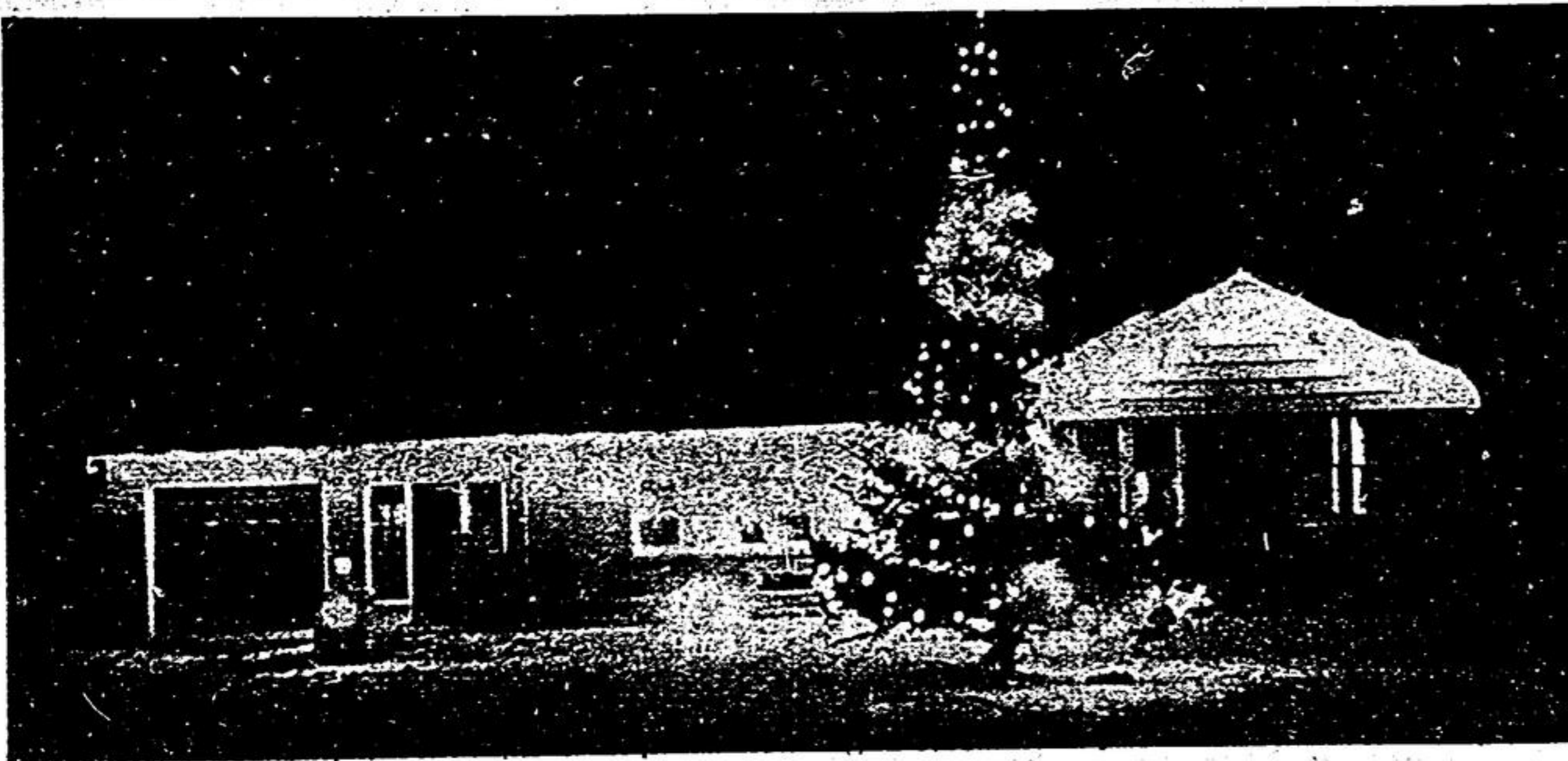


Stouffville Homes All "Dressed Up" For Christmas



Rupert Street in Stouffville is a gala avenue of Christmas colours but no home is more striking than the residence of electrician Ross Hetherington. —Staff Photo.



A colourful display of exterior lighting is pictured here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Laushway on Park Drive in Stouffville. More photos on pages 3 and 5. —Staff Photo.

Mrs. Laura Stapleton Active At Ninety-two



Mrs. Laura Stapleton, 92 of Mt. Albert. —Staff Photo.

Mrs. Laura Stapleton will celebrate her 92nd Christmas tomorrow a little less than a month after she celebrated her 92nd birthday.

Laura Margaret Graham was born on November 28, 1872, only five years after Canada was made a dominion. She was born on the 10th conc. north of the Stouffville Sales Barns.

Laura attended Ringwood school and as a young girl she enjoyed Christmas then as much as she does now.

In 1894, she married Ambrose Heisey. They were wed at Glasgow by Reverend Elder Hainer. Following the wedding the young couple lived in Unionville.

Mr. Heisey died in 1911 and it wasn't until 1929 that she married Mr. David Stapleton. Mr. Stapleton passed away in 1939.

Mrs. Stapleton has a son and

daughter living. A second son is deceased. She has nine grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Lives at Mount Albert. At present Laura is living with her daughter, Mrs. Carl Moorehead of Mount Albert.

She resided formerly on Church Street, Stouffville, but moved from there 13 years ago.

Mrs. Stapleton was a dressmaker by trade and learned the art in Stouffville. She carried out her work in her home, rather than in a shop.

Laura still mends and sews for her grandchildren and refuses to sit around idle.

As a teenager, Laura was active at most garden parties, sleigh rides and church gatherings. The youngsters of those by-gone days were entertained by musical instruments, the favorites being violins, organs, and pianos.

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Ask Truck Parking Ban In Sub-divisions

Mr. Bob Winfield, spokesman for a deputation of the Stouffville Ratepayers' Association, appeared before the municipal council on Thursday night to press for some restrictions on the keeping of heavy trucks in R1 zone sub-divisions. He told council that these trucks were detracting from the property values, but safety was a prime factor and they were dangerous considering the number of small children around.

Reeve Timbers said it could create a hardship if a trucker had to rent other premises just to park his truck. "We'd have to get some information from our solicitor," he said.

A minority "We have to give consideration to placing restrictions on the property owners," said councillor Parsons. Mr. Winfield said it was only a minority of property owners. Councillor Parsons said it was not right to take away the owner's privileges and change the use of his property

after he had purchased it. Deputy-reeve Laushway said there was a lot of fast-driving in the sub-division and not by trucks. He said the speed limit couldn't be lowered under 30 although this was too fast with so many children on the road.

"I'm not sold on why you should restrict a certain area—the menace I've seen has been cars," said Mr. Parsons.

NEED NEW APPOINTMENT

Stouffville municipal council will be seeking two new appointments in 1965, one for the town Library Board and one for the Planning Board. Both Mr. Geo. Ford and Mr. Chas. Nolan advised council by letter last week that they wished to retire from any further service on these individual Boards. Each has served about thirteen years.

The appointment of Mrs. June Button as representative of the Public School Board to the High School Board for a two-year term, was confirmed by by-law.

Make Final Draw For Merchant Prizes

The last of thirty lucky draws for \$15 merchandise awards was completed in Stouffville on Saturday night. Clarence Bunker of Goodwood selected the ten winners' names. They are as follows: Mrs. J. Valteau, Stouffville; Mr. V. Lewis, Stouffville; Mr. Harold Doner, Gormley; Mrs. Gerald Acton, Stouffville; Mrs. P. Bright, Stouffville; Timothy Herbert, Stouffville; Miss Sandra Swash, Stouffville; Mrs. Tom Hastings, Markham R.R. 2; Mr. Bill Sanders, Stouffville and Mrs. Shirley Hanson, Stouffville.

More Than 2,000 Visited Santa Here

During the past three weeks, Santa Claus has been the most popular man in town. Up to Saturday, Dec. 19th, a total of 2,013 children have visited his chalet on Main St. It is expected that final figures will exceed the 2,500 mark.

Kiddies from near and far have dropped in for a chat with St. Nick including such places as Burlington, Thistletown, Streetsville and Beaverton. Their wants have ranged from "big cruiser" trucks and loaders for boys to Tiny Tears dolls and dishes for girls.

Works Dept. To Maintain Town Cemetery

Stouffville municipal council agreed by resolution on Thursday night that beginning in 1965 the town works department should take care of the town cemetery, with the exception of machine grave-digging. This work has been done now for some years by Mr. E. Pilkey. The cost of this added work on the department is \$2500.

Council members discussed the possibility of adding another man to the works department, considering the additional work load and this new man would then be available for other town work.

Ladies Auxiliary Distribute Gifts

Members of the Legion Ladies Auxiliary of Stouffville spent Tuesday evening at the Veterans' Hall packing boxes for families and shut-ins for Christmas.

On Wednesday afternoon the ladies, in uniform, completed their deliveries around town.

This practice is carried out on a monthly basis throughout the year but at Christmas time, the boxes contain extra items in keeping with the season.

They visit the hospital and nursing homes in addition to private residences of veteran's families.

No Licence or Insurance

A 30 year old Stouffville driver who had neither a licence nor insurance was fined \$75 and costs in Richmond Hill Court on Friday.

Norman R. Mitchell of Main Street admitted to P.C. David Hadden of Stouffville that he had never taken a driver's test or tried to obtain a permit. He had purchased his car in November. For this infraction, he was fined \$25 and costs by Magistrate Russell Pearce.

Constable Hadden further stated that Mitchell was of the opinion that automobile insurance or payment under the unsatisfied judgment plan was not necessary.

For this offense, Magistrate Pearce added another \$50 and costs.

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Reeve Hooper Wages Losing Fight Against Cty. Assessment Plan

Markham Twp. Reeve Charles Hooper waged a bitter but losing battle last week in his bid to delay York County's take-over of all municipal assessment departments but before he was through, he left no doubt in the minds of anyone as to his feelings on the controversial issue.

A motion to approve the program and to hire an assessment commissioner at \$11,000 was passed on a recorded vote of 28 to 19. Both Reeve Win Timbers



Reeve Chas. Hooper

and Deputy-reeve Ken Laushway of Stouffville voted against the scheme. At one point in the heated debate, Reeve Joe Dales of North Gwillimbury attempted to choke off argument on the issue but chairman Gariott allowed Reeve Hooper to continue.

Mr. Hooper, producing a copy of the new assessment manual, charged that under the County system, farm land presently assessed at \$40 per acre would climb to \$100. "It could cause a farmers' revolt," he said. He was supported by Warden Ab Rutherford, Reeve of Vaughan and Deputy-reeve Ross Farquharson of Whitchurch. Mr. Farquharson said that eight new members would be in County Council in 1965 and he wished the discussion to be carried over into the new year.

Mr. C. D. Wright has been appointed the new assessment commissioner. As a Prov. Government employee, he had received a salary of \$8,500. The new County post pays \$11,000.

Until more accommodation is available in the County building at Newmarket, present assessors now employed by individual municipalities will continue to work out of those offices. Salaries will remain unchanged but years of employment will be recognized.

No Re-broadcast Of T V Show

The "Across Canada" television show which will originate in Stouffville on Christmas Eve at 6:30 p.m. will not be re-broadcast on the following morning as is usually the case with this show. The program is from 6:30 to 7 p.m. and will only appear once.

Tom Phillips Home For Christmas

Fifteen year old, Tom Phillips, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Phillips of Ringwood will spend Christmas at home.

Seriously injured in a tragic auto accident last June Tom has spent the past 166 days in both hospital and convalescence homes. He was released permanently on Tuesday. Since early in October he has been able to come home on weekends.

Tom must still use crutches when he walks but he plans to return to Stouffville Dist. High School in the New Year. He will move from class to class in a wheel chair. He is a grade 9 student.

Local Police Turn Santa Claus

The colour of the uniform will be different but the role will be the same as members of the Stouffville Police Dept. turn Santa Claus on Christmas Eve and distribute gifts to deserving families.

Two boxes of toys have been collected from local stores and members of the Lions Club. The officers spent four hours on Monday night repairing and cleaning them up. About 20 children will benefit.

Quick Action By Markham Police Described By Holdup Victim

Sam McKuen of Church St., Markham can recall more exciting experiences in his lifetime than most people, but during the early hours of Wednesday morning, last week, he

thought their car had run out of gas down the road, not an unusual experience at such an early-morning hour.

He recalled that one man pulled a gun and ordered "get me the cash, do it quick, we're not fooling, this is a stick-up." He said that he was pushed behind two boats and they scooped the money (\$58) out of the cash register, leaving about \$11 in change.

"I thought the gun was only a toy," he said. When they threatened to lock him in a small room, Mr. McKuen bluffed them into thinking that there was no key for the door. When they left, he telephoned the police.

"I dialed 294-1300 and the police (Markham Village) were there in two minutes or maybe less," he said. All of York County was immediately alerted.

P. C. Ed. Grimshaw of Stouffville was parked at the Ringwood intersection when a car turned east on No. 47 Hwy. at a normal rate of speed. He decided to check it. The vehicle turned south on Albert Street in Stouffville and was cornered on the property of the Goldfish Supply Co. The driver fled, walked as far as Markham and took a taxi to Toronto. A suspect Wayne King, 21 of New Toronto was later arrested. Two Lake Wilcox men, Barry Palneau, 23 and Frank Payne, 34,

were held in the car by Constable Grimshaw until more police help arrived. The gun was recovered. All three have been charged with armed robbery and will re-appear in court on Dec. 28th.

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The accident occurred during the first week of the summer vacation period when Tom and two companions were returning home from a fishing trip. The car rolled down a steep embankment at the intersection of conc. 2, Uxbridge and No. 47 Hwy.

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Too Costly To Enlarge Proposed Firehall Building

Stouffville municipal council meeting for the final 1964 session on Thursday night, took no action when confronted by a deputation requesting council help in providing some accommodation for the Boy Scouts and Cubs. Reeve Timbers said that while council was in sympathy with the fine work being done, they had only so much money to spend.

Mr. A. R. McFadden, spokesman for the deputation said that they wished to know if council had considered erecting another storey on the new firehall to provide a hall for the scouts as well as other youth groups.

Deputy-reeve Laushway, in reply, said no additions to the plans of the building were being

considered at the present time. He added that there would be a room about 22x32 on the main floor which would be available. He also suggested that the ceiling might be lowered in the south part of the municipal office building to allow some space.

Reeve Timbers said the firehall was already planned for and it would add considerable expense to put on another storey.

Mr. McFadden said the scouts group was growing and consideration was being given to forming a second group but needed more space. The group presently meets in the United Church Sunday School room. Three nights a week are needed and 1 to three thousand square feet

of the building were being

Altona Family Re-united With Pet Dog "Charkie"

"Charkie" a pet black Labrador Retriever, is back home and Mr. and Mrs. Desmond Kerr and family of Altona will enjoy their merriest Christmas.

The dog disappeared on Nov. 28th, three weeks ago and with each passing day, hope dwindled that it would ever be found and returned. The children, Diane, 5, Paul, 8, Linda, 9 and Cathy, 12 never stopped hoping and praying. On Saturday, their prayers were answered.

A railroad employee, Mr. Larry Wilson of Orillia had found the dog wandering cold and hungry near Ajax. He took it into the district signal station at Pickering and later to his home in Orillia.

Saw Tribune Photo. A photo of "Charkie" published in last week's issue of the Tribune was seen by Mr. Wilson. He telephoned long-distance to the Kerr home and the dog's rabies identification tag was all the proof that was required. He agreed to bring the pet down to Ringwood where the exchange was made. Mr. Kerr and the four children were on hand for the joyful reunion. Mr. Wilson, whose own family had become quite attached to the animal, refused to accept any reward.

It is believed that the dog was taken from the Kerr property by hunters and either let out or escaped from their car. Tipping the scales at 95 lbs. It appeared none the worse for its experience. A photo appears on page 8 of this issue.

Offers of Help Mrs. Kerr said that calls were received from many people over a wide area who had seen dogs that fitted "Charkie's" description. She said that no one was interested in any reward.

One Ballantrae resident, Mr. M. Fitzpatrick offered to give the children one of his prize puppies. Mr. Ezra Bronsberger of R.R. 1, Stouffville was willing to give up his own dog to the family.

On Sunday afternoon, when The Tribune re-visited the Kerr home, "Charkie" was rolling back about on the living room rug. "Ordinarily, we don't allow him in here," said Mrs. Kerr, "but to-day he has special privileges."

This lighted lamp post, located at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Murphy, Main St. E. in Stouffville is over 100 years old. It was taken from a verandah of the old Arthur Clarkson house at the corner of E. Main and Montreal Sts. —Staff Photo.

Stores in Stouffville will be closed on Saturday (Boxing Day) but the majority will be open for business on Monday, Dec. 28th.

Century Old



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