

District events that made headline news in 1968

JANUARY

Percy Wideman, popular Markham barber retires — Charles Hoover, Markham's first full-time fire chief — York County approves health unit amalgamation with Oshawa — Stouffville reeve proposes senior citizens' apartment — Two families flee house fire in Markham Village — Pickering student convicted on drug charge — Outline plans for new village curling rink in Stouffville — 'Centurion' Band places second in color guard show — Garfield Wright new York County Warden — Uxbridge district driver killed in crash — Stouffville P.U.C. 'time-off' pay arouses controversy — Arthur Latham receives centennial medal — Uxbridge interim control by-aw freezes land in township — Peter Sanderson top public speaker — Open new one and half-million dollar high school addition — Stouffville hit by snow storm.

FEBRUARY

Councillor Charles Hoover receives centennial medal — Gerry Egberts is Stouffville Queen's Scout — Ewart Stiver, Markham Sunday School Association President — Markham Veterans' Association honors padre Allan Wigby — Whitchurch Board buys conc. 5 school site — Form Family Life Centre in Markham — Bell to survey Stouffville area — Tribune publisher receives centennial medal — Council rejects anti-war tag day — Loaded cement truck topples into farm excavation — Joe Tran president of Markham Fair — Claremont scout receives Meritorious Conduct Medal — Uxbridge Clerk presented with centennial medal — Markham Missionary Church plans Christian Education Centre — Half-million dollar school for Whitchurch — Dayliner kills Claremont man — Whitchurch police salaries to arbitration — Council approves town status for Markham Village — Plan six-store mall on Stouffville Main Street — Stouffville area university student killed in accident.

MARCH

Rose Avenue owners protest flood problem — Markham-York hospital project receives charter — Claremont principal receives centennial medal — Open Altona Sunday school addition — Youth jailed for assault on teen girl at Claremont — Arterial road plan in Uxbridge-Markham brings protest — Police raid teen party at Milliken — Markham TSA 2 approves kindergarten classes — Whitchurch welfare costs climb — Stouffville taxes up 6.4 mills — Council rejects flood control aid — Fire destroys Claremont barn — Successful Ice Show — Council occupies new Markham Township quarters.

APRIL

Principal seeks proof of drugs in high school — Magistrate Coon receives CBC post — Stouffville council applies for industrial aid — Student Susan Sherwood receives merit award — Bert Tait, drover 35 years, sells business — Father, daughter killed in Markham plane crash — Grant Wells in World Plowing competition — Five-car crash at Island Lake — Build model homes in Ponderosa — Turn sod for new Stouffville Missionary Church — Lions mark anniversary night — Late Dr. Herb Freely, physician 46 years — Cedar Grove man wins Oscar — Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Doner married 60 years — Ringwood girl receives first Gold Cord — Don Deacon heads Markham York Hospital Board — Clarke Street man made homeless by fire — Markham Village taxes up.

MAY

John Addison announces retirement — Drive-in theatre application for Whitchurch — Music Mania tremendous success — Ex-Markham Village officer charged — Appoint Industrial Commission in Whitchurch — Credit Union moves to new offices — Approve industrial aid for Stouffville — Markham boy drowns in disposal vat — Claremont Lions hold Charter Night — High school relay team wins at Hamilton — Whitchurch TSA secretary resigns — Blair Wagg killed in tragic accident — Roberts, McCutcheon, McFadyen are candidates in York-Simcoe — Passenger killed in Dickson's Hill accident — Protest Whitchurch drive-in theatre — Trudeau greeted by thousands in area tour — Union Villa Walkathon raises \$21,000

— Honor Uxbridge building inspector — Markham woman killed near Ballantrae.

JUNE

Motorist charged in death of Whitchurch police officer — Smear letters circulated against Prime Minister — Town-line crash kills passenger — Discuss new plaza for Markham Village — Life Centre auction at Markham raises \$3,500 — Open re-modelled Markham Township Municipal Building — Stouffville tax payments prompt — Urge high powered boats be banned on Musselman's Lake — Roberts is upset winner in York-Simcoe election return — Lay cornerstone for Stouffville Missionary Church — Rev. Douglas Davis honored — Ballantrae girl praised by police for aid at accident.

JULY

Seven students win Ontario scholarships — Markham orders 35 mph speed limit on rural roads — Father of four drowns in farm pond — Pigs die in Markham barn fire — Missionary Church approves union — Mail strike does not effect Stouffville deliveries — Late Wm. Reesor was Ontario County Warden — Claremont Baptist pastor retires — Pickering grader operator has narrow escape — Truck-car crash kills woman passenger at Bloomington — Markham Village fire chief resigns — Sutton girl is dairy princess.

AUGUST

Arena Co. shows \$7,000 profit — Hydro sub-station now in service — The Tribune wins general excellence award — Freeman bridge in premature collapse — Town building tops million mark — Hi-C foster child visits town — Horse and rider killed by lightning bolt — Lady bowlers in Ontario finals — Whitchurch residents seek relief from truck noise — Markham girl has valuable horse killed by car — Teen girl performs 'miracle' operation on pig — Claremont United Church pastor takes new post — Markham Village firemen withdraw resignation threat — Armed robbery at Markham milk stop — U.S. visitor's hurt in car-truck crash — Senior Citizens apartment approved for Stouffville — Over 400 entries in Horticultural Society flower show — Scouts caught in Milton storm — Portable classroom for Orchard Park School — Markham Highland Games attract 5,000 — Fluoride Clinic in Stouffville — New Baptist Church for Markham — Lad, four, cut in hay mower.

SEPTEMBER

Elderly man found after lengthy search — Arena crusade attracts large congregations — 'New Neighbors' come to The Ponderosa — Markham antique show attracts 4,000 — Brougham district man burned in flash fire — Student 'electrocuted' but lives — Mrs. Alice Veale, 101 — High school alters initiation rites — Three members of Brougham area family on staff of Pickering High — Seeks new site for funeral home — Late Gordon Lunau, respected Markham resident — Gertrude Todd, respected Stouffville lady — Levi Forsyth, lifelong community resident — Stouffville I.G.A. retain baseball crown — Forsyth auction at Uxbridge attracts hundreds — O.M.B. favors Markham a town — Whitchurch deputy-reeve dismissed from industrial committee.

OCTOBER

Plaza store robbed of \$6,000 — Markham Township goes 'wet' — Markham Barbershoppers receive charter — Predict Stouffville population 40,000 in 30 years — Talented musician killed in tragic accident — Markham Fair crowd sets record — Nurses honored at capping ceremony — Ninety-seven entries in Mongolia Open — Whitchurch Board approves school contract — Over 5,000 at Cedar Grove festival — Government cutback halts 'Home' construction at Unionville, Stouffville — Uxbridge district furrow queen to International — Stouffville ices Intermediate team — Whitchurch deputy-reeve defends position in industry — Floyd Forsyth in bid for Canadian plowing title — Ted Gough, Markham Fire Chief — Whitchurch Equestrian Club holds successful show — Gormley district girl killed in crash — Second \$6,000 theft at Plaza store — Markham school

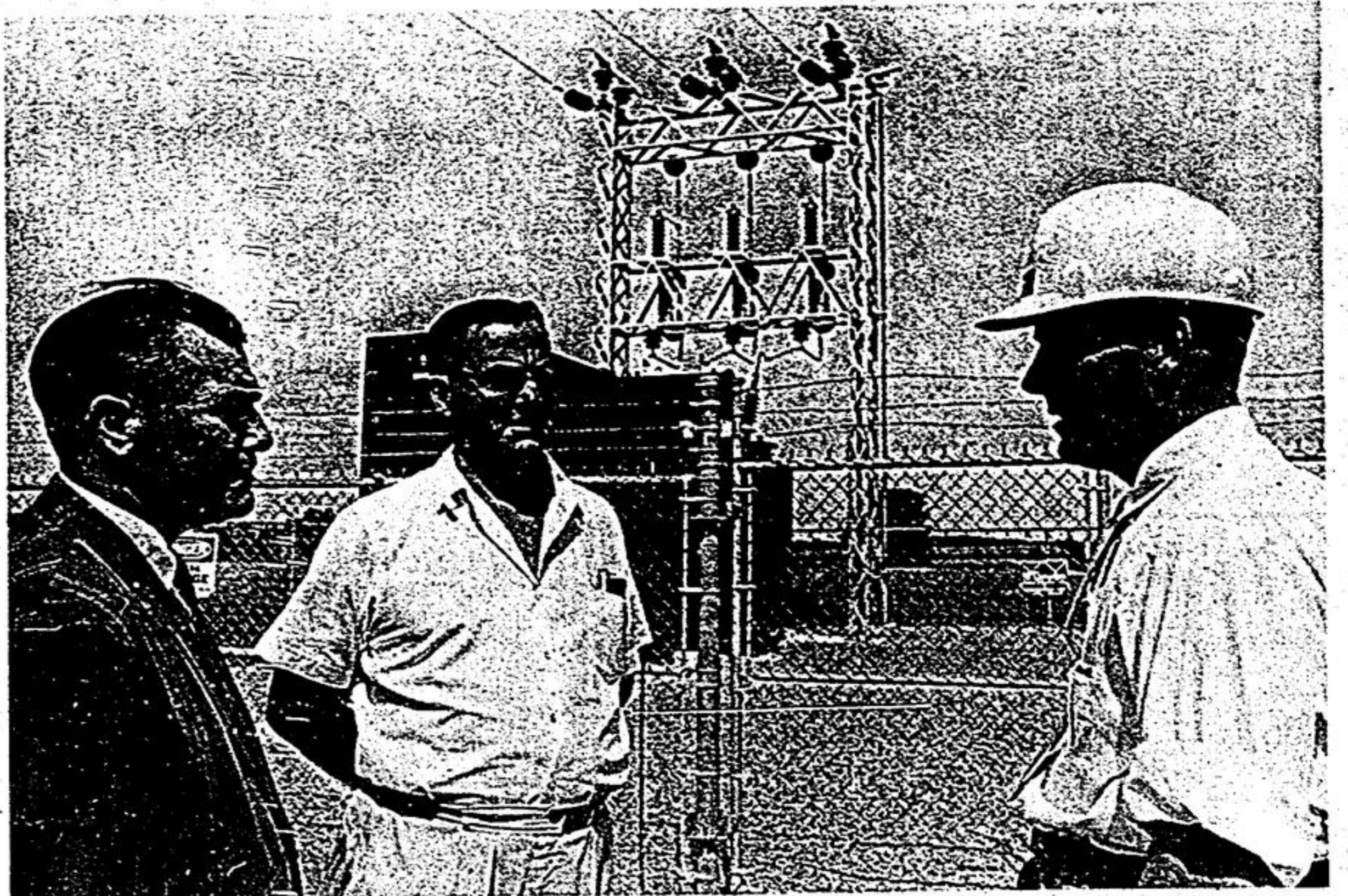
extends accident-free record — Co-Op exceeds \$million sales.

NOVEMBER

Open new Stouffville Missionary Church — Kent Tools Ltd. to build new Markham plant — \$50,000 for Stouffville Machine and Tool Works Ltd. — New plastics plant comes to Stouffville — Main Street ask truck ban — Fear water contamination from garbage — Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wideman, Markham, married 67 years — Linda Sargent honored student at Graduation Night — Eleven year old Markham girl assaulted — Two apartment buildings for Stouffville — Town reeve fights water pollution problem — World War I Veterans honored — To impose controls on gravel industry in Uxbridge — Arrest suspects in abduction case — Heated swimming pool opened at Vandorf.

DECEMBER

Two men split Lions \$2,500 prize — Reeve Rumble by a landslide in Markham Twp. — Athur Starr elected to County education post — Alma Walker first Markham mayor — Elderly Markham man killed in crash — M.P.s discuss 'GO' service — Regional government assured — Markham Melody-Makers receive charter — Honor Fred Wicks on retirement as Y.F.A. secretary — Anthony Roman, Markham Twp deputy-reeve; Harold Lawrie in Markham Twp. — Ab Laidlaw elected Markham Town Reeve Century City for Uxbridge Township — Scarborough girl cited for bravery; Gormley district boy receives plaque — George Rodanz seriously injured — Bell plans rate increase — Santa Claus Parade is colorful success — Principal predicts end to regimentation in high school — Judge O. S. Hollinrake to retire — Stiver Mill in Stouffville is sold — Claremont youth killed in crash — Markham pastor condemns 'filth' literature — Honor councillor Charles Hoover — Fire calls set record.



Reeve, Ken Laushway, P.U.C. Chairman, R. F. Farr, and Works Supt., Gordon Brown, inspect new Stouffville hydro sub-station.



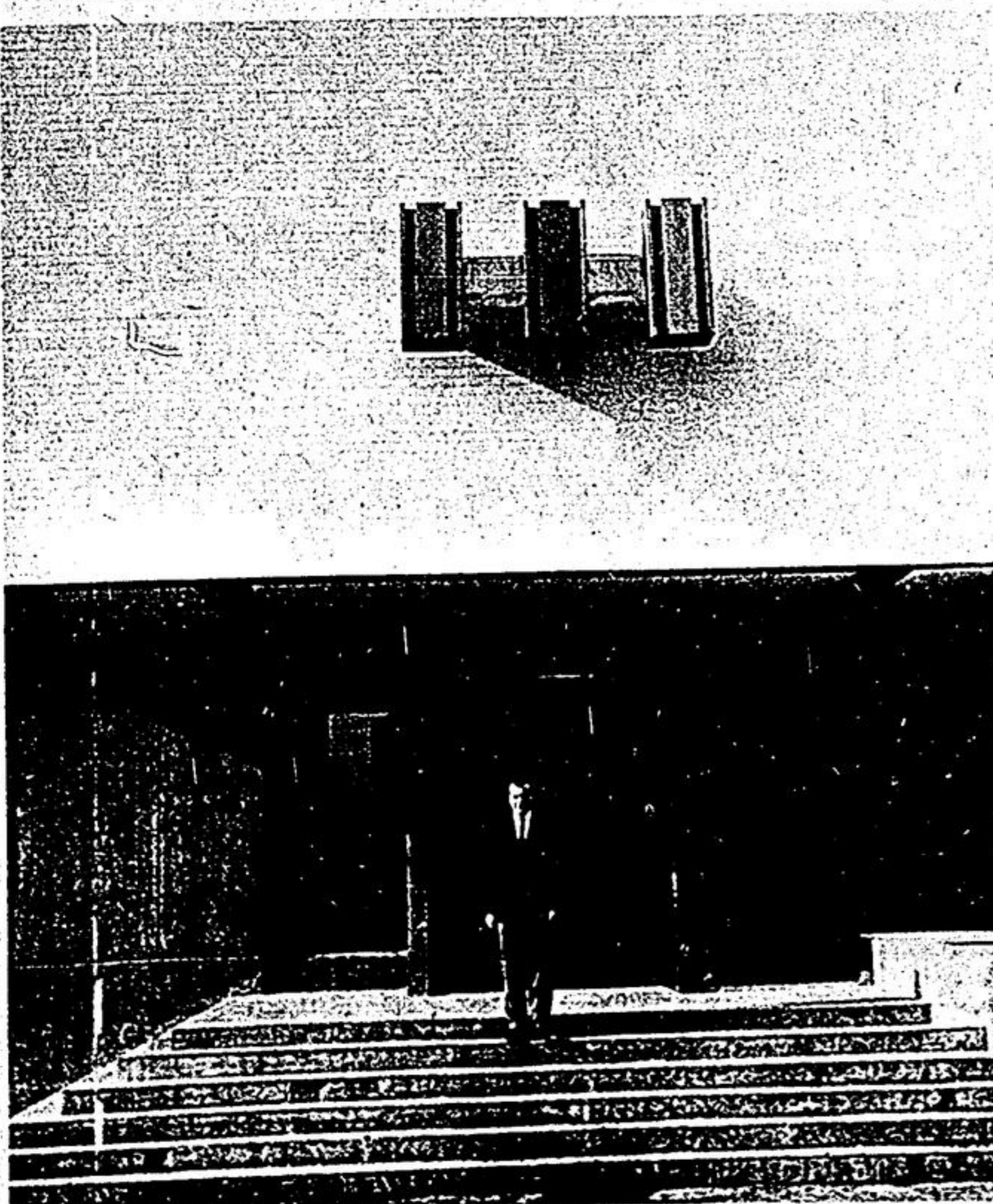
Executive members of the new Markham York Hospital Board (l. to r.) Lloyd Mason, vice-president; Donald Deacon, president; Joseph Fry, treasurer and Ray Ostrander, secretary.



Jim Pickering of Claremont, killed in tragic train-truck crash.



John Roberts, M.P. An election upset.



Remodelled Markham Township municipal building opened at Buttonville.



Joe Tran Markham Fair President



Lloyd Irwin Tragic Accident



Percy Wideman, popular Markham barber, retires.



Workman has narrow escape at Freeman bridge collapse.