

## Vandals Damage School

Extensive damage was caused to the interior of the Altona Public School (SS 17) Pickering Twp. over the weekend when vandals gained

On Friday afternoon, 52 students left the two-room Altona Public School (S.S. No. 17) Pickering Township. When the teachers and pupils returned for regular classes on Monday morning they discovered a chaotic scene of ink-spattered desks, scorched walls, burned books and paint-covered floors. With the exception of several grade 7 and 8 volunteers, all children were sent home for the day. Trustee members inspected the damage and a number of adults aided in the cleanup campaign. By Monday evening, everything had been returned to normal with the exception of items that could not immediately be replaced. The Ontario Provincial Police of the Whitby Detachment are seeking the persons responsible.

ed entry to the building. Principal, Jas. Empringham of Gormley holds a paint-spattered Bible with many of its pages removed. The

Teachers, Jas. Empringham of Gormley and Miss Sharon Study of Richmond Hill made the unwelcome discovery when they arrived at the school at 8:15 a.m. The vandals had set fire to paper towels in the boy's wash-room and one wall was badly scorched. A paper mural was burned off another wall and two other projects were destroyed. Pages were ripped out of classroom Bibles and paint was spilled over school books, desks and the floor. There was a pool of water in the basement and it appeared that an inside water hose had been used to extinguish the fire.

It is the second such act of vandalism in the Altona community within a year.

school had to be closed down for one day while students, parents and teachers cleaned up the debris from the floor and desks.

## Bruce Harper Wins Prov. Pasture Champ.

Bruce Harper of Stouffville who placed 5th in the Provincial Pasture Competition in 1959 and 2nd in 1960, has captured the Ontario honours for 1963.



Four judges, Arden Baker of Avondale Farms, Brockville, John Butler, Supt. Ontario Department of Agriculture, Demonstration Farm, New Liskeard, Prof. Tom Lane, Soils Science Dept., O.A.C., Guelph and Dr. W.E. Tossell, Crop Science Dept., O.A.C., Guelph, contended that Mr. Harper came closer to making the maximum use of his resources than any of the four finalists. He pastured 36 dairy cows on fifteen acres for an entire season and in addition took off 400 bales of hay from the same acreage. Mr. Harper has been a three-time zone winner in previous pasture competitions.

The competition is sponsored by the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Assoc. and supervised by the Soils and Crops Branch, Ontario Dept. of Agriculture. The three runners-up were Fred Cohoe of Burgessville; Garnet Ralph of Richmond, (tie) and Wallace Gallagher of Orangeville. Mr. Harper will receive the Championship Trophy and \$100 from the Canadian Seed Trade Assoc.

The many friends of Howard (Pat) Malloy will be sorry to learn he is a patient in Uxbridge Cottage Hospital. He entered the Hospital Tuesday evening for observation.

## Cedar Grove Farmer Rescues Baby From Burning Home; Child Is Revived By Respiration

A Cedar Grove farmer, Walter "Walley" Reesor, ran one-quarter mile to rescue a one-year old baby boy from his crib after fire broke out and destroyed the cottage residence of Mrs. Nancy McDougall, conc. 10, Markham, on Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Reesor was called to the fire scene by the two McDougall children, Heather, 6 and Brian, 4. They said that their brother Duffy was trapped inside. When he could not gain entry through the kitchen door due to smoke and intense heat, he smashed the living room window and lifted the child from its bed, located within arm's reach. Mrs. McDougall, 29, a registered nurse, revived the

unconscious baby with mouth-to-mouth respiration. It was rushed by car to the Scarborough General Hospital. The single storey home, owned by Ruby and Mabel Reesor was burned to the ground with all its contents. The McDougall family had moved into the house in June. A fourth child, Rebecca, was in school.

The cottage was a mass of flames in a matter of minutes and no fire brigade was called. Mr. and Mrs. Reesor provided the family with temporary lodging until more permanent quarters could be located. Neighbors in the community responded quickly with clothing and bedding.

## Cashel Girl Bitten In Face By Dog; Requires 35 Stitches

A 4 year old Cashel girl was bitten in the face by the family's collie dog last week and 35 stitches were required to close the wounds. Darlene Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Lewis, conc. 6, Markham was playing on the lawn with the dog and her older sister Kathy when the injury occurred.

Dr. Donald Smith of Stouffville performed a two-hour operation in the York County Hospital at Newmarket Thursday evening and the little girl was allowed to return home with her parents during the early hours of Friday morning. The dog, a family pet had been a constant companion of the children and the reason for its sudden change of nature is not known. It had received its anti-rabies shots.

## POLICE CHECK 297 OCCURRENCES

Stouffville Police officers checked out a total of 297 occurrences during the last month according to the regular police report filed with town council on Thursday. The cruiser travelled 2063 miles which is considerably less than the usual mileage. A note of interest to council was that nine business places were reported left open. There were six parking tags issued and 46 highway traffic accidents. A total of \$502 has been paid in fines of which Stouffville gets a small percentage.

## Gormley Home Is Destroyed By Fire

The two storey, insul brick home of Mr. and Mrs. James Quinn of Gormley was destroyed by fire on Wednesday.

No one was home when the blaze broke out. Mrs. Quinn had gone to the store and the 5 children, Kenneth 19, Warren 17, Allan 16, Sharon 12, and Dennis 6 were in school.

Mr. and Mrs. Quinn purchased the house, the former Joe Cober residence, four years ago. Nothing was saved.

## MRS. ELIAS HOOVER DIES IN 95th YEAR

After being a patient in the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville, since Feb. 1962 Mrs. Ida Jane Hoover, 48 O'Brien Ave., died on Sunday, Oct. 6, 1963 in her 95th year. Born in Markham Twp., she was a daughter of the late Jacob and Martha Grove. In 1896 she married Elias Hoover, who predeceased her in 1950.

She is survived by a daughter Eva S. Hoover, a sister Sophia, Mrs. Wm. H. Connor of Stouffville, a sister-in-law, Mrs. Truman Grove and nieces, Mrs. Floyd Steckley, Mrs. Alex. Ratcliff and Mrs. Stewart Stouffer. Two brothers Truman and Wilmot were deceased. After her marriage she lived

## Don Dunkeld Ont. Plowing Champion

Donald Dunkeld of Atha has won the Ontario Championship at the International Plowing Match near Caledon. Douglas Reid of Brampton placed second. The two will now compete for the Canadian Title in Prince Edward Island next summer.

The class included 22 plowmen. Joe Tran of Atha was 3rd; Jack Couperthwaite of Uxbridge, 4th and Floyd Forsyth of Stouffville, 5th.

Soil conditions were considered good. The match, that will attract thousands including many from this area, is on the Con Smythe Farms in Peel County.

The Ontario, Canadian and World plowing champions will be crowned this week all on the same site, an event that will not occur again for 20 years.

## Install Heaters In Arena

Ten new electric heating units will be installed in the Stouffville Arena within the next six weeks.

The Arena Board approved the purchase at a meeting on Wednesday evening of last week. The cost has been estimated at \$1,800. They are a product of the General Electric Co. and will be acquired through the Stouffville Office of the Public Utilities Commission. The units will be installed, five on each side of the arena building. The west end of the rink is already heated and protected with a partition of shatter-proof glass.

## Extra Tax Bill Irks Industry

Mr. T. Rodgers representing the Erie Manufacturing Co. appeared before Whitchurch Twp. Council on Monday to express his opinion on the additional tax bill the company received for an extension to the plant just completed.

He said he did not contest the legality of the bill but in view of the fact that the township was trying in every way to attract industry, it appeared very poor policy to render a second bill within the year. He said the company employed 18 persons and had now doubled the size of the plant with chances of further expansion in 1964.

Council was sympathetic to the company's view but declined any active opinion until the solicitor had been contacted.

## Meet Planning Board On Metro Report

Markham Township Council and Planning Board will hold a joint meeting regarding a brief to be put before the Royal Commission on Metro Toronto and its relationship with the surrounding municipalities.

Councillor Rumble stated that he thought this a most important matter. He said it had always been a questionable point to him as to why the township planning had to be subservient to the Metro Board. Reeve Hooper said he agreed that the matter was important and called for the joint meeting.

## Something to Croak About



This frog has something to croak about. Captured in a pond north of Stouffville owned by the Goldfish Supply Co. Ltd., it weighed 2 lbs. 4 oz. and measured 12 inches

in length. It was brought up from Missouri last spring in the form of a tadpole and obviously flourished in its new home.

—Staff Photo.

Like some phenomenon out of a science fiction movie, a huge bullfrog was captured alive in a net last week in a pond north of Stouffville owned by the Goldfish Supply Co. The amphibious creature tipped the scales at 2 lbs. 4 oz. and measured 12½ inches in length.

Mr. Harley Ashton, Manager of the local firm said that the tadpole came to town in a shipment of goldfish last spring from the Ozark Mountain

region of Missouri. The little tadpole apparently flourished in its Canadian climate and emerged as "king" of its domain. Mr. Ashton placed the frog in an aquarium and took it to the Orchard Park and Summitview Public Schools where it was observed by hundreds of children. He said that although it is the largest of its kind he has seen in Canada, it is not uncommon for them to become even bigger in their native habitat.

## Won't Go For Long Term Water Extension On Don Mills Road

Deputy-reeve Allan Sumner was successful on Monday night in blocking the use of a 12 inch water main rather than a six, on the Don Mills Road. The pipe will carry water all the way north to Buttonville from the pumping station below No. 7 Highway. Despite the statement of Engineer Miklas that laying a six-inch pipe was taking the short-term view, as well as the urging of Reeve Chas. Hooper, councillor Sumner said he would not support the taking of an extra \$20,000 needed for the larger pipe.

The idea in the larger pipe was to be prepared to handle expansion and industry further north. "Don't you think you have an obligation to these people up here who helped in the initial search for this water?" asked Reeve Hooper. "None whatever," replied deputy-reeve Sumner.

Clerk Crisp advised that council could not spend over the two mill capital limit from the whole water area and would have to get the additional money from higher frontage tax and revenues. Engineer Miklas asked how council would pay for any enlargement of the small pipe when it was needed in future years.

However, the final motion called for the preparation of plans to lay a 6-inch pipe only north on the Don Mills Road and this was carried unanimously.

## Another Accident At Cashel Bridge

A cement bridge on conc. 6, Markham Twp., north of Cashel was the scene of another serious accident on Wednesday, Oct. 2nd. An eight foot portion of the railing was removed by the impact that completely demolished a Volkswagen auto.

Orest Kortko, 30, of Sutton suffered only minor injuries. Last month, a committee of the township council suggested that a \$300 damage claim should be filed against a Toronto doctor when his north-bound car collided with the bridge at the same site.

## Bloomington Corner Hearing On Dec. 3

The taking of land at the corner of the 9th concession and the Bloomington sideroad in order to remedy the dangerous condition which exists there, has come to arbitration between the Township of Whitchurch and Carl Ansley, property owner on the north-east corner.

The matter has been debated for more than a year and final settlement will be made at a hearing in the township office on Dec. 3rd.

## Nominations For Whitchurch Nov. 29

The annual nomination meeting for the Township of Whitchurch will be held on the evening of Nov. 29th at 7 p.m. If an election is required it will be held on Dec 9th.

## BIRTHS

COX — Norman and Patricia (nee Lehman) are happy to announce the birth of their son Brian Norman on Thursday, Oct. 3, 1963 at Women's College Hospital, Toronto.

NIGHTSWANDER — The Lord has blessed Harvey and Elva Nightswander with a baby Amy Irene on Oct. 3, 1963 at the Brierbush Hospital.

STOUFFER — Bert and Phyllis are happy to announce the birth of their son Donald Craig on September 27, 1963, at York County Hospital, Newmarket. A brother for Janice.

WHITE — Frank and Marie of Claremont RR. 3, are happy to announce the birth of a son, Gary Grant, born Sept. 21st, 1963. 8 lbs. 12 oz. at York County Hospital, Newmarket. A brother for Ruth Anne.

## Pickering Twp. Assessment Shows Drop of \$40,000; Population Now 21,800

The total assessment figure for 1963 in the Twp. of Pickering has dropped by \$40,088.00 as compared with 1962 according to a printed report submitted by the Assessment Commissioner, Mr. Delbert Goslin at a regular meeting of Council on Monday night.

The greatest assessment decrease was in Ward I where it was reduced by \$328,593.00; Ward II is down by \$256,508.00 and Ward IV has also dropped by \$253,512.00. Increases in assessment have been noted in Ward III and Ward V. Mr. Goslin told the Council that he had abided by the decision of the courts in finalizing his assessment figures for 1963.

With the exception of Ward 4, the population is up across the township. A decrease in Ward 4 of 72 has been attributed to the removal of homes due to the CNR bypass line. In

Ward 3 (Bay Ridges) the population is up by 1,066.

In reference to the 1963 assessment total, Commissioner Goslin said that the decrease was much less than had been anticipated.

Mr. Goslin said that one appeal was pending before the Ontario Municipal Board and he requested the services of a professional appraiser at a court fee of \$125 per day. The request was granted in spite of opposition from deputy-reeve, Mrs. Jean McPherson and councillor, Harvey Spang.

## More Outside Pheasant Permits

Whitchurch Township Council will allow the issuing this year of 600 non-resident pheasant shooting licenses rather than the 400 as in 1962. Messrs. Fred Kitzstein, Ted Barlow and Murray Ramer appeared before council on Monday on behalf of the Conservation Club requesting the increase in the number of permits.

Mr. Kitzstein explained that the additional revenue was required in order to keep the 400 birds over the winter for release in the township next spring. In this way it is hoped that the area will have a steady stock of pheasants and only a small number would be required to be raised and released in the fall. The project is expected to cost \$75 a month.

## Two Year Term Is Suggested For Stouffville Town Council

Stouffville municipal council will be considering the passing of a bylaw this month for the establishing of a two-year term for council members and all other members of elected boards in town. The law now provides that such a bylaw may be passed without a vote of the electors. In addition to council, the new law if passed, would affect both the Public Utilities Commission and the Public School Board, both of which now operate under a staggered system of election.

The move to put through such a by-law was brought forward at last week's meeting of council by deputy-reeve Ken Laushway. He said that in order to bring such a law into force for the 1964 council it would be necessary to pass the by-law by Nov. 1st of this year and he would like to have the

bylaw prepared for the council meeting of Oct. 17th.

The Deputy-reeve contended that new members coming on council or either of the other two elected Boards, are in office for six months before they understand the full operation. "When fall comes around and they do have any good ideas that should be introduced it is then too late, and too near the next election," he said. He contended that one year was too short a time for members to outline and complete a program and before some projects can be completed council members have changed.

Reeve Timbers admitted that there were both pros and cons to the two-year term but he admitted that it was getting to be more popular with some other countries even using a longer term than two years. However, he added that an election

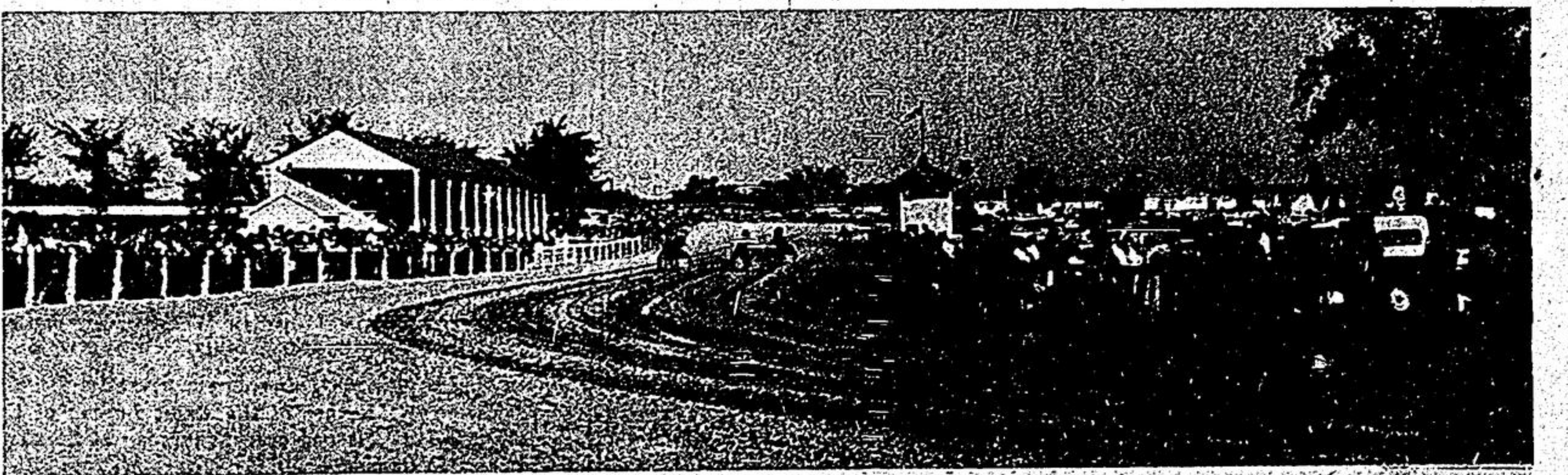
every year could help keep up the interest in public affairs.

Councillor Parsons said that the actual cost of holding an election in a town of this size was not a great factor but that continuity of membership on council could have some merit.

The deputy-reeve said that since both the Public School Board and the Public Utilities Commission would be affected, a meeting should be held with these Boards before proceeding. If passed the bylaw would establish a definite two year term for all members and would wipe out the present staggered system. Any member of one of these other Boards who still has a year to go would automatically have to stand for re-election or an acclamation this year if the bylaw passed.

The town clerk was directed to call a meeting of all three bodies on Tuesday, Oct. 15th.

## Attendance at Markham Fair an All-time Record



A paid attendance figure, estimated at 25,000 people, thronged the grounds of

Markham Fair setting an all-time record for the 108th year of the rural exhibition.

A number of major projects were completed including an exceptionally fine race track

that attracted much favourable comment from both the drivers and the customers. It

was officially opened on Saturday by the Lieut. Governor of Ontario, Hon. Earl Rowe.