

P.U.C. employees have been busy during the past two weeks installing twenty new fluorescent lights on the south side of the Main Street business section in Stouffville. A sum of \$3,500 was set aside in the town's 1965 budget to cover the cost of the project. Linemen, Paul Gilham (left) and Chas. Lintner hook up one of the new fixtures. —Staff Photo.

### Enrollment Climbs to 381 at Orchard Park

In spite of the withdrawal of 36 pupils for Separate School classes, the enrollment at Orchard Park continues to show an increase according to attendance figures tabulated by principal, Keith Sutherland on Tuesday.

The total has now reached 381, thirty more than recorded at the end of the term in June. This number includes the 30 students of the grade 6 class that has been reverted back to Orchard Park following a shift to Summitview last year.

The enrollment breakdown by grades is as follows: Kindergarten — Mrs. Nancy Paisley — 31; Mrs. Doreen Brown — 32. Grade 1 — Miss Brenda Baranger — 31; Grades 1 and 2 — Mrs. Linda McLean — 31; Grade 2 — Miss Sally Matthews

— 32; Grade 3 — Mrs. Nel Atkinson — 31; Grades 3 and 4 — Mr. Gary Litster — 27; Grade 4 — Mrs. Greta Noble — 32; Grade 5 — Mrs. Barbara Wideman, Miss Lynn Mills — 39; Grade 6 — Mr. John Lindop — 30; Grade 7 — Mr. Gary Grundy — 33; Grade 8 — Mr. Wm. Kingsley, Mr. Keith Sutherland — 32.

Three staff leaders will work between both Orchard Park and Summitview schools. Miss Mills is the Music Supervisor; Miss Marg. Hosie is the Reading Consultant and Mrs. Pat Byer is the Primary Consultant.

The Kindergarten class that totals 63, has been divided with Mrs. Paisley taking 31 in the morning and Mrs. Brown, 32 in the afternoon.

### Legion, Masonic Halls Used by Catholic Board

On Tuesday morning, makeshift classrooms were established in both the Legion and Masonic Halls to accommodate 132 Separate School children on a temporary basis. It is hoped that the new 6-room, \$170,000 building, now under construction, will be ready for occupancy by the end of this month.

A late start and adverse weather conditions have been blamed for the school not opening on schedule.

The enrollment per class is as follows: Grade 1 to 2 — twenty-nine; grade 2 to 3 — thirty-one; grade 4 to 5 — thirty-eight and grades 6, 7 and 8 — thirty-four. The lower grades are presently located in the Masonic Hall while the senior classes are at the Legion.

The Separate School staff is headed by the principal, Mr. Paul Condon. Other teachers include — Miss Diane Amirault; Mrs. Mary McCormick and Mr. Jan De Laat.

### Grade Six Shift Cuts Summitview Attendance

A shift of 30 students to form a regular grade 6 class at Orchard Park, has reduced the September enrollment at Summitview to 410. The attendance figure at the conclusion of the June term was 431.

Thirty new registrations were received by principal, Lorne Broadway on Tuesday morning, the majority for Kindergarten.

The Summitview staff and per class enrollments are listed as follows: Kindergarten — Mrs. Carol Hume, 51; Grade 1 — Miss Judy McKewen, 27; Miss Myrna Scott, 30; Grade 2 — Mrs. Helen Weatherbee, 30; Grade 3 — Miss Janet McNicol, 33; Grade 3 and 4 — Mrs. Barbara Wideman, 29; Grade 4 and 5 — Mrs. Jean Whale, 31; Grade 5 — Mrs. Blanche Gordon, 34; Grade 6 — Mr. John Stark, 38; Grade 7 — Mr. Robt. Stover, 39; Grade 8 — Mr. Wm. Kingsley, 29; Auxiliary — Mrs. Glenna Will, 14.

Three teachers will work on an exchange basis between the two schools. Miss Marg. Hosie is the Reading Consultant; Mrs. Pat Byer is the Primary Consultant and Miss Lynn Mills is the Music Supervisor.

### Driver Jailed After 100 M.P.H. Chase

A 22 year old former Ballantree man was sent to jail for 30 days on Tuesday following a conviction on a charge of dangerous driving laid by P.C. Alvin Thompson of Stouffville.

Joseph Dart, now of Scarborough, entered a plea of guilty when he appeared before Magistrate O. S. Hollinrake in Richmond Hill court.

The cross-country chase at speeds up to 100 miles per hour, led through three townships, beginning in Stouffville, and ending after the car disappeared from view on a hill near Musselman's Lake. Dart was arrested the next day.

P. C. Thompson testified that the accused drove through several stop streets and narrowly missed colliding with a number of oncoming vehicles.

In addition to the jail term, Magistrate Hollinrake levied a \$100 fine or 60 days. He was also prohibited from driving for a period of one year.

### Late Frank Atkinson Farmed at Ringwood For Twenty Years

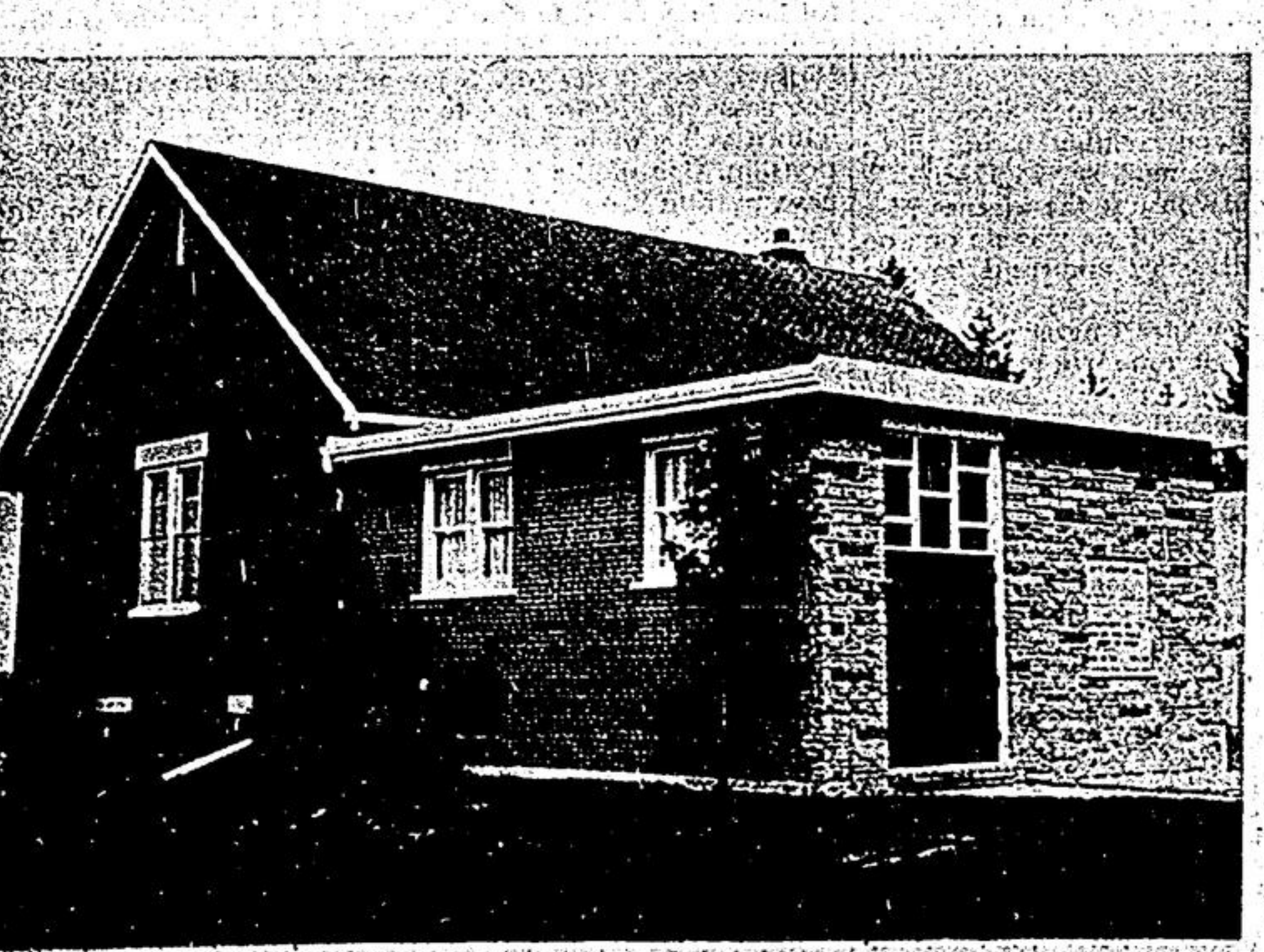
The service was conducted from the O'Neill Funeral Home, Stouffville, on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 5th, for the late Frank Atkinson, R.R.2 Markham, who passed away peacefully at his home in Ringwood on Sept. 3rd. He was in his 85th year.

Born in North Toronto, he operated the farm that is the present Madsen property, No. 7 Hwy., near Unionville, for a period of five years. He moved to Ringwood in 1945.

He is survived by his wife, the former Helen McKenzie, one daughter, Janet (Mrs. W. Cockwell) of Toronto and a granddaughter, Sandra.

Rev. Douglas Davis conducted the service, assisted by Rev. Barry Jones. Interment was made in Ortono Cemetery, Durham County. The pallbearers were Fred Steckley, Stewart Vague, Douglas Parsons, Herman Terry and James Ridge-way.

### Dedicate New Church Addition



Visiting pastor, Rev. Quinton J. Everest of South Bend, Indiana, U.S., officiated on Sunday afternoon at a dedication service to mark the completion of a new front addition on the United Missionary Church at Dickson's Hill. —Staff Photo.

### Oral French in Town Schools Grades 6 to 8

Oral French is a compulsory subject in grades 6 to 8 this year at both Summitview and Orchard Park public schools.

The course has the approval of the Dept. of Education but the decision was made entirely by the local trustee board.

Mrs. Jeanette Waite will conduct the 20 minute classes each day. She comes well experienced in the subject and in addition, completed an extensive training course in Toronto this summer.

French instruction was provided previously on a strictly voluntary basis but the program was not too successful. The training will be confined to oral work with no written exercises.

## To Begin Construction of Town Dam in '66-MTRCA

Barring any unforeseen change in plans, construction work on a new flood-control dam, to be located north of Main Street in Stouffville on a branch of Duffin Creek, will begin next year.

This information was contained in a letter to the Clerk from Dr. E. F. Sutter, Asst. Director of Operations of the Metro Toronto and Region Conservation Authority and read to council at a regular meeting on Thursday night. It was revealed, however, that no provision had yet been made to proceed with downstream channel improvements or the acquisition of flood plain land. The official stated that this phase of the program would ultimately be carried out as part of the over-all flood control scheme.

On a recorded vote of 4 to 1, it was agreed to renew the application for a period of 1 year and retain the land bordering on the stream as a greenbelt zone. Councillor Ken Betz was opposed.



Councillor Ken Betz in defending his negative stand on the issue, agreed that he was affected personally because he owned property in the greenbelt zoned area. He noted, however, that other local taxpayers were also involved and had earlier voiced their opposition at the Municipal Board Hearing. "I could have taken advantage of my position on council and either

built a house on the lot or sold it, but I decided to remain with the others," he said. He said that he was aware of the pending "freezing" order before it became law. "I don't feel that the Conservation Authority will be in any financial position for years to purchase further property," he said.

### Awkward Position

Deputy-Reeve Ken Laushway agreed that councillor Betz had been placed in an awkward position. He felt that when the program moves ahead, a fair price would be paid for the land. "The Conservation Authority has never been known to 'steal' land," he said. He pointed out that the flood control scheme would be of great overall benefit to the town. "No good Planning Board should allow building on that land regardless of who owns it," he said.

Councillor Wm. Parsons pointed to the town's problem on Fairview Avenue and termed it "a \$20,000 mistake".

Reeve Win Timbers suggested that once the flood-control project is completed, property values in the affected area would likely increase.

### Road Budget Over-Spent In Pickering

Deputy-Reeve Mrs. Jean McPherson expressed alarm on Monday night concerning the financial state of the 1965 Pickering Twp. road budget that she claimed had been over-spent by \$15,000 including subsidies. She said she learned of the problem at a road committee meeting last week. The deputy-reeve is the chairman.

Mrs. McPherson expressed shock at the costs of some individual projects including a road construction project at Fairport Beach that was estimated at \$44,000 and had exceeded \$130,000. "As the chairman, I will get the blame, but I knew nothing about it," she said. "I give no orders, I just take the complaints."

With reference to the over-expenditure of \$130,000, councillor Wm. Newman charged that all members should have been informed. "If a road program is set up but not followed, it causes a great deal of discontent," he said.

Councillor Harvey Spang suggested that some deficit had occurred in the construction of a bridge on the 7th concession.

## Suggest Increase in Salary For 1965 Town Council Members

Town councillor, Wm. Parsons is of the opinion that both he and his fellow members are grossly underpaid for the services they perform. At a meeting on Thursday night, he argued in favour of an increase and was supported by the deputy-reeve, Ken Laushway.

Councillor Parsons, who attended a recent convention of the Ontario Municipal Association said that by comparison with municipalities of similar size, the stipend here was considerably lower. The councillors receive \$300 per year. The reeve is paid \$700. The amount has not been changed since 1956.

Mr. Parsons suggested that a special meeting should be held to discuss the salary question more fully.

### Make Move Now

Deputy-Reeve Laushway said that it would be unfair to impose the increase in 1966 after a new council had been elected for another two-year term. "We should pass the raise prior to nominations," he said.

"I feel that it is up to this council to decide," agreed Mr. Parsons.

A speaker from the floor suggested that such a move could affect incumbent candi-

dates adversely at the polls.

"Perhaps some of the members have been on council long enough anyway," replied the deputy-reeve. He said that in Markham Village, the reeve received \$1,200 more than the total remuneration paid to the entire Stouffville council.

Councillor Parsons suggested that an increase might induce other residents in town to run for office. "Stouffville is not always going to have local businessmen on council who can run at any minute of an hour to look after town affairs," he said.

### Must Change

Clerk Ralph Corner noted that it was unfair to expect members of council to act as supervisors on town jobs. "Things are going to change," he said, "they have to change."

Councillor Ken Betz said that on the firehall project alone, (Continued on Page 10)

## Overtime Build-up In Town Road Dept. Concerns Council

With almost four months still to go in the current year, three employees with the town road department have rolled up an overtime total of five weeks. The thought that this practice might be continued, prompted a lengthy discussion with Foreman Elgin Wagg, at a meeting on Thursday night.

Councillor Wm. Parsons, chairman of the road committee, suggested that a more accurate time schedule should be set up to prevent a recurrence of the problem.

Foreman, Elgin Wagg ex-

plained that the overtime build-up had resulted mainly from weekend work and due to several important projects. It was difficult to let any of the men off.

"You can't go merrily along accumulating time like this," said councillor Parsons, "it snowballs".

Deputy-Reeve Ken Laushway suggested that the overtime figure had been allowed to build up too high.

The foreman agreed to work out a system that would allow the men time off when major projects were not pressing.

## Hope H. S. Addition Finished By Oct 1st; 545 Students Attend

For the next three weeks at least, staff members and some grade 9 students of the Stouffville Dist. High School will be required to attend classes in rather make-shift quarters. A two-room addition for grade 9 occupations is still under construction. It is hoped that the work may be completed by Oct. 1st.

The wing, located at the east end of the main school structure, will accommodate those local students who previously had been transported by bus to Uxbridge. In the meantime, they will utilize both the Home Economic and Shop rooms in addition to space on the two stages in the auditorium.

The total enrollment as of Sept. 7th had reached 545, an increase of 60 over the same period last year when 485 were registered.

There are 160 students in grade 9 but this number is divided into three divisions: 84 in the 5-year arts and science course; 73 in business and commerce and 23 in occupations. Grade 10 has an enrollment of 135 with 96 in arts and science and 39 in business and commerce. Grade 11 has 70 in the 5-year course and 22 in business and commerce. There are 73 in the 5-year grade 12 course and 13 in special commercial. Fifty-two students are enrolled in grade 13.

Including the principal, Mr. W. E. Duxbury, there are 28 on the teaching staff. The only new member not previously listed is Mr. J. K. Poulton who will teach Mathematics.

Mr. R. L. Mercer who completed a special summer course at Western University, London, is the schools new vice principal.

## Recommend Radar For Town Police Department

Deputy-Reeve Ken Laushway has recommended that the Stouffville Police Dept. be equipped with a radar speed device that will tend to slow down errant drivers and produce convictions on charges taken to court.

The matter was discussed briefly by council on Thursday night and the Clerk was asked to obtain information on whether such equipment could be acquired on a rental basis for the remainder of this year. The purchase price was estimated at about \$1,400.

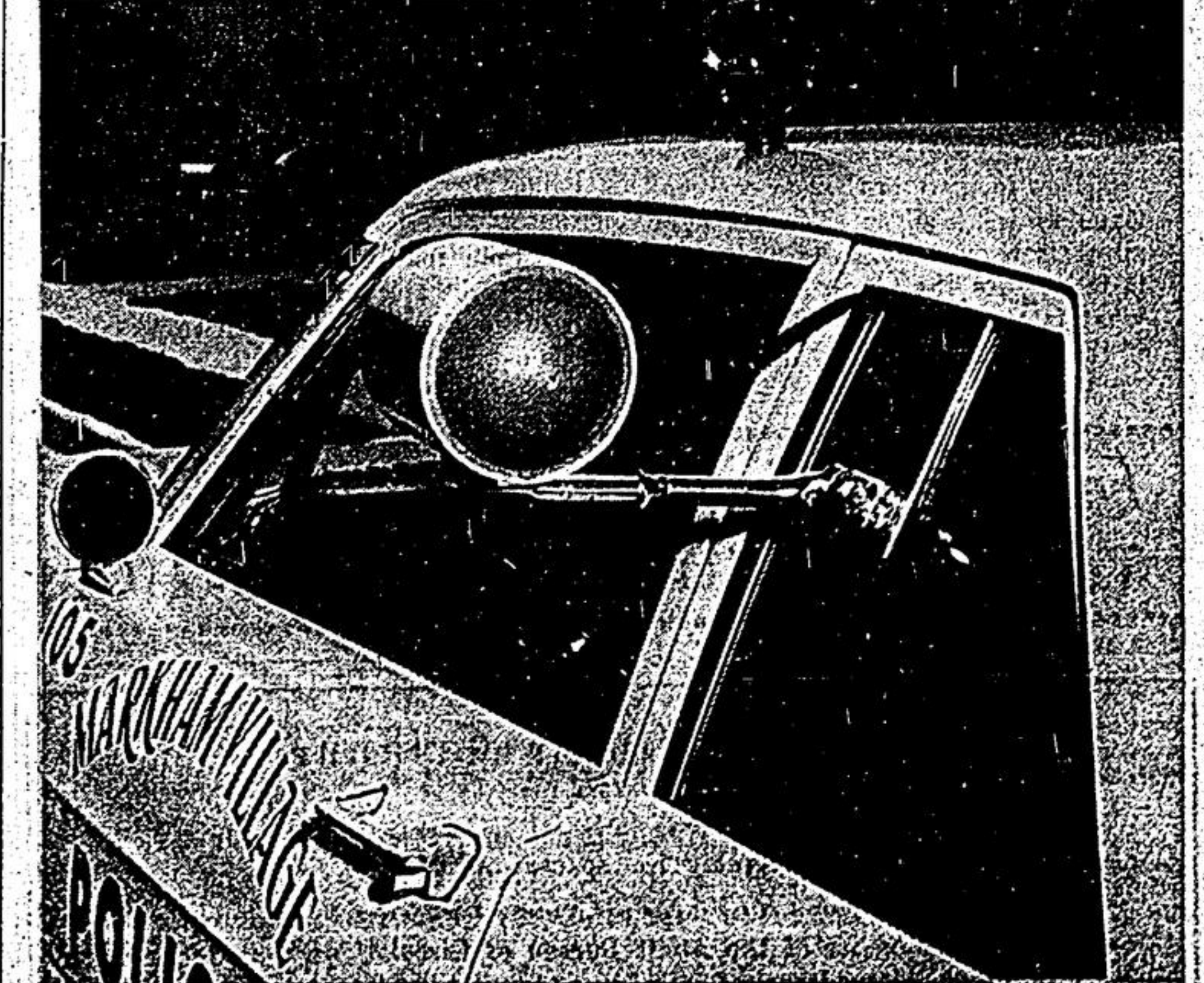
The deputy-reeve said that

by chasing a speeder in the cruiser, the police were not only endangering their own lives but the lives of other people. "They can't stand on the street and tell some lad he's going 50 or 60 and then prove it," he said, "their hands are tied".

Councillor Bud Spang, chairman of the police committee, agreed that the sooner the radar equipment is obtained, the better.

Reeve Win Timbers suggested that allowance could be made in the police budget of 1966 to cover the purchase price.

## Consider Radar For Town Police



Stouffville council will attempt to acquire a radar unit for the town police department, possibly on a rental basis for the remainder of the year. It would be similar to the one purchased recently in Markham Village and shown here. The cost is about \$1,400 and may be included in next year's budget. —Staff Photo.

## Fire Destroys Morgan House In Markham Village

The Morgan House, a Main Street landmark in Markham, was almost totally destroyed by fire on Tuesday morning. The blaze was first noticed by a truck driver who broke down the front door believing that someone might be trapped inside. The residence, once a home for retired Presbyterian Church ministers, has been vacant for the past three years.

Village brigade members battled the flames more than two hours and although the damage was confined mainly to the top floor and roof, the building will likely be torn down. The property has been sold now for several weeks.

In spite of the hour, the blaze attracted many viewers. One observer reported hearing an "explosion" but this has not been confirmed. Fire Chief Chuck Hoover said that the house was not hooked up to

hydro and the cause has not been determined. There was some problem in locating the owner of the premises.

### Built In 1844

The house was built in about the year 1844 by Wm. Morgan Sr. on a lot he purchased from Wm. Robson for \$100. Both he and his three sons, Thomas, William Jr. and George were prominent village blacksmiths, specializing in the building of carriages and the famous Morgan cultivator. It was retained in the Morgan family until 1929 when, according to the will of the late Mary Morgan, it was left to the Presbyterian Church of Canada. When the use for which it was intended, no longer remained practical, a clause in the will was omitted and the property was later sold. Markham historian, John Lunnau retains the original deed.