

# The Year Of 1964 In Review

## JANUARY

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A. Fockler Celebrates 65th Wedding Anniversary — Forty-Seven Attend Christmas Gathering at Carl Reesor Home — Late Horace Walsh Was Town Electrician — To Re-open Victoria Square Public School for Primary Class — Mrs. Frank Waggoner Passes at 81 — Markham Twp. Council Gives Green Light To 9th Line Drag Strip — Chinese Bride Joins Husband Here From Hong Kong — Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mehaffey of Ringwood Parents of First Baby at Brierbush in 1964 — Agree To Sell Old Glasgow School and Site — A. G. Thompson Served On High School Board For 20 Years — Pickering Twp. To Retain City Assessment — Thos. Kerr New Clerk in Whitchurch Twp. — Mrs. E. A. Button Passes After Lengthy Illness — Close Unionville Teen Dances After Fracas — Pickering Okays Hotel Site at Kinsale — Lewis Hamm Found Dead In Main St. Apartment — Whitchurch Twp. To Establish Own Police Force.

## FEBRUARY

Ira Shank of North Markham Killed In Accident — United Church Congregation Votes To Buy New Site — Town Youth Charged With Criminal Negligence — Claremont Lad, Douglas Godden Drowning Victim In Unused Well — Glasgow Father of Three Killed in Head-on Crash — Tribune Wins Two Awards At Ontario Convention — Former Bloomington Boy Killed, Two Companions Injured — Whitchurch Fed. of Agriculture Asks for 90% Exemption From Police Costs — Leonard Wood Passes Suddenly — Residents Oppose Removal of Historic Mongolia Elm — Delegation Asks For New Firehall As Centennial Project — Heather Smith Advances To Dist. Oratorical Finals — Ontario Cty. To Take Over Uxbridge Twp. Assessment Duties — Find Two Dogs Mutilated Near Greenwood.

## MARCH

Town Buys Anglican Church Property As Likely Fire-Hall Site — Rural School Boards To Disappear Under New Legislation — Late Jas. Hill Was Gravel Co. Employee For 18 Yrs. — 165 Entries in Lions Music Festival — Town Council Holds Tax Line for '64 — 81 Applications For Chief's Post in Whitchurch Twp. — High School Sr. Basketball Team Wins G.B.S.S.A. Title — May Drop Uxbridge Ambulance Service Without Aid — Mr. and Mrs. R. Ellicott of Brougham Wed 50 Yrs. — Mrs. Geo. Todd of Cherrywood, Church Organist Over 45 Years — Coroner Terms Bloomington Hamlet A "Death Trap" at Inquest Hearing — Former "Millionaire" Team To Play N.H.L. "Old-Timers" — Circulate Petition To Split Pickering Twp. — Plan \$250,000 Home For Aged In Stouffville — Schell Food Store Joins Red and White Chain — Michell Chariot Pony Killed — Kenneth Beer of Brougham Dies In Spite of Emergency Operation — William St. Couple Win \$30,000 Sweepstake — Joyce Nesbitt Hospitalized in Girls' Hockey Accident — Veterinarian's Car Involved in \$2,400 Accident — Local Couple Find Discarded Sweepstake Ticket Worth \$1,000 — Clippers Win Group Hockey Title — Former Uxbridge Twp. Assessor Charged in Assault on Reeve.

## APRIL

Fred Mason New Police Chief in Whitchurch Twp. — Franklin House Landmark in Markham To Be Demolished — Geo. Arbuckle In Town Rest Home Is 101 — Two Inch Snowfall Here — To Hold Plebiscite On Future Status of Unionville — Two Youths Charged in \$2,500 Damage Spree in Uxbridge Twp. — Clippers vs. Hensall in Junior Hockey Final — To Conduct Survey On Town Water System — Bloomington Resident, Mrs. Wm. Fockler Dies at 91 — Ringwood Wins Comm. Lg. Title — Former Uxbridge Twp. Assessor Fined \$50 For Assaulting Reeve — Stouffville Stockyards Ltd. Is Sold — Student Herbert Otto Has 90.4% in Easter Exams — Late Geo. Stone Stricken At Wheel of Truck — Ballantrae Auto Hit by Rifle Bullet at Ringwood — Dr. Helen Abell To Attend World Conference in France — Geo. Foot Dies Suddenly — Two Claremont Boys Receive Queen Scout Badges — Consider Erection of New Pickering Municipal Bldg. — Clippers Lose to Hensall in Finals — Jury Asks That Markham Street Be Better Lighted Following Inquest Into Death of Ira Shank — Whitchurch Police Force To Start With Staff of 15 — Sell Main St. Mansion House.

## MAY

Late Lorne Dickinson Was Only 38 — Markham Village Chief, Officer Rescue Baby Caught in Crib Spring — Late Earl Drewrey Was Active Farmer — Begin Construction of \$40,000 Addition To Machine and Tool Factory — Skating Star Debbi Wilkes of Unionville Among 23 Honoured at Pucey's Park Reception — Claremont Dist. Boy Shot by Own Gun — Markham Driver, Glenn McGuire, Killed on No. 7 Hwy. — Bernadine Terwerds Is High School May Queen — Propose Municipal Bldg. for Uxbridge Twp. — Mrs. Agnes Wilson Stricken At Mother's Day Service in Greenwood Church — Romandale Auction Totals \$335,000 — Late Wm. Mehaffey Born in Ireland — Jean Winterstein New Figure Skating Instructress — P.U.C. Approves Cut in Hydro Rates — Former Student, Prof. Frank Underhill Re-Visits Markham High School — Whitchurch Native, Bert Baker is Stricken — Brougham Ball Star Suffers Broken Foot — Whitchurch Police Dept. To Begin Duties June 1st.

## JUNE

Town Council Agrees To Sell Anglican Church Bldg. — Mr. and Mrs. Fred Campbell Wed 60 Years — Mary Otter, Laurie Buckland Named High School's Top Athletes — Celebrate Centennial Year of Atha Public School — Cpl. Wm. Glover Named Top Cadet — Mr. and Mrs. Fred Byers of Greenwood Mark 50th Anniversary — Jury Recommends Signal Lights at Don Mills Road and Steeles Ave. — Close Peach's United Church — Planning Board Turns Down Sale of Land For United Church — Erect 51 Suite Apartment House in Markham — Two Die in Plane Crash in Markham Twp. — Honour Mrs. Norman Waggoner, Goodwood Public School Teacher 25 Years — 200 Attend Stouffer Family Reunion — Claremont Bank Apartment Damaged in Fire — Police Raid Sunny Valley Dance Hall at Musselman's Lake — Tom Phillips of Ringwood Seriously Injured in Car Accident — Neil Smith Wins Public School Richardson Award — Halt Picketing Outside Markham Plant — Honour 5th Line Uxbridge Teacher, Mrs. Marye Sheehy — Gar Lehman President of Stouffville Arena Co.

## JULY

Wind and Rain Storm Cuts Path Through Uxbridge and Pickering Twps. — Altona Pastor Takes Charge at Palmerston — Late Chas. Cooper Was a Leader in Claremont Community — Sixty Attend Barn-Raising Bee at Musselman's Lake — Three Die in Head-on Crash Near Markham — School Area Split Causes Heated Debate in Pickering Twp. — Delay In Ambulance Response Is Criticized By Former Police Officer at Town Council Meeting — Picketers Charged With Obstructing Traffic Near Amalco Plant — Susan Nigh in Olympic Trials at Montreal — Three Boys Drown When Car Overturns in Creek Near Altona — Firemen Save Markham Dist. Home Struck by Lightning — Five Sisters Re-United at Stouffville Home — Local Businessman, Ed. Neville Passes — Both Drivers Impaired in Markham Fatal Accident, Inquest Told — Reeve Alvin Redshaw of Uxbridge Twp. Suffers Heart Attack — Two Men Rescued When Buried Alive in Sand Bin — Army Worm Poses Crop Threat in York Cty. — St. John Ambulance Instructor Aids Injured Lake Cottager.

## AUGUST

Triplet Calves Born on Eldred King Farm — Arthur Paisley Dies After Short Illness — Greenwood Horse Dies During Race — Hundreds Pay Tribute to Late Robt. Mole, Honour Student — Jr. Farmers Golden Jubilee Held at Markham — Mr. and Mrs. Percy Clarke of Greenwood Mark 50th Anniversary — Gas Explosion Occurs at Dickson's Hill Motel Site — Approve Shotgun Deaths at Pickering Dog Pound — Arrest Six After Robbery at Siloam House — Markham Student Diane Coleman Wins Ontario Scholarship — Late Robt. Mole, Top Grade 13 Student With 75.4% — Five Pickering High School Students Win Scholarships — Hydro To Build Nuclear Power Plant in Pickering Twp. — Wilkes-Revell Skating Pair Split — Agree On Main Street Site for New Town Firehall — Wm. J. Fockler of Whitchurch Dies Suddenly — Presentation to Everton Smith, Long-Time Secretary of Stouffville Fire Brigade — Newmarket Ball Team Ousted by OASA.

## SEPTEMBER

Town Reeve Accused of Part in Improper Land Deal — Markham Presbyterian Church To Open New Addition — O'Neill Firm Buys Spofford Co. Store — Jr. Baseball Team Ousted by Dunville — Over \$15,000 Contract on 6th Conc. Whitchurch — Air Cadet Squadron Wins Efficiency Award — Large Crowd at Thomas Diller Sale, Mongolia — Mother Rescues Child From Gormley House Fire — Mrs. Henry Johnson of N. Markham Marks 90th Birthday — Over 2,000 at Markham Antique Show — Don Dunkeld of Atha Wins Canadian Plowing Title — Sgt. Robt. Hood of Markham Twp. Honoured by St. John's Ambulance — N. Markham Barn Collapses, Three Cows Killed — Attempt to Unseat Town Reeve Fails — Record Entry in York Cty. Jr. Match — Late Myron Anderson Mail Carrier 18 Yrs. — Overflow Attendance at Dickson's Hill Tent Services — Rev. C. E. Fockler of Markham Honoured — Mrs. Alice Veal of Markham, 97 — Over 3,000 at Brougham "History in Action" Day — Late Gordon Mortson Was Active in Victoria Square Community.

## OCTOBER

Death of Norman O'Boyle Shocks Community — To Dedicate New Markham School in Honour of Mr. Roy Crosby — Demolish Grandstand Landmark at Markham — Pickering Wins Comm. Lg. Softball Title — Dog Attacks Two Children, Had Rabies — Presbyterian Pastor Rev. Gordon Hamill Passes in Hospital — Protest Halt of C.P.R. Dayliner — Uxbridge Twp. Girl Saves Brother Caught in Swing — Town Population Now 3,722 — Record Entry in N. York Plowing Match — More Than 20,000 Attend Markham Fair — Uxbridge Farmer, Leslie Mitchell Pinned 1 1/2 Hours in Combine — O.M.B. Hearing on New Municipal Bldg. in Pickering Twp. — Plan \$20,000 Expansion Program for Brougham Church — To Enlarge Stouffville High School — Bill Crothers Wins Silver Medal at Olympics — Feasby Transport Is Sold — Claremont Legion Applies for Liquor Permit — Wet Grounds for E. York Plowing Match — Oppose Drag Strip in Markham Twp. — Gravestones Topped at Hagerman Cemetery.

## NOVEMBER

New Park Entrance, Museum is Town's Centennial Project — Bill Crothers Honoured at Markham Reception — Ernie Button, 88, Goes Deer Hunting — Memorial Plaque Honours the Late Robt. Mole — Assinck Bros. Complete \$52,000 Order for the Gaspe — Fire Marshall's Office Checks Claremont Blaze — Albert Hockley Wins Int. Potato Award at Royal Winter Fair — Water System Improvements Could Cost \$190,000 — To Add 4th Man To Town Police Dept. — John Mathewson Wins Lions Club Car Draw — Late N. W. Ryer, Town Resident 47 Years — Ben Raxlin's Connection in District Goes Back 50 Years — Ross Farquharson New Reeve of Whitchurch Twp. — P.U.C. To Look For New Well To Serve Town — Cedar Grove Farmer Rescues Wife From Well.

## DECEMBER

O.M.B. Approves New Municipal Bldg. for Pickering Twp. — Ralph Kirby Marks 90th Birthday — Alvin Farmer Twp. Whitchurch Twp. Poll — Greenwood Mother Saves Family in House Fire — Don Dunkeld Honoured at Plowmen's Banquet — Whitchurch Police Officer Rescues Lad from Wilcox Lake — \$100,000 Fire at Massey-Ferguson Farm — Harvey Spang Finds Nephew in Fatal Crash — Charles Hooper Returned as Reeve in Markham Twp. — Barber Len Keeping Meets Brother in England for First Time — Town Featured on T.V. Program — Mrs. Eleanour McKean Tops Area Board Poll in Pickering Twp. — H.S. Srs. Win Ontario Volleyball Title — Town Officer Nabs Two Theft Suspects in Armed Hold-up — Alma Walker Retains Reeveship in Markham Village — Priscilla Pipher Receives 100 Visitors on 90th Birthday — Whitchurch Police Run Up 2,300 Hours of Overtime — 9th Conc. Drag Strip Given '65 Permit — Ratcliff White Pine Tree Is 350 Years Old — Laura Stapleton of Mt. Albert Is 92 — Altona Family Re-United with Pet Dog — Ask Truck-Parking Ban in Town Subdivisions — Police, Ladies Auxiliary Distribute Gifts Before Christmas — Cty. Assessment Plan is Endorsed — Funeral for the Late Mrs. Henry Ogden Largely Attended.

## SUGAR AND SPICE by Bill Smiley



### A CHRISTMAS CRISIS OR TWO

May be I'm getting old, but that Christmas rush seems a little rasher every year. And every year, it takes me a little longer to get over it, physically, financially and psychologically.

Everything, this year, was going along fine. That is, in its usual maudlin state. Tree wasn't bought; exam papers unmarked; Christmas cards not purchased, let alone sent; no idea of who would be at our place for Christmas; dozens of presents to buy for people who wouldn't be satisfied with the moon wrapped in solid silver.

But this was normal, and no cause for alarm. Then, things began to go haywire.

First, my wife discovered she had a hernia. This was rather a blow to all hands. She thought it an extremely un lady-like ailment. I associated a hernia with wearing a great belt called a truss. I don't know why you wear them, but I haven't been reading those ads on the back of True Confessions all these years for nothing.

But trust her. It was merely a dainty hernia of the esophagus or sarcoptagus or something, a tiny puncture in her diaphragm, not to mention her self-esteem.

The next thing was worse. My daughter, my delicate little flower, my baby, was invited to the Christmas Prom. There was hell to pay. "She's only a child! It's ridiculous. She's certainly not going to start running around with a gang, at her age."

First I pointed out that it wasn't a gang that had asked her, only one kid. Then I observed that the "child is nearly fourteen, wears most of her mother's clothes, and is legally enrolled at the high school, where the dance was to be held.

The child's aunt and other adult sympathizers intervened for her, and the Old Battle axe began to soften. But I almost spoiled it. "What kind of a boy is he? She demanded. I told her that as far as I knew, he was a nice lad, that it wasn't his fault his dad was an alcoholic, his mother ran around with men, and he had to work in the poolroom on Saturdays.

She swallowed the works, and it took me a week to convince her that he was a perfectly normal 15-year-old in grade 10, with the biggest paper route in town.

I shouldn't have been so smart. It cost me the following: a new pair of shoes; a new dress which is suitable for wearing to next year's Prom, and nothing else, except that you can't wear the same dress you wore to last year's Prom; and about 12 hours of listening to the old lady telling about how tough things were for girls when she was 13.

Right on top of this came the worst thing of all. We had three invitations for the Friday before Christmas: a staff party, a dinner party, and the Biennial Pre-Christmas Buffet and Brag of the Young-At-Heart Fighter Pilots.

I had a terrible time making up my mind which to attend. They invited wives to the first two. The third one is held only every two years because it takes the Young-At-Hearts two years to get over it.

Well, after I got home from the fighter pilots' party, and had a couple of buckets of plasma, I knew I'd made the right choice.

Imagine exposing your sweetie-pie to a lot of rich foods and stuff, and her with a hernia and all. That was about the only thing that wasn't exposed there, for a day or two.

Oh, well, everything else went off on schedule. The tree fell over four times. The turkey was tougher than an old rubber boot. All our presents had to be exchanged because they didn't fit.

And we had the shortest, sweetest cocktail party on Boxing Day, that we've ever had. Usually, when you ask people to come from five to seven p.m., you leave the last couple out sometime early on December 27. This year, it was all over at 5:30. I'd forgotten to order the booze.

## On The Farm Front...

### Farm TV Series To Be Shown Jan. 5-6-7

(A. A. Wall, Agricultural Representative, York County). There are two items of interest for York County farmers coming up in the first week of 1965. One is a new venture for the Department of Agriculture. It's a series of three farm programmes on television. They run on three consecutive days, January 5, 6 and 7, start at 10:30 each morning, and are an hour in length.

The first one on Tuesday deals with crops; Wednesday's programme is on livestock, and on Thursday, the business end of farming with records, analysis and decisions will be featured.

Essentially, each programme is made up of visits to four or five farms, with the farm owners doing practically all the talking. The farms visited are not large, ultra-modern set ups, but more the average size units that are doing well with crops and livestock. The opinions and ideas from the farm owners on the programme should be quite useful.

I suppose most farmers would not want to be caught dead watching TV at 10:30 in the morning. It seems like an odd time of day but the only time available on the CBC network.

And it really isn't all that ridiculous to take an hour off in the morning to watch a programme that is very closely connected with our business. If it's sensible to drive twenty or thirty miles on a stormy night in the winter to a farm meeting, then it's also sensible to take a look at these programmes.

Annual Meeting The annual meeting of the York County Soil & Crop Improvement Assoc. is on Wednesday, January 6th. It's at the Plaza Auditorium in Newmarket and it starts at 10:30 a.m. The first hour of the meeting will be spent watching the TV programme for that day. Several television sets will be installed in the hall.

There will also be reports on demonstrations carried out this year, on the morning programme, and special door prizes for those at the meeting before 10:30.

Guest speaker for the day will be Dr. J. E. Winch of the Crop Science Department, O.A.C. Dr. Winch is a forage specialist and will be talking about the newest ideas on getting best performance from hay and pasture crops.

There will also be a demon-

stration and information given on the ventilation of farm buildings. Lunch will be served at noon as usual, and all York County Farmers are invited to this meeting.

Finally, this is the week to get started on Farm Accounts. We have account books at our office in Newmarket for the price of a post card, telephone call, or better still, drop in and pick one up.

### Hold "Farmer's Week '65" At O.A.C. In Feb.

Farmers from across Ontario will have an opportunity to profit from the latest information on soils, crops and livestock during "Farmer's Week '65", sponsored by the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, February 22nd, through to the 26th, 1965.

Five special days have been arranged to deal with the following: Crops, Monday 22nd; Soils, 23rd; Dairy Cattle, 24th; Swine, 25th; and Beef Cattle, 26th. Farmers will hear discussions on such subjects as, Doubling Crop Yields, Recent Trends in Feeding Dairy Cattle, Live Animal Evaluation for Swine and Profits in Beef Enterprises. All material presented will be timely and helpful to farmers.

Topics will be covered in considerable depth, with the speakers drawing on the most recent research results and interpreting them to fit into advanced farm programs. Sessions will be held in War Memorial Hall between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. each day. Farmers may attend one or more daily sessions according to their particular interests. Detailed information on the program for each day can be obtained from county offices of the Ontario Department of Agriculture.

Some people get there by pull, others by push.

You can't stay ahead of your hills if you allow them to do all the running.

### Care of Christmas Gift Plants

This Christmas many people will receive plants as a gift. Since many of these plants have been grown in cool, humid surroundings they are often not well adapted to the warm dry atmosphere of modern homes. Horticulturists with the Ontario Department of Agriculture suggest giving the plants special care to maintain their attractiveness and to prolong flowering.

Plants such as Azalea, Cyclamen and Christmas Begonia should be given an overnight rest in a cool location. Move the plants at night to a cool hall or

east window. Avoid draughts and do not let the plants become chilled.

Make sure the soil is never allowed to dry out or become waterlogged. Increasing the humidity around the plants will also help to prolong flowering. Set the pot on some pebbles or coarse gravel in a tray; add water regularly to the tray but keep the level low so that the bottom of the pot is not constantly wet. Keeping water in vaporizing pans in the furnace, on radiators or in hot air registers will increase humidity.

Many gift plants can be carried over to next year. Azaleas will bloom well into the new year if given water daily and a cool location. After blooming rest in an acid medium using

mostly acid peat, and a little soil but no alkaline sand. When the danger of frost is over place the pot outdoors and keep in partial shade. During the summer they may be fed every two weeks. A solution made up from 1 ounce of ammonium sulphate and 1 ounce of iron sulphate to 3 gallons of water may be used. In the fall bring the plants in before frost and store in a well-lighted location at 45 degrees F.

Cyclamen plants also require cool conditions. After flowering they may be gradually dried off. After the danger of frost is over plunge the pots in sandy soil and gradually let them become quite dry. Bring the plants in before fall frosts, repot and gradually start them into growth.

"...may old antagonisms be forgot, for the days of OLD ENSIGN"



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