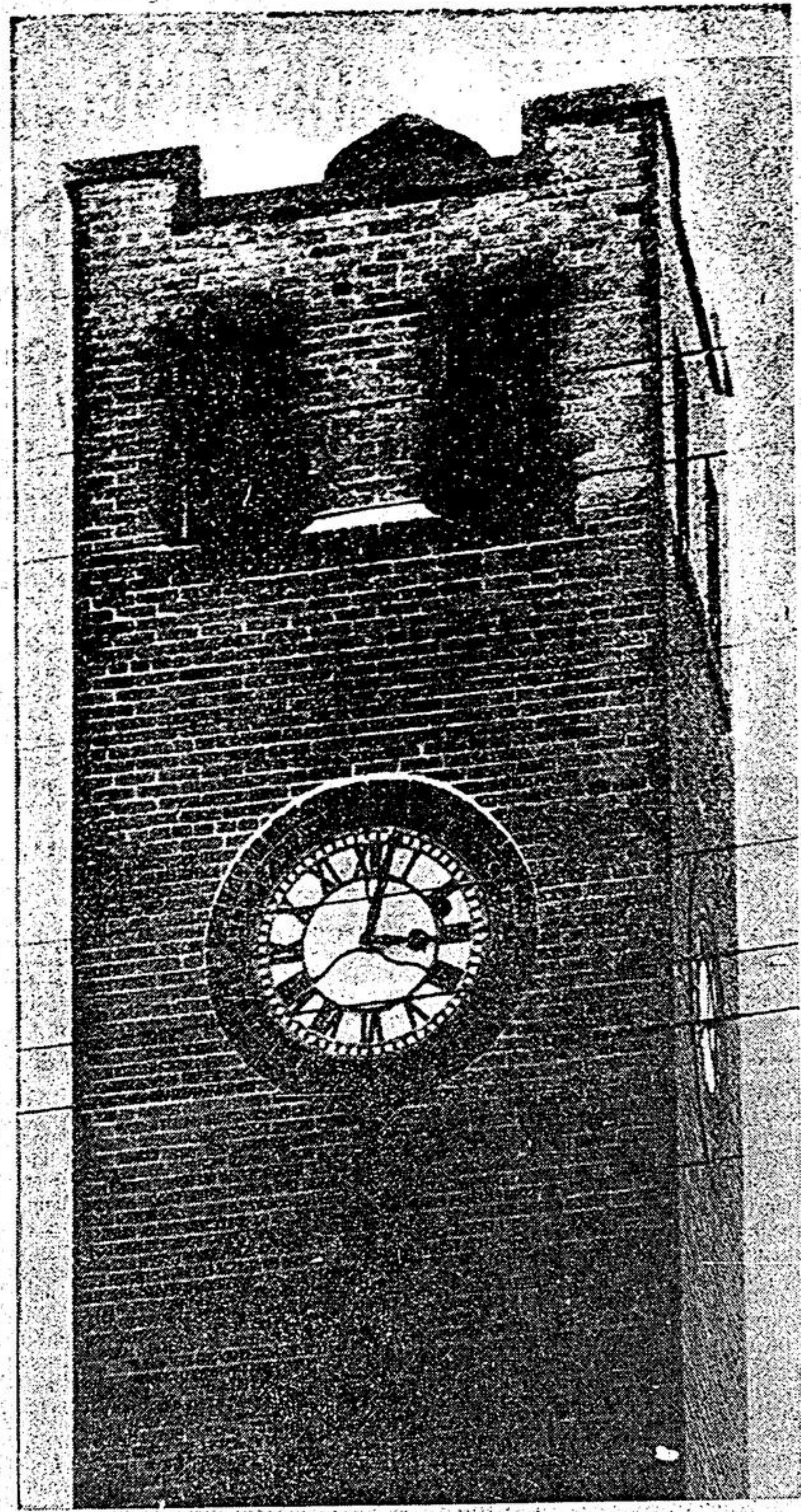


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Every week, Jacob Smith climbs a fifty foot ladder and winds up the weights on Stouffville's Main Street clock. He's been doing it now for the past 25 years. He claims that the mechanism should last for centuries. —Staff Photo.

The Town Clock

What Makes It Tick?

STOUFFVILLE — For the past 36 years, Stouffville's monumental town clock has been ticking off the minutes and hours of residents' lives. "While hundreds have gazed enquiringly on its face, few have had the opportunity or the courage to mount the 60 foot high tower and inspect the inner workings of this masterpiece. Accompanied by the clock's caretaker, Jacob Smith, we took the trip Friday afternoon. Believe me, Brock's Monument is kid's stuff by comparison. Jacob Smith has been winding Stouffville's time-piece since 1942. He does it once every eight days and for this service, he receives \$2 a week. He can recall when he was paid \$25 for the entire year. The clock weighs are 150 and 300 pounds apiece. The pendulum weighs 30 pounds. The works were last cleaned 15 years ago. "If properly cared for, it will run for centuries," said Mr. Smith.



JACOB SMITH

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The glass in two of its four faces is cracked. One side was hit by a bullet and the other by a snow-ball.

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Farm Tax Inflation

STOUFFVILLE — In the year 1900, the taxes on buildings and property at the Joe Betz farm, west of Mongolia in Markham Township were \$32.12. In 1966, the taxes on the same farm, now owned by Mr. Lloyd Grove, totalled \$718.42. A breakdown of the 1900 tax bill established a school rate of \$9.14; a county rate of 9.66 and a township rate of \$6.90. The total assessment at that time was \$4,600. That was 67 years ago.

Senior School For Whitchurch

MUSSELMAN'S LAKE — A new senior school, to accommodate students of Grades 7 and 8, will be built on a near-central site in the Township of Whitchurch, according to a decision of the Area Board, Monday night.

The property, owned by Mr. Allan Gray, contains 25 acres and is located on the 7th concession, north of the Vandorf Sideroad. The price paid for the land was not disclosed.

Dr. Morris Smith, Chairman of the Board told The Tribune that building plans had not been finalized but indicated that the school would not be ready for the opening of the fall term in September. He said that no immediate move would be made to close other smaller schools but suggested that portables and basement rooms would be the first to go.

Dr. Smith expressed enthusiasm over the site selection and said that the location was the first choice of the Board. He said that the members would follow recommendations as prepared by the Department of Education in establishing the size of building required.

Wins Kiwanis Gold Medal

STOUFFVILLE — Thirteen year old Beverley Bell, Claremont, RR 3, has added still another award to her growing list of accomplishments in the field of vocal and instrumental competition. On Saturday, she won a gold medal in the accordion solo class, 13 years and under, at the Kiwanis

Music Festival, Toronto. She received a mark of 87 percent. Also on Saturday, the Intermediate choir of St. Andrew's United Church in Markham, placed first. Beverley is a member of that group. The leader is Mrs. Peggy Clark.

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Councillor Trimmed

STOUFFVILLE — Stouffville council has agreed to place a full-page advertisement in the centennial edition of the high school year book, complete with a photograph of all members and the Clerk. The cost of the space has been set at \$55.

"I'm sorry my colleague on the right (councillor Jim McKellar) has put the hedge-trimmers to his beard before the official photo was taken," commented reeve Ken Laushway.

"I may cultivate something yet," replied Mr. McKellar, stroking his bristly mustache, "just wait till I put the wax on the ends." Councillor Bob Lewis agreed to prepare the page layout and present it for the members' approval.

'Home' Organizers To Meet Feb. 28

UNIONVILLE — The organization meeting of the Unionville Home Association will be held at the Kennedy Chiropractic Clinic, Tuesday, Feb. 28 at eight o'clock.

The Association, initiated by the Unionville Council of Churches, plans to build, own and operate a home for senior citizens in Unionville.

The nominating committee include — Mrs. Donald Deacon, Donald Allison, Robert Dowse, Alfred Hill, Malcolm MacKenzie, Lorne Smith, Ewart Stiver and Lloyd Wiseman. A slate of officers has been prepared for presentation, Tuesday night.

Reaches Regional Finals

STOUFFVILLE — Ruth Parsons, 17, a Grade 11 student at Stouffville District High School, has advanced to the regional finals of the Lions' Oratorical Contest. This competition will be held at Aurora, March 14.



RUTH PARSONS

Ruth earned the right to advance into the next round by placing first in a contest, Feb. 15, for region 18, north, held at Cannington.

Lions representatives from Stouffville included William Duxbury and Walter Pipher.

Plan To Enforce Dog Control Law

Too Many Strays

STOUFFVILLE — In response to repeated warnings from officials of the Department of Agriculture and an increase in complaints from town residents, Stouffville council will take action to see that their dog control bylaw is more strictly enforced.

Reeve Ken Laushway said that incidents of rabies in York County had reached near epidemic proportions. He said that stray dogs often become infected since they are in contact with wild animals, the most prevalent carriers. He noted that out of 12,000 registered dogs in the County, only 3,200 had received anti-rabies shots at the free clinics. He said that the response by Stouffville pet-owners had been good but elsewhere it was discouraging.

MORE PERMANENT Reeve Laushway recommended that the Canine Control Officer be contacted and asked to patrol the town more often. "There seem to be quite a few dogs running around. I've received several complaints." The reeve suggested that the Clerk contact the officer in an effort to work out a satisfactory agreement. He said he hoped, in the meantime, that the problem would be forcefully publicized.

Councillor Bob Lewis termed the present arrangement as "haphazard." "We need someone more permanent." He urged, however, that before any extreme action is taken, that the people be warned of council's intention. "Often, in the winter time, dog-owners tend to be more lax. Let's not bring a man in here to ride roughshod over everyone's pets." He reeve suggested that the Clerk contact the officer in an effort to work out a satisfactory agreement. He said he hoped, in the meantime, that the problem would be forcefully publicized.

Ask \$1,450 To Remove Fire Hall

STOUFFVILLE — Prices ranging from \$1,450 to \$2,000 have been asked by three firms for the removal of the former fire hall building at Main and Civic Streets in Stouffville. Tenders were opened at a meeting of council, Feb. 16.

Allied Wracking Company of Oshawa submitted the low bid. The same firm asked \$900 to remove two houses from sites on Park Street South where a road-widening program is planned for this summer.

Council agreed to discuss the matter further in committee with a representative of the Oshawa company in attendance.

Joins Son In Hospital

STOUFFVILLE — Wolfgang Dams, 49, manager of Stouffville Bakery was on his way to visit his 10 year old son, Bernie, in Uxbridge Cottage Hospital, Saturday evening, and was admitted as a patient. He suffered two broken legs and head lacerations when his 1965 model station wagon skidded out of control near Goodwood and hit a tree. Mr. Dams had purchased the auto only two weeks before. It was a total wreck.

Constable John Ross of Whitby Detachment, Ontario Provincial Police, conducted the investigation at the scene.

Inquest Is Ordered In Double Fatality

VANDORF — Dr. Harry B. Cotnam, Ontario's Supervising Coroner has ordered an inquest into the death of two men in an accident at Vandorf, that occurred only one day after Whitchurch Township police had ruled the vehicle unsafe.

Driver, James Francis Dowling, 26, of Toronto and Albert Ingarra, 42, RR 1, Gormley, died instantly when their 1953 model auto crashed into a C.N.R. bridge abutment, Dec. 30, on the Don Mills Road.

The car had been purchased from a Toronto dealer one week prior to the collision.

Dr. Cotnam said the police declared the car unsafe and had it towed off the road. After repairs, a licenced mechanic said it was fit to drive, said the coroner.

More than 20 witnesses will be called to give evidence. The inquest date is Feb. 28.

High School Problem

Short Skirts — Long Hair

STOUFFVILLE — The staff members at Stouffville District High School have a problem and the solution won't be found in Algebra texts or Ancient History books.

The question is — when are short skirts too short and long hair too long?

Principal W.E. Duxbury said that only a minority of the plus 500 students had to be checked and most of these were quite co-operative.

As for the hair, he indicated that the school had no cut and dried policy but a form teacher could judge for himself if the

style was proper. "We have two or three on the shaggy side," he said. He asks mainly, that it be kept washed and combed.

NO TROUBLE.

Mrs. A.A. Gresham, staff guidance instructor, keeps a keen eye on the hemlines and a hand on the measuring tape. The limit is three inches above the knee. Any girl that exceeds this rule is quietly

but firmly told. "There's really been no trouble at all," she said, "most girls are quite aware when they've gone too far."

Mrs. Gresham actually favors the short-skirt style trend. "It used to be that any girl that wore her skirts above the knee was considered 'fast' but not any more. It's the fashion today and I feel they look quite smart. But there's still a limit."

Saved By The Church

STOUFFVILLE — Reeve Ken Laushway admitted, at a meeting of Stouffville council, Feb. 16, that only through the sale of the old Anglican Church building on Main Street, was the town able to balance its 1966 budget.

The reeve said a surplus of about \$3,000 had been recorded but the \$8,500 received for the former

church property had been included in the general account.

Mr. Laushway warned the committee chairman to watch their 1967 expenditures carefully so the same problem would not occur again. He noted that some of the works were emergencies and costs involved were unavoidable.

Edward Fosdick

Town Plant Manager

STOUFFVILLE — Service will be held from the O'Neill Funeral Home, Stouffville, on Friday afternoon at two o'clock for Mr. Edward Charles Fosdick, town disposal plant operator for the past ten years.

Mr. Fosdick collapsed and died while at work, Tuesday afternoon. He was 63.

Mr. Fosdick was released from hospital earlier this month following an operation and was making a satisfactory recovery. His death was attributed to a heart attack.

Gordon Brown and Grant Turner, both employees of the Stouffville Public Utilities Commission were in the plant at the time.

Surviving is his wife, the former Marjorie Grant and two daughters, Shirley of Stouffville and Marilyn (Mrs. Murray Ferguson) of Toronto.

Rev. Alan Borland of Stouffville United Church will conduct the service on Friday with interment, Stouffville Cemetery.

HEART FUND STOUFFVILLE — Although an objective of \$1,000 had been set for the first Stouffville Heart Fund canvass, Saturday, this figure was exceeded. Receipts totalled \$1,248. Representatives of all church women's groups took part in the collection, along with members of the Kinsmen, Kinette, Lions and Legion Clubs of Stouffville.



Unionville Man Killed In Head-On Crash With Gravel Truck

Markham Township recorded its third fatal accident in less than two weeks, Feb. 15, when Robert "Bud" Wilson, 84, of Unionville was killed on Bayview Avenue, south of Highway No. 7. His southbound car collided with a gravel truck. Cora May Wilson, 75, wife of the victim, was admitted to Branson Hospital, North York.

Donor	Amount
Previous total	\$5,810.00
Dr. L. S. Klinck, Vancouver	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. Ross Lamoreaux	10.00
Gordon Birkett	300.00
George Dickson, Edmonton	15.00
Albert Sweeney	10.00
Mrs. A. V. Nolan	15.00
Ross Winterstein	200.00
L. C. Parkinson, Victoria, B.C.	25.00
Stanley Newmarch	10.00
Mrs. Mae Symes	15.00
Miss Margery Mertens	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Boadway	25.00
Mrs. A. Heaton	15.00
Public Utilities (in memory of A. E. Weldon, Dr. S. S. Ball, E. H. Neville, E. R. Daniels)	200.00
Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Petrie	100.00
Mr. and Mrs. James Thomas	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Jennings	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. Robt. S. Lewis	50.00
Helen F. Legge, Toronto	5.00
Henry Ogden	25.00
Rev. Douglas Davis	20.00
Donald Ferguson	20.00
Douglas Bacon	25.00
Miss Eva Hoover	25.00
J. S. Martin	50.00
Ray Appleton	25.00
Milton Smith, Pefferlaw	25.00
Alays Viskontas	100.00
Mr. and Mrs. Norman Nigh	10.00
C. B. Spensley	15.00
Total	\$7,230.00