



Mr. and Mrs. Stephen McDowell were married Aug. 2 at Stouffville Missionary Church. The bride, Karen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Jones of R. R. 2, Markham and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McDowell of R. R. 2, Markham. Rev. John Hamilton and Rev. W. Hunking conducted the ceremony with the reception at Victoria Square Community Centre. The couple are living in Kitchener.

## Year end review diverse panorama

(continued from pg. 1) dramatic changes in the make-up of the York County Board of Education. There were 10 new members elected including Colin Barrett, who upset incumbent trustee, John McMurray. The board elects its chairman early in the new year.

Len Keeping, who barbered on Main St. for over 20 years, celebrated 50 years in the barbering trade. That was early in January 1974. He was presented with a special plaque by the provincial government for his contribution to barbering.

Then in the August Len closed up shop. Traid Travel and Stouffville Printing moved into the Main St. store. With that only the plaza barbershop was left in town.

York County Board of Education had some problems with its janitors, secretaries and elementary teachers, but none went on strike.

June 23, Joan Mahaffey was killed when she was thrown from a motorcycle on Don Mills Rd. She was passenger on the machine driven by her fiancé.

It was the 50th anniversary of York Regional Forest (formerly York County) and with that the 5 millionth tree was planted at a special ceremony by Regional chairman Garfield Wright.

In June, Nelson Wilson was killed in a crash at Greerbank when his car failed to negotiate a turn and hit a pole. A large number of "bikers" came to town and attended the funeral and escorted the body to the cemetery.

There were some notes of triumph in 1974. For the residents of Cedar Valley, the Ontario Municipal Board refused to allow an industrial park to be established in the hamlet. The owners of the property were to appeal the decision in the new year.

Markham Fair acquired a new home early in the new year with the acquisition of the 100-acre Stanley Watson Farm on 18th Ave. between Highway 48 and the 7th Line. The fair still operated on the old site in 1974 and attracted record crowds. The first one on the new site will be in 1976.

government first believed. As this article is being written the commission's report is to be soon forwarded to the government and its findings made known early in 1975.

Off-street parking in downtown Stouffville managed to create some differences of opinion amongst the merchants. The plan, as presented at a meeting in the spring, was for the town to acquire land for off-street parking and charge those merchants benefitting a levy to pay for it. Four sites have been considered with a total cost of \$300,000.

In December, The Tribune learned that a number of merchants have hired a lawyer to fight the levy, but parking chairman Eldred King claims the issue won't die.

"Freak" accidents marred 1974. On Jun 13, Helen Dewitt died when she fell out of her car and it circled around and ran over her. It occurred on Main St. E. as she went to visit her mother at Brierbush Hospital.

Construction was begun on Stouffville's new post office in the spring and the building was completed early in December. Total cost of the facility was set at \$251,800. The building is complete with modernistic sculpture out front. The town still won't have door-to-door mail delivery though.

Lynne Robbins took over as librarian in the spring and immediately began to make her mark. She reorganized the book return system, then the library board decided to move the library. It was relocated at the corner of Main St. and Mill St. The move took place in August and early September. Mrs. Robbins reports that 700 new cards were issued after the new facility opened. Expanded hours and increased space were cited as the main reasons for the upswing.

Stouffville's newly formed ministerial fraternal decided to take action and sent a letter to all the book stores in town requesting that pornographic and suggestive books be removed from shelves, so that young people would not be attracted to them. The ministers termed the merchant response as "positive".

This year was also an important milestone in the history of the Stouffville Horticultural Society as it celebrated its golden anniversary. Highlight of the year was a program April 15 at St. James' Presbyterian Church to mark the occasion.

During the sports day, Wayne Feasby was named Sports Personality of the Year. June saw graduation and a record 19 Ontario Scholars at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School. They were — Jeff Aida, Jennifer Bangay, John Campey, David Downs, Wayne Feasby, Wynand Egberts, Diane Gould, Laurie Lewis, Heather Longino, David Montgomery, Ann Morrow, Donald Smith, Joan Stanton, Sharon Todd, Sharon Tranmer, Werner Uibl, Douglas Wagg, Wendy Wilkes and James Wilson.

Arson was suspected in a fire that did \$40,000 damage at Schell Lumber July 4.

Well-known sportsman Hall Gibson died suddenly.

All the vacant stores on Main St. gradually filled up as 1974 drew to a close. New stores included Cheese-N-Crackers Shop, Weavers Loom, and Stouffville Delicatessen.

Elections saw few surprises. Ward 2 Councillor Jim Wong retired and Tom Wood was narrowly defeated by Becky Wedley for that seat. She will be the only new face on council in 1975.

Two Goodwood men were killed Oct. 10 when their car collided head-on with a pick-up truck on Highway 47, north of Stouffville. Dead were Charles Plewse and Robert Dawson. They were on their way home from work in Scarborough.

Federal LEAP grant was given to the Cedars of Musselman's Lake craft group. It was a total of \$95,000 to help establish a cottage industry in the lake area.

Bill Snow drowned Oct. 27 while canoeing near his cottage on Lake Simcoe. Two years previously his son was killed when he was knocked from his bicycle.

Art Latham opened his wallet in 1974 and decided to give Goodwood an arena. The total cost is estimated at \$600,000. Construction will likely begin in the spring.

Whitchurch-Stouffville will have to find its own dog catcher in 1975. The Ontario Humane Society announced in November that its York Region branch would close in the new year.

Fires took their toll at the end of the year. Dec. 13, Terry, 3, and Douglas, 5, the sons of Frank and Judy Campbell of Claremont died in the fire that gutted their frame house. A total of over \$17,000 has been raised so far for the Taylors by the community and workers at General Motors.

## Trustee looks into New Year

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York Board was first formed, that positions were found for people from all of the 27 small school boards that were merged.

"I think now has come the time to take a businessman's look at the administration and try to find the simplest way of operating without overloading the staff at the executive level," he said.

Mr. Barrett, who is manager of Guaranty Trust on Main Street, said that "as a person in management myself I think I can appreciate the problems."

At present, he said, the structure of the administration is under scrutiny by management consultants. Much will depend on the board's reaction to their recommendations, he said.

From his experience, Mr. Barrett feels the role he is best suited for on the board is "to look after the spending of \$48 million." He said he hoped the board could work for a realistic spending ceiling without harming the education of the children.

"We have to assess the merit of increasing taxes to perhaps offset some of these costs," he

said. "It's a pretty hard decision to make."

A company can very easily cut costs, "but an educational system doesn't work that way," he said. "By increasing class sizes, our educational facilities will suffer."

However, Mr. Barrett believes that some of the programs sponsored by the York Board should be re-evaluated to see if they are worth the expense. One of these, he said, is the master teacher program.

Regarding the charge that York students today are less proficient in basic skills, Mr. Barrett

said "I do think we should concentrate on the basic 'three r's'. Students today get a broader education, which is good, but the facts show that the 'three r's' are being neglected."

Going back to the need for a new school building in Stouffville, Mr. Barrett said, "It is a poor situation where the ministry will only approve the building of new schools when the whole area is overcrowded."

Citing statistics that indicate that Stouffville schools are either full or over-full, Mr. Barrett added that "It is to be hoped that if the Dulverton development

goes ahead, that the proposed new school will be started as soon as possible. It's the only way the problem of overcrowding will be overcome."

In conclusion, Mr. Barrett said: "I want to make sure the wishes of the people are met. I certainly hope to encourage public meetings between trustee, teacher, and parent in the future."

"Unfortunately, the only way people seem to get involved in education is when there's a drastic increase in taxes," he went on. "Then they ask: 'Why are you doing this?'"

## Impaired charges

### jump by 34.2%

YORK REGION — According to York Regional Police the number of impaired driving charges up to November of this year is 34.2 per cent higher than in the same period of 1973.

In 1973 there were 704 charges laid and this year there have been 945.

According to Police Chief Bruce Crawford, "This didn't necessarily mean there were more impaired drivers." Chief Crawford attributed the increase in charges to a stepped up spot check program carried out during the majority of this year.

# Your government's position on negotiations with the Civil Service Association of Ontario.

The Government of Ontario has offered the CSAO an average 20% pay increase over one year and is prepared to go to arbitration. CSAO leadership has refused this offer and also refuses to go to arbitration. We believe, as your government, we have offered a fair and reasonable contract.

For almost three months now the Government of Ontario has been trying to negotiate a new collective agreement with the Civil Service Association of Ontario covering some 19,000 civil servants in the Operational Services Category.

With less than two weeks' negotiating time left before the current contract expires and the CSAO threatening an illegal strike on January 1st if it doesn't have a new agreement by then, we thought it was time to let you, the taxpayers of Ontario, know directly how and where things stand.

After all, it is your tax dollars that will be used to pay for any wage settlement we make with these employees. And it is your services that will be threatened with disruption if the CSAO carries out its threat of an illegal walkout.

### The government has tried to negotiate in good faith.

Government and CSAO negotiators have had a number of meetings since September. At them our representatives have consistently tried to bargain seriously and in good faith. We have shown reasonable flexibility in our position. When that approach failed to draw a response from the other side, government negotiators on December 3rd put their full mandate on the bargaining table.

By contrast, CSAO negotiators in September demanded a 61½ per cent increase in a one-year contract for 1975 — an increase that would cost you, the taxpayers of Ontario, almost \$100 million in additional wage bills next year. The CSAO refused to move from that position until December 13th when it put forth an equally unrealistic and unreasonable demand for a 41 per cent increase in one year.

### The government has made a fair and reasonable wage offer.

The government's current offer was made in a sincere attempt to be fair and reasonable with our employees, while at the same time, recognizing our wider responsibilities to taxpayers and economy of our province.

In recognition of the current inflationary climate in Canada, we proposed a one-year contract so that both sides could return to the bargaining table within 12 months and review the situation in the light of economic circumstances at that time. For 1975 we offered wage increases averaging 20 per cent for the 19,000 employees involved. These increases would cost an additional \$32.7 million next year.

### The government wants a settlement — but it must be prepared for an illegal strike.

The government remains ready to negotiate seriously and in good faith within the framework of its current proposal. We have already offered to submit the matter to an arbitration board. And an arbitration board, we might add, which would be constituted in a way which would meet the CSAO's own demand for equal representation on such boards.

In the meantime, since January 1st isn't far away, the government has had to formulate contingency plans in the event the CSAO leadership persists in calling an illegal strike. We hope that doesn't happen. But if it does, we are determined to meet our responsibility to maintain those services you rightfully expect to receive from your government.

We believe we have been fair and reasonable with our employees and responsible to you as taxpayers and to the economy of our province.



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