

## The "Good Old Days" Recalled



A good deal of school history was recalled on Friday evening when residents of S.S. No. 4, Uxbridge Twp., turned out in large numbers for the official opening of a two-room addition on Webb Public School. A former teacher back in the early 1930's, Mr. Melville Moase (standing) instructs three of his former students, (left to right) Ivan Norton, John Maye and Norman Dickinson. Mr. Norton is secretary-treasurer of the trustee board and Mr. Dickinson is a member this year and trustee chairman in 1962 when the building project was started.

## Grade 12 Education a Minimum—Dr. Dymond Opens Webb Addition

The importance of a sound public and high school education was stressed by Hon. M. B. Dymond, Minister of Health at the official opening of a new two-room addition on Webb Public School, S.S. No. 4, Uxbridge on Friday evening. The basement auditorium was filled to capacity for the occasion.

Dr. Dymond, the guest speaker, criticized the thinking of many persons towards education. "To some, it is merely an assembly line where young lives are moulded like machines," he said. "To others it is a place for parents to send their children and teachers are regarded as part-time babysitters."



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The speaker agreed that staggering sums of money are spent on education annually. "I believe that if education is doing a real job and doing it well, it is not too costly," he said. He suggested that a boy with less than grade 12 schooling today has a difficult time to acquire a job.

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and. "I agree that the horse and buggy had its advantages, if for nothing else than to throw the reins over the dashboard and use two hands to better advantage," he joked. He commended the Board and the ratepayers for their sense of duty in providing up-to-date facilities in a rural community. "We are living in difficult but wonderful times, he said, "let us be sure that the world we turn over to our children is just a little bit better because we had something to do with moulding it."

In addition to Dr. Dymond, other platform guests included Hon. Michael Starr, Minister of Labor; Miss L. McNeill, Inspector of Public Schools; J. Sherman Scott, Warden of Ontario County; Mr. Norm. Hogg, Reeve of Uxbridge Twp.; Mr. Alvin Redshaw, Deputy Reeve of Uxbridge Twp. and members of the school board, Jack Morgan, chairman, Norman Dickinson, Ralph Norton and Ivan Norton, secretary-treasurer. The school principal is Mr. John Paxton. Miss Elizabeth Gates is the other member of the teaching staff. Rev. Nelson pronounced the Prayer of Dedication. The President of the Home and School Assoc. is Mrs. Gordon Jones.

Taught in Homes

Educational instruction was started in the section in 1846 according to records revealed by staff teacher, Miss Gates. District homes were replaced by a log school. A second frame structure was followed by a brick building that was erected by Mr. John Ashenhurst of Goodwood in 1924 and still stands. It cost \$7,000. One of the past teachers, Mr. Melville Moase, now of Little Britain, was in attendance. He conducted classes at Webb from 1931 to 1935. His salary was \$700.

Grade 8 pupil, Larry Ferguson, delivered the address of welcome and his remarks were commended by Hon. Dymond. The school choir provided three selections. The present student enrollment is 57.

## 3,065 Phones In Use Stouffville and Gormley

Another year of expansion in telephone facilities in Stouffville and Gormley reflected a similar situation throughout the territory of The Bell Telephone Company of Canada during 1962, it was revealed in the company's \$3rd annual report issued this week.

Expansion of facilities and improvement of basic service required expenditures of \$219,400,000 in its operating territory of Quebec, Ontario and Labrador. It is the largest amount ever spent on construction during any year in the company's history.

Telephones in service at the end of 1962 totalled 3,890,630, an increase of 195,223 during the year.

This wide-scale expansion was also present in Stouffville and Gormley with the addition of 295 telephones. W. C. Barnes, Bell manager for this region, said, totalling 3065 in service near as of December 31.

Net income in 1962 totalled \$65,285,000, equivalent to \$2.66 per share or a return of 6.3 per cent on invested capital.

As of December 31, Bell employed 35,086 men and women. The company's payroll for the year was \$170,470,796.

More than 90 per cent of the products used by the company are now being manufactured in Canada using Canadian-made materials.

The company made good progress on its section of the SAGE air-defence network and provided numerous circuits for the BMEWS early-warning system. Bell also cooperated with various government agencies in developing communications for the national survival program.

There were important additions made to Bell's microwave system during the year. New links were completed between Sept-Isles and Gagnon, in northern Quebec, and between Fort William, Ontario, and Duluth, Minnesota. Construction was begun on a second microwave route between Montreal and Quebec City, via Sherbrooke.

## Whitchurch Set Final Salary Scale

Whitchurch Township Council has passed the final salary figures for employees of the township for 1963. These salaries will be retroactive to Jan. 1st of this year: clerk-treasurer \$5,000; deputy clerk \$5,000; assessment commissioner \$4,800; building inspector \$4,200; welfare officer \$4,000; office staff \$2,600 to \$3,200; road staff \$5,500, road foreman \$1.50 per hour plus car allowance \$150; grader operators \$1.65 an hour; truck drivers and loader operators, \$1.50 an hour; labourers \$1.40 an hour; janitor \$1.40 an hour.

In addition the clerk-treasurer will be paid \$10 for each meeting of council or committee to attend, and which is held after regular office hours.

A resignation was received from Mrs. Minnie Pattenden who asked that she be paid \$80 rather than \$75 a month for janitor work in the police office. Council accepted the resignation and is preparing to engage a janitor firm to do the work.

## Town to Have Police Chief

At a special meeting of Stouffville council this week, authorization was given to advertise for applications for the position of Police Chief for the Village of Stouffville. The position will carry a starting salary of \$5,000. A pension plan is provided and other fringe benefits.

Applicants will require at least a minimum of five years experience with a recognized police force, and must apply not later than 12 noon on March 20, 1963.

## Police Arrest Pair After Street Scuffle

A melee that erupted in a Stouffville restaurant on Thursday night and continued out on the Main Street resulted in the arrest of two youths and a free ride out of town for another.

Constable Hugh VanKoughnet and Dennis Davies were called to the premises of Harold's Grill to quell a disturbance caused by several inebriated customers. The trouble was the aftermath of a junior hockey playoff game in the Stouffville Arena.

Charged with being intoxicated in a public place was 20 year old Ted Beaumont of Stouffville and 21 year old Glenn Norton of Clarendon. Both were lodged over night in Buttonville jail in Markham Twp. and released on Friday morning. They appeared in Magistrate's Court Richmond Hill on Tuesday.

Both Beaumont and Norton were picked up by the officers of the Markham Village Dept. who were called in to assist the Stouffville police. They were later transferred to the Stouffville cruiser and taken to Buttonville.

There was no outbreak of violence during the hockey game although several patrons had to be escorted off the ice during mid-period intermissions. Close to 600 fans were in attendance, the largest crowd of the season.

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JAILED 7 DAYS FOR DISTURBANCE

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Glenn Norton, 21 of Clarendon and Ted Beaumont, 20 of Stouffville were convicted by Magistrate O. S. Hollinrake in Richmond Hill court on Tuesday on separate charges of creating a disturbance. They had originally been charged with being intoxicated in a public place, but this was later altered by Stouffville police.

Liquor Offences

Magistrate Hollinrake has requested a presentence report on Paul Graham of Stouffville. He was convicted on Tuesday on a charge of having liquor in an illegal place. The accused was remanded until March 12th for sentence.

Two other Stouffville district youths were fined on similar liquor offences. Norman Tindall was required to pay \$15 plus \$17.50 costs and Robt. Budd was fined \$50 and \$17.50 costs or ten days in jail. The latter charge was laid by Markham Twp. police.

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## Parents, Ten Children Homeless In House Fire At Bloomington

Two families, including ten children were made homeless on Monday afternoon when fire roared through their century-old insul-brick home at Bloomington in Whitchurch Twp.

Mrs. Max Sooley and three children, Allan 3, Rickey 2 and Audrey were visiting at a neighbour's when the blaze started. Four other children, David, 10, Ida, 9, Gregory, 7 and Curtis, 6, were at school. Mrs. Ronald Warriner was home with Linda, 5, and Ronnie, 3. Six year old Brenda was also in school. No one was injured but all the personal belongings of both families were lost including a purse, the property of Mrs. Sooley. It contained a sum of money.

The house, a one-time store and post office in the community, was destroyed in thirty minutes. The structure, owned by Mrs. Alvin Cowie of Musselman's Lake, was partially covered by insurance. There was no insurance on the contents.

The last embers of the fire had not cooled out before the Pickering Branch of the Red Cross Society was inquiring into the welfare of the parents and children. Mrs. Gerald Allman of Clarendon, a member of the executive and Mrs. David Crichton of Pickering had already contacted both families and by Tuesday, they had been outfitted with clothing. Additional furniture, dishes, stoves and cooking utensils are required. Shelter has been provided by neighbours.

Stouffville firemen were at the scene within minutes after the call was received but even then, the blaze was out of control. Additional water was supplied by a tank from Uxbridge.

## Music Festival Program Next Wednesday Night

This year's Lions Club music festival competitions commenced on Monday of this week, and will continue all week, except Saturday. The competitions are open to the public who are urged to attend and give encouragement to the hundreds of young people taking part. There are evening sessions both Wednesday and Thursday.

The competitions are conducted in the United Church auditorium, and the winners festival will be held Wed. March 13 at 7:30 p.m. This year's adjudicators are Mr. Eldon Brethour in voice, Mr. John Weatherseed, Conservatory, in piano and Mrs. Florence Aymong, University of Toronto in choral speaking. The chairman of the committee is Lion Ken Hamn and vice chairman is Leonard Howard Christie. They are assisted by Lions Roy Dowsell, Charlie Taylor and Douglas Widdifield.

There will be twenty-three trophies awarded on Wednesday evening in addition to a large number of certificates.

## Air Cadet Dance Friday

Stouffville Air Cadet Squadron No. 94 will stage a St. Patrick's Dance in the Legion Hall on Friday evening of this week. On this occasion the grand draw for the HI FI Combination will be made along with a second prize draw for an FM radio. The Canadian Nutria Co. were the generous donors of the big prize which has been on display in the IGA window.

Admission to the dance for other than the Cadets will be 50c. The proceeds from the draw and the dance is to aid the Civilian Committee to maintain the Squadron. Between fifty and sixty boys are taking advantage of the training.

In addition to tickets being on sale for the HI FI there will also be a 48 piece set of dishes given away as a lucky door prize.

## Driver Dead At Wheel Before Crash, Jury Told

A 47 year old Thornhill man was decapitated behind the wheel of his second car before it crashed into a tree on the north side of No. 7 Highway in Markham Village on the afternoon of Feb. 2, a coroner's jury learned last week. Pathologist, R.J. MacKay of the Scarborough General Hospital said that Mr. Frederick Henry died instantly when stricken with a coronary attack. The inquest was conducted by Coroner John Fleming of Markham. Members of the jury included Peter Hajduck (foreman), David Hammersley, Gordon Prashley, Cecil Pike and Gordon Marshall. Minor Injury

Dr. Robt. Seaver of Markham said that he arrived at the accident scene at 4:30 p.m. He stated that the driver was dead and slumped over the steering wheel. He observed a slight scalp laceration but noted that the injury was of a minor nature and was not the cause of death.

Mr. Alex Wood, Lunar Cresc, R.R. 2, Gormley was following the Henry car when it swerved off the pavement and hit a tree. He stopped and attempted to revive the victim but he failed to respond. Another passing motorist summoned the police and a physician. P.C. Wm. Gunn of Markham Village said that the car travelled a distance of 160 ft. in a north westerly direction prior to the impact. He said there were no visible skid marks on the road.

Important Finding

Dr. Fleming noted that the Pathologist's report and the findings of the jury were very important. He pointed out that accidents are often attributed to mechanical failure or even suicide when actually they are due to natural causes. "The driver had no doubt whatsoever as to the cause of this collision," he said.

Dr. MacKay said the autopsy showed that the victim had suffered symptoms of a heart condition for several days prior to the coronary attack that took his life.

## County Council Gets Pay Boost

York County Councillors will receive \$18 per day plus mileage as this year's stipend. In addition members voted that \$5 of the \$18 should be considered as the expense and not subject to income tax. Two members from King Twp. voted against the raise along with four others. The max. allowed councillors per day is \$20 and it appears that in some counties this amount is paid.

The total county budget will be about 1/2 mill above that of 1962, so that county council kept reasonably well to the line. County Ass. Ed. Jones was increased from \$6,500 to \$6,900. Clerk Jack Smith advised council that he estimated the county staff was now handling about \$9 million in a year. Mr. Robt. Vernon was appointed as deputy for Mr. Smith.

The EMO Director Mr. Preston who has been in hospital with a broken leg failed to receive a \$200 increase in salary, only ten members favoring the change.

## Benefit Fund

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Canadian Legion, Stouffville Branch, has been requested by the Canadian Red Cross to spearhead a drive for household effects to aid the Bloomington families who were burned out this week.

There is a need for furniture, beds, dishes, cooking utensils, and stoves, as well as clothing.

Anyone who can assist should contact Mrs. Stan Burkholder at 640-1504, or Mrs. Gordon Smith 640-3504. Pickering Branch Red Cross provided immediate assistance this week as well as other Stouffville citizens and business men.

## New Member For Court Of Revision

Markham Township accepted the resignation on Monday of F. D. Mulholland of Unionville from the township Court of Revision. Mr. Archie Fleming was named to fill the vacancy by bylaw. Clerk Harry Crisp advised council that it was necessary to deal with the matter immediately as there was work the court should be undertaking.

## To Discuss Arena For Pickering Township At Public Meeting

Plans for a new artificial ice arena and recreation centre for the Twp. of Pickering will be discussed at a public meeting at Bloomington families who were burned out this week.

The subject was introduced several weeks ago by Deputy Reeve, Mrs. Jean McPherson, a member of the Township Parks and Recreation Committee. It was aired again on Monday night at the regular meeting of Council.

Mrs. McPherson said that hundreds of dollars was going out of the township to acquire ice time in neighbouring rinks for Pickering young people. She noted that transportation to and from these outside arenas was also a costly item. "It's like paying rent," she said, "when you walk out of a house, all you take is your clothes."

Councillor Milton Mowbray suggested that the area should be able to support such a project. He agreed that a public meeting might disclose the amount of interest in the proposal.

Councillor Hubert Wank said that all service clubs in the municipality in addition to private groups and individuals would have to give the project their whole-hearted support to make the campaign a success.

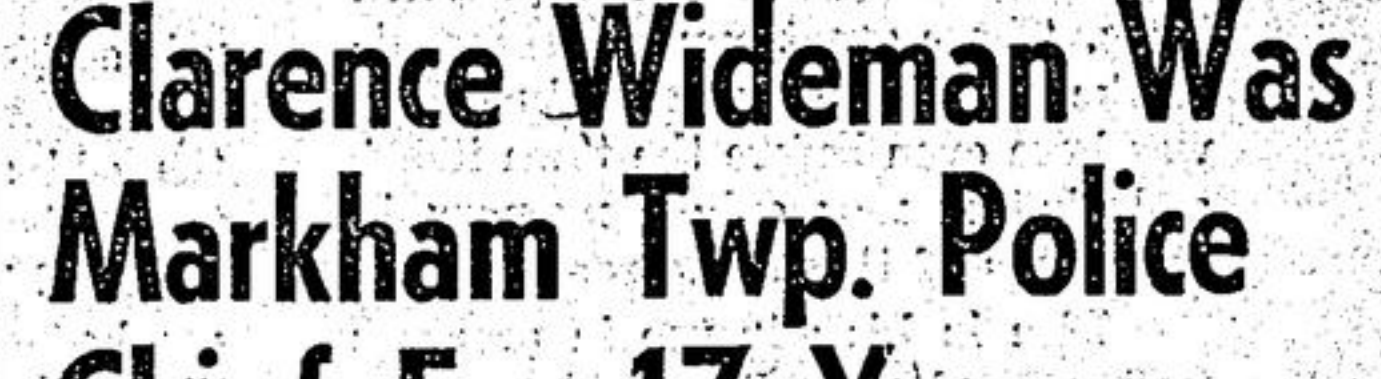
Reeve Sherman Scott expressed a fear that different groups would embark on other programs and none would be completed in a satisfactory manner.

## Uxbridge Goes Wet

With ninety per cent of the electorate turning out to the polls, Uxbridge voters have endorsed "the establishment" of liquor and beer outlets in town.

The percentage in favour of the outlets was 63.2. The campaign was vigorously contested by both sides with the town business men lending strong support to the wet faction. This is the second vote since 1957.

## Clarence Wideman Was Markham Twp. Police Chief For 17 Years



The largest funeral ever conducted in Melville United Church paid silent tribute on Tuesday afternoon, to the late Clarence J. Wideman, Chief of the Markham Twp. police department for the past 17 years. All members of the Ontario Constables' Association, with recent years, he has resided at Melville and was identified with that church. Only one week prior to his death, Mr. Wideman was at home. He was re-admitted to hospital on Monday, Feb. 25th. Even during his period of failing health, he would visit the office at Buttonville and keep in direct touch with police activities in the township.

Besides his wife, the former Maybelle (Henry) Stewart, two brothers, Henry and Lorne Wideman reside in Toronto and a sister, Mrs. Edgar Nigh, lives in Stouffville.

The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Geo. Davison of Melville with interment in Peach's cemetery. The pall bearers were Charles Hooper, Vern Griffin, Gordon Reid, Tom Hastings and two nephews Wm. Nigh and Glenn Wideman.

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