

First Electrical Plant - Now Smith Welding.

## P.U.C. Inaugural Meeting 1953

(Continued from Page 20) Utilities Commission, a three-man board to handle hydro and water.

> P.U.C. INAUGURAL JAN. 2, 1953

den and elected members that time. Reg. Stouffer and A. E. elected reeve for the first year. Mr. Edward Maddock of the Ontario Hydro consumer service attended this meeting and presented the new Commission with a schedule of proposed new rates for the town. A modest annual salary of \$75 was approved for each Commission member.

Hydro's monthly billing to the Stouffville Commission had by now risen to \$3,700. However, the system was in a constant state of expansion and by the end of 1953, the town hydro department was showing a surplus of \$5,841,58.

Members by this time deemed it wise to launch into a much larger expansion program and debentures for \$20,000. were approved for this purpose. Elmer Daniels assumed the office of reeve with Reg. Stouffer and A. E. Weldon the other two Commission members.

Both council and commission were beginning to take note of the growth of the community in 1955, and it was agreed that secretary, Mr. Elmer Danhenceforth all sub-divid- iels, a former reeve took R. Daniels, the Commission ers should be required to over the position. During secretary, passed away, pay the full expense of the this period the Commis- and his position was filled installation of hydro into sion was constantly occu- by the engaging of Mr. their developments. This pied with plans for servic- Norman Baker, the pressame year the Commission ing new housing developengaged Mr. Gordon ments and the urge for Brown as full-time line- more and better street way in Stouffville in the man at a salary of \$260 lighting continued as well. per month.

only from pains of growth modernizing of the hydro in the hydro department but in office accommodation. In mid-summer 1956 the Commission took its first move towards new The inaugural meeting and completely-separated of the Public Utilities quarters. The first move Commission was held on was to th second floor of Streets. The first move to-January 2, 1953. The mem- what was the municipal. wards new quarters had

Business continued good completion for three years. Weldon, the latter being for the hydro department all during these mid-fifty valuable and pay was Atkinson. raised from \$75 to \$150 a year.

> was elected. Mr. Geo. Stor- Board. ey, the Commission's first

approximately \$60,000. cost \$41,000. which would cover the Surplus funds in the hydro larger lights previously account had now grown to used only in the downtown more than \$14,000.

Following Mr. Storev as

The Commission now talled \$33,200, the greater community have been found it was suffering not proportion going for the eliminated.

distribution system.

OPEN NEW PUILDING

On September 27th, 1961 the new Public Utilities Office was opened at the corner of Blake and Main bers were reeve Henry Og- building and fire-hall of been made in 1958 but various delays held up the

The year 1962 saw Reeve Timbers filling council's years and the 1956 surplus position on the Commiswas neary \$10,000. Mem- sion with elected members bers time became more E. H. Neville and W. D.

Much of th activity over this next period was of an In 1957 A. E. Weldon internal nature. A clerk was forced through ill was added to the office health to relinquish his staff, some bookkeeping position on the Commis- routines were altered, and sion after serving since its salaries and fringe beneinception. Dr. S. S. Ball fits for employees reviewjoined the Commission to ed. A new rate study was serve out Mr. Weldon's un- undertaken by Ontario expired term. The person- Hydro at the latter part of nel was further changed 1963 and brought into at the year's end when force in the spring of 1964. Reg. Stouffer retired from This year also saw E. H. service and Ed. Neville Neville retire from the

In 1965 growth dictated secretary agreed to conti- the first move to obtain nue at his post until 1959. land for the erection of an In 1958 the Commission additional sub-station, this was called upon to con- one to be at the east end sider an expenditure of of town and estimated to

New types of street purchase of a site and erec- lights were altered contintion of a new Public Util- uously over several years ities Commission building. and the service of much business section, was extended.

In the fall of this year E. ent secretary.

Hydro has come a long past seventy years. Most The budget for 1960 to- of the dark corners in the

### Rural Postoffice Job In Dispute

ever the real trouble arose as follows: onto the scene.

takes grave exception.

trust such as the Post LIKE MYSELF. Excellency therefore re- good and faithful tool to Montreal.

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Deputy-Postmaster-General reply would beg to say, AND RUIN." that all books, letters, etc. The following account of belonging to the Post Of- Memorandum-I forgot to correspondence on the mat- fice department in Stouff- mention that Mr. Devine ter appeared in an early, ville, have been delivered said if he did not accept provincial publication: to Mr. Devine, as request- the Post Office it would be The running dispute ed. This appointment discontinued altogether. concerning the appoint- should show the people the ment of Mr. William Doyle kind of men that hold posias postmaster of Stouffville tions under the despotic has resulted in dismissal administration. Mr. Devine through the office of Chas. is altogether unfit and in-Berczy, Surveyor of Post capable of conducting the Offices in Upper Canada. business of the Post Office. The new appointee is Mr. HE CAN NEITHER READ James Devine, and to NOR WRITE AND BAREwhom the ex-postmaster LY SIGN HIS NAME. I do not mention this with any The authorization for disrespect, but merely to the dismissal by Mr. Berczy shew you, Sir, and the pubwas recorded as follows: "I lic, what Upper Canada am directed by the Lieut. has come to at the present Governor to inform you day. There are other men that he considers William who could fill the position A. Doyle should no longer but unfortunately THEY be continued in an office of ARE ALL REFORMERS

without contradiction that stage coach which at times Mr. Doyle has replied I am as loyal to my native was not too reliable. How- officially to the Dismissal and adopted country as any person, and I will do everyover the office of post- "Your favour of the 16th thing in my power, TO REmaster and brought the ultimo received, and on DEEM IT FROM SLAVERY

W. H. Dovle.

W. H. Dovle

#### New Farmers Pass Through

On Sunday, April 13, 1882, two special trains passed through on the Belleville to Toronto line, carrying English farmers who will be going to the West. They had with them, besides a wealth of experience, about \$700,000 in cash. Threee more special trains with new farmers Office Department, and His Mr. Devine will be a are also on their way from

### Temperance Journal First Stouffville Weekly

paper in Stouffville was known as the Stouffville Alert. It was issued for the first time on July 4, 1877 and sought to promote the cause of temperance. The paper lasted only one year.

The next newspaper effort here was 1882 when A. W. Pemberton printed a weekly known as the Stouffville Advance. It continued until 1892.

The paper which has survived to the present day is The Tribune, first paper published in York 1867 this publisher became published by Harry Hodge County outside Toronto a member of the Senate

The first weekly news- was succeeded by William Malloy, father of the late Howard Mallov who passed away in 1966.

> Two other publications sprung up in Stouffville but were short-lived. The Stouffville Sentinel commenced publication in 1894 and continued to 1900 and the Stouffville Free Press only lasted two years, 1895-96.

FIRST PAPER IN 1829

The first weekly newsin 1888. A year later he was printed in the little of Canada.

settlement of Markham about 1829. The name of the publication has been forgotten, but the publisher was William Peterson. In 1851 Markham had grown to nine hundred persons and it was incorporated in 1872. It's real newspaper life began with the publication of the Economist in 1856. For many years the publisher was David Reesor, a member of one of the earliest families in Markham. In



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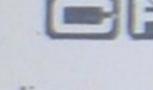
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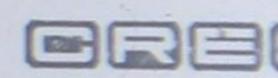
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