

New post for pastor

Rev. Arthur Walsh, pastor of Stouffville United Missionary Church since 1958, will leave in June to accept another charge. Rev. Walsh is highly respected both within the community and his own congregation and the announcement of his intended resignation has been accepted with feelings of regret. —Staff Photo

Firemen do more than fight fires

STOUFFVILLE — Members of Stouffville's volunteer fire department do more than fight fires. This fact was revealed in a quarterly report to council, prepared by Fire Chief Walter Smith and presented by the chairman of the fire committee, councillor Mrs. Ethel Mole. On Monday, a St. John Ambulance course was started at the hall and instruction courses and tests had been completed with the Stouffville Girl Guides. A similar program has been started with the Boy Scouts here and another will begin soon with the Boy Scouts at Lemonville. The brigade is also sponsoring a foster child

in Vietnam. During the three-month period, the department answered 18 fire calls, 5 in Stouffville, 9 in Whitchurch and two each in Markham and Uxbridge Townships. This is the same number as recorded last year. The brigade has had two calls for the resuscitator and two calls for assistance at the sewage plant. Sixteen premises have been inspected. Twenty-six phone calls have been received from persons requesting information or registering complaints. The firemen will hold their annual dance at the Legion Hall, Friday, April 5.



Norm Baker, manager of the Stouffville Public Utilities Commission has given up that position he assumed in November 1965. His resignation was contained in a letter to the chairman, R. F. Farr, effective on his return from a three-week vacation. Mr. and Mrs. Baker are currently on a holiday in Japan.

Police cruisers damaged

WHITCHURCH TWP. — Representatives of the Whitchurch Township police department have rejected council's choice of an arbitrator to preside at a hearing on a new salary schedule for 1968.

Council had submitted the name of Magistrate David Coon of Stouffville. Spokesmen for the police have asked that the appointment be made by the Attorney General. Whitchurch police served notice of arbitration following a breakdown in salary discussions that extended over a period of two weeks. The township offer, binding for a period of three years, was not acceptable. Police personnel in Whitchurch feel that their wages should be comparable to that of Markham Township.

Assaulted officer
STOUFFVILLE — A Stouffville man has been charged with assaulting a police officer. Bernard Fockler, Main Street East, is alleged to have pushed constable David Hadden while the officer was in the process of serving a summons on the man's son.

Allen Robert Fockler had earlier been charged with driving while impaired.

MARKHAM TWP. — A fifteen year old boy has been charged with car theft, failing to remain at the scene of an accident, dangerous driving and drinking under age, following a high-speed police chase in which three cruisers were damaged. The chase started in Richmond Hill and reached speeds of 90 miles per hour. The police cars were damaged when forced off the road.

Frederick Barker, 69, told Magistrate Russell Pearce that he was quite certain that he would not have been charged if the occupant of the second vehicle had not been William Parsons, a deputy-reeve, lawyer and a member of the police commission.

Mr. Parsons, a witness in the case, agreed that he was both a lawyer and Stouffville's deputy-reeve, but denied that he had any direct connection with the police committee on council. "I told the police that I couldn't care less whether Mr. Barker was charged or not," he said. The collision occurred at the intersection of Main Street West and conc. 9. Mr. Barker was charged with making an improper turn.

In registering a conviction, Magistrate Pearce agreed to impose the minimum fine of \$5.00 since the driver had already suffered considerable property loss through damage to his truck and personal injury. He recommended that when his health improved, he should take another test. In an effort to reduce the amount of court costs, Mr. Parsons agreed to waive his share of the witness fees.

Reeve Ken Laushway replied that he had warned area householders to install "traps" in their basements but in some cases, the advice went unheeded. "We admit that we have problems with the plant and the alarm system and we are doing our best to correct them." He denied, however, that basement flooding was a council responsibility. Deputy-reeve Bill Parsons said that the welfare of all residents in the town was council's concern. "I don't care what municipality you go to, you will never receive a guarantee against water in your basements." When Mr. Schmidt announced to what end the residents would go to bring the problem to the attention of the public, deputy-reeve Parsons replied: "Do as you please, but no 'traps'."

TOWN EDUCATION COSTS INCREASE

STOUFFVILLE — With the new county educational system pending in 1969, the boards of the Stouffville Dist. Secondary School and the Stouffville Public School have reduced their surplus accounts to almost nil. In spite of these major cuts, operation costs at both institutions are up considerably over 1967.

The high school budget as it pertains to Stouffville is \$127,574.78 as compared with \$94,279.73 last year. To raise this much money will require a rate of 24.32 mills (residential) and 27.02 (commercial).

A sizeable increase at the high school level is understandable since the school itself has increased in size through the completion of a 1½ million dollar addition. Staff salaries alone are up by \$92,000 to a figure of \$397,700. The operation of the plant will cost \$62,750 and administration, \$24,050.00. The cost of supplies has been estimated at \$38,300 and transportation \$28,000. The surplus account has been sliced from almost \$45,000 in 1967 to a mere \$5,000 in '68.

Minus grants and other receipts, the total requirement of funds is \$307,891.35. This figure is split three ways with Whitchurch absorbing \$127,639.44; Stouffville, \$127,574.7 and Markham Township, \$52,677.13.

For public school purposes, a mill rate of 26.76 (residential) and 29.73 (commercial) will be required to raise \$135,795.10. The 1967 budget requirement was \$119,016.70. Included as a portion of the year's receipts was a surplus on hand of \$21,326.69. The budget total, exclusive of grants is \$348,265.50. The largest expenditure is for instruction

at \$235,000. The plant operation and maintenance is \$28,442.00. The cost of administration totals \$9,765.00.

The Separate School Board has established a 1968 budget of \$4,567.94, an increase of about \$1,100.00 over last year. To raise this amount of money will require a rate of 26.76 mills (residential) and 29.73 (commercial).

The total rate for public school supporters is up by 6.43 mills (residential) and 8.41 mills (commercial). The total rate for Separate School supporters has increased by 4.58 mills (residential) and 6.77 mills (commercial).

Finalized figures were handed down by the Finance Committee chairman, councillor Jim McKellar.

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TAXES UP 6.43 MILLS

Trial ordered

WHITCHURCH TWP. — Three Lake Wilcox men charged in the alleged rape of an 18 year old Richmond Hill girl Feb. 16, were committed for trial at a preliminary hearing before Magistrate James Butler in Newmarket Court.

Gordon Sutton and Grant Needham both 19 and Fred Scaife, 29 were arrested by Whitchurch police after a car, in which the girl was a passenger, was stopped near Yonge Street. The victim of the alleged assault, claimed that she had been attacked earlier in a Lake Wilcox house.

Constable Ivan Bates testified that the girl had a bandage on her knee and her left eye was badly bruised. He said she had been crying and appeared nervous and upset.

Charges police prejudiced

STOUFFVILLE — A Whitchurch Township man argued in Richmond Hill court that he was unfairly treated by an investigating officer of the Stouffville Police Department, because his truck was involved in an accident with a car, owned and driven by the town's deputy-reeve.

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New council quarters wins members' approval

MARKHAM TWP. — Markham Township council held their first meeting Monday in the re-modelled municipal building at Buttonville, and all members expressed satisfaction with the completed project.

An official opening will be arranged, possibly in June.

Cost of the new addition plus renovations to the original structure will total about \$300,000.00.

Persons present at the first meeting included township engineer, Dusan Miklas; Police Chief Harvey Cox, Works employee, Harry Mann and Jack Grant of Hengran Development Limited.

Loses fight for life

STOUFFVILLE — A young Stouffville mother passed away Saturday in Toronto Western Hospital, ending a courageous fight for life that extended over a period of several years.

Mrs. Jack Barkey, Rupert Avenue, Stouffville, had an incurable disease but, in spite of declining health, never gave up hope of getting better. She spent Christmas at home but re-entered hospital Dec. 27. She was 31.

Mrs. Barkey, the former Nelda Elson, had a most pleasing personality that won her a wide circle of friends. This was evidenced by the hundreds who attended the O'Neill Funeral Home to pay their respects. The floral tributes were most beautiful.

As a young girl, she was a fine softball player and was a member of several Stouffville championship teams. She was also an excellent bowler and when unable to compete in regular league competition, she enjoyed keeping score.

Born at conc. 3, Uxbridge Township, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Elson, Tenth Line North, she had been a resident in town for the past 19 years. Married, Oct. 20, 1956, she was a devoted wife and mother of John Richard (Ricky), 10 and Stephen James, 8. Surviving besides her husband and parents are four sisters, Ruth (Mrs. Michael Miller), Marjorie (Mrs. Lawrence Norton), June (Mrs. Douglas Ward) and Helen (Mrs. Allan Badgerow).

Rev. Douglas Davis conducted the funeral service Tuesday afternoon at 2 p.m. with interment, Stouffville Cemetery.

The pall-bearers were six brothers-in-law: Michael Miller, Lawrence Norton, Douglas Ward, Allan Badgerow, George Barkey and Donald Miller.

Win appeal

WHITCHURCH — Chief Justice Schroeter has ruled in favor of the Township of Whitchurch in an appeal case heard Tuesday in Osgoode Hall, Toronto.

The decision reverses an earlier decision on an application filed by Mrs. Suzanne Janda, R.R. 2, Stouffville, in which she contested the legality of restrictions as imposed by a council-approved kennel by-law.

Deputy-reeve Lawrence Hennessey and councillor Bob Lewis attended the hearing.

Increase of \$25.72 on average home

STOUFFVILLE — With the law of taxation, what goes up seldom comes down. This could change here in Stouffville.

It was revealed at the "budget night" meeting of Stouffville Council that public school supporters will pay 104.88 mills (residential) up from 98.45 mills in 1967. The commercial rate is 115.86, an increase of 6.77 mills. Separate school supporters will face an increase of 4.98 mills (residential) and 6.79 mills (commercial).

Finance chairman councillor Jim McKellar revealed that on an average Stouffville home with an assessment of \$4,000, the tax increase would amount to \$25.72. He termed it "quite a hefty jump."

Some relief may be in sight, however, with the implementation of the Smith Report. The Ontario Government plans to introduce legislation recommending that the Province pay the taxes on the first \$2,000 of equalized assessment. This would mean that a home here assessed at \$4,000 would qualify for a refund of \$58.73 to the owner, or a net tax reduction of \$33.00.

Reeve Ken Laushway noted that education costs, although up considerably over 1967, would have been even higher if the boards had not reduced their surplus accounts.

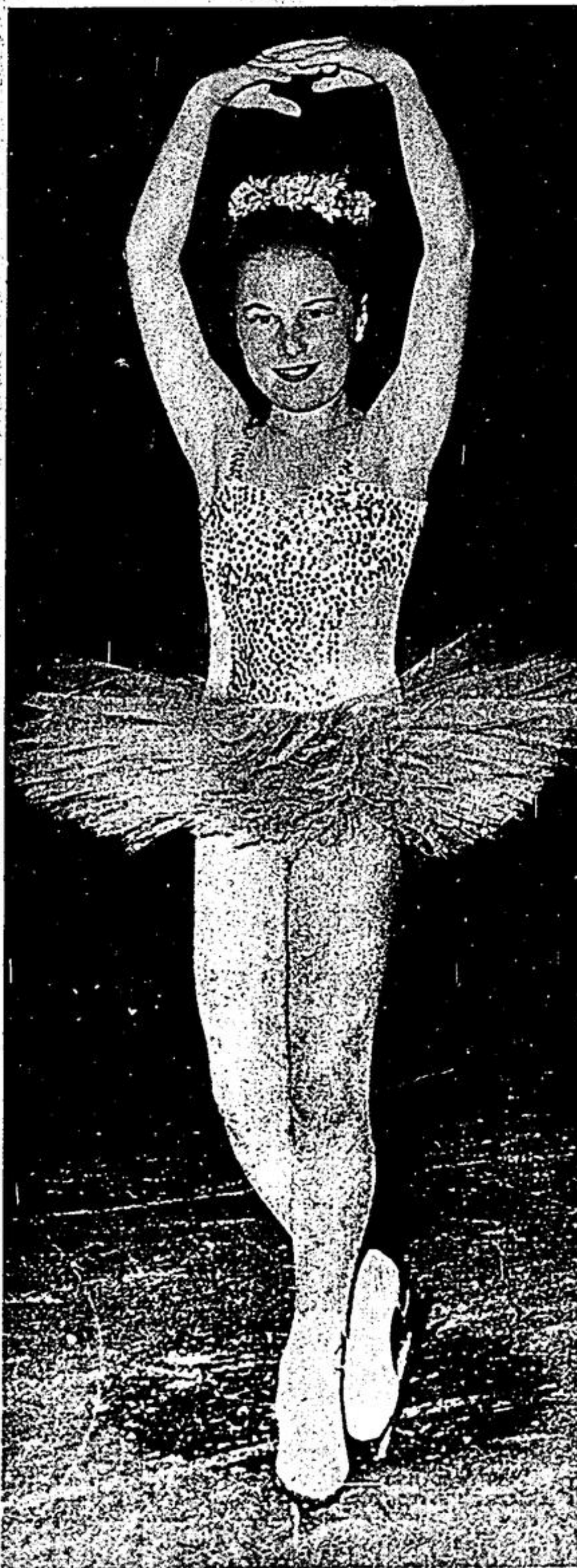
	Breakdown of Budget		1967
	1968	Mill Rate	
County	\$ 66,931.42	13.13	15.8
Public School	135,795.10	26.76(r)	25.00(r)
Sep. School	4,567.94	29.73(c)	27.8 (c)
High School	127,574.78	26.76(r)	26.5 (r)
Welfare	3,600.00	29.73(c)	29.4 (c)
Library	5,000.00	24.32(r)	19.3 (r)
Parks	3,500.00	27.02(c)	21.4 (c)
Sewers	78,309.45	.71	.3
General	88,051.63	1.00	1.0
Unconditional Grant	32,757.07	.69	.73
Total	\$566,978.79	15.87	16.54
Total Mill Rate — Public School		104.88(r)	98.45(r)
Total Mill Rate — Separate School		115.86(c)	107.45(c)
		104.88(r)	99.90(r)
		115.86(c)	109.07(c)

SAVE CATTLE IN BARN FIRE

CLEMONT — Quick action by an unidentified motorist aided in the rescue of livestock from a fire that destroyed a large barn on the property of Austin Pearce at Claremont.

The man was driving by the premises when he noticed smoke billowing from the roof. He informed Mrs. Ray Ward, a resident in the farm house and together they released several of the cattle. They were later joined by her husband, a neighbor, Murray Carson and employees of the Bell Telephone Co. Mr. Ward suffered minor burns about the shoulders from falling timbers. Volunteer firemen were

on the scene in minutes but the blaze was already out of control. Brigade members, Bob Madill and Frank Ward praised the department's new plastic face masks, used for the first time. It provides added protection and enables the volunteers to get much closer to the building. Al Hepburn of Claremont, a member of the Scarborough Fire Department was commended by Chief Tom Hammond for his assistance. Lost in the blaze was a large quantity of hay and straw. Damage has been estimated at \$18,000. The cause of the fire is under investigation.



Ballerina on skates

Ten year old Jane Brodie, Glad Park Avenue, is truly a ballerina on skates. She played this part in the 18th annual Ice Revue, sponsored by the Stouffville Figure Skating Club March 22 and 23. —Staff Photo