

Mr. and Mrs. David L. Stouffer

Message from the Queen

STOUFFVILLE — Looking ahead, sixty years may seem like a very long time.

Looking back, it's almost like yesterday. On Monday, Mr. and Mrs. David L. Stouffer, Main Street, Stouffville looked back — to a date, Apr. 7, 1909 — their wedding day.

The ceremony, held at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel B. Hoover, Dickson's Hill, was performed by Rev. C. N. Good.

Later, the happy couple travelled by horse and buggy to Markham for a honeymoon trip by train to Mrs. Stouffer's sister's in Smiths Falls.

On their return, they farmed at Ringwood, but for the past 35 years, have lived in Stouffville.

While their diamond anniversary was not an 'open house,' the family, close friends and neighbors refused to let the occasion slip by.

An afternoon of fellowship, over a cup of coffee was enjoyed at the home of their daughter Helen (Mrs. Belfry Hamilton), Harold Street.

Also present was their second daughter Marion (Mrs. Fred Nicely) of Ringwood; five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Stouffer's day was made complete with a message of congratulations from the Queen.

Other telegrams were received from Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau; Premier John Robarts and a personal letter from York North M.P., William Hodson.

Mr. Stouffer was a son born just north of Ed-



Mr. and Mrs. David L. Stouffer, Main Street West, married sixty years. — Staff Photo

ward Street, the son of Stouffville pioneer residents, Christian Stouffer and Jane Macklem. He is 88.

Mrs. Stouffer, 84, was one in a family of eight. A sister, Mrs. Willis Lehman, resides at Unionville.

Both maintain a keen interest in hockey and seldom miss a Leaf

game on television. Mrs. Stouffer's favorite is goaltender, Johnny Bower.

She also loves to crochet and a beautiful cloth on the dining room table is a product of her handiwork. She completed it while confined to hospital with a broken hip and since then has made one for

each of her five grandchildren.

Mr. Stouffer's carpentry skills are well known and in the days of his youth, he captained many a barn raising.

The Tribune is pleased to add its congratulations to a wonderful couple on a wonderful day.

Sr. Citizens' apartment agreement signed by town

STOUFFVILLE — Construction is expected to begin this summer on the erection of a new 22-suite senior citizens' apartment, requested by village council last year.

Final ratification must come from the Ontario Housing Corporation, a department branch of the Provincial Government and this is expected within two weeks.

Queen's Park looked favorably on the project for Stouffville after they conducted a needs' survey in 1968. Rental rates will be determined by the income of individual tenants.

Apartments similar to the one to be built in Stouffville are already in use in Richmond Hill and Newmarket.

Reeve Ken Laushway, who proposed the project little more than one year

ago, said he was pleased that a satisfactory site had been found, close to a shopping area and convenient to village services.

The property is immediately east of St. Mark's School with the entrance from Elm Road.

The reeve suggested that if plans proceed according to expectations, the contract would be let in June and the building completed by mid-November.

Markham town councillor stresses the right 'to be left alone'

Costs could skyrocket

MARKHAM — Councillor Arthur Bonner in a prepared statement to the Town Council Monday said that municipalities should have the right to opt out of regional government in favor of what might be deemed a better and more acceptable plan of expansion through annexation, possibly amalgamation with other municipalities, or perhaps the right to be left alone.

Debts Could Climb He said it would appear that Regional Government would benefit many municipalities by providing a broader financial base.

However, he warned, it could also create a bigger area for possible debt. Even poorer municipalities could find their share of Regional Government much more costly than the debts they are presently trying to retire.

No Justification Mr. Bonner reviewed the recent confrontation between Ontario and Ottawa over cost sharing programs, and pointed to the fact that it had been conceded no government

could represent all the people. On a similar scale, no Regional Government could represent all the people in a region.

He said there was no justification for arbitrarily forcing this change on the people of Ontario.

At best, councillor Bonner continued, it only means that present municipal councils would be administrators while the actual control would go to the regional level.

Bigger and Costlier He pointed to the County-area school system, the assessing system and welfare as example of skyrocketing costs once the jobs were removed from local municipal jurisdiction. He said it took three times the number of assessors to do the assessing in York County as it did when the municipalities conducted the work themselves.

Councillor Walter Grieve told council that he too had a statement to make concerning Regional Government and recalled the motion that he had sponsored at an earlier

meeting calling for a new Town to be formed using the present Markham and a portion of Markham Twp.

He said it seemed apparent that the township was prepared to give up territory to the Yonge Street corridor and to a greater Stouffville area.

He added that the remarks of the Minister of Municipal Affairs on Apr. 1 showed that he was thinking along similar lines.

Extravagant Costs Mr. Grieve said the Minister had suggested reducing the 14 municipalities of York County to six or seven. Towns of this size could look after their own affairs, he continued, and don't need any Regional Government which imposes a fourth level of government.

He pointed out that taxpayers are already facing extravagant costs of the new Board of Education and called on the provincial government to consider its plans for a two-tier system of government.

Ask recreation aid

MARKHAM — With a recreation budget for 1969 estimated at \$45,000, the Town of Markham is appealing to the Twp. of Markham for financial assistance.

Mayor Alma Walker made the request at a meeting of council at Buttonville, Apr. 8. She was accompanied by town recreation director 'Chuck' McCarthy.

Mayor Walker said that of the 1,985 membership in the recreation program, 206 came from the township.

She said that while council was pleased that town facilities were being used, she noted that the cost represented a sizeable sum for the taxpayers to bear alone.

Reeve Stewart Rumble ruled that the application for funds be turned over to the finance committee for consideration.

Uxbridge Township

Council rejects education budget

Too great a burden - reeve

UXBRIDGE TWP. — Municipal councils in many parts of the Province have indicated alarm over the mounting cost of education under the new County Board system.

The latest to voice opposition is the Township of Uxbridge where the budget requirement for public and high school purposes has climbed to a staggering \$400,000.

The council, in an unprecedented move, has rejected the requisition that, according to reeve Alvin Redshaw, will cost the average taxpayer an estimated \$88.00.

"We're questioning the cause of the increase and we want some answers," said reeve Redshaw. "We feel that a mistake has been made somewhere." Mr. Redshaw said that many residents would be unable to cope with the cost hike and would be forced to move out.

In 1968, the rate for education in Uxbridge was 45.5 mills. To meet the budget figure in 1969, the rate will go up to 67.

Last year, the rate for all purposes in Uxbridge was 77 mills. With the current increase in education, it will be at least 103.

The resolution, approved unanimously reads: "That this Council reject the 1969 preliminary requisition of the Ontario County Board of Education and feels strongly that, under the present educational cost-sharing system, which will give this municipality an approximate 60 percent increase in educational costs over 1968, the ratepayers of this municipality do not have the means to meet this huge increase in educational tax.

Therefore, this Council urgently recommends that the Ontario County Board of Education completely revises the 1969 requisition with a view of drastically reducing their budget."

Copies of the resolution have been forwarded to the Ontario Minister of Education, Hon. William G. Davis; Liberal leader, Robert F. Nixon and Donald C. MacDonald of the New Democratic Party.

In the County of York, the budget for education has not yet been released but municipalities, Stouffville included, are braced for a sizeable hike.

Grim statistics

YORK CITY. — The Ontario Dept. of Transport has just released a 25-page report covering all motor vehicle accidents reported to police in the Province during 1968.

The statistics are shocking. In that 12-month period 1,586 persons were killed and 71,520 injured.

Of the drivers involved 88.2 percent were classed as 'apparently normal'; 6.1 percent as 'had been drinking' and 1.8 percent as 'ability impaired.'

Property damage as a result of motor vehicle collisions exceeded \$89 million.

Closer to home in York City, Aurora had 126 accidents, 1 killed, 54 injured; Richmond Hill, 202 accidents, 5 killed, 92 injured; Markham Town, 74 accidents, none killed, 34 injured; Newmarket, 182 accidents, 2 killed, 60 injured; Stouffville, 54 accidents, none killed, 13 injured and Sutton, 35 accidents, none killed, 10 injured.



93rd birthday

Congratulations to Mrs. John Paxton, Musselman's Lake on the occasion of her 93rd birthday, celebrated Apr. 4. Mrs. Paxton still enjoys nothing better than a pot of hot tea with her friends over a four-handed game of old fashioned euchre.

'Century City' on agenda

UXBRIDGE TWP. — The pros and cons of the proposed 'Century City' development, as viewed by members of Uxbridge Twp. Council will be outlined before a general meeting of the municipal ratepayers' association in Goodwood, Apr. 10.

This is a third in a series of discussions on the subject of 'Century City' a topic of current interest to everyone in the Uxbridge area. All previous gatherings have been well attended. The meeting time is 8:30 p.m.

Invitations have been sent out to the reeve, Alvin Redshaw; deputy-reeve, Robert Nesbitt and councillors Clark Muirhead, Frank Hendy and Grant Drewery.

A question and answer period will follow.

For the year 1969 all executive positions in the association have been filled by acclamation with one exception. Keith Barrie, Goodwood, R.R. 1, has resigned.

Nominees to fill the post have been accepted by Robert Cudlipp and Hank Carlson.

Wooden fence fine claims pool owner

MARKHAM — The type of fence surrounding private pools in the Town of Markham, as specified in an amended by-law has brought opposition from a Sherwood Forest Estates resident, Wally West.

Mr. West charged that the wooden barrier erected on his premises was superior to either the chain link or fibreglass material spelled out in the council order.

He said that to meet the town's ruling, his fence would have to come down. He noted that this would cause an inconvenience to his neighbors since their fences were attached to it. He urged the members to visit his property and see it for themselves.

Mayor Alma Walker asked Mr. West if he had ever consulted the town office to learn the requirements of the by-law.

The ratepayer replied that he had erected the fence before he installed the pool.

Mayor Walker said that in her opinion, the by-law met all requirements. She said that council's first thought was for the safety of local children.

"I know people who have had children drown in pools with the same type of fence that you prescribe," argued Mr. West.

On a recommendation by deputy-reeve Harold Lawrie, members agreed to inspect the pool site and then consider the matter further.

Twelve-mile chase

Police stop stolen auto

MARKHAM TWP. — A 1966 model 6-cylinder Chevrolet travelling at 105 m.p.h.

Markham police could not believe it, either, but they soon found out when they attempted to stop it.

The chase, at 5 a.m., Sunday morning, began in Metro. Officers radioed ahead for assistance and P.C. Fred McNeil of Markham Town headed south to intercept.

At the intersection of Steele's Avenue and Hwy. 48, the getaway car breezed past like a runaway comet.

Const. McNeil called for aid and P.C. Glyn Forrester of Markham Twp. joined in.

At a point north of 16th Avenue, just outside the Markham Town limits, the cruiser, doing 110, caught the lead vehicle but couldn't pull alongside.

At Ringwood, Const. Forrester attempted to force the driver onto a vacant service station lot, but this failed when the youth sped away again. In the exchange, the cruiser was damaged.

The chase was finally concluded south of Balantrae and 16 year old Daniel Brian Turner of

Scarboro taken into custody. He has been charged with dangerous driving and auto theft.

Const. Forrester said later that he would never have believed that any 6-cylinder car could go so fast for so far.



New manager

Harold Hoover, O'Brien Avenue, Stouffville, has been appointed manager of new Credit Union branch office, 115 Main Street North in Markham. The official opening is Apr. 12 at 10 a.m.

Girl's testimony praised

Men guilty on rape charge

MARKHAM — Following four hours of deliberation, an all-male Supreme Court jury has found two Toronto men guilty of rape and abduction of an 11 year old Markham school girl, Nov. 12.

Michael John Copps, 28 and Rodney Samuel Hickey, 21 will appear before Chief Justice E. G. Thompson for sentence, April 21. Both appeared pale and tense as the verdict was read.

Judge Thompson, in his charge to the jury, praised the little girl on her presentation of evidence. "I must say, that she gave it far better than many of the adults who appeared here," he said.

He said that the jury must weigh the credibility of the girl's testimony, in particular her identification of the two accused.

With reference to Hickey, Judge Thompson asked

them to consider whether he was insane at the time of the alleged assault and therefore lacked knowledge of 'insanity' and 'drunkenness', the two men should be considered as involved together in the case.

As the two men were led from the courtroom under heavy police guard, the sobbing wife of Copps promised she'd await his release.

Both Copps and Hickey had maintained their innocence throughout the trial. Copps, who on several occasions was threatened with ejection from the court because of numerous outbursts, denied under oath that he had ever seen the girl before.

The victim was dragged into a car while returning home from skating at the Markham Arena.



Something funny happened on the way to the arena!

Fifteen year old Susan Chapman as 'Thoroughly Modern Millie', will drive this car of ancient vintage in the Stouffville Skating Club's production of 'Muscle! Muscle! Muscle!' Friday and Saturday night. The most pressing problem at the moment, is how to get it from the point of assembly on Watson Drive to the Arena. Constable Austin Quinn outlines the list of pending charges, including illegal parking on the boulevard. — Staff Photo