



The only reminder these four children have of their pet Labrador Retriever is a picture in the family photograph album. The dog disappeared over two weeks ago from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Desmond Kerr and it is feared that it may have been stolen. The children are (left to right) Paul, 8, Linda, 9, Diane, 5 and Cathy, 12. —Staff Photo.

Altona Family Pray For Return of Their Pet Dog "Charcoal"

The finest Christmas gift that could come to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Desmond Kerr of Altona would be the return of the children's pet dog "Charcoal."

The 4-year old black Labrador Retriever mysteriously disappeared from the Kerr property on Nov. 28th while the family was away on a shopping trip. An appeal, both by newspaper and television has produced several reports but none has located the dog. Since two hunters were seen near the premises, it is feared that "Charcoal" may have been stolen.



"Charcoal"

"Four prayers are said here every night," said Mr. Kerr, "the children are heartbroken." The family include Diane, 5, Paul, 8, Linda, 9 and Cathy 12. Mrs. Kerr said that the dog has never before strayed from home.

The Kerr's second dog Prince, a miniature collie is now sick

Re-elected in Markham



Reeve Alma Walker was re-elected in Markham Village on Saturday with a majority of 247 votes. She will hold the office for a two-year term. —Staff Photo.

'Stuck Accelerator' Wins Acquittal For Local Driver

A Stouffville driver won himself an acquittal in Richmond Hill court on Friday after he told Magistrate N. P. Kelley that he couldn't slow his auto down because the accelerator was stuck. Robt. Hathaway of Main Street was clocked at speeds up to 90 miles per hour by Markham Village police and stopped just east of the 9th conc. He was fined \$5.00 for driving without a licence.

P. C. Rod Junkin testified that he and Sgt. Wm. Vance were parked in their cruiser at the intersection of No. 7 and 48 Hwys. He said that another car pulled along beside the Hathaway vehicle and at the turn of the light, both "took off" at a high rate of speed.

Strange Car
Hathaway said that he was aware that a cruiser was following him but the gas pedal was stuck on the floor. He said he was not familiar with the auto and couldn't get it stopped. "I turned off the ignition, but it just backfired," he said. He denied that he had engaged another motorist in a "drag race." "I don't think a married man does things like that," he replied.

Magistrate Kelley, in dismissing the charge, told the driver that his car should be in A-1 condition at all times. He ordered him to have it repaired before driving it again.

Faulty Speedometer
In another case, Karl Kilpper R.R. 2, Stouffville wasn't quite so fortunate. He was charged with speeding at 50 miles per hour in a 35 zone on Main St. in Stouffville. He claimed that his speedometer was faulty.

"Your car must be kept in perfect driving condition to ensure the safety of other motorists and pedestrians," said Mr. Kelley. Kilpper was fined \$10 and costs.

Alma Walker Re-elected in Markham Village

Reeve Alma Walker will head the council in Markham Village for the next two years. She was re-elected on Saturday with a 247 vote majority over deputy-reeve, Harold Lawrie. The final count was 949 to 702.

A. E. "Ab" Laidlaw is the new deputy-reeve defeating councillor Thomas Mather 818 to 743.

There will be two new members as councillors in 1965-66. Public School Principal, Lloyd Abernethy was accorded strong support and rolled up a total of 1,236 votes. Councillor Paul Horton was the runner-up with 1,090 and Douglas Allison counted 745. Keith Brown received 603 and Douglas Pierce trailed the field with 310.

Served 9 Years
Mrs. Walker's rather amazing career in village politics goes back a total of 9 years. She has served 3 years as a councillor; 3 years as deputy-reeve and 3 years as the reeve. She has defeated some very respected opponents including Paul Mingay in 1961 by 51 votes; Doug Meharg in 1962 by 482 votes; Joe Fry in 1963 by 245 votes and Harold Lawrie in the current campaign by a majority of 247.

During her nine year tenure of office, the town has experienced tremendous growth. The increase in population, however, has been accompanied by a favourable influx of both commercial and industrial assessment to help balance the tax scale.

Cedar Beach at Musselman's Lake will hold its first New Year's Eve party and dance. Mr. Vern Davies reports that reserved tickets for this event are already completely sold out.

Saddened Companions Attend Funeral For Car Accident Victim

Saddened school friends, companions and relatives paid a final tribute on Thursday afternoon to a well-liked young Claremont district boy, 17 year old Alec "Skip" Bell who died in a tragic car accident on Monday evening, Dec. 7th.

The O'Neill Funeral Home was filled and many of those present included students and staff teachers at Stouffville Dist. High School where the deceased had attended.

The victim was killed instantly when a car, driven by 17 year old Glen Fretz, a close friend and neighbour, went out of control on the 9th conc. of Pickering and rolled over. The Fretz lad was one of the pallbearers along with four cousins, Jim, Larry and Rick Spang and Bill Harper. Another friend Brad Jakeman also attended. Floral tributes were most beautiful. Flower bearers included Ron Sargeant, Fred Moore, Rick McKeeney, John Heaton, Brent Weldon and Bill Goudie.

Rev. Douglas Davis was in charge of the funeral service. The deceased was identified with the United Church. He was an active bowler in the Men's League at Stouffville and had also played hockey here.

Besides his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alec Bell, he is survived by his grandmother, Mrs. J. O. Spang and a sister Beverly. Interment was made in the Stouffville Cemetery.

TV Program From Here Christmas Eve

The CBC television program "Across Canada" which will originate in Stouffville next week, will be seen on Channel 6 at 6:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve. CBC crews have been in town several times in the last couple of weeks preparing portions of the program, while some of the telecast will be done "live" on the night of the program. Stouffville was selected for televising a small town on the day before Christmas.

Clippers "Clipped" For \$80 in Court

Four members of the Stouffville "Clipper" hockey club were each fined \$20 and costs in Richmond Hill Court on Tuesday for drinking while under age.

James Hood, Robin Hood, Robt. Mustard and Charles Doyle were charged by Stouffville police after their car was stopped on Main Street. The incident occurred following a hockey game.

Marks 90th Birthday



Miss Priscilla Pipher of Ringwood celebrated her 90th birthday on Thursday of last week. She received close to 100 visitors. —Staff Photo.

Miss Priscilla Pipher 90, Is Long Time Ringwood Resident

Miss Priscilla Pipher of Ringwood celebrated her 90th birthday last Thursday amid a group of 90 friends and relatives. She was elated at the number of persons who sent cards of congratulations.

Miss Pipher was born Dec. 10 1874 at the Pipher homestead in Dickson's Hill. At the age of seven, she moved to Stouffville for six months, then to her present location in Ringwood. She has lived in her Ringwood home for more than 80 years with the exception of a few years spent in nursing in Toronto.

Attending the party were her sister Louella and brother Harvey. The three of them make up a total of 240 years.

Priscilla Pipher was a tailoress in Stouffville in 1896. She walked back and forth from Ringwood to Stouffville for six and a half years. She worked

for John Bray, John Woodgate, and Frank Rae, all tailors. She was also a practical nurse in a boy's home in Toronto.

A Hockey Fan
Priscilla is a very opinionated woman, has definite views on many things and sticks by them, if she feels she is right. Her ninety years do not hinder her from speaking her mind.

About the Canadian flag, Miss Pipher says the Union Jack should stay, but if there has to be a change, then it will have to be one maple leaf.

She doesn't like commercials on TV but believes most programs are beneficial. She claims the best thing about it is the fact that you can turn it off.

Priscilla, like all hockey fans has her favorite players. She claims "Red" Kelly is the best. (Continued on Page 13)

Prize Winners In Lucky Draw

Ten more local winners are announced this week in the Wishing Well Lucky Draw program promoted by merchants of Stouffville. Each will receive merchandise awards valued at \$15.00. The winners this week as drawn by Miss Linda Priestley are — Gail Fretz, Stouffville; Donna Lewis, Stouffville; Jenny Carruthers, Stouffville; Geo. Wedage, Stouffville; Debbie Cochrane, Goodwood; Jill Jackson, Stouffville; Mrs. William Topper, Stouffville; Mrs. T. Johnston, Stouffville; Mrs. Greta Alsop, Goodwood and Jacob Hoover, Stouffville.

The third and final draw will be made on Saturday, Dec. 19th. Coupons may be obtained from any of the merchants displaying Wishing Well banners in their windows. They are deposited in the wishing well in front of Santa's chalet on Main St.

Credit Union Appeal To Be "Test Case"

The Stouffville Credit Union will take its business assessment appeal before a County Judge. This move was revealed this week after their initial appeal was turned down before a local court of revision. No date has been set for the hearing. The Credit Union opened an office on Main Street this year in the former telephone building.

The appeal will take the form of a "test case" and several other similar organizations are watching the results with interest. In this particular instance, the Assessment Act is not entirely clear.

A Judge will give his interpretation as to whether a business assessment can be applied.

Deputy-reeve Would Restrict Residential Bldg.

Deputy-reeve Stewart Rumble pressed Markham Twp. council to "keep" residential building in the large new subdivision at Unionville, in line with industrial development.

At Monday's meeting he said it was his understanding that the area was zoned for both industrial and residential, and he wanted to know if the council members on Planning Board had given any thought to the percentage of industrial development that should proceed the residential. He pointed out that almost any area could secure new homes but not new industry.

Construction Started
The discussion arose when Engineer Miklas reported to council that 36 new homes were now under construction and the Ontario Water Resources proposed to approve the present plans for the disposal plant and the wells to be drilled for water.

Councillor Palmer who sits on the Planning Board told Mr. Rumble the area was zoned and could not be changed and whatever was done to keep homes and industry in balance would be done in the sub-division agreement.

Deputy-reeve Rumble was not satisfied with this answer

Nab Armed Robbery Suspect in Town; Breakin at Markham

P. C. Edward Grimshaw of the Stouffville Police Dept. arrested two suspects in an armed robbery at Markham during the early hours of Wednesday morning after he spotted the car at Ringwood. The driver escaped on foot.

The officer took up the chase after Markham Village police reported a hold-up at the B.P. station on No. 7 Hwy. The auto turned down Albert Street and the pair were cornered on the property of the Goldfish Supply Co. A loaded .22 cal. revolver was recovered. The two men, still not identified, are believed to be residents of Lake Wilcox.

Take \$58
The holdup victim was Mr. Sam McKuen of Markham. He was assaulted but not injured. The thieves took about \$58 from the office.

Markham Village officers were at the scene minutes after the hold-up and the entire area was immediately sealed off. Chief Fred White praised the work of Constable Grimshaw who held the suspects until more help arrived. The pair were taken to Buttonville jail in Markham Twp.

STORE HOURS . . .

With the exception of Saturday, Dec. 19 and Thursday, Dec. 24, stores in Stouffville will be open daily from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
On Dec. 19 and Christmas Eve, the stores will close at 6 o'clock.

Pleads Guilty to Four Break-ins

A Stouffville youth entered a plea of guilty to four separate charges of break and entry when he re-appeared before Magistrate O. S. Hollinrake in Richmond Hill Court on Tuesday.

Lorne Marshman admitted entering a home in Whitchurch Twp. and three homes in Markham Twp. He was represented by solicitor, Paul Mingay of Markham.

Magistrate Hollinrake adjourned the case to Dec. 17th in order that he might study a pre-sentence report on the boy.

Police Overtime Causes Concern in Whitchurch

In the seven months of operation this year, officers on the Whitchurch Twp. Police Department have rolled up a total of 2,380 hours of overtime. In Chief Mason's report for the month of November 300 hours of overtime were recorded. These figures were received with some concern by members of Whitchurch Twp. Council on Tuesday afternoon.

The Chief noted that there was little opportunity to give his men extra time off to compensate for the extra hours put in. It will be necessary, therefore, to pay out additional money for the overtime service.

Councillor Alvin Farmer suggested that it would be more practical to add another man to the force and reduce the overtime cost.

In Council
Some members expressed concern also for the number of hours spent by officers in court. In November, this figure alone totalled 96, or comparable to 12 days for one constable.

On a question raised by councillor Stuart Burnett concerning two officers in a cruiser, Chief Mason explained that unless they were en route to court, only one man was usually in a car at a time.

and suggested that now that houses were going up they would likely continue to be built until stopped.

Reeve Hooper said that council was out of order in discussing the matter that had previously been agreed should be contained in the sub-division agreement.

"Are you trying to apply clover?" asked councillor Hoover.

Mr. and Mrs. George Rodanz of Ringwood were hosts on Tuesday evening to the Stouffville Fire Brigade.

Lady Bootlegger Fined \$200

Ida G. Peterson sold a case of beer to the wrong fellow on October 17th. Donald Hillock, a stranger to her, purchased a case from her for \$5.00. To her surprise Mr. Hillock turned out to be Constable Hillock of the Whitchurch Twp. Police Dept., and subsequently Miss Peterson was charged for the illegal sale of liquor.

In Newmarket Court Monday she appeared before Magistrate O. S. Hollinrake who fined her \$200 and costs or two months in jail.

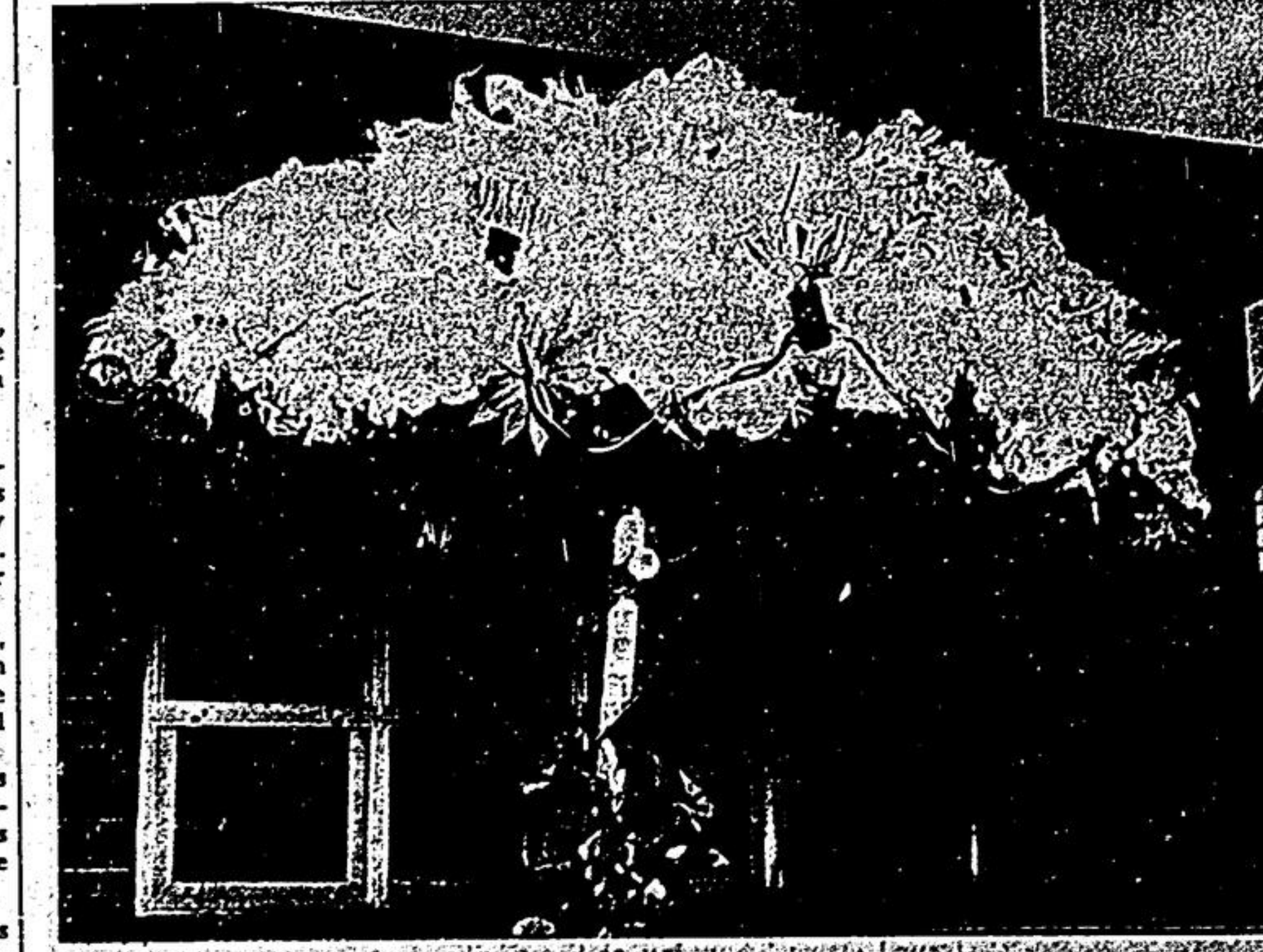
Bottles Everywhere
Const. Hillock testified that upon entering the home of Joan Aitchison he found 1 25-ounce bottle and 4 12-ounce bottles of rye in a dresser; four 24-bottle cases of beer on the floor, 9 full pints in the kitchen and 12 pints in the refrigerator, besides the case he purchased. The police officer also stated that there were countless bottles of empties strewn throughout the house. He told Magistrate Hollinrake that a similar case purchased legally sells for \$2.31.

100% Profit
In deciding how to handle the matter, Magistrate Hollinrake heard the Crown suggest \$100 as a fine. The magistrate said that \$100 would be sufficient if she had made 75% profit, however, Ida was clearing 100% profit and she should pay a little more.

He doubled the fine, and added \$41.50 court costs.

Robert Whaley, Oak Ridges, who was on the premises at the time and had been for about a week was also fined \$10 and costs.

Christmas Umbrella



This unusual figurine is located on the front lawn at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Doug O'Neill, Fairview Ave. Stouffville. It is an old umbrella covered with chicken wire and plastic and supported by an iron pipe in the ground. It took two weeks to complete. —Staff Photo.