



"A-h-h... maybe a pony"

Two year old Timmy Camp, Church Street, Markham, was one of the many children who paid a visit to the Veterans' Hall on Sunday, to spend a few minutes with Santa Claus. —Staff Photo

## Steal from safe

STOUFFVILLE — A total of \$1,000 was stolen from an open safe at Widfield's Drug Store in the Stouffville Plaza on Saturday.

The money was stolen from the safe in the office at the back of the store during the day, while the staff were occupied elsewhere in the store.

Among the receipts taken were \$150 in Family Allowance cheques.

Stouffville police department are making further investigations.

## Still hopes for union with Metro

PICKERING TWP. — Despite the word from the Municipal Affairs department that Pickering Township is likely to be amalgamated with Oshawa under the new regional government scheme, Reeve John Williams is still hopeful he can persuade Queen's Park to let the township amalgamate with Metro.

The township council has taken a stand against any union with Oshawa and supports the reeve in his bid for Metro amalgamation. Reeve Williams denies that any decision has been made as yet. "The door is not closed yet," he says.

Meetings with both Metro and the Ontario government are expected to take place within a few weeks.

## Christmas issue

The Christmas edition of The Tribune will be issued on Monday, Dec. 23. News correspondents and advertisers please take note that all copy must be received by Saturday noon of this week.

## Storekeeper loses wife

RINGWOOD — The community lost a citizen Thursday when Mrs. Ann Margaret Phillips passed away in Scarborough Centenary Hospital after a short illness, at the age of 47.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Phillips have operated the General Store at Ringwood for many years. The couple were married in 1942 and have lived all their married life in and around Stouffville.

Surviving Mrs. Phillips is her husband Ken, three sons, Tommy, Larry, Kevin and two daughters, Luanne and Linda. She also leaves her mother, Mrs. Florence Lewin (Toronto).

The funeral was conducted from O'Neill's Funeral Home, Stouffville on Saturday, December 14, with interment at Heise Hill cemetery, Gormley.

## School sold

LOCUST HILL — Locust Hill School has been sold to Harold Butler for \$20,000. Mr. Butler had made an offer earlier, but the property was removed from the market until the title was cleared.

## Urged to complete school site purchase

STOUFFVILLE — Plans were formulated some time ago for the purchase of a site for a fourth public school. The proposed location is north of Elm Road and west of the present St. Mark's Separate School.

At the final meeting of Planning Board, Mr. John McMurray of the Public School Board was urged to have the purchase of the land completed before the end of the year. Mr. Ralph Corner, secretary, advised that as the new regional board would be taking over in 1969, no new debentures would then be issued by Stouffville. Mr. McMurray agreed to confer immediately with Board chairman, Mr. Ted Topping.

## Chairman

YORK COUNTY — Trustee Eugene Jacobs has been elected the first chairman of York County's Separate School Board. Three members of the 14-member board were nominated for the position.

The new chairman pointed out that the Separate School Board would be dealing with about one-tenth of the County School Board budget and must therefore practice economy.

## O. M. B. hearing

# Delay decision on drive-in movie

VANDORF — The Ontario Municipal Board will advise Whitchurch Township in writing on its decision as to whether or not a block of 40 acres of land near the Don Mills Rd. can be used for the erection of a drive-in theatre. The move is being opposed by ratepayers from Preston's Lake, headed by John Sigura. The proposed site is quite near the lakeside properties.

Mr. G. Fitzpatrick, planning representative for the township told the O.M.B. member, A. L. McCrae that the township's Official Plan had only recently been approved by council. He said that the over-all intention was to keep the municipality rural and allow urban development only on the outskirts of Newmarket, Aurora and Stouffville where services would be available. He said council did not intend to develop services within the township.

It was stated that traffic is heavy on Don Mills Rd., particularly on weekends and if the theatre were allowed, traffic lights

would have to be erected at the entrance intersection.

Mr. Sigura told the hearing that he owned 51 acres near the proposed theatre site on which he had erected a ten-room, 4,000 sq. ft. house. He estimated the value of his property with buildings at \$200,000. The appellant also had livestock worth \$100,000. He added that the area was subject to foggy conditions.

Under cross-questioning, Mr. Sigura said he had no objections to a motel but said the theatre was not a desirable development.

Ratepayers Opposed

George Hanson, chairman of the ratepayers association commented on the frequent foggy conditions but admitted that he did go to drive-ins.

Mrs. Doris Oliver who resides across the highway from the proposed development said it was not a good site for either commercial or industrial buildings. She said a restaurant had had to close down there because of insufficient water. She said that according to her own count cars travel-

led on the Don Mills Rd. on Sundays at the rate of 1450 an hour.

Mr. Fred B. Munroe, another nearby resident said he had an \$80,000 property and had moved to this area because it was quiet. He added that drive-in movies did not attract the best class of people.

200 Signed Petition

Mrs. Christine Nimmo, also opposed, said she had assisted in the circulation of a petition which contained 200 names opposed to the development. Asked if she had any refusals, she said, three.

Water Ready

Gordon McKay, the owner of the property which would be sold for the theatre said that two wells were ready and were presently supplying water for 55-head of cattle. He said he had never experienced any shortage of water. He owns another 60 acres to the east and intended to continue farming.

He admitted that the idea of the motel along with the theatre was not in the contract but only verbal.

## Water prospects good Markham has choice

MARKHAM TWP. — New water sources for the township look good.

The clerk said an OWRC seismic report made for the township shows several good sources of water and a report by Chrysler, Davis and Jorgenson considered by council supports this.

One source being investigated is close to the Leslie Street well (at Steele's) and another which engineer Dusan Miklas describes as most promising is close to the water tower on Bayview Avenue.

Council believes that in the long run the Metro source may be more practical and less expensive, but if this source is blocked, they will not be left with dry taps.

Metro has asked for a report from their planning department, but to date Markham Twp. has had no formal information. Indirectly, however, it has been indicated Met-

ro will be able to provide water to the township.

## O.W.R.C. sets conditions

MARKHAM TWP. — Markham Twp. Council has agreed to Ontario Water Resources conditions concerning further development at Unionville and Thornhill.

The OWRC will permit extension of services to the new senior elementary school at Unionville, but discussion of further development in the area by Hengran Development Ltd. will be held over until the new council takes over in 1969.

The new plan includes the present subdivisions of Thornhill Green and Bay Thorn, plus 70 acres of the Jail Farm, and proposed subdivisions of Baywood and the former Selkirk property being developed by Shields-Snow.

## Pickering Twp. would block new city

PICKERING TWP. — The Township Council would block the start of the new city development in the southwest corner of Uxbridge Township, at least for the time being, and passed a resolution this week calling on the Municipal Affairs department to delay the expansion.

The vast development on Stouffville's east boundary covers in the beginning, 7,000 acres, much of which has already been acquired by the Rubin Corporation planners of the new city. The new city announcement provides for homes, industry, commercial and school facilities.

Councillor John Kruger of Pickering Township who introduced the resolution said that no residential development should be permitted without compensation in industrial development. He indicated the residents of Pickering might be called on to help with the costs of education under the new regional government plans.

The resolution, if turned down by the Municipal Affairs Department provides for a request to the Minister of Education to provide safeguards for the township in the way of increased grants.

Pickering Township is presently under a government restriction that holds development there to not more than one hundred homes a year.

Councillor Kruger said it was Consolidated Building Corporation's contracting to build 3,000 homes without school costs that caused Pickering Township's financial problems.

## Stivers sold

STOUFFVILLE — It was announced this week that the Stiver Mill, Stouffville, has been sold to Maple Leaf Mills Ltd. Ewart Stiver has owned and operated the mill in Stouffville for the past 66 years, the other two mills in Unionville and Aurora have not been sold and will still be operated by Mr. Stiver.

## A first for Markham

MARKHAM — The Community Christmas Evening held in the Markham District High School last Saturday night was the first in what is hoped to be an Annual Event.

The high standard of performance by the M.O. H.S. band and Glee Club along with members of "The Little Theatre" was much appreciated by an enthusiastic crowd.

Mayor Elect, Mrs. Alma Walker and Rev. Frank Amery, President of the Ministerial Association brought Christmas Greetings to all in attendance and thanked the Markham and District Chamber of Commerce for sponsoring and co-ordinating the event.

## Driver in hospital

STOUFFVILLE — An accident late Thursday night on Highway 47, north of Stouffville, sent Henry Olszewki, 40, of R.R. 4, Stouffville to Centenary Hospital, Scarborough.

Mr. Olszewki was northbound on Highway 47 when his vehicle left the road and rolled over, resulting in injuries to his shoulder and cuts to his face. He was later released from hospital.

## Seek amalgamation

UXBRIDGE TWP. — Uxbridge Twp. has been holding informal discussions with Uxbridge Town regarding a proposal by the town that the two amalgamate to be prepared for regional government. The Twp. of Scott is also included.

## Markham reeve not favorable to big scale regional government

MARKHAM VILLAGE — Regional Government: How will it effect the future of the Village of Markham. These were some of the questions that The Tribune posed in a personal interview with Reeve Alma Walker this week.

Mrs. Walker would not like to see regional government on a big scale, she felt that if this came about, the village would lose its identity and its residents.

"If we have to have this broader outlook on government, then I would like to see the amalgamation of the village with the township to make one big town of Markham," she said. Reeve Walker stated that this was not only her personal opinion, but the feelings of some of the present members of council.



Alma Walker

having a regional government, Mrs. Walker does not believe the village would derive too many. "Having one police force to cover the village, township and Stouffville would

be a benefit," she said. "I feel the way the forces are now, they are not practical. At present we have the O.P.P. the township and our own force patrolling the village. I think if we had one general force to cover these areas, we would have a good working force," she said. "If we have to start anywhere, we could start at this level," she went on.

Mrs. Walker thought the idea of amalgamating all the forces in York County as suggested, would be the case of too many chiefs, too few Indians. She also believed that the fire departments in the same three municipalities could be amalgamated to make a more effective force.

"I feel that at this point the government should look into the matter of making this an area rather than a region. What have

we in common saw with Sutton, Georgina or even Whitchurch slightly to the north of us? I would go along with the suggestion the Minister made in his report that the Southern Six could be divided into three or two areas, I myself would favor three," she stated.

If it came right down to it, Reeve Walker would like to see the village and township one. She feels that the village is quite happy as it is, she also feels that it is a wonderful area in which to live, a place that is well zoned, well looked after and has plenty of water and sewage facilities for at least the next ten years.

Regional government could help in some things, but definitely she wants no part of it on a large scale.

## Judge O. S. Hollinrake retires

This month Magistrate O. S. Hollinrake who has served on the bench for twenty-one years, was sworn in as Provincial Judge. This week, on his 70th birthday, he is retiring. Judge Hollinrake and Mrs. Hollinrake have been residents at Ballantrae for many years.

In announcing his retirement, he said, "we are not stressing punishment and imprisonment, but rather, rehabilitation, for we want to make a citizen not just an ex-convict." In the opinion of judicial authorities he has had considerable success in straightening out youthful offenders who appeared before him.

Judge Hollinrake was born in Ingersoll. He graduated from Kingston Military College and served overseas with the Royal Artillery in World War I.

He graduated from Osbourne Hall and began his law practice in 1922. He took command of No. 2 District Depot when World War II broke out in 1939 and it eventually became the largest unit in the army.

While in England in 1944 he received the Order of the British Empire from King George VI.



Judge Russell Gill Pearce, Gormley, administers the oath to Magistrate O. N. Hollinrake on becoming a Provincial Judge. —Newmarket Era Photo