



Although less than two weeks old, this frisky young colt, owned by Mr. Jack Graham of Locust Hill, is a lively lad. His mother is of registered stock and his grand-sire is "Adios" of excellent qualities. Eleven year old Kenneth Graham is shown here with his pet. —Staff Photo.

## Armed Robbery Trio Sentenced To 5 Years

Three men, charged with the armed robbery on Dec. 16th of the Markham Boat and Car Sales Co., No. 7 Hwy., Markham Village, were each sentenced to five years in the Penitentiary on Wednesday afternoon. They appeared before Magistrate O. S. Hollinrake in Newmarket Court.

Frank Payne, 34 and Barry Palneau, 23 of Lake Wilcox and Wayne King, 21, of New Toronto, refused to speak although Magistrate Hollinrake said he would listen to any comment prior to passing sentence. "Everything has been said" commented Palneau.

In speaking on Payne's behalf, Chief Fred White of Markham said that when sober, the accused was a good provider for his wife and six children. When he is drunk, his family is forgotten," he said.

More Serious Magistrate Hollinrake informed the men that they, accompanied by an offensive weapon, made it one of the most serious of crimes.

Wives and several friends of the men broke down in the courtroom as the accused were handcuffed and taken out by security guards.

## Mother and Son Win Speed Skating Medals

Mrs. Betty Acton, Burkholder St. Stouffville, a prominent speed skater with several awards to her credit, came out of retirement on Saturday to win a silver medal in a 220 yard, open-air race at Rumble Pond near Maple.

To add more laurels to the family scrapbook, her son Kevin, 11, took two silver medals, one in the 220, and another in the 440. A younger brother, Keith, 6, was also prepared to compete but there was no opposition in his class. Both boys now plan to enter events at Barrie on Feb. 13 and 14 and possibly the Canadian Indoor Meet in Toronto in March.

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Seven year old Blair Bangay, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bangay, 9th conc. south, suffered a broken collarbone on Monday when he slipped on a piece of ice in the yard at Orchard Park School.

Phillip Prentice, Albert St. S., was the winner of the \$10 door prize in a draw made at the arena on Tuesday night. Lloyd Turner selected the ticket.

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## Janice Smith, 15 Senior Winner in Lions Oratorical

Janice Smith, 15, grade 11 and Herbert Otto, 17, grade 12, will represent Stouffville in the senior division of the Lions Club oratorical competition. Janice placed first and Herbert second in the initial contest conducted at a meeting of the Stouffville Lions Club on Monday night.

In the Junior class, Jewel Sloyan, 16, of grade 10 was judged best. Runners-up included Caroline Adams, 15, grade 11; Joanne Hendricks, 16, grade 10 and Ruth Parsons, 15, grade 9. The panel of judges included Mrs. Reg. Button, Rev. Allan Borland and Wm. Sherwood.

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Miss Smith centred her speech around the word "Peace." Her topic was well prepared and clearly presented. She used no notes. Her two minute impromptu was entitled "Why I Am Proud to be a Canadian."

Miss Sloyan, the junior winner, spoke on "Telephone Operators." Her impromptu was on "Going Steady."

Herbert Otto's subject was on "Theory of Relativity." His impromptu was entitled "Cost of Space Flights."

## Suggest University To Serve Markham Twp.

Councillor Palmer of Markham Township, calling for special attention at the regular meeting of council on Monday, proposed that council consider the establishing of a University of Markham Township, with standing for the conferring of degrees. He said that council should proceed to purchase a site and erect at an interview with the Minister of Education. He told council that many students of the municipality were not being accepted in University due to lack of high marks.

Councillor Sumner seconded the proposal although he said he had doubts about the plan due to the close proximity of York University.

Too Big for Township Deputy-revee Rumble stated that this was a question far too big for Markham Township. He commented that as far as students being able to get into university, he had no difficulty getting his family in and he didn't consider that they had any outstanding records in high school.

Reeve Hooper said he couldn't support the motion and said that any proposal so large should have had a notice of motion. There were only four members of council present.

The motion was lost on the vote that followed.

Deputy-revee Ken Laushway referred to the unit as a "store on wheels" and suggested that under the present by-law there was nothing to stop a person from selling merchandise out of a tractor-trailer. "I fear for what might happen in the future," he said.

Councillor Ken Belt noted that the operator had purchased the lot where his truck is located. He said that the vehicle was parked well off the Main Street and was creating no traffic hazard. Clerk Ralph Corner said that plans had been prepared for a building on the property and it could possibly be erected this year.

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## Plan Five-room Addition To Orchard Park School, Stouffville

A five-room addition is proposed for the Orchard Park Public School in Stouffville at a cost estimated at \$120,000. Representatives of the school board outlined their plans before a meeting of town council on Thursday night. Trustee Ian Chapman was the spokesman for the delegation that included Mrs. Barbara Hambly, Mrs. Elsie Sanders (secretary) and the two principals, Lorne Bowdway and Keith Sutherland. Tentative approval on the project has been received from the Dept. of Education. A portion of this additional accommodation will include a multi-purpose room that can be used as an auditorium or converted into two classrooms if increased attendance warrants such a move. It was revealed that a minimum of two extra rooms would be required by September and two additional teachers would be added to the staff. Expansion will be to the east on a portion of the site between the present building and the Anglican Church.

### Not Informed

Reeve Win Timbers criticized the board for their failure to inform the council of their construction plans at an earlier date. "The council and the school board should work in closer co-operation," he said.

Clerk Ralph Corner said that the Ontario Municipal Board now demands an annual 5-year forecast of capital expenditures and without this information the school application would not be approved. Mr. Chapman admitted that the project had been discussed back in September. "If you knew three months ago, you should have told

### Urged Action

Deputy-Reeve Ken Laushway said that he had talked to a member of the board earlier and had warned him that the 5-year expenditure program would have to be submitted.

Councillor Wm. Parsons said that approval from the O.M.B. held precedent over any approval from the Dept. of Education.

Clerk Corner informed the trustees that the O.M.B. keeps a close check on municipal debt-burden debts. "We're pretty well at our limit right now" he said. He said that neither the

public school, high school or P.U.C. had submitted its 5-year forecast and he had placed a Feb. 1st deadline on the submission. He said that no debt-burden applications would be approved without it.

Principal Sutherland estimated that with the present trend of enrollment, the proposed expanded facilities would prove adequate for the next five years. The next stage of school construction will then necessitate a new building on a new site since neither Summitview nor Orchard Park can accommodate any further development.

## Funeral Thursday For Agric. Leader Late Professor J. C. Steckley

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, Jan. 28th (to-day) at 2 p.m. at the L. E. O'Neill Chapel in Stouffville for Prof. J. C. (Jack) Steckley, one of this dist. most noted agricultural authorities. He passed away on Monday, Jan. 25th following several months of declining health.

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to the O.A.C. to serve as Professor of Animal Husbandry until 1934. For twenty years, from 1937 to 1957, he was the director of the Ontario Experimental Farm at Ridgeway and also Chairman of the Prov. Farm Loan Board. He was one of the founders and a keen promoter of the Junior Farmers' Organization in Ontario.

Never Lost Touch In spite of his keen mind that made him a noted agricultural educator, he never lost touch with the layman farmer. He liked nothing better than to mix with his farmer friends either in a conversation over the

line fence or from a platform at a public meeting. Although unable to attend the 50th anniversary of the York County Jr. Farmers' Assoc. at Markham in August, his efforts in promoting this club were not forgotten.

Surviving are two sons, Harold of Don Mills, Douglas of Calgary and one daughter, Doris (Mrs. J. Miers) of Australia. His wife, the former Eva March passed away Sept. 30, 1964. There are nine grandchildren.

Rev. W. A. Young, Chaplain at the University of Guelph will conduct the funeral service with interment in Melville Cemetery.

## Catholic Ratepayers Approve Erection Of Separate School

Catholic ratepayers present at a meeting in the Veteran's Hall, Stouffville on Tuesday evening, indicated their desire to proceed with the erection of a Separate School in town. It will be located on property at the west end entrance, fronting on No. 47 Hwy. The selected site has been retained for over ten years, with this plan in mind.

About 35 persons attended the gathering. The chairman was Dr. R. D. O'Connor.

The new Separate School Board comprises six trustees. They are Robert Carey, Fairview Ave., Donald J. Gibson, Rupert Ave., C. W. Kambs, Rupert Ave., Jack J. McDermott, Fairview Ave., Dr. R. D. O'Connor, Elm Road and Dr. A. T. O'Connor, Glad Park Ave. The trustee members will select their own chairman at a later time.

## Clippers, Uxbridge In Semi-Finals

It would be an unusual season of junior hockey here if Stouffville did not meet up with Uxbridge somewhere along the playoff trail.

Group playoff arrangements this year have matched Uxbridge and the "Clippers" in the semi-final round while Cammington-Sutton will battle Bobcaygeon.

The series opener is here in Stouffville on Tuesday night, Feb. 2nd with the return contest on Uxbridge ice, Feb. 8th. It will be a best 4 out of 7 games.

In the 3-team league standing, comprising both Junior "C" and "D" clubs, Stouffville finished in third place while Uxbridge were in sixth.

## Chas. Hooper Is First Commissioner In York County

Reeve Chas. Hooper of Markham Twp., was elected to the 1st commissioner's post in York County in a single ballot vote last Wednesday. He defeated Reeve Win Timbers of Stouffville by a count of 16 to 12.

Ray Jennings, Reeve of King was nominated as the second commissioner and was not opposed.



Chas. Hooper

Reeve Hooper, a former Warden of the County was nominated by Reeve Wright of East Gwillimbury. Gordon Cook, deputy-revee of King Twp. supported the motion.

Reeve Timbers was nominated by deputy-revee Ken Laushway of Stouffville with Reeve E. J. Norris of Georgina as his

## "Vagabond" Members Jam R. Hill Courtroom

Twenty-four members of the Vagabond Motorcycle Club, including 15 boys and 9 girls, taxed the accommodation of Richmond Hill Court on Tuesday, following a raid by Markham Twp. police on their Yonge St. hangout.

Six persons, four boys and two girls each face charges of illegal possession of liquor keeping liquor for sale and supplying liquor to minors. The cases will be heard next month. Eighteen others have been charged as found-ins on the property. They include 11 boys and 7 girls.

Receive Complaints Acting on the receipt of several complaints, twelve Markham Twp. officers headed by Sgt. Robt. Hood and assisted by three constables from Vaughan Twp. converged on the rented

house late Friday night. The youths offered no resistance but three ran from the premises and were arrested outside in their cars. The boys were brought in the paddy wagon to the police officer at Buttonville. The girls were transported in township cruisers. Their ages ranged from 16 to 26 years. More than 100 beer containers were seized by officers, including 75 full and 12 part bottles.

Parents Present The parents of one young girl were present in the courtroom on Tuesday. She had been crying. Several of the boys had long hair that hung almost down to their shoulders and some wore dark sideburns and beards. Fifteen of the group had been lodged in the Don Jail while nine others were out on bail.

## Silent Tribute To Uxbridge Hockey Star

On Tuesday evening, players, spectators and officials stood for two minutes, in silent tribute to a fine young district athlete, Robert (Bob) Campbell of Brooklin who died on Monday night following a tragic, two-car accident near Manchester.

The tribute, prior to a scheduled O.H.A. Junior "D" game between the "Clippers" and Woodville, was requested by the management of the Stouffville club. The victim was a prominent member of the Uxbridge Jr. team and was returning home following a game with Bobcaygeon when the collision occurred. George MacNeal of Nestleton, the driver of the other car was killed instantly. The Brooklin boy died later in the Toronto General Hospital.

In addition to his hockey ability, Bob was a renowned softball pitcher and played an important role in bringing the Intermediate "C" Title to Brooklin last fall. He was only 20.

Surviving besides his parents Mr. and Mrs. Archie Campbell of Brooklin R.R. 1, are two sisters, Mrs. Neil Pascoe (Sharon) second. Both nominators spoke on their candidate's behalf.

## Son Draws Father's Ticket

During the past three weeks, hundreds of lucky draw admission tickets have been sold in connection with the Minor Hockey League program at the arena.

On Monday evening, 9 year old Bradley Nigh, a member of the Taylor's Fuels team in the Squirrel group, was asked to pick the night's winner from the big drum.

Bradley dug down deeply into the pile after they had been thoroughly mixed and pulled out No. 731. It belonged to Mr. Norman Nigh, Charles St., Stouffville — his father.

In a gesture of appreciated generosity, Normie turned the \$10 prize back into the Minor Hockey Association.

## Didn't Lose A Single Seed



In spite of the rather precarious position of this truck on the 9th conc. county road in Pickering Twp., not a single part of its load was lost. The transport, owned by Smith's Feed and Seed Ltd. of Queensville was not badly damaged and the driver escaped injury.

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