



On Thursday evening, a seven member young people's organization attended a regular meeting of town council to support an 82-name petition favouring local police constable, Harry Heatherington. The group later learned that before their petition could be presented, the council had already accepted the officer's resignation. The delegation is pictured here as they leave the chambers — (front to rear) Tim Wees, 18, David Stephens, 18, Bob Smith, 16, Rick Montgomery, 19, Len Greenwood, 21, Peter Baxter, 16 and Ron McGrogan, 25. — Staff Photo.

Accept Officer's Resignation At Closed Door Meeting; Petition Late

While a delegation of Stouffville and district young people waited in the lobby of the municipal building on Thursday evening with an 82-name petition in support of Constable Harry Heatherington, the Council was meeting thirty minutes ahead of time to finalize the issue. Before the spokesman, 18 year old Tim Wees rose to address the members, he was told that the matter had been settled and the officer's resignation would become effective on Friday, Feb. 22nd.

"It was a pretty sneaky trick," said the grade 13 student, "they pulled the rug right from under our feet." He termed the unannounced meeting as "very childish and underhanded."

Constable Heatherington will receive one month salary plus a percentage of his holiday pay when his equipment is turned in.

Mr. Robt. Winfield, President of the Stouffville Ratepayer's Association said, following the meeting that although he did not fully approve of the young peoples' petition, he felt that the Council might have given the delegation a fair hearing before finalizing their decision.

Stouffville Rates Excellent In Teacher Evaluation Of School Boards In Province

The Stouffville District High School scored an excellent mark in all three categories of a teacher evaluation of school boards throughout Ontario. The survey is conducted annually by the Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation. It reveals that the high school teachers think of the school boards they work for. It covers the board's attitude to educational improvement, relations between board and staff and working conditions in the schools.

Bank Manager, Police Foil \$2,100 Fraud Attempt In Town

An alert manager and accountant at the Stouffville Imperial Bank of Commerce and quick action by officers of the Stouffville Police Department saved an elderly Main Street resident \$2,100 last week, the near-victim of a suggested confidence racket.

The incident occurred on Wednesday afternoon when a lady, known to the bank staff, requested a withdrawal of \$2,100. The matter was handled by Mr. R. C. Tuck, an accountant and the customer was immediately referred to the Manager, Mr. Walton Todd. He was told that the would-be recipient of the cash was awaiting her return. The money was for some minor repairs that had been completed on her home and for work that was still to be done.



Walton Todd

Constables Dennis Davies and Harry Heatherington picked up a well-dressed, smooth-talking individual and took him to the police office for questioning. They were joined within minutes by Deputy-Chief, Harvey Cox of Markham Twp., accompanied by Sgt. Donald Dukes and officers, Dan Denby and Evan Kelley. A police check revealed that the man had a lengthy criminal record.

Following a check with the Crown Attorney, the suspect, a stranger, was ordered to leave town. Prior to his release, he threatened to charge the police with false arrest. About eight years ago, Markham Twp. police investigated a similar incident. No arrests were made but the offense was never repeated.

Markham Twp. Council Shelves R. R. Problem

The matter of the Box Grove railway crossing came up for discussion at Markham Township Council again on Monday afternoon. Council had previously stated its case, and refused the decision of the Board of Transport Commissioners to saddle the municipality with any of the cost of warning lights.

The Board had ruled that Markham Township should pay 12 1/2% of the installation, estimated at \$12,000 and 50% of the upkeep, estimated at \$400 a year.

Deputy-reeve Hooper said the township had been placed to considerable expense in engaging engineers in connection with the railroad bypass which would never be of any benefit to the municipality, and said he considered that the total cost should be borne by the railways.

Mr. Garfield Oldham of Mt. Albert is a patient in the Brierbush Hospital, following a recent fall.

Leslie Crabtree of Ottawa, who attends Toronto University, was a weekend guest of David Stouffer and Mr. and Mrs. Reg. Stouffer.

Injury Sidelines Local Skaters From Title Bid At Cortina, Italy

Sixteen year old Debbi Wilkes of Unionville and her 21 year old partner, Guy Revell of Newmarket will not compete in the world pairs figure skating championships at Cortina, Italy on Thursday (today). The Tribune received the information in a telephone conversation with the offices of Canadian Press in Toronto.

Miss Wilkes, Unionville's pride and joy, suffered a concussion on Monday when she fell and hit her head on the ice during a pre-title practice session. She was in a position high above her partner's shoulders when his skates slipped. She dropped about seven feet to the ice surface below.

Confined to hospital following the accident, doctors would not comment on when she might be discharged. On Tuesday night, her teammates expressed doubt that she would be able to compete.

"She worked all year for this, but Debbi's health comes first," said Bruce Hyland, her coach. "We will not let her compete unless we are 100 per cent certain she is all right."

Revell continued to work out daily in hopes that Debbi might be sufficiently strong to take part. The Wilkes-Revell two-some was considered to be Canada's number one entry in the world pairs championships.

The be-headed carcass of two deer have been found near Atha in Pickering Township. It is believed that the animals were slaughtered by hunters and the remains dumped near the roadside. The shooting of deer in the township is illegal.

Local Students Win Debate and Speaking Contests

In two separate events last week, Stouffville Dist. High School students excelled to place winners in each class. On Thursday evening, Barbara Button placed 1st and Karen Kennedy came 2nd in the Lions Club oratorical zone finals held at Newmarket. They now advance into the regional competitions to be conducted at Thornhill on Monday, March 4th.

In the debating finals, Stouffville's affirmative team of Dawn Gross and Lisa Wees outpointed Woodbridge 517 to 462 while the negative pair of Barbara and Eric Button squeezed out a 520 to 512 win.

The J. H. Knowles Trophy was presented to the Stouffville High School by the donor, Mr. Knowles on Friday afternoon. The award will remain in the school for one year.

Town Police To Get \$200 in Car Allowance

Any increase in individual salaries for the two members of the Stouffville Police Department will be made in the form of a \$200 car allowance. The council's decision was revealed at a regular meeting on Thursday night.

Solicitor David Coon, spokesman for the police had asked the council for a \$500 increase per officer. There is no indication that the matter will be taken further. Since P.C. Hugh Vankoughnet is already receiving a \$100 car allowance, the increase will amount to \$100. On a recorded vote, the motion was unanimously approved by council.

Due to the resignation of Constable Harry Heatherington, the regular police shifts have been altered in order that the town may have full-time protection with a two-man force. The police committee met on Monday evening to discuss added remuneration for the officers during this period.

Police Committee Chairman Bud Spang stated last week that the council will consider acquiring a third man to fill the present vacancy.

Dismiss Careless Driving Charge

A charge of careless driving was dismissed against a 47 year old Claremont motorist although he admitted in Richmond Hill court on Friday that his eastbound car was in the wrong lane of traffic when involved in an accident on No. 7 Hwy. in Markham Village. Magistrate Russell Pearce agreed that Mr. Roy Morgan should undergo a new driver's test.

Mr. Morgan was represented by solicitor, David Coon of Stouffville. Mr. Coon contended that while there was no argument as to the party responsible for the collision, it was his contention that the charge had been laid under the wrong section of the traffic act. Damage to both vehicles was light and there were no personal injuries.

Mr. Morgan said he had been having some mechanical trouble with his car and had become confused as he approached the intersection of Hwys. 7 and 48.

This year's annual Ontario Weekly Newspapers competition for papers published in town up to 3500 population was won by the Exeter Times-Advocate with 86 points. The Exeter News-Tribune was second with 85 and the Huron Expositor had 84. In fourth spot was the Stouffville Tribune with 82 points.

York North To Have A Fifth Candidate In Federal Election

Dick Blue Announces That He Will Be An Independent Diefenbaker Candidate

Richard (Dick) Blue, of Whitchurch Township announced this week that he will be running in the forthcoming federal election as an independent Diefenbaker candidate in York North. Mr. Blue states in his election announcement in this week's paper that the recent nomination meeting was a farce and a cut-back in education costs. Stouffville residents could expect no drop in the tax rate for many years to come.

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Since the particular vote in question would not have been changed regardless of Mr. Hoover's vote, the matter was not pursued further.

Soaring School Costs Questioned By Councillor

Councillor Wm. Parsons, Chairman of the Finance Committee of town council has charged that unless there is a reduction in spending at the County level and a cut-back in education costs, Stouffville residents could expect no drop in the tax rate for many years to come.

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Tribune Publisher With First Newsmen at NORAD

We were privileged last week to be a member of a party of Canadian Weekly newspaper publishers, the first group of newsmen from any Canadian news medium, to visit NORAD headquarters at Colorado Springs, U.S. NORAD represents the North American Air Defence Command, the greatest joint defence operation of its kind.

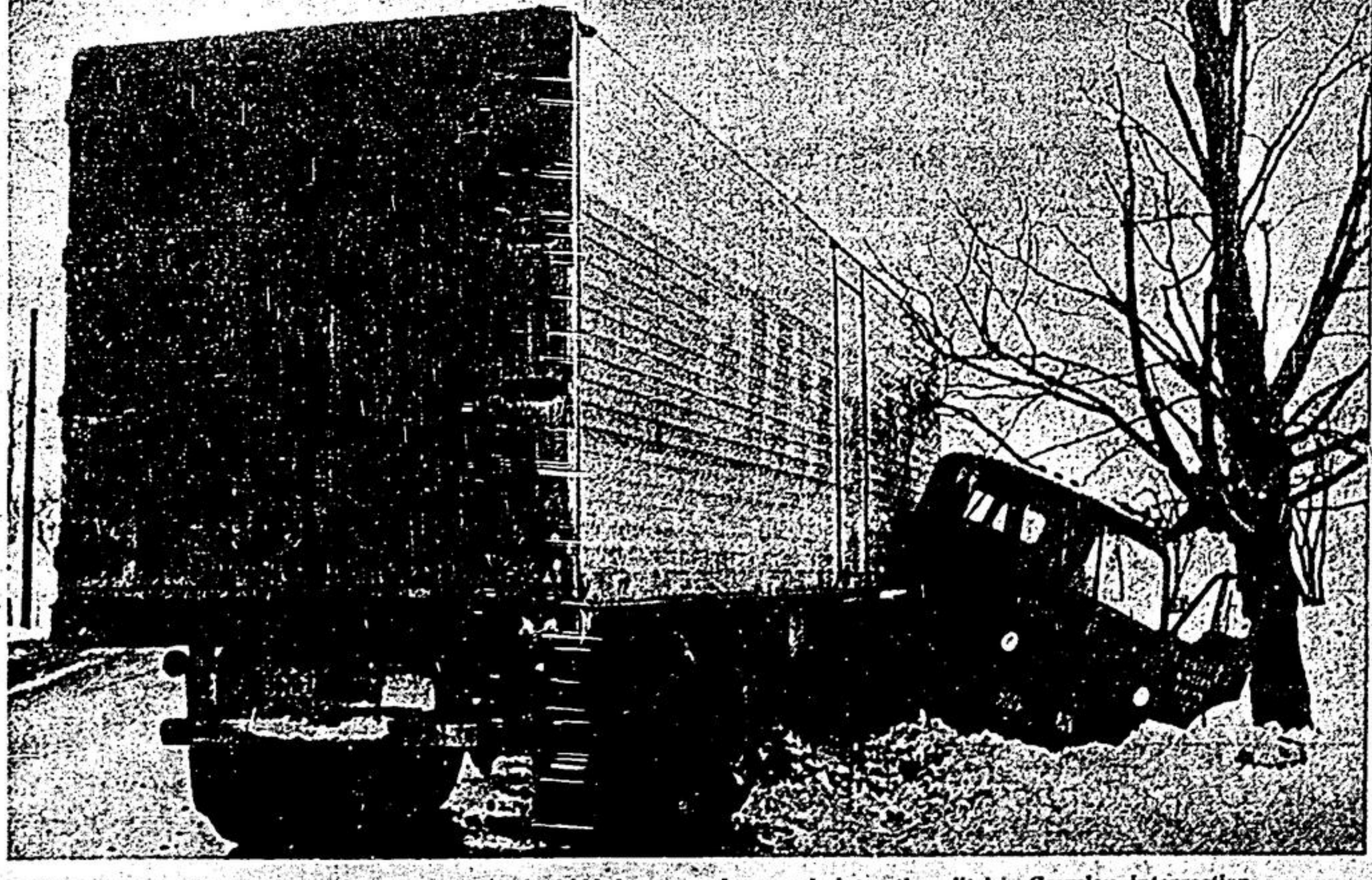
It is an integrated command, responsible for operational control of all air defence forces for the North American continent. It covers control intercept squadrons, ground-to-air missile squadrons, control and warning radar systems and operational control centres. The Commander-in-Chief is General Gerhart, and the deputy Commander-in-Chief is a Canadian, Air Marshall Slemton. They are responsible both to Washington and Ottawa, through the Canadian Chiefs of Staff Committee and the United States Joint Chiefs of Staff, for the air defence of North America.

As a news group we were given permission for the trip by the Canadian Defence Department (prior to the resignation of Mr. Harkness), and were flown to Colorado Springs by the R.C.A.F.

We left from Uplands R.C.A.F. Station at 9 a.m. Wednesday morning aboard a "Cosmopolitan" aircraft, a twin-engine plane, slightly smaller than a Viscount, but highly powered. After a three and a half hour flight we refueled at Milwaukee, and took off for another four hour hop to Colorado Springs. There was little snow in Nebraska and Iowa.

I ran into a local touch on the trip as the Captain for the flight both going and coming was Captain R. J. Buckles, a native of Whiteale. (Continued on page 8)

Tractor-trailer "Jack-knives" Near Gormley



The driver of an empty tractor-trailer transport escaped injury when his southbound truck skidded out of control on the Don Mills Road near Gormley recently and veered into the ditch. Gormley intersection. Police said that the transport was cut-off by a car at the — Staff Photo

Quarantine Dog After Attack On 8-yr.-old Girl

A collie dog has been placed in quarantine for 14 days after it attacked an 8 year old girl last week in Stouffville. Lee Burton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Burton suffered lacerations to her left arm when knocked to the ground and bitten by the animal. She was treated by Dr. F. J. Button at Stouffville Medical Centre.