

# Police budget cuts curtailing service

**YORK REGION** — It's one thing to cut costs, but when it's done at the risk of public safety, then it's everyone's concern. This is the feeling of the York Regional Board of Police Commissioners after hearing a report from Chief Bruce Crawford on increased crime statistics. Judge Donald Couture, the Commission chairman, informed members that police service in York is suffering because of budget reductions imposed by Regional Council. General crime is up 14.5 per cent during the first six months of this year. Chief Crawford said. While incidents involving people are down, crime against property has increased substantially, he said. Fifty-three per cent are

satisfactorily cleared, he stated, compared to 54 per cent in '72. The Chief praised the Force for its high clearance rate. With respect to traffic accidents, fatalities have more than doubled with 20 persons losing their lives from January to the end of June. During this same period, officers have responded to 2,879 calls.

"Statistics show the same number of men have had to work harder, since calls are up by eleven per cent," Chief Crawford explained. Judge Couture said the department had reached "a saturation point." "The police can make only so many calls and someone is going to have to realize this," he said.

The chairman pointed out that the Commission's budget as presented, had been cut as lean as possible, yet it was further reduced by \$50,000. "We tried to tell them there were no frills—that we needed every penny," he stated. "It's easy to say 'I told you so', but that doesn't help," he concluded.

## Editor's Mail

### Seniority rule wrong

Dear sir, In the August 30 edition of The Tribune was an article under the heading "Professional Survival" which I hope is not an indication of the times, or our young people who plan to enter the teaching profession will give up before they start.

I refer specifically to one 18-point resolution from the Ontario Public School Men Teachers' Federation executive stating that "seniority should be the basic factor used to determine redundancy and that merit and qualifications should play no part in the process".

What kind of unintelligent reasoning is this? I wonder to what extreme it is to be carried. All of us at one time during our school years can remember a rather disorganized, unenthusiastic teacher whose subject was boring in the extreme, and yet in a later year, the same subject came to life under the tutelage of an excellent teacher with a fresh, young approach.

I gather from this article that anyone who has been teaching for a number of years can put his/her feet up on the desk, stop reading any articles to keep his subject knowledge up to date, and still be assured of that comfortable pay cheque until retirement age at which time there will be another comfortable pension cheque. This is a competitive society (except evidently in the teaching profession). Every day in the business sector of our working world, someone gets a position because he is more qualified and proficient than someone else.

Do we the taxpayers have to support inefficiency in the teaching profession? when we ourselves know that the same lack of effort in our place of employment will cost us our jobs?

**MARINA RODGERS, RR 2, Claremont.**

**Need crossing guard.** A school crossing guard is required immediately for the location at Ninth Line and Second Street in Stouffville. Applicants should apply at the Municipal Office, R.E. Corner, clerk.



**Melville area woman killed in tragic three-vehicle crash**

A 64 year old Melville woman was killed, last week, in an accident that involved two cars and a truck on Kennedy Road near 19th Avenue, Markham. Pronounced dead on arrival at hospital was Cora Lillian Darch of R.

R. 1, Unionville. Robert Scott Hearn, 18, of Scarborough has been charged with criminal negligence causing death and driving while impaired. — Sjoerd Witteveen.

## Tribune files

## 34 years ago

# Village celebrated the end of the war

What stories made headlines in The Tribune, 34 years ago? To find out, the editor dusted off filed copies of the newspaper dated August-September, 1945. The following are some of the items he found.

Four words were all Canada had been waiting to hear and read, were published on Page 1 of the August 16 issue, saying simply: "The War Is Over". A story in another section of the Front Page read: "When the radio flashed the news, 'the war is over' at 7 o'clock in the evening, it was a signal for flags to be hung out along Main Street and a start of a hilarious evening for the young people, who surged up and down the road and sidewalks, banging tins, blowing horns and doing anything and everything that would make a noise until real enthusiasm was worked up. Confetti and strings of paper like ticker tape strewn draped the wires; the siren sounded and the old town bell clanged. About midnight, quiet reigned again".

The war's end meant the release of Allen Harper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Harper, 6th concession of Whitchurch. Allan had been a prisoner of the Japanese four years.

Two Gormley area farmers reported yields of 50 bushels to the acre in fall wheat. On the farm of Harold Doner, 550 bushels were threshed from 11 acres. On the Murray Wideman property, ten acres had a yield of 500 bushels.

"Skip" Upworth, brother-in-law of Harry Paisley, had a narrow escape from injury and even death when a bullet grazed his shirt and lodged in a scantling he was carrying. The near miss occurred at Island Lake where Mr. Upworth was assisting in the building of a cottage for his son on the Victor Paisley farm.

Bob Holman and Vic Robinson, two of the first Claremont boys to enlist for overseas duty in the Canadian Army Tank Regiment, went over together and returned home together. On his return, Vic held the rank

of Lieutenant, the paper reported.

With the war over, the Red Cross announced cancellation of further blood donor clinics in Markham. At the final one, 49 persons gave blood including Ray Graham, Ida Ingleton, Bill Peacock, Harvey Taylor and John Young (their third donation); Catherine Ferguson, Selina Herbert, Hilda Kelly, Edith Malcolm, Gordon Murison, Cora Plaxton, Richard Ward and Marion Warne (their sixth donation); Glen Cole, H.B. Hall, Alfred Hill, Gordon Miles, Ruby Reesor, Wm. Summerfeldt, Murray Wilson and William Young (their tenth donation).

Col. Frederick H. VanNostrand of Vandorf was among the Canadian Army officers to be decorated by the King at an investiture held at Buckingham Palace. Col. VanNostrand was awarded the O.B.E. (Order of the British Empire) medal.

During the war years, an estimated \$1,000 was raised through the collection of salvage. The first organized drive was led by Cedric Watson, principal of the Stouffville Public School while Abe Lehman took it on himself to collect from local storekeepers. A picture on Page 1 of the Aug. 23, Tribune named the following students who took part: Bernard Salmon, Earl Paisley, Bob Weatherall, Eunice Corcoran, Audrey Good, Erline Paisley, Doug Davis, Lorne Schell, Bruce Paisley, Albert Smalley, Bill Nicholson, Bruce Crowder, Roy Ward, Fred Mantle, Jack Castle, Jack Valteau, Jack King and Don Davis. The driver of the truck was Bert Paisley.

The resignation of Bruce Morton was announced from the management of the Stouffville Co-operative. His successor was Bruce Clark of Peterborough, grandson of Mrs. Thos. Kilnck, O'Brien Avenue, Stouffville.

Baseball officials in the North York Lions League were unanimous in their choice of Ken Schell as the No. 1 catcher in the group.

L.C. Murphy.

Stouffville High principal announced the names of the following Upper School students and the subjects they completed successfully: Stanley Ball, Evelyn Beach, Celeste Bright, Betty Davis, Luella Harper, Eldred King, Ken Schell, Harold Steckley, Betty Storey, Marion Weldon, and Mary Williams.

The staff at the Stouffville High School for the start of the fall term included the following: L.C. Murphy, principal; Jean Collins, Kathleen Swinton, Cecilia Hounson, Bolton Slack and Paul Sherk. Chairman of the Board was A.G. Thompson and secretary, H.O. Klinck.

The Tribune reported the sale of the Douglas Bacon farm at Claremont for a price of \$8,000. The property contained 87 acres. At the farm auction, the tractor sold for \$600; tractor plow, \$100; young sows, \$42 and wheat, \$1.02 a bushel.

The paper reported the purchase of gravel deposits on the Russell Storry farm at Gravel Hill by Messrs. Ross Winterstein and P.J. Haley in a partnership arrangement.

The Joe Winterstein farm on the 10th concession of Whitchurch, was sold to Eldon Smith, operator of the Joe Groose farm, south of Ringwood.

A serious car crash at Lemonville injured three persons including Dr. S.S. Crouch and son Tom of Toronto and owners of a summer home in Whitchurch Twp. The other vehicle was driven by Ralph Playter, conc. 2, Whitchurch. All were rendered unconscious and might have remained undetected for some time, the paper said, if it had not been for Phyllis Claughton who heard a noise caused by the impact and told her mother, Mrs. Norman Claughton. Dr. S.S. Ball attended the injured and Constable Elmer Wells conducted the investigation. In another collision, this one at Ballantrae, Albert Mapes was struck by a car as he prepared to put groceries in his horse and buggy outside, GE Wright's General Store. Mr. Mapes suffered a broken hip and a broken ankle.

The following movies were playing at the

Stanley Theatre in Stouffville: Song of the Open Road with Edgar Bergen, Charlie McCarthy, Bonita Granville and W.C. Fields; George in the Home Guard with George Formby and Practically Yours with George Formby and Fred MacMurray.

The Tribune published a picture of Shirley Temple, age 17, and announced her marriage to Sgt. John Agar of the U.S. Army.

A large advertisement appeared in the Sept. 20 issue of The Tribune, announcing car accessories for sale at Ringwood Garage. The proprietor was Ken Laushway. Items included bumper jacks, tire pumps, tow ropes, mufflers and tail pipes, electric fencers and livestock prodders.

The sale of the Maple Leaf Dairy in Stouffville by Clay Baker to Charles Webster of Lucknow was announced in the paper. By disposing of this business, The Tribune said, Mr. Baker will be able to devote more time to the operation of his skating rink that he owns and manages.

## Greyhound races "a fun thing"

**MARKHAM** — Greyhound races have become a feature at Markham Fair. They're a "fun thing", an event to be enjoyed by spectators of all ages. And that's the way Tom Hughes of the Ontario Humane Society wants it to remain — enjoyable entertainment.

However, the Ontario Greyhound Association is pressing the Provincial Government to legalize these activities, says Hughes, a move he strongly opposes. If this comes about, he points out, all the abuses commonplace in other countries where this is allowed, will take place in Canada.

Tom Hughes explains that training methods involve the use of live animals to develop a built-in drive to catch and kill the moving objects. While on the track, the dogs chase a mechanical hare, but long before this, they are "blooded" through the use of real cats and rabbits to make sure they catch onto the sport as quickly as possible.

This is how it works. The "bait" is released in a fenced enclosure with no chance to escape. In addition to the terror the cat or rabbit undergoes, while being chased by the hounds (generally more

than one at a time), they are finally ripped to pieces by the dogs, says Hughes.

The Society manager admits that, under the Criminal Code, the practice is illegal. But, he points out, it's difficult to check every backyard, every "back forty" or the interior of every barn.

Breeding greyhounds for tracks and opposed to breeding for companions, produces more than are required and a high rejection rate, Tom Hughes says. Animals that are not suitable, are

rejected and in many instances, destroyed.

"What can anyone do with a dog that's been bred purely for the track, that will kill your neighbor's cat or Chihuahua as quick as look at it?" asks Hughes. There is only one thing, he notes, and that is to do away with it.

Tom Hughes has his own ideas — leave the greyhounds in Ontario in their present status. The Greyhound Association, he says, should stick to their "hobby" of producing a quality companion animal.

## "For The Record"

### T.V. show filmed here

**STOUFFVILLE** — In recent months, our town has become a popular place for film-makers.

For several days last week, the C.B.C. was at work in Stouffville, completing shots for the television series "For The Record". The title of this particular story is "A Fine Determined Man". It will be seen next March.

Canadian actor Laurence Dane has the lead role. He plays a

middle-aged man, despairing over the death of his wife.

The distraught widower, something of a recluse, suddenly is awakened to the charms of his sister-in-law. This upsets his family.

The sister-in-law, played by Maureen McRae, observes that this all-so-innocent friendship is turning to something more serious. The film's director is Graham Parker.

**Hope To See You When We Open On Wednesday, September 12.**

## Markham Scottish Bakery

131 MAIN STREET, MARKHAM (the old Tremont Hotel)

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The **The Tribune** invites you to

**DATE NIGHT AT MARKHAM FAIR**

**Thursday, September 27 from 6 p.m. to closing.**

Every woman accompanied by a man will get FREE admission to the grounds and ride FREE on all midway rides provided she is wearing a Tribune DATE NIGHT button.

To get your button, drop into The Tribune office at 54-56 Main St. West, Stouffville anytime after 9 a.m. Mon., Sept. 17.

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**"SEE YOU AT THE FAIR"**

## Tall tales

Floyd Steckley, Rupert Avenue, Stouffville, is a veteran plowman. "Pat", as he's known to most folks, tells the story of a match held near Sharon. A competitor that day was Les Smith, now of Blackwater. Les's team was going well enough, but not that well to use only one for the "finish". So he asked Pat if he could have

the loan of one of his horses. Pat, being a congenial kind of guy, readily agreed. As it turned out, Les beat Pat that day due to (you guessed it), a better finish. Pat still doesn't give all the credit to his horse, however. He knows Les's proficiency with a plow too well for that, so he simply claims it was "half in half".