

# Music is offered under 'splendid illumination'

Here again are some items of interest called up from issues of *The Tribune* of years gone by:

**100 years ago**  
Aug. 2, 1889: **BAND SOCIAL** — A grand lawn social will be given under the auspices of the Stouffville Cornet Band on the evening of Thursday, August 8th, on the beautiful and spacious grounds of the Driving Park, Stouffville. The grounds will be splendidly illuminated by 8 Electric Lights. The Markham and Green River bands have kindly consented to be present, which will add greatly to the enjoyment of the evening. An interesting program will be rendered from Band Grand Stand. Suitable games will be provided which can be fully enjoyed under the rich light. Persons desiring to drive on the park can do so by paying ten cents extra. Ample accommodation for tying horses on the grounds. Admission to park and supper, 25 cts.; children 15c. Tea served from 6 to 8.

**50 years ago**  
Aug. 2, 1939: The tax rate in Stouffville will be 35 mills this year which is a half mill advance over 1938. Council struggled with the figures Monday night, but could not better the situation. School demands alone require a mill extra, but the Ontario Government is paying one and a half mills this year of our tax (an



## BYGONE DAYS

Walter Waterston

increase of half a mill) and this enabled the rate to be held almost where it stood last year.

School tax increase is due to the unprecedented number of town students attending High School, and a change in the school act. Instead of a large county grant each municipality pays high school costs on a per capita basis through the county and this shift worked out an increase 'cost' in Stouffville of around \$400.

**25 years ago**  
Aug. 13, 1964: On Monday afternoon, a saddened community paid its respects to one of this town's finest and most enterprising young citizens, 18 year old Robert W. Mole, Rose Ave. Stouffville. He was killed instantly on Thursday night in a tragic train car accident near the family cottage at Beaverton. A companion, David John Pettford, 16 of Agincourt, also died in the crash.

The deceased, an honour student throughout his five com-

pleted years at Stouffville Dist. High School had planned to enter university this fall to study law. He was the son of Mrs. Ethel Mole and the late Alfred Mole of Stouffville.

In addition to an extremely keen mind, Robert was a fine athlete. He was the President of the high school student's council during the past year. He was a member of the Stouffville United Church. The funeral on Monday, one of the largest ever conducted in Stouffville, completely filled the auditorium and gallery of the United Church and included an honour guard of 100 students.

**10 years ago**  
Aug. 2, 1979: **MARKHAM** — Grant Davidson, R.R. 1, Stouffville, had the top wheat entry in the Markham Fair Board's 1979 Field Crop Competition; Ken Wells, R.R. 4, Stouffville, was highest in oats and Brown Bros., R.R. 1, Unionville, had the best sample in barley.

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