

Hydro Policy Riles P.U.C. Chairman

No Authority Granted For Centennial Signs

STOUFFVILLE — A recommendation by representatives of Ontario Hydro that, in future, the Stouffville Public Utilities Commission receive authorization before spending its profits, riled the chairman, R. F. Farr, at a year-end meeting, Dec. 29.

Mr. Farr took strong exception to a policy that gave Hydro authorities jurisdiction over funds that the Stouffville P.U.C. had earned through sale of power to local consumers.

Allan Avey and David Langford aroused the Chairman's ire when they questioned an account of \$1,044.52, spent during 1967 on "promotions." They were told that much of it had been used in the purchase of two centennial signs on Main Street and an additional \$300 had been donated to the Centennial Committee as a memorial to the late E. H. Neville, a former Chairman.

"We buy our power from Hydro and pay the accounts. We sell it to the public at a profit and now you want to tell us we have no say as to how that profit may be spent?" questioned Mr. Farr. Commissioner Kenneth Wagg said the signs had been the subject of much favorable comment from townfolk and an excellent form of advertisement for the municipality. Mr. Wagg questioned if funds from Stouffville had been used to illuminate the Hydro offices on University Avenue and if so, why had not the Stouffville Commission been consulted on that project.

Mr. Langford said he did not wish to become involved in a verbal controversy over the issue but felt that the Commission should be made aware of certain rules and regulations that it was expected to follow. Failure to do this, he said, could result in cancellation of membership and a charge-back of the account to the members personally. He said he was sure that Ontario Hydro would be willing to overlook this particular procedural error.

As to the decorating of Ontario Hydro premises in Toronto, Mr. Langford said that in part, Stouffville had contributed its share of the expense involved.

Chairman Farr was riled a second time, when Mr. Langford said that representatives would check on the Commission's financial status to learn whether an increase in rates should be considered in 1968.

"It is rather obvious that we have little authority," said the Chairman, "we can't even change our own rates without consent."



R. F. Farr

Wins \$1,000

STOUFFVILLE — Mr. Gino Alberti, Burkholder Street, Stouffville, was the winner of the \$1,000 Kin-VestMent Award, Jan. 1. The lucky ticket was drawn by Mrs. Grant Turner at the Legion New Year's dance. Mr. Alberti is the new owner of Hamilton Automotive Supply Centre, Winona Drive.



Markham Barber Locks His Shop After 43 Years

At six o'clock Saturday evening, Markham barber, Percy Wideman completed his final haircut after 43 years on Main Street. His last customer was Russell Beare. Now retired, the business has been taken over by Mr. Les Ham of Peter Street. Mr. Wideman recalls that his first customer, after moving into the present shop, was the late Peter Stewart. The building has been purchased by town businessman, Harry Watt.

Pinned Two Hours

Loses Arm In Harvester

STOUFFVILLE — A Stouffville district man had his left arm amputated above the elbow, last week, after it became jammed in the mechanism of a corn harvester in Pickering Township.

Harold Harcourt, 44, conc. 9, Markham, was working alone on the Finn farm property, Altona Road. He was attempting to free the works of debris, when his hand became wedged and his arm was drawn in up to the elbow.

His cries for help were heard by neighbors. Pickering Township firemen and police worked for almost two hours and a portion of the machine had to be dismantled before Mr. Harcourt could be freed.

Mr. Harcourt resides on the former Abe Stouffer farm, R.R. 1, Stouffville.

Blood Donor Clinic

STOUFFVILLE — The Stouffville Legion Blood Donor Clinic will be held, Jan. 16 from 2 to 4:30 and 6:30 to 9 p.m. in the Legion Hall.

OMB Withholds Approval

UNIONVILLE — The Ontario Municipal Board has withheld approval of the estimated expenditure for the proposed new senior public schools in Markham Township Area 2.

The ruling was contained in a letter from the O.M.B. to Markham Township Clerk, Harry T. Crisp. Officials are requesting clarification of capital expenditures since the estimates do not include costs of water and sewerage services.

Originally, the site, on conc. 7, north of Hwy. No. 7, was to be serviced from Markham Village. This plan was later rejected by the Village Council. The Municipal Board has ordered that this matter be resolved before they will grant approval of any debentures.

Area Board Administrator, Wilfred Morley explained that when the application was submitted

to the O.M.B., it was thought that Markham Village would approve a hookup from their mains to the site, located just across the road. He said that negotiations toward this end, were continuing.

Inaugural Meeting

STOUFFVILLE — The inaugural meeting of the 1968-69 Council was held January 4 with all members present. The officiating pastor was Rev. Clarence T. Bass, minister of the Memorial Christian Congregational Church in Stouffville.

The only new member of the 1968-69 Council is Mrs. Ethel Mole. She replaces former councillor, Robert Lewis, now of Whitchurch. Also sworn into office at the same time was William Sanders of the Stouffville P.U.C. who succeeds Commissioner Kenneth Wagg.

E. A. 'Ernie' Button

Highly Respected Sr. Citizen

STOUFFVILLE — Mr. E. A. 'Ernie' Button, one of this town's most highly respected senior citizens, passed away Sunday in Uxbridge Cottage Hospital. He was 91.



E. A. Button, for Mr. Button, Stouffville, was his home and every resident was his friend and neighbor. During his years as a hardware merchant on Main

Street, he gained a wide circle of acquaintances, both in town and country. His interest, however, extended much farther than the front door of his store. He was directly involved in almost every phase of community life.

Mr. Button was a member of Stouffville United Church. He served for several terms on town council. He was a charter member of the Stouffville Lions Club and a member of the Oddfellows Lodge. He enjoyed sports of all kind, in particular a trip to the cottage or hunting camp on Nogey's Creek near Bobcaygeon. It was only last year that he personally hauled in a large-size lake trout.

Born south of Stouffville on conc. 9, Markham, the son of Major John R. Button and Alma Jones, he attended school at No. 19, and Markham Village. Later, he moved with his parents to Ringwood.

Mr. Button rose to the rank of Captain in the

Governor General's Horse Guards. He was a graduate of the Royal College of Cavalry. His wife, the former Agnes Anderson, passed away in 1963.

Mr. Button operated the town's first gas station and the first Ford dealership here.

Mr. Button was extremely proud of his four grandchildren, Bonnie (Mrs. Alexander Curr); Jocelyn (Mrs. Michael Paul); Barbara and Janet Button, also his two great grandchildren, Christopher and Tamera Curr. Surviving also is one son, Dr. F. John Button and a daughter, Janet (Mrs. Norman Baker) both of Stouffville.

Service was held Tuesday from the O'Neill Funeral Home, Stouffville, with Rev. Alan Borland in charge, assisted by Rev. Douglas Davis. Interment was in Stouffville Cemetery. The pallbearers were Eric Button, Cecil Hendricks, Dr. Neil Smith, Fred Crossen, Elgin Hastings and Douglas Ramer.

Markham Twp. Councillor Refuses To Vote

BUTTONVILLE — A Markham Township councillor's refusal to signify his stand on a recorded vote, drew ridicule and criticism from other members at a year-end meeting, Dec. 27.

The motion involved Markham's appointment to the Metro Toronto and Regional Conservation Authority. The name of Char-

les H. Peacock, Gormley, R.R. 2, was proposed as a replacement for J. Everett Harper of Unionville.

Councillor Charles Hoover said that he was agreeable to either Mr. Peacock or Mr. Harper assuming the position. He declined to show favoritism for one over the other.

Chaos was created when reeve Stewart Rumble and

councillor Alan Sumner voted that Mr. Harper be retained. Deputy-reeve Sidney Gadsby and councillor Anthony Roman voted for Mr. Peacock. Councillor Hoover refused to break the tie.

Reeve Rumble declared the motion in favor of Mr. Peacock as carried, ruling that Mr. Hoover's neutral stand as an automatic

"yea" vote. The result riled Mr. Roman who asked that the original motion be withdrawn. He called the matter "a complete farce." His request was denied.

"When you become reeve, you can run things your way," replied Mr. Rumble in cutting off further discussion on the issue.

STOUFFVILLE — No major capital cost projects will be assumed by Stouffville Council in 1968, according to reeve Ken Laushway. The 'pay-as-you-go' program will include several items left undone from 1967 as well as preparations for needs of the future.

"A council can't go on and on spending money just for the sake of doing something," said the reeve. Reeve Laushway said that the two most important projects would involve the P.U.C. — the completion of a \$75,000 reservoir and pumping station and the erection of the \$85,000 hydro substation. The latter will be paid for out of current funds. The reservoir and pump will be included in a ten year debenture.

The council will budget sufficient funds to re-pave a portion of Ninth Line North. Landscaping will be completed on the east side of the Municipal Building and new benches

will be placed in the Civic Square.

The engineering has already been started on a \$300,000 extension to the town sewage plant that, when completed, will serve a population of 8,000.

Reeve Laushway said that he will approach the Ontario Housing Corporation and request a survey on the need for a senior citizens' apartment, similar to the one completed recently at Newmarket. He also advocates the hiring of a full-time works superintendent and the appointment of a committee to establish a town crest. He is hopeful of the removal of the Stouffer St. wrecking yard and the complete re-development of that area.

Forty Calls

STOUFFVILLE — Police here answered 40 complaints over the weekend concerning operators of snowmobiles in town.

Cut Capital Costs In '68 - Reeve

Mother Of Six Stricken

CLAREMONT — A Claremont mother of six passed away, Dec. 27 in Toronto East General Hospital.

Mrs. David Allen, the former Marilyn Louise Dobbin, had been in declining health for almost seven years. She suffered from Hodgkins disease. Surviving besides her husband are two daughters, Glenda Marie, 15, Mary Ann, 10 and four sons, John, 14; Stephen, 12; Ronald, 8 and Bobby, 6.

Mrs. Allen was born at Lindsay, the daughter of Millen and Myrtle Dobbin. She was 39.

Prior to taking up residence in Claremont, one year ago, the family lived on the Altona Road, Pickering Township. She was a member of the Claremont United Church and took an active interest in the U.C.W. and Girl Guide Association.

Rev. A. E. Cresswell conducted the service, Dec. 30 from the McEachnie Funeral Home, Pickering, with interment, Claremont Union Cemetery. The pall bearers were: William Dobbin, Jack Dobbin, Douglas Dobbin, Gary Dobbin, Robin Dobbin and William Dobbin Jr.

Long-Distance Call

Mrs. Willis Wideman, R.R. 3, Stouffville, was the recipient of a very pleasant surprise call from her daughter, Loreen, a registered nurse on the staff of Hazelton Hospital, British Columbia.

Threw Thumb Away

STOUFFVILLE — A Keswick district man experienced trouble with his car on Main Street West and summoned the assistance of a tow truck operator.

The garage attendant soon learned that there was too little gas in the tank and too much drink in the driver. He called Stouffville police. The car, with 1966 plates was impounded and the occupant taken in for questioning. It was then that the officer observed that the man's thumb was badly cut and he recommended that he seek medical aid. The motorist explained that he had injured his hand in an electric fan at a Toronto office party. He then calmly pulled the thumb off and threw it away.

No Visitors

UXBRIDGE — Until further notice, all visitation privileges to the Uxbridge Cottage Hospital have been cancelled. The order was issued on Tuesday due to the seriousness of flu in the area. It will remain in effect until the epidemic shows signs of a let-up. Hospital authorities agreed that registered patients should be protected as much as possible from the disease.

Wife, 19, Killed In Auto Accident

BUTTONVILLE — A nineteen year old girl was killed and her husband injured Tuesday morning in a car-truck crash on John Street, west of Bayview Avenue.

Pronounced dead on arrival at York Central Hospital was Mrs. Laurel Lee Halward of John Street, Markham Township. She was a passenger in a westbound auto that went out of control on slushy pavement and was rammed broadside by an eastbound truck. The truck driver, Charles Cini of Toronto was not hurt.

It was Markham Township's first fatal accident of 1968. Fifteen traffic deaths were recorded in the municipality last year.

It was near this same location, Dec. 16, that a Richmond Hill woman died when her car crashed through a protective guardrail and dropped into a branch of the Don River. Mrs. Maude O'Brien was all alone in the auto.

Constable Albert Hudson has been placed in charge of investigations of both accidents. Inquests will likely be held.



Markham Village Fire Chief Assumes Full-Time Post

Markham Village has a full-time fire chief, Charles Hoover took over the permanent position, Jan. 1 and will operate out of an office at the firehall on Main Street. Much of this time will be spent on inspection of industrial and commercial buildings as well as schools. The Markham brigade has 16 volunteers. —Staff Photo