

CREATE 'CIVIC SQUARE'

Clock Tower To Remain At Present Location

STOUFFVILLE—A mid-town 'Civic Square' Stouffville's centennial project, is moving ever closer to reality. The transformation, according to plans on paper, will turn the present building bottleneck into a veritable 'Garden of Eden'. And it may not cost the taxpayers of Stouffville a single cent.

Reeve Ken Laushway, speaking before a meeting of Stouffville Lions Club, Monday night, made public the first sketch drawings of the proposed Centre as prepared by Toronto architect, Alexander B. Leman. Mr. Laushway said that he hoped, through donations and promised pledges, to be able to cover the total cost involved. The stipulated amount, eligible for government grant, has been set at \$12,000. Anything spent over this figure, will not be subsidized, including the removal of the former firehall and renovations to the present municipal building.

CLOCK TO REMAIN
The clock tower will remain at its present site. A walk-way will be cut through the centre of its base, leading to a reflecting pool and fountain. The entire 'Square' will be con-

structed of colored concrete including the adjacent roadway to the west. The area will be landscaped with flowers and shrubs and benches will be placed at various locations as a convenience to the public. A centennial plaque will be erected in a prominent place.

Reeve Laushway said that he had been assured by the architect that the clock tower could remain, independent of the former firehall. The cost to re-locate it was estimated at \$5,000. To renovate it will cost \$2,500. Other estimated expenditures on which the centennial grant is applicable include — paving, \$4,300; landscaping, \$1,750; reflecting pool, \$2,000 and centennial plaque, \$250.

Deputy-reeve Bill Parsons termed the project a 'milestone' in the history of Stouffville.

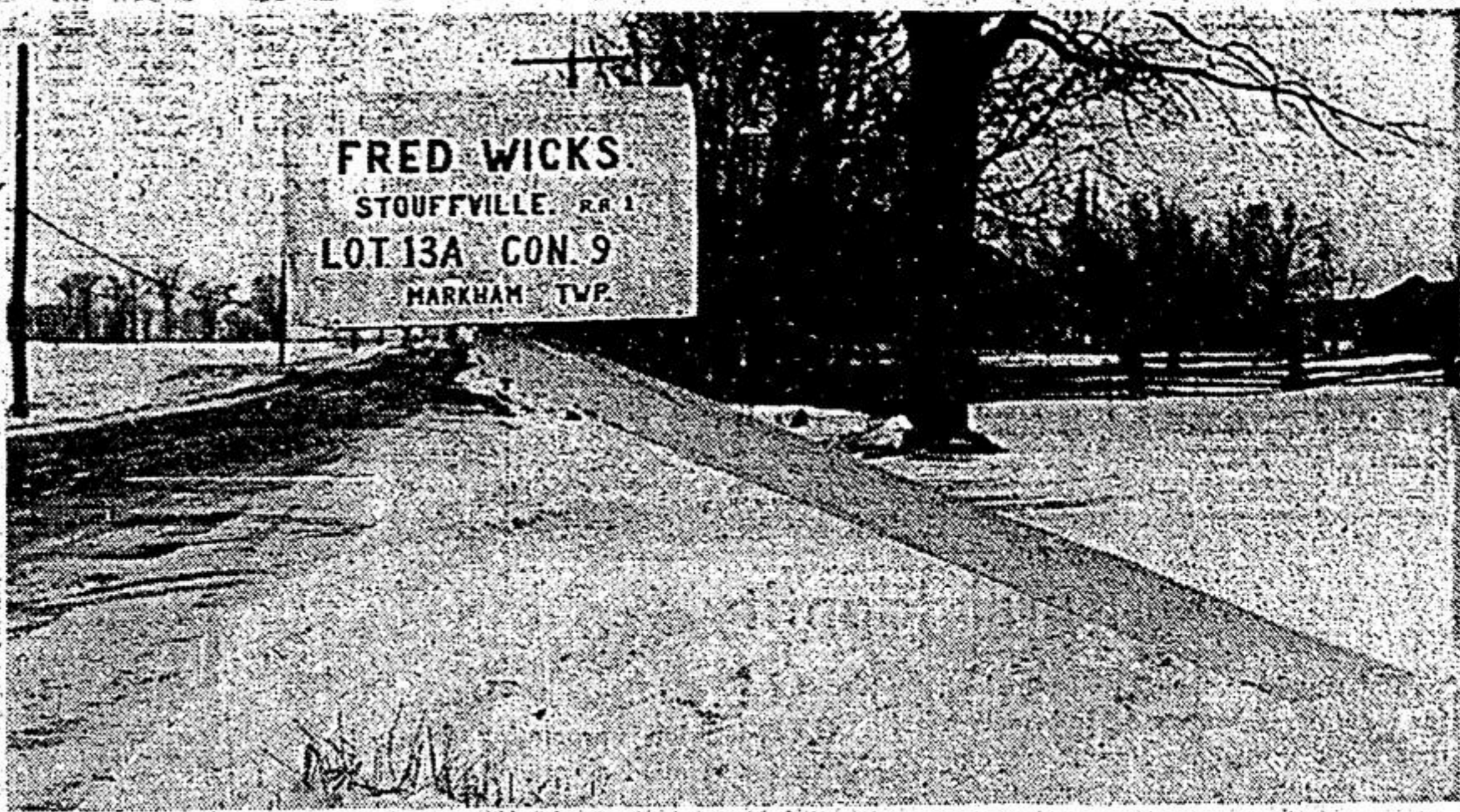
Boost Civic Square

STOUFFVILLE — The financing of Stouffville's new 'Civic Square' was given a real shot in the arm this week, with the promise of a \$1,500 donation, from the Lions Club.

The 'Square' will represent Stouffville's centennial project and will include a landscaped walk way from Main Street to the Municipal Building. The former firehall building will be 're-invented' but the clock tower will remain at its present site.

A sketch drawing of the plan was displayed by Reeve Ken Laushway at the Lions' meeting, Monday night. Members expressed enthusiasm for the scheme.

In addition to the donation for the centennial project, the Club also approved a \$500 contribution to be used by the Centennial Events' Committee.



Rural Mail Box Identity, A Centennial Project

The 'dressing up' of rural mail boxes has been adopted as a centennial project by the York County Federation of Agriculture. County residents are asked to print their name, lot number and township on the box, then submit a photo to be judged in a contest. Rules are listed on Page 3. —Staff Photo.

Beard Growing Contest

STOUFFVILLE — Male residents of Stouffville are asked to give their razors a rest until July 1. A beard-growing contest has been announced by the Chairman of Stouffville's centennial events' committee, Lorne Boadway. Registrations will be accepted on or after Jan. 12.

To be eligible for the \$300 prize money, participants must register clean-shaven at the office of the Clerk, Ralph Corner. Judging will take place in the Memorial Park on Dominion Day.

Mr. Boadway, Principal of Summitview Public School, plans to produce a centennial 'fuzzy face' and he hopes others will follow his example. Mrs. Boadway was unavailable for comment.

New I.G.A.

STOUFFVILLE — Work will begin today on the new Ratcliff I.G.A. Store. Harron Construction is the contractor.

Suspension Appealed

UXBRIDGE — The result of an appeal to the Ontario Police Commission by Uxbridge Police Chief LaVerne Ellenberger was revealed this week.

Chief Ellenberger was suspended at a hearing before the Town Council which found him guilty of two counts of acting in a manner likely to bring discredit to the police force and one of failing to make a proper account of money collected.

The Police Commission heard the appeal Dec. 20.

HITS SNOWPLOW

VANDORF — An accident involving a car and a Whitchurch Township snowplow was reported to Council, Tuesday night, by Road Superintendent, Ernest Davis. Damage to the auto was estimated at \$300.

Reeve Admits

'Residential Runaway'

BUTTONVILLE — Reeve Stewart Rumble admitted, at the inaugural meeting of Markham Township Council, Monday afternoon, that residential buildup in the municipality had far outweighed the gains made through new industrial assessment. "We must endeavor to correct this situation," he said, addressing the members.

He warned that proposed changes in municipal government were anticipated but each proposal should be closely scrutinized prior to adoption. He said that the constant demand for improved services made it almost impossible to guarantee any decrease in taxation.

He said that the township police department was now functioning under an organized Police Commission and the program was working out very well.

Other members spoke briefly including the lone newcomer to Council, deputy-reeve Sidney Gadsby.

One minute of silence was observed in memory of former deputy-reeve, Cleary Palmer who died January 3.

To Build Church

STOUFFVILLE — The United Missionary congregation of Stouffville will erect a new church sanctuary. The decision followed a meeting, Jan. 4. The membership has outgrown the accommodation offered in the present building.

Quarters are particularly cramped for the Sunday School with classes set up in an adjacent house and a renovated barn.

A policy committee has been appointed to prepare plans for the financing of the project and their report will be presented to a meeting of the members, Feb. 1.

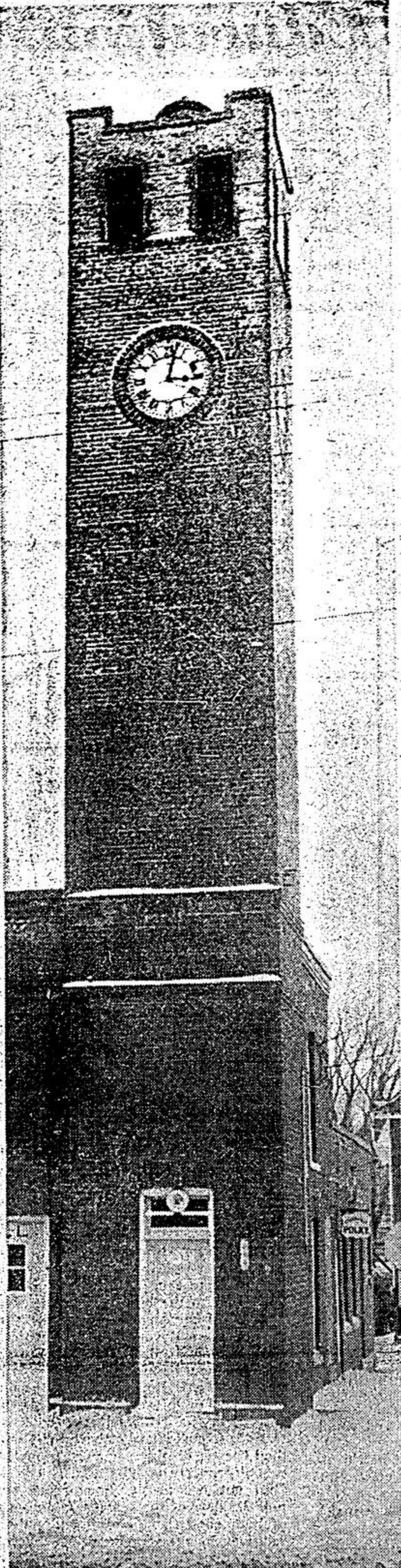
No Licence

STOUFFVILLE — A 16 year old Maple district driver was charged following an accident on Main Street in Stouffville, Monday. Robert Arthur Howden was operating a truck without a licence when he crashed into the rear of a car driven by Mrs. Helen Elizabeth Norris, Stouffville, RR 3. Damage totaled \$225.

PLAN AHEAD

In offering advice as a guide, the pastor urged his listeners to make their funeral plans well in advance. "Don't wait until death knocks at the door," he said. He termed a Christian funeral as one where the deceased had earlier committed his life to the Lord and where members of the family have faith in the resurrection.

Mr. Borland outlined his own funeral plans to include, the most economical casket, a closed coffin, a committal service 24 hours after death, a memorial service, one week later, the singing of Hymn 109, and a sermon directed to the glory of God.



Stouffville's monumental clock tower will be retained at its present site, according to a decision by village council. It will provide a picturesque entrance to the town's Civic Square, a centennial project. —Staff Photo.

Police To Move

STOUFFVILLE — The planned removal of the former firehall building at Main and Civic Streets in Stouffville has forced the town council to acquire new accommodation for the Police Department, presently contained in the same structure.

It was announced Thursday night, that the present Shea Real Estate Office in the former Birkett Block would be available next month. A lease agreement will be drawn up for a

period of four years. Reeve Ken Laushway remarked that when the new quarters proved no longer adequate, another location could be considered.

"It's not going to drive too much business my way," joked deputy-reeve Bill Parsons, whose own legal office is situated next door.

"They might just as well be watching you as me," replied clerk, Ralph Corner.

Pastor Criticizes

Funerals As 'The Big Cover-Up'

STOUFFVILLE — Death and funerals are subjects that few people wish to talk about, but Rev. Alan J. Borland of Stouffville United Church selected that very topic for his sermon on Sunday. His remarks, hit home with tremendous impact.

Rev. Borland likened some Canadian funeral services to pagan rituals where beautiful flowers, polished caskets and soft lights are accentuated to cover up the cold facts of death.

He charged that in life, most people would be embarrassed to be found asleep, even in a hospital bed, but in a coffin, they are placed on public view, exposed to every morbidly curious eye. He said that some funeral parlors are

now referred to as 'slumber rooms'. He described the smell as 'sickening' and the donations of flowers as money that could be



REV. A. L. BORLAND

put to a more worthwhile use.

The pastor noted that the same kind of 'cover up' is employed at the grave site, where the minister usually asks permission to sprinkle earth rather than place a flower on the casket. The coffin is no longer lowered into the ground until all relatives have left the cemetery. "It saves the family from realizing that this is it — that he or she is really dead," he said.

Mr. Borland agreed that funeral directors perform a very necessary community service but charged that some, with a desire to make extra money, persuade the bereaved to spend more than they can afford.



Pet 'Joey' Looking For A Handout

Archie Little of Cedar Grove will always have a close companion as long as 'Joey', his pet monkey is around. The lively lad, a Christmas gift, has become a favorite friend of children in the whole community. —Staff Photo.

Student Stampede

Markham Area 2 Board Feels Need For New Senior School

UNIONVILLE — No sooner does the school board of Markham Township Area 2 finalize plans for a new building or building addition when the need for even more student accommodation becomes a fearsome reality.

At their inaugural meeting, Jan. 2, it was learned that the 12-room Parkview 'senior' school and its extended 8 room addition at Unionville was rapidly becoming a 'junior' school since the majority of children from the Varley Village subdivision were quite young.

It was revealed, too, that in spite of an 8-room enlargement planned for Dickson's Hill school, these facilities would not cope with rapid attendance increases over the entire area.

Trustee Stuart Watson recommended that a special

meeting be called to consider the erection of an entirely new senior school and the immediate acquisition of a suitable site. Other members agreed.

MORE HOMES
Business Administrator Wilfred Morley said that in the month of December, the pupil population in the Area had increased from 1,425 to over 1,500. He said that 1,102 new building lots had been registered

with six plans of subdivision and 350 lots ready for immediate home construction. He said too, that there were 450 ten-acre lots awaiting sale or development. Mr. Morley said he had obtained his information at the township office, Buttonville. An emergent meeting was arranged for Jan. 16 when the Board will discuss future plans in committee.

No Inquest — Coroner

VANDORF — An inquest hearing into the cause of a crash, Dec. 30, that killed two men, has been withdrawn by coroner, Dr. C. C. Schofield of Newmarket, following a check of the wreck by mechanics and Whitchurch Township police.

The car, that crashed head-on into a bridge abutment on the Don Mills Road at Vandorf, was so badly demolished that the mechanical fitness of the vehicle prior to the im-

pact, cannot be determined. Part of the engine was driven into the rear seat.

Killed instantly was the driver, James Francis Dowling, 26, of Toronto, and Albert Ingara, 43, of R.R.1, Gormley, a passenger.

Police said that several witnesses saw the crash but were travelling behind the northbound car and could not explain what happened.

School Accommodation Felt Adequate For '67

STOUFFVILLE — Although centennial year building projects appear to be popular in many municipalities, Stouffville Public School trustees hope to spare ratepayers this pain in 1967.

Board Chairman, T. E. Topping stated at the inaugural meeting, Monday night, that, pending any unforeseen development, facilities would be adequate to accommodate minor enrollment increases in September. He noted that Summitview School was near its maxi-

mum but sufficient space would be available at Orchard Park. The total attendance is now 847 pupils.

RE-APPOINTED
Mr. Topping was re-appointed to head the Board for another term, a post he has held since 1962. Other members include Mrs. Florence Williams, Mrs. Rose Barry, Ian Chapman, Keith Steckley and John McMurray. Mrs. Barry fills the position made vacant through the resignation of Mrs. William Dedlow.

Charges Pile Up

STOUFFVILLE — Charges against 21-year old H. John VanKoughnet, Loreita, Crescent, Stouffville, continue to pile up.

Three charges, including dangerous driving, were laid by the Whitby Detachment of Ontario Provincial Police following an accident, August 13, 1966, near Altona. Jim Miller, 21, of Stouffville, a passenger in the VanKoughnet car, was killed in the crash.

He appeared in Whitby Court, Tuesday but the case was adjourned to April 11.

VanKoughnet is scheduled to appear in Port Perry Court, Jan. 18 on another charge of dangerous driving filed by Port Perry police. Stouffville police have him charged with careless driving to be aired in Richmond Hill Court January 20.