

January Classes Filled

UNIONVILLE — Eighty-two children have been enrolled in the January classes of Markham Township School Area 2 and no more can be accommodated. This information was revealed at the Board's first meeting of 1967, held Tuesday night. Registrations were accepted in November.

There are 29 pupils at the Fifth Line school; 27 at Unionville and 26 at Box Grove. Three additional teachers were required.

NEW CHAIRMAN
Mrs. Mildred Toogood of Unionville will head the Board in 1967. The vice chairman is Eldred King. Committee chairmen include: Property, Elson Miles; Personnel, Gordon Champion; Transportation, Stuart Watson; Education, Mildred Toogood and Finance, Eldred King and the whole Board.

Mrs. Toogood, in accepting the chairman's post, said she could see no drastic changes occurring during the next term. She said that a policy of 'children first' would be maintained. She paid tribute to the work of retired trustee, Gordon Morton and welcomed new member, Gordon Champion.

Appoint Chairman

STOUFFVILLE — Mr. Jack J. McDermott, Fairview Avenue, is the new chairman of the board at St. Mark's Separate School in Stouffville. The appointment was made at a trustee meeting Tuesday night.

Mr. McDermott and trustee, John Hulshof were re-elected for two year terms, Jan. 2. The new member or 1967-68 is Theo Van Der Burgt.

Dr. A. D. O'Connor will serve as vice chairman along with William Kamps, secretary and Dr. A. T. O'Connor.

New Location

STOUFFVILLE — Two auto service centres moved to new locations in Stouffville this week. Neil Patrick Motors Limited is now located in a modern building on the north side of Main Street while Gordon Page Motors Limited and Frank Bramham Shell Service have taken over the former Patrick lot.

DIES SUDDENLY

STOUFFVILLE — Mr. Onzo Allan, Stouffville, R. 3, died suddenly on Wednesday in Uxbridge Cottage Hospital. He is survived by one daughter, Eva (Mrs. Allan Hoover) Lincolnville.

Last Letter Read

Book Own Life Is Jury's Verdict

MARKHAM — A 49-year-old army officer, described by Police Chief Ed White as a man with a 'brilliant mind' took his own life through a self-administered overdose of pills and while under the influence of alcohol, a jury five decided at the conclusion of a hearing held Dec. 29. Major Doyle L. Nelson was found dead in a Markham Village room, Oct. 23.

The inquest was conducted by coroner R. Blair Schell of Stouffville. Jurymembers included Mrs. Margaret Meekie, R.N., Gertrude Millar, Peter Hajduk, George Underwood and Mel Wardman (seaman).

DESCRIBES SCENE
Markham Constable, Morris Shaw, the first officer to arrive on the scene, said he found the victim lying on his side with a broken glass near his head. He said that an open Bible was on the bed with the word 'Life' inserted between the pages. He said that there was no sign of a struggle.

Chief White said he knew the deceased man personally and described him as a 'complete alcoholic.' He said that his army career had covered a span of 25 years but prior to his death, he had found it difficult to retain a job in civilian life.

DRUGS BLAMED
A pathologist's report, submitted in writing by Dr. Donald Guthrie of York Central Hospital, attributed death to an overdose of drugs. He said that

Shoots Wolf Not Rabbits

MARKHAM — A routine rabbit hunt turned into a wolf hunt, Wednesday for Roy Risebrough, Lincoln Green Drive, Markham and Bill Jennings, Glad Park Avenue, Stouffville.

Mr. Risebrough shot the animal from a distance of 5 yards near the 7th concession of Markham Township, north of 17th Avenue.

tablets were found in both the stomach and throat of the deceased in sufficient amounts to poison the system.

Chief White read from portions of a letter, written by the victim to his wife and dated Oct. 22. "Every road has an ending and my road has ended where this is written. The world will not improve by my existence nor will my passing create a loss," it said in part.

"I believe I can add little more," said Chief White, "the letter, I feel, is explanation enough."

The jury brought in its decision after forty minutes of deliberation. No recommendations were presented.



Two men died instantly in the tangled wreckage of this car, Dec. 30, when it crashed head-on into a bridge abutment on the Don Mills Road at Vandorf. A portion of the motor was driven into the back seat by the severity of the impact. —Staff Photo.

Two Men Killed In Bridge Crash

VANDORF — Two men died in the tangled wreckage of their 1953 model car, Friday night, that rammmed head-on into the east abutment of the CNR overhead bridge at Vandorf in Whitchurch Township.

James Francis Dowling, 26 of Toronto and Albert Ingarra, 45, of Gormley, RR 1, were pronounced dead at the scene by coroner C. C. Schofield of Newmarket.

The impact folded the front of the auto up like an accordion and pushed part of the motor into the back seat.



Named Q.C.

William G. Parsons of Stouffville was one of 115 Ontario lawyers to be honored by Lieutenant-Governor Earl Rowe, Jan. 1, through the appointment of Queen's Counsel. Mr. Parsons is the deputy-reeve of Stouffville Village Council.

Fire Calls In 1966 Set New Record

STOUFFVILLE — Stouffville fire brigade was busy in 1966, in fact, calls answered by volunteers here, during a 12-month period, totalled 87, an all-time record. This was 36 more than in 1965; 11 more than in 1964, and 14 more than in '63.

Every area served by Stouffville firemen showed an increase over 1965 with calls in town up from 13 to 23, Markham Township had 18 as compared with



only 14 in the previous year. Whitchurch heads the list with 32 with Uxbridge, 11 and Pickering, 3.

During a single six-day period in April, 1966, the Stouffville brigade was summoned to 18 fires, setting a record for one week.

The past year was a period of progress for the Stouffville Fire Department with the opening of a new \$31,000 firehall and the linking of all stations in the County by radio.

Swings By Its Tail

Monkey Is Family Pet

CEDAR GROVE — A real, live monkey, fresh from its native habitat of southern California, has been 'adopted' into the family of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Little of Cedar Grove. For children in the area, he's a one-act community circus.

'Joey', only 7 months old, arrived a few days before Christmas, a surprise gift from two sons, Barry and Robert. Already, his feats of acrobatics are worth watching, whether sliding feet first down the bannister or swinging from a chair by his tail.

With the exception of ice cream, 'Joey' will eat almost everything. His favourite dessert is grapes. He will sit up to the table and drinks water from a glass. His bed at night is in the cage of a deceased parrot but Mr. Little plans to make him his own personal pen.

Unaccustomed to cold, he must be kept inside during winter months but will exercise outside in the summer. "My wife may even take him up town shopping," he said.

First Meeting

Twp. Councillor

Arrives Last

VANDORF — An irritated councillor Frank Williams arrived 1 1/2 hours late for the inaugural meeting of Whitchurch Township Council, Tuesday night and claimed that he had not been informed of the date. Councillor Henry Nauta added fuel to the fire when he informed Mr. Williams that the first session of 1967 was almost over.

Clerk Thomas Kerr said that he hadn't informed anyone of the meeting date.

Reeve Ross Farquharson recalled that the night had been set at the year-end session in 1966 but Mr. Williams had left the chambers early before the decision was made.

Flood Control Project Recreation 'Paradise'

Land Purchase Totals More Than 100 Acres

STOUFFVILLE — A flood-control project, to include a large dam and a 12-acre water reservoir, within the north boundary limits of the Village of Stouffville, could transform the entire area into a recreation 'paradise', officials of Metro Toronto and Region Conservation Authority told members of council.

E. F. Sutter, Assistant Director of Operations and R. E. Cunnington attended a special meeting, Dec. 29 to supply information on the pending \$400,000 program.

Mr. Cunnington said that land acquisition would take in more than 100 acres on both the George Bartholomew and Lambert Stouffer farms. The Authority plans to extend the scheme farther north into Whitchurch and south through the town park. Tendered bids on the first phase of the project will be accepted in February.

RELEASE LOTS

Reeve Ken Laushway questioned the officials on the possibility of releasing portions of lands south of Main Street, now 'frozen' under an O.M.B. approved bylaw. Mr. Sutter promised to give the matter further study. He suggested that the problem might be overcome by building homes without basements or raising the ground-level of the lots with fill.

Plans were also outlined for the opening of a road from the Ninth Line that would extend eastward to a point north of the Dr. Petric residence.

Keep Patients 'Home' Reeve Asks County

STOUFFVILLE — Stouffville reeve, Ken Laushway, has placed a motion before York County Council that will, if approved, allow indigent welfare patients to be placed in private nursing homes with the cost involved to be assumed on an equalized basis by all municipalities.

At the present time, the County aid program is applicable only to persons residing at York Manor. The motion, supported by reeve Alma Walker of Markham Village, was presented at the year-end meeting and referred to the County Welfare Committee for a report in 1967.

Mr. Laushway said, that in many instances, senior residents would be more content if permitted to live in a licenced nursing home in their own village or town, handy to calls from friends and relatives. He said too, that the policy would benefit nursing home owners, who, pay both realty and business tax into the municipalities where they are situated.



Reeve Ken Laushway

Bail Set At \$4,000

MUSSELMAN'S LAKE — Larry Walter Cowie, 24, Mitchell Drive, Musselman's Lake, charged with attempted murder and wounding following a shooting incident, Christmas Eve was remanded in Newmarket Magistrate's Court, Wednesday.

He will appear for preliminary trial on the two charges, January 25.

The charges were laid after the accused's brother Kenneth Wayne Cowie, 22, of RR 3, Stouffville, was

shot in the arm and shoulder following an argument. Whitchurch police seized a 12-gauge shotgun. Cowie is free on \$4,000 bail.

FORMER DEPUTY REEVE

Clarey J. Palmer, former deputy-reeve of Markham Township, died, Tuesday in St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto. He had been in ill health for about two months and declined to seek re-election to council.

No Smoking Or Else Warns Deputy Reeve

PICKERING — Any person caught smoking during court sessions in Pickering Township's new municipal building, could get the old heave-ho right out the front door.

Such was the warning delivered by deputy-reeve Mrs. Jean McPherson before a gathering of both police and public.

Mrs. McPherson, still 'burning' over the condition of new broadloom carpet in the council chambers, caused by 'careless' smokers, asked that one

constable remain on duty during each court day until the room is cleared.

"The first man I catch smoking in here, I'll grab by the nape of the neck and the seat of the pants and throw him out," she said.

Pickering receives \$25 per court day and the deputy will recommend that the rental fee be raised. About twelve burn marks are visible in the carpet that cost \$3,000 to install.



Stouffville Ladies In Centennial Swing

Jan. 11 is the birthday of Sir John A. Macdonald and to mark the occasion and also Canada's centennial, the Ladies Auxiliary of the Stouffville Legion is sponsoring a Centennial Luncheon in the Veterans' Memorial Hall. Dress of the 1867 era will be worn by waitresses as displayed here by Mrs. Vi Jennings, Lloyd Avenue. The dinner hour extends from 11 a.m. to 1:30 and the ticket price is only \$1.25. —Staff Photo.

Markham Village

Reeve Predicts Banner Year

MARKHAM — Pride in a library centennial project, a 12-month centennial program plus continued residential, commercial and industrial expansion points to a banner year for the Village of Markham. This is the optimistic opinion of Reeve Alma Walker.

The new \$80,000 library building is in its final phase of completion and will be officially opened early this year, possibly in February, the reeve said. The entrance will be enhanced by a modernistic cenotaph, designed by Rebecca Sisler. A fund-raising dinner for this purpose will be held, February 23.

NEW SUBDIVISION

The first phase of a new 200 home development has already been started in the Sherwood Estates Subdivision. This could add an estimated 800 more people and boost Markham's population in 1967 to almost 9,000. The build-up is located on the former Armstrong farm and streets will contain the names of early community settlers such as, James Speight, William Armstrong, Major Button, Thomas Kinnear, Squire Archibald Barker and John Lyon. A new school to serve the area will be built this year.

IMPROVED SERVICES

To continue the preparation of Markham services for further development, a new \$300,000 water tower will be erected north of Church Street with a capacity of 625,000 gallons. With the completion of sewer installations, Mrs. Walker hopes that all roads in the village can be properly paved.

The Parks and Recreation Committee has obtained permission to plant flower beds on vacant lands left by highway relocations at village entrances. "We hope to make our town look more attractive to visitors, especially those looking for suitable sites in our Industrial Park," said the reeve.