathering on Sunday of more than 300 relatives, friends and neighbours on the occasion of the couple's diamond wedding anniversary.

Over the years, Mr and Mrs Thomson have gained a wide circle of friends and the respect held for them in the community was reflected in the beautiful flowers and cards that decorated the living room of their residence.

Mr Thomson, a perfectionist at many trades, was a blacksmith, a farmer, a baker and a builder. His own home is a prime example of his carpentry skill. He also owns four others. The son of the late Harry H. Thomson, Mrs. Thomson, the former Sabina Train, was born at Mongolia, the daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Geo. Train. They are members of St. Andrew's United Church, Markham.

They were married in 1902 at the home of his wife's parents. They travelled by horse and buggy to the C.P.R. station at Locust Hill and left by train for a honeymoon trip to Buffalo. Although a blacksmith by profession, he later owned and operated the Markham Bakery. He sold the business to Mr Fred Gowland and purchased a "dry land" farm in Montana. He returned to buy back the bakery from Mr Gowland. Mr and Mrs Thomson have continued to reside in Markham Village for the past 40 years.

To the couple were born five children; four daughters, Noreen, (Mrs Fred Todds) of Montreal, (Mrs Russell Burkholder) of Belleville; Doris, (Mrs Arthur Fry) of Newmarket; Mrs Marion Rennie of Toronto and one son, George of Sheridan, Wyoming. They have nine grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. (A photo appears on page 8 of this issue).

Trip To Toronto By Horse Team All In Day's Work For Abe Lehman, Retired

Eggs at eight cents a dozen. Butter at ten cents a pound. Over-night hotel room and board for \$1.25. These things are vividly recalled by Mr Abe Lehman, Main Street, in Stouffville. At 81 and now retired from daily treks to Toronto, Mr Lehman recalls how, as a young man and living at Ringwood, he would purchase produce from district farmers and with a one-horse rig would make a 5-hour trip into the city. For \$1.25, he would spend the night at the Clyde Hotel, King and Jarvis Sts. This amount would provide a driver with his supper, a bed, his breakfast and a feed of hay for his horses.

Mr Lehman commenced his Toronto trips in 1906. In the spring and fall, he was often plagued by axle-deep mud and in the winter, waist-high snow banks blocked the roads. He recalled that one load included 1,600 dozen eggs and one ton of butter. One day, an entire sled-load of produce upset in the snow. The team was driven by Mr Lehman's uncle, the late Isaac Grove. "She rolled over,

lickity-split," said Mr Lehman, "but only a few eggs were broken." He recalled how a wagon, driven by the late Alex Boyd was marooned in mud on the Kingston Road and was pulled free by a street car. "A lot of people wouldn't believe it," said Mr Lehman, "the horses were up to their stomachs in mud and water."

Lived Here 46 Years
Mr Lehman has lived in Stouffville for the past 46 years. He was born on the old Hoover farm, conc. 7, Markham, the son of Elias Lehman and Fanny Grove. He attended school at both Dickson's Hill and Mongolia. At the age of only twelve years, Mr Lehman rolled up his sleeves and went out to work. "I could handle a plow but I was still too small to put the harness on the horses," he recalled. A salary of \$6.00 a month was his starting wage. Mr Lehman purchased his first truck, a Ford, in 1918. In many ways it was an improvement over the team and wagon but it was even more vulnerable to mud and snow than his trusty,

steeds. On many occasions he was forced to leave it marooned in a snow drift and walk home. "I carried everything from pigs, to cauliflower to furniture," he said. Mr Lehman claims that during his many years of travelling to and from Toronto, he was only involved in one "real" accident. In more recent times, he has collected loads of paper throughout the village for delivery to warehouses at Trinity and Mill Sts., Toronto.

Even while driving the horses, Mr Lehman was never the victim of a hold-up along the way. He would often give rides to strangers and transients. "I never met anyone worse than myself," he joked. He recalled that on one occasion he tucked a gun into his cart as a means of self defence but took it out the very next day. "I didn't know where to put it or how to use it," he admitted. He said it was not uncommon to hear stories of armed hold-ups but suggested that some could have been exaggerated.

Known By Whistle

Possibly no man in Stouffville is better known or has more friends than Abe Lehman. With his announced retirement from door-to-door paper pick-up, no sound will ever replace his cheery whistle that could be heard a half-block away. His friendly disposition never changed but only radiated over his route. He was always ready and willing to help out anyone at any time. He was the Sunday School Superintendent at the Stouffville Christian Church for a period of 33 years.

Mrs Lehman passed away on Aug. 6th of this year. The couple had six children, Gordon, deceased, Gar and Donald of Stouffville, Mervin of Toronto, Nelda (Mrs John O'Neill) of Belleville and Vi (Mrs W. T. Rennie) of Stouffville. There are 13 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Residents here may come and go, but it is people like Abe Lehman that make Stouffville just a little bit better place in which to live.



Mr Abe Lehman, Main St., Stouffville, now retired, has been making daily trips to Toronto for the past 56 years. He started with a one-horse cart in 1906 and delivered market produce to city stores. He later purchased a team and then a truck in 1916. —Staff Photo.