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ALL THE NEWS
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OF ALL 4 TOWNSHIPS

LARGEST WEEKLY
Markham
Stouffville
Uxbridge
IN THE DISTRICT

Brother Shoots Brother

MUSSELMAN'S LAKE—A family dispute on Christmas Eve at Musselman's Lake ended in a shooting spree that sent a 22 year old man to hospital and his 24 year old brother to jail.

Charged by Whitchurch Township police with attempted murder and wounding is Larry Walter Cowie, Mitchell Drive. Injured was Kenneth Cowie who suffered pellet wounds to his right arm and shoulder.

The accused was remanded in custody until Wednesday when bail was set at \$4,000 cash or property. He will re-appear in court, Jan. 4. Corporal Donald Hillock is in charge of the case.

Stamp Sales \$6,500

STOUFFVILLE—Stamp sales at the Stouffville Post Office during the month of December amounted to \$6,541, according to the latest figures tabulated by Postmaster, Jack Sanders. The peak day was Dec. 15 when \$615. worth passed over the counter.

Three cent stamp sales for December totalled \$3,500.

Cello stamp packs continue to prove popular with 85,000 stamps sold in this way. There were 760 sales of \$1 stamps and 2,000 of 15 cent air mail stamps. Overseas cards required four cents this year.

The Post Office staff was able to cope with the influx of mail quite efficiently with clearings completed on a day to day basis.

Two Charges

BUTTONVILLE—Robert Gillespie of Richmond Hill faces charges of failing to remain and impaired driving following two separate accidents on Bayview Avenue, Wednesday night.

Atha School

May Become Community Centre

ATHA—Whether the century-old Atha schoolhouse is to remain an integral part of the life in that community, will be the question placed before a meeting of resident ratepayers on Thursday, Jan. 12.

Area Board 1 of Pickering Township is continuing its policy of making these buildings available at a nominal fee of \$1,500 and several sections have taken advantage of the offer.

In spite of its age, the Atha school is in an excellent state of repair with a modern oil furnace and full washroom facilities.



A Few Orders Even Santa Couldn't Fill

All I wanted for Christmas were my two front teeth, sings 6 year old Michelle Waite, a grade 1 pupil at Orchard Park School in Stouffville. But Michael Clarke, 6, regrettably admits that there are a few orders that even Santa Claus can't fill. The boys and girls presented a Christmas program prior to their vacation period and parents were invited to attend. —Staff Photo.

Rabies In Uxbridge

GOODWOOD—Thirteen young cattle, 2 sheep, a mare, one colt and a dog have been quarantined on the property of George Baldwin, RR 1, Goodwood, after a dead fox was found outside, near the barn.

The head of the animal was taken to the Department of Agriculture Laboratories in Bowmanville and tests proved the fox to be rabid.

The quarantine on the livestock lasts for a period of two months while the dog must be kept in closed quarters for three months.

This marked the first rabies case to be reported in Uxbridge Township. On Friday, however, The Tribune learned that a fox, also believed to be rabid, had been shot south of Goodwood.

Legion Ceremony On Anniversary

STOUFFVILLE—Sunday, Jan. 1 holds a special two-fold significance for members of Stouffville Branch 459 of the Royal Canadian Legion. It marks the beginning of Canada's centennial year and the 20th anniversary of the Legion organization in Stouffville.

A public service will be conducted at 2 p.m. in the Legion Hall by Padre George Davison of Melville. Other speakers will include Legion Zone Commander, George Wood of Aurora and Reeve Ken Laushway of Stouffville. The colors of the Legion and the Legion Ladies' Auxiliary will be dedicated.

At the conclusion, the public will gather outside where the old flag will be retired and presented to Lionel Griffiths, M.B.E., of Burkholder Street, a veteran of two World Wars. New Canadian and Centennial flags will be raised to the sound of a cannon salute.

The Richmond Hill honor guard will take part in the ceremony along with branch members from Clarendon, Aurora, Markham, Richmond Hill and Stouffville. The Stouffville Branch President is Stanley Burkholder.

Wakes Up, Show Over, Locked In

MARKHAM—Gary Mason, Lincoln Green Drive, Markham, fell asleep in the soft seats of the Roxy Theatre, Wednesday night.

When he awoke, the show was over, the lights were out and the doors were locked.

After fumbling around in the dark, he found a flashlight and worked his way to the office phone where he informed police of his plight.

Tragic Pre-Christmas Accident Kills Father Of Five Children

Veered Out Of Control Struck Two Other Cars

BLOOMINGTON—The tree was gaily decorated and under it, several gifts were neatly wrapped, but for a Bloomington mother and her five young children, Christmas was anything but merry. For it was learned, Friday evening, that John Scott Graham, 29, of RR 2, Stouffville, had died in Scarboro General Hospital following an accident that occurred three days earlier. Mr. Graham was returning home from work when his small foreign-built car veered out of control and collided with two southbound vehicles on Highway 48 near Finch Avenue. He suffered severe head injuries.

Mr. and Mrs. Graham and family purchased their home in Bloomington less than two years ago, moving to the community from Scarboro. Their children, three girls and two boys are — Joanne, 8, Julie, 7, John Scott, 5, Janice, 3 and Billie, 2. Mrs. Graham was at the hospital when news of her husband's death was revealed.

FOR THE CHILDREN
In order that the joy of Christmas might not be

completely forgotten, Mrs. Graham bundled up the presents and took the children to Scarboro where a family gathering had been planned. Her plans for the future are still undecided. Rev. David Benson of the Bloomington Christian Gospel Church conducted the funeral service on Tuesday from the Scarboro Chapel of McDougall and Brown with interment, Pine Hills Cemetery.

Celebrates Centennial Birthday

CLAREMONT—A native of Uxbridge Township who cleared an acre of bush at the age of 85 may be the first Canadian to celebrate his 100th birthday during Centennial Year.

George Middleton was born in a log cabin west of Roseville January 6, 1867. He was one of 10 children of James and Almira Middleton, who farmed on the 5th Concession of Uxbridge Township. He attended the old frame Webb school.

In 1897, he travelled to British Columbia where he worked in sawmills, on the railroad and on private farms. Following his return, he worked on the C.P.R. line in the Claremont area.

He now lives at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Mercer.



In 'Cinderella' Role

From rags to riches is the story of 'Cinderella' as played by 16 year old Donna Wright of Stouffville and presented before an audience of close to 1,000 in the high school auditorium last week. —Staff Photo.

Centennial Bonfire

STOUFFVILLE—A tree-burning ceremony, the first of a series of centennial events in Stouffville during 1967, will take place in the Memorial Park, minutes before midnight on New Year's Eve.

The program, sponsored by the Student's Council of Stouffville District High

School in co-operation with the Fire Department, will begin at 11:45 p.m., Saturday night.

Persons willing to part with their Christmas trees by Saturday noon, are asked to place them outside for pickup. The public is also invited to attend the ceremony in the park.

Three-Car Crash \$25,000 Damage

BOX GROVE—A three-car collision at Box Grove, Friday evening, caused an estimated \$25,000 damage but no one was seriously injured.

Involved in the crash were — Linda Anne Brunton and Warren Fred Layton of Markham, RR 1, both northbound. The driver of the southbound auto was Louise Burkholder, also of RR 1, Markham.

According to Markham Township police, the Burkholder vehicle, a 1967 Volkswagen, rolled over following the impact and was damaged to the extent of \$1,700.

Constable Albert Hudson conducted the investigation.

HIT HYDRO POLE
On Monday afternoon on Main Street in Unionville, a southbound car driven by 22 year old Ernest John Blundell,

went out of control and hit a hydro pole. The auto was completely wrecked. The driver escaped injury. Constable Glyn Forrester of Markham Township police investigated at the scene.

Tragedy Plagues Family

LINCOLNVILLE—A series of tragic events has continued to plague a family at Lincolnville.

In September, 1965, Ronald Warriner was killed in a car-truck accident at the intersection of Highway 48 and the Bloomington Road in Whitchurch Township.

Later, the three children in the family were made wards of the Children's Aid Society.

On Friday night, the Warriner home was destroyed by fire. Shirley

Christmas Morning Collision

STOUFFVILLE—A head-on collision, Christmas Day, at the intersection of Main and Edward Streets in Stouffville, caused damage estimated at \$1,400.

Drivers involved were Carolyn Bass, Main Street, East and Jacob Smith, Lloyd Avenue. Miss Bass has been charged with failing to leave half the roadway clear.

No one was injured.

Postpone Area Education Plan

NEWMARKET—A County education plan, that would dissolve the majority of public and high school boards in favor of a three-area system, has been laid over until 1967.

Bylaws to implement the program have already been prepared by the Public School Consultative Committee.

Opposition to the scheme was evident although no expressions of opinion were presented from the floor. County representatives fear that the formation of Area Boards will eventually result in the building of costly centrally-located schools thus making present school structures obsolete.

Reeve Norn Garriott of Woodbridge suggested that discussion on an issue of such major importance would require a full day. Reeve Gordon Cook of King stated earlier that he would give the plan a more-favorable hearing if the government would guarantee to assume 80 percent of the cost.

Cheque For \$400

MARKHAM—The Markham Village Centennial Library Board received a cheque this week from the Markham Kiwanis Club in the amount of \$400.

The presentation was made by Club President, 'Gib' Hunter to Library Board Chairman, Alex Williams. In attendance at the ceremony were — Roy Foster, Roy Haines, Mrs. Isobel Cattanach, Mrs. Otha Sim and Reeve Alma Walker.

Concert At Altona School

ALTONA—The lights went on again at the old Altona schoolhouse last week and indications are that the site will become the centre of community activity.

The building has been made available to area residents in a co-operative project promoted by the Pickering Township Trustee Board. The Community Centre President is Frank Barkey.

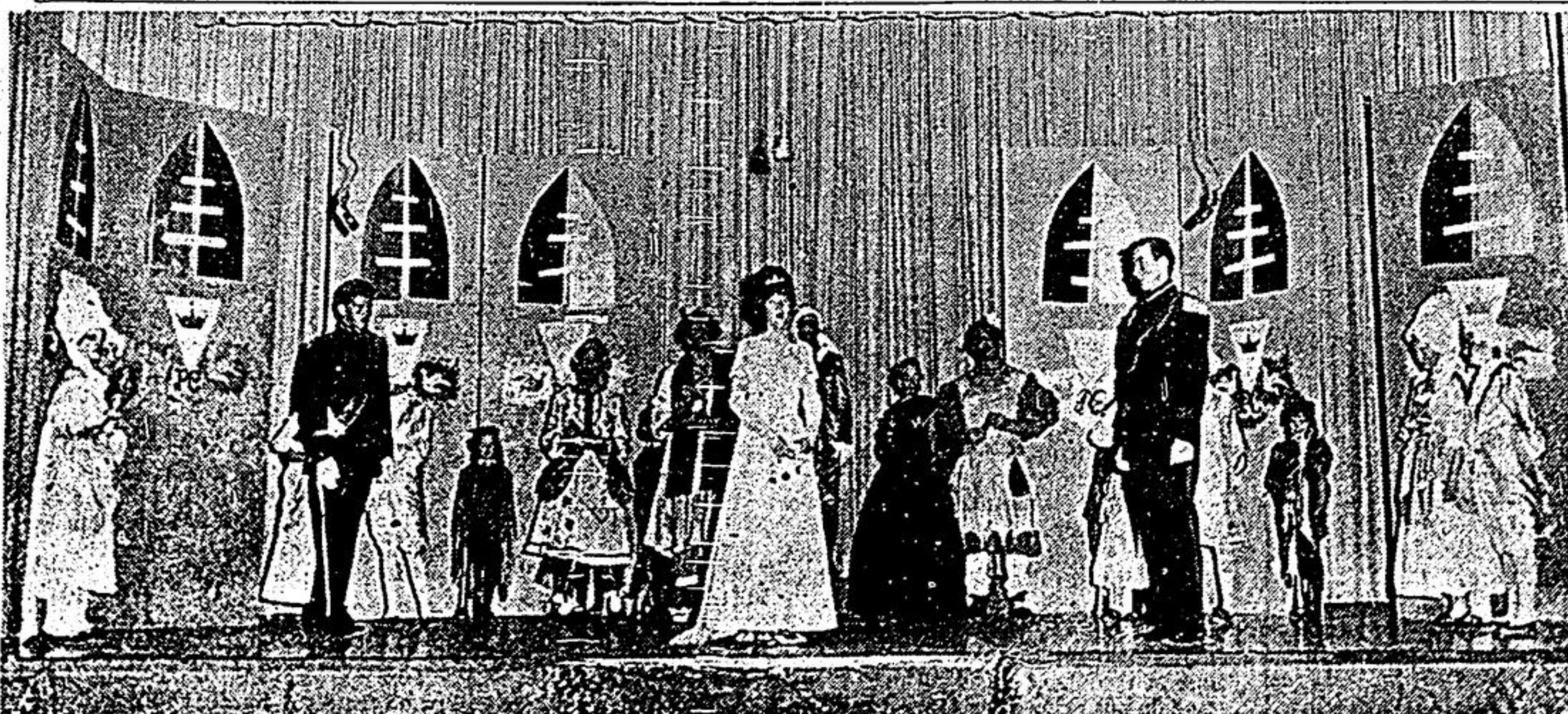
On Dec. 22, an estimated 200 persons attended an old-fashioned Christmas Concert in the school, with Mr. Barkey the Master of Ceremonies. The program included numbers by

Lorne Lewis on his accordion; Effie Bullock at the piano; a violin-accordion duet by Walter Davis and Frank Bielby; a guitar duet by Earl Lewis and his music teacher and an interlude of instrumental tunes performed by the Altona Women's Institute Kitchen Band.

CAROL SINGING
The gathering joined in the singing of Christmas carols led by Don Burns with Mrs. Burns at the piano. Lovely Christmas music was provided by Bob Flowers on the electric organ accompanied by Ted Jones on drums. Mrs. Orval Fretz' Sunday School class presented a play followed by a pageant presented by the Menno-nite Church with Emily Nighswander, the narrator assisted by Mary Lois, Cynthia and Rosalie Nighswander. The pageant was a highlight of the program.

Leave For Germany
Newlyweds, Cpl. and Mrs. Darcy Forsyth will leave for Germany, Jan. 6 where Corporal Forsyth is stationed with the Royal Canadian Regiment. His bride is the former Susan Abraham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Abraham, Ninth Line North. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Forsyth, Boyer Street, Rev. Douglas Davis conducted the wedding ceremony, Friday evening Dec. 23.

Katharine Cummings was all decked out in costume for her Highland Fling dance number. Tommy and Morgan Britton presented recitations. "It's just like old times," commented one resident.



'Cinderella' Pageant Praised By Audience Of One Thousand

An estimated 1,000 persons, including hundreds of children, attended the pageant presentation of 'Cinderella' in the auditorium of Stouffville District High School. It was the first program of its kind presented in Stouffville. The cast included 42, all in beautiful costume. The director was Doreen Northover. Other photos on page 12. —Staff Photo.

Took Cows; Fined \$800

STOUFFVILLE—An Agincourt district man who took three cows from the Stouffville Auction Sales Barns by presenting a false receipt form, was fined \$800 or four months in jail when convicted on a charge of false pretences.

John D'Amato, 26, of R. R. 1, Agincourt was given until January 9 to raise the money.

The theft was discovered when the real buyer came to collect the cattle

and found they were gone. An investigation followed with officers from both Whitchurch Township and Metro involved in the case.

Although the defense attorney for the accused called for a suspended sentence, the plea was denied by Magistrate O. S. Hollinrake. Magistrate Hollinrake replied that if one person was allowed to go unpunished, it might prompt others to commit a similar kind of offence.