



At the Speed-Sport '63 show held at the Queen Elizabeth Building, Toronto, on Saturday, this gleaming 1931 Ford Touring Model "A" 4-door deluxe sedan owned by Harvey Bunker of Goodwood caught the Judge's eye in the antique class. He was presented with this beautiful trophy by Miss Canada of 1961. —Staff Photo.

Town Police Acting To Break Wage "Freeze"

The three officers of the Stouffville Police Department are taking action to attempt to break the municipal council's wage "freeze" which was agreed upon at the last council meeting. Council members took the stand this year that there should be no increases in salary in any department.

The three policemen are asking for an annual salary equal to that being paid officers in Markham Township. It is understood that they are not permitted to become members of a union, but may seek to have their wage grievances arbitrated.

The policemen have engaged legal counsel locally and their case is expected to come before council at the first regular meeting in February. Council members met in committee to discuss the subject last week but took no action to reverse their earlier decision that wages in 1963 should be maintained at the '62 level.

Hold Inquest Into Milliken Fire Deaths

A coroner's inquest was conducted by Dr. John Fleming of Markham on Wednesday night into the death of three Milliken children in a tragic house fire on Sunday, Jan. 6th.

The hearing was held in the municipal chambers at Buttonville in Markham Twp. Clara Judy and Cathy O'Day, family of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Sowiuk perished in the blaze. The parents and two other children escaped.

The inquest jury comprised Messrs. Harry Broadway, Robt. Morrow, Elson Miles, James Smith and James Bacon.

Investment Firm Plans to Build Neighborhood Shopping Place

Plans have been presented to Stouffville Planning Board for a seven-store neighborhood shopping place on Main Street west. The plan was approved by the Board on Thursday evening and it will now go to the municipal council for further scrutiny and final approval.

The company planning the development is the Napanee Investment Corporation, and representatives told Planning Board members that they would make an early start on the project this spring if approval was granted.

The plans call for a landscaped highway entrance with paved parking for approximately two hundred cars. The stores, the representatives stated, would be chiefly of a service type, with the exception of a large grocery and a two thousand sq. ft. restaurant with banquet facilities. The Corporation has purchased seven acres of the Barry property, located between Patrick Motors and the

Coffey & Bartley Ford Agency. The large barn now on the property would be demolished and there would be access to the south in case of residential development in that direction.

The representatives stated that the area had been intensely surveyed with the results that tenants believed there was ample shopping being drained away from the nearby area to provide a good market.

During the discussions it was stated that the proposed type of neighborhood shopping would enhance the town, encourage further development, including industry, and would do little to damage the existing economy of the municipality.

The Napanee Company has also purchased some two dozen lots remaining in the Watson subdivision and expects to have twenty new homes completed by next fall. They will erect two model homes in the subdivision as soon as weather permits.

Barrie Firm To Build School Addition

The firm of M. and D. Kennedy of Barrie, Ont., submitted the successful tender for the erection of a new addition to the Stouffville Dist. High School. The decision was finalized by the Board this week.

The bid of \$228,321.00 was the lowest of eight tenders received. This figure does not include architects fees or the cost of additional equipment. There was a difference of \$36,000 between the high and the low bid.

The work is to be completed for the opening of the fall term in September, 1963.

\$400 Damage To Car Which Hit Cow

A car and a cow collided on 17th Avenue, Markham Twp. on Monday evening and the car suffered an estimated \$400 damage. The cow struggled to its feet and walked away. The auto was driven by Russell Holder, Elm Road, Stouffville. The cow was owned by Mitchell Johnson, R.R.2, Gormley.

Would Keep Chemicals Out Of Detergents

The County of Wentworth has presented a resolution to the Provincial Government requesting that legislation be brought in to prohibit the use of a chemical base in the manufacture of detergents, as it is found that they have an adverse effect on the treatment process of disposal plants. It was suggested that a vegetable base be used.

Markham Township Council agreed on Monday to support the resolution.

30 Families on Relief - The Welfare Officer's report for the last half of 1962 revealed that there were 30 heads of families on relief during this period. Of this number 24 were unemployed. The total number of dependents receiving assistance was 106 and there were 28 single persons.

Don Deacon Heads Markham Twp. Liberals

Donald Deacon was elected president of Markham Township Liberal Association at its annual meeting in Buttonville.

Other members of the 1963 executive will be Harold Cowle and Stuart Rumble, vice-presidents, and Walter Craig, secretary-treasurer.

Although all of the township is in the provincial riding of York North, the southern part is in the federal riding of York-Scarboro.

Head table guests included John Addison, M.P. and Mrs. Addison, Maurice Moreau, federal candidate for York-Scarboro and Mrs. Moreau, and Donald Plaxton, Richmond Hill, provincial candidate in the last election, and Mrs. Plaxton.

Rural Organizations Divided On Pickering Assessment Dispute

A suggested division of interests between two rural farm organizations in the Twp of Pickering was widened this week with the announcement that no representative of the Pickering Farmer's Committee Executive would attend a public meeting in Brougham on Wednesday, Feb. 6th. The gathering has been arranged by the Pickering Twp. Rural Ratepayer's Association.

The Farmer's Committee is headed by Mr. Joe Tran. The Rural Ratepayers are promoted by Prof. Eugene LaBrie and Robt. G. Roy.

In a statement of policy submitted to The Tribune by Mr. Tran, it was pointed out that his committee wished in no way to malign the character or position of anyone in township office. The firing of Mr. Goslin (Assessment Commissioner) and the upsetting of the present Council will, in no way, help our present situation and in no way, change our assessments," said Mr. Tran.

Mr. Elliott Harrington, President of the parent Scarborough and Associated Township Farmers said that the organization did not wish to engage in a personal attack against anyone. The policy stand is published on page 9 of this issue.

Call For Dismissal - Prof. La Brie and Mr. Roy, on the other hand, have called for the dismissal of Mr. Goslin from office. In addition, in a published pamphlet, Mr. Roy has also criticized some members of council and former municipal leaders.

Mr. Roy has arranged for two Ontario Cabinet Ministers to attend the public gathering

in Brougham next week. Ministers of Health, Hon. M. B. Dymond and Minister of Municipal Affairs, Hon. J. Wilfred Spooner have agreed to be present.

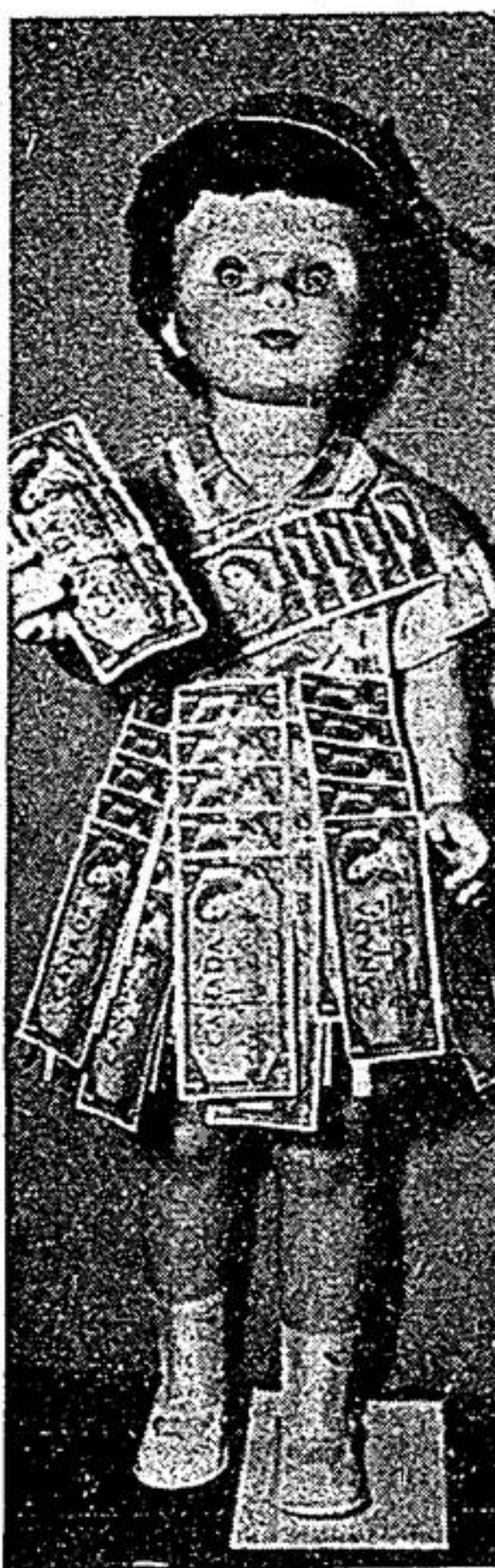
Speaking in regard to the meeting, Mr. Harrington said that the Pickering Farmer's Committee could decide for themselves if they wished to attend. Mr. Tran told The Tribune that he definitely would not be there. He said that the organization had already made their wishes known to Premier Roberts at a special meeting at Queen's Park on Feb. 23rd, and had also explained their assessment problems to Dr. Dymond and Mr. Spooner.

Markham Sells Debentures To Yield 5 1/2 %

Markham Township disposed of approximately \$150,000 in waterworks debentures on Monday at a price of 98.35 to yield 5 1/2 % for twenty years. Green Shields Incorporated and the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce took the entire issue. The debentures were for a local improvement program for water lines in two west side subdivisions.

Dr. Helen Abell was the guest speaker at the annual Lions Club Farmers' Night banquet on Monday. Dr. Abell who has performed world-wide service for Government and United Nations Department, is a Stouffville girl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Abell.

\$50 Doll



On Thursday evening (tonight) some lucky ticket holder will win this doll dressed in fifty \$1.00 bills. The draw will be part of the local program to mark Minor Hockey Week in Stouffville. —Staff Photo.

Leslie Rowbotham Was Resident Here 58 Yrs.

Fifty-eight years a resident here and in his 85th year, W. Leslie Rowbotham died suddenly Monday night following a seizure. Mr. Rowbotham whose wife, Nettie Reesor of Altona predeceased him by 20 years, is survived by a son, Donald R. and a brother Frank.

Born at Victoria Square and growing up in his father's wheelwright shop and cousin's adjoining blacksmith shop, Mr. Rowbotham's early training produced a lifelong interest in a wide variety of skills which he has continued to enjoy as a hobby since retiring.

An expert mechanic in later years, his first trade, learned from his father, was Painting and Decorating, specializing in wood-graining which may still be seen in many well-preserved Gormley, area, homes. After coming to Stouffville in 1905 Mr. Rowbotham was successful in several businesses, including Stouffville Bakery Company which he operated in partnership with his brother Frank until latter part of World War I. He then turned to store-keeping, owning the Grocery and Confectionery stores later sold to Mr. and Mrs. Porter. Mr. Rowbotham's final enterprise from which he retired 10 years ago, was Woodworking and Repair, for which he became well-known. In 1950 he constructed a residential elevator in his home and even in periods of uncertain health has continued using the equipment which he moved to his basement.

The funeral will be conducted by Rev. Bass of Stouffville Congregational Christian Church at 2:00 on Thursday with interment at Stouffville Cemetery.

The regular meeting of Stouffville municipal council will be held next Thursday night, Feb. 7th.

Colourful Army Band Entertains

A crowded assembly hall of more than 400 students were thrilled last week with a varied and colourful fifty minute program presented by 38 members of the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals from Kingston. Their attendance at the Stouffville Dist. High School was arranged by the Principal, Mr. W. E. Duxbury, early in the fall term. Their leader, Capt. Adams, was introduced by Warren Hendricks, President of the Student's Council.

Regaled in uniforms of scarlet, the unit filled into the auditorium in precision drill and over-taxed the accommodation of the platform. This army band is widely travelled, having performed across Canada and in the United States and Europe. They played at The World's Fair in Seattle, Wash.

Fire Destroys Workshop At Conservation Pk.

A park workshop at the Claremont Conservation Area, conc. 7, Pickering Twp. was destroyed by fire on Tuesday morning. The structure, erected only one year ago, was levelled in less than thirty minutes.

The blaze started in a tractor and fed by containers of varnish and other combustible materials. It quickly enveloped the building. A number of picnic tables, power tools and pieces of park equipment were lost.

Firemen from Brougham were summoned to the scene. A large water tank truck was called in from South-West Pickering but it became marooned on a hill west of the park entrance.

A park employee, Jas. Murock was working inside the shop when the fire started. He was able to escape from the building without injury.

Few Changes Made In Whitchurch Assessment

Judge Weaver sitting at Whitchurch Twp. Council Chambers on Monday to hear several appeals against the township assessment, made few changes in the figures set up by a assessment Commissioner Robt. Kennedy.

Jos. Feder of Toronto, was allowed a rebate on tax on a property which he claimed was vacant for a portion of the year. Miss Audrey Leary had disposed of 14 acres of her 118-acre farm to the Highways Department, and the Judge instructed that she be relieved of the assessment on this portion. Mr. and Mrs. T. Trent had the assessment on a Musselman's Lake cottage reduced by \$100. It had been increased \$500 due to winterizing.

The appeal of Morris and David Vanek on Wilcox Lake property which they valued at \$35,000, was rejected. Vanek stated that due to business pressure he had failed to appeal the assessment last year. He said that the property had been offered for sale but there had been no bids. Solicitor Lucas asked if there had ever been appeals before on this property and was advised by Clerk Jack Crawford that the list revealed appeals had been made each year. Over an hour was spent on the case which was finally dismissed by Judge Weaver.

The case of Mr. Peter Posnikoff created considerable interest since at the township Court of Revision, the owner said he had ambitions to make his fifty acres a "push-button farm." Mr. Posnikoff had originally farmed in Vaughan, but had sold out and purchased fifty acres in Whitchurch. He established an electronic firm in Newmarket of which he was presi-

dent and general manager. As the owner of the farm is engaged in a business outside the farm, the house on the place was assessed as a separate unit from the land.

Mr. Posnikoff stated he had 50 head of cattle, a full line of implements and operated with hired help. He said that in the summer he was able to spend many hours on the farm.

Mr. Lucas said that Whitchurch had a large number of "gentleman farmers."

Judge Weaver stated that in such cases he always considered as to whether the land was bought for speculation. He said that in this appeal this was not the case and he instructed the residence and land be assessed as one property.

Mr. R. P. Leggett who told the court his farm on the 3rd concession near the Buchanan dump, had cost him \$40,000, appealed because of the proximity of the dump, which he said, devalued his property by \$20,000.

Mr. Leggett admitted to Mr. Lucas that he knew the dump was located there before he purchased the property.

Judge Weaver said he could find no grounds for appeal and dismissed the case.

Honour Students

Three students of grade 13 obtained honour standing on the Christmas examinations held just prior to the Christmas vacation period.

Helen Busato came first in a class of 42. Her average was 82.9 per cent. Gerald Dawson was second with an average of 81 per cent. Joy Wooller was third with an average of 80.7%

Offerings Over \$15,000, Second Markham Baptist

The 114th annual business meeting of Second Markham Baptist Church was held on Wednesday evening, Jan. 23rd. Rev. Bruce Hisey has been pastor of this church for nearly seven years and this past year has in many respects been the greatest in the church's history. Total offerings reached an all time high of \$15,336.00 and mission offerings also set a new mark of well over \$7,000.00.

Among forward steps taken during 1962 was the commencement in July of regular Sunday evening gospel services. These have been very well attended even throughout the summer months.

Missionaries, Bob and Hazel Clubine, returned to Jamaica in the summer after spending their furlough in this district. Other missionaries, the Cookes and the Wallers, will be soon returning to their respective

fields in Ecuador and the Philippines. Evangelical Baptists are now preparing to enter India and this church is looking forward to having the privilege of sharing in this work also.

Deacons of the church for 1963 are Floyd Ratcliff, Keith Hutchinson, Neil Conner, Douglas Wood, Earl Brillinger and Bruce Hisey. Trustees are Almour Clarke, Arthur Paisley, Floyd Ratcliff and Harry Clendenning. The General Treasurer is Mrs. Harry Clendenning and the Missions treasurer is Jack Clubine. Charles Ratcliff is Church Clerk.

Floyd Rodin is General Superintendent of the Bible School which had an average attendance of 123 in five departments. There has been a definite upswing in attendance at worship services as well as in Bible School during recent weeks.

Action On Bloomington Corner Coming Soon

Whitchurch Township Council expressed hope Monday night that negotiations on the widening of the Bloomington sideroad corner, which began in 1960, would soon be completed. "The job must be finished this year," declared councillor Jvan McLaughlin.

Present holdup is the obtaining of a piece of property from Mr. and Mrs. Carl Insley on the northeast corner. Council agreed to wait one more week for a figure from Mr. Insley on what he would agree to accept for the land.

There appears to be some doubt as to the location of a number of roadside trees, whether they are on township property or on Mr. Insley's land. Reeve Frank Williams said that the township held a deed to ten ft. additional land both on the west and south so that he was almost certain the trees would be on Whitchurch land.

Council agreed without motion to await Mr. Insley's final offer before proceeding with an expropriation.

There have been several fatalities at this contentious corner which is a heavily-travelled truck route running east and west and a main line to Musselman's Lake north and south.

Local Boys Leave On Trip Around The World

Hilyard Manuel of Musselman's Lake and presently of Agincourt, Terry Wise of Markham and Douglas Hatch of Toronto, left this week from New York aboard the Holland-American Liner "Ryndam", on a hitch-hiking trip around the world. Hilyard Manuel who attended high school in Stouffville, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Manuel.

The three young men expect to be away for two years and will work their passage from place to place. They are headed initially for Working in Surrey where they have a construction job waiting for them. They also have employment lined up in Australia.



Guard of Honour Welcomes Premier

Premier of Ontario, Hon. John Roberts paid tribute to more than 1000 students of two public schools in Markham,

on Monday afternoon for their seven year, accident-free record. No other school, under the Elmer Safety Pro-

gram, has equalled this performance in the entire Province. On the occasion of the Premier's arrival, safety pa-

rol members formed a guard of honour at the entrance to the Robinson school. —Staff Photo.