

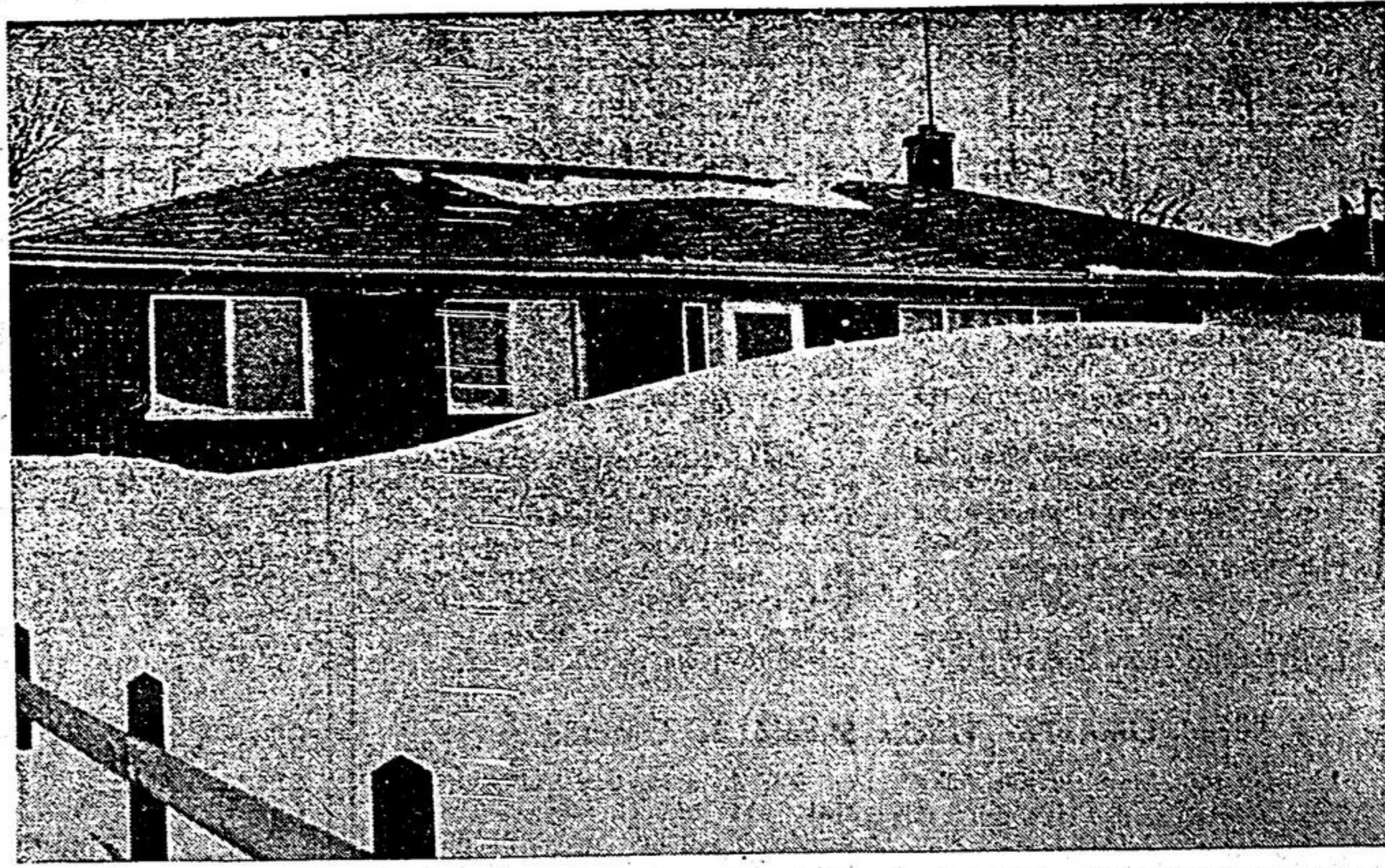


The Uxbridge-Pickering townline west of Altona resembled a steep mountain

trail on Sunday afternoon. Township plows banked up 2 walls of snow, estimated at

over twenty feet in height. All Pickering roads were completely cleared by Monday evening.

A number of Uxbridge roads are still closed.



The bungalow home of Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Begin, Elm Road, Stouffville, was partially hidden by a giant snow drift on their front lawn. A number of residents had to

tunnel through twelve-foot drifts to gain entry into their garages. The majority of

streets were cleared by Saturday evening.

—Staff Photo



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Schools, Churches, Farms, Restaurants Havens For Storm-Stranded Motorists

Friday, Feb. 19th was a day that will not soon be forgotten by hundreds of storm-stranded local residents. Buffeted by gale-force winds, blinded by driving snow and marooned in waist-high drifts, they sought temporary refuge in farm homes, schools, churches and restaurants. During the early hours of Saturday morning, heavy highway equipment was put to work and by nightfall, the majority of main arteries were open.

The Dickson Hill public school was an over-night haven for close to fifty people. The Stouffville-bound bus from Toronto was held up in Markham, Ont., age. Fifty passengers remained in the Presbyterian Church. Some slept in the pews. It took the bus more than five hours to travel from Agincourt to Markham, a distance of ten miles. The Shady Nook Snack Bar at Hagerman's was temporary refuge for forty commuters.

Accidents were numerous. A nearly-new pick-up truck owned by Mr. Fred Winn, 10th conc. north, and driven by his son Allan became marooned on the C.N.R. tracks, a short distance from the Winn farm. It was struck by an engine-plow and completely wrecked. The driver, luckily, was not in the cab. "We are helpless," commented P.C. Bruce Findlay of Markham Twp. Dept. Their cruisers were unable to navigate the one mile route between the Buttonville station and No. 7 Highway. A number of the officers, including Chief Clarence Wideman, remained in station throughout the night. "It's terrible," said P.C. Jim Stewart of the O.P.P., Vanderl. The most serious accident occurred near Sutton, P.C. J. E. Closs and Cpl. Pettigrew were among the fifty persons stranded at Dickson's Hill.

A number of out-of-town students at the Stouffville District High School were permitted to

leave their classes early in the afternoon. Two busses were able to get through. Members of the staff provided a shuttle-service with their cars in an effort to get the students as close to their homes as possible. Many remained in town.

The Dunkeld-Loree wedding planned for the Altona United Missionary Church on Saturday evening had to be postponed until Sunday. The ceremony was conducted in the Stouffville Christian Church. The groom became stranded in his car on No. 48 Highway in an attempt to attend the pre-wedding rehearsal on Friday night. He remained over-night in his auto. A meeting with Metro Commissioner, Murray V. Jones slated for the Municipal Office at Brougham on Friday was cancelled. Local passenger trains were not seriously affected. Nearly fifty tickets were sold at the Stouffville station on Saturday evening for persons returning to Goodwood and Uxbridge.

For the first time in many years, cutters and sleighs became a popular mode of transportation. Many residents resorted to skis and snowshoes in an effort to bring in a supply of weekend groceries. Although Main Street business on Friday evening was almost nil, local stores were very busy on Saturday afternoon. A number of merchants closed up their shops on Friday.

On Sunday, hundreds of sightseers from Toronto poured into the Stouffville area. Their presence hindered highway crews in their attempt to widen the "cut" between Stouffville and Uxbridge. The hamlet of Goodwood was virtually cut off from all directions. A number of Uxbridge Township rural roads are still clogged with fence-high drifts.

Charge Driver In \$1200 Main Street Accident Monday Night

John Hudson, 25, of Willowdale has been charged with driving while his ability was impaired, following a hectic four-car crash on Main Street, Monday evening. He has been released on \$100 bail and will appear in Magistrate's Court, Newmarket on Monday, Feb. 29th. He is married and has three children. He carried no insurance on his auto.

Investigating officer, P.C. Harry Heatherington of the Stouffville Department said that Hudson's westbound auto slammed into the left rear section of a parked car, owned by Donald Gibson, Rupert St., Stouffville. The impact drove Gibson's vehicle into a pick-up truck, owned by Mr. John Mann, 10th conc., Markham. To add to the confusion, another parked auto, owned by John McDermott, Fairview Ave., Stouffville, was side-swiped in the melee. The Hudson car was completely wrecked. Damage to the Gibson auto has been estimated at \$800. The total damage will exceed \$1,200.

Hudson agreed to a blood test which was taken by Dr. Blair Mitchell of Stouffville. The arrangements for bail were completed by Mr. Ross Davis of Stouffville, J. P. P.C. Heatherington was assisted at the scene by P.C. VanKoughnet.

According to the local police, Hudson was en route home from Uxbridge. The Gibson auto had only recently been refinished in a body shop. The truck, owned

Car-Snowplow Collide

An eastbound car, driven by Muriel Byer of Stouffville was in collision with a Dept. of Highways snowplow on Friday afternoon on Main Street. P.C. Harry Heatherington of the Stouffville Police Dept. said that the truck appeared to slide into the side of the eastbound Volkswagen. The one side of the auto was badly damaged. The truck was driven by Mr. Norman James of Uxbridge. No charges have been laid.

Now Conscious

Mr. Albert Howard, 29, of Highland Creek, is now conscious in the Scarborough General Hospital. He was the driver of a Rutherford milk delivery truck that was rammed by a southbound C.N.R. freight train on Victory Avenue near Milliken on December 31st. He was pinned in the wreckage.

Markham Twp. Police constable, Gordon Heppleston told the Tribune that the driver had been unconscious for more than six weeks.

Will Contact Solicitors On Edwards' Statement

Stouffville Municipal Council will contact their solicitors regarding the fact that Frank Edwards has publicly referred to himself as Chief of Police of Stouffville.

"Since Edwards is still calling himself the Chief of Police, I think the public should be informed of where he stands," declared councillor William Parsons. The matter was raised following the publishing of a letter in this newspaper in which Mr. Edwards referred to himself as Police Chief.

"When we got the decision of the Judge, we understood from the solicitors that no further notification was required from us — Edwards got the same judgment report that we did," said Reeve Lehman.

The Judge stated in his decision that unless Edwards resigned within ten days he was

dismissed. An appeal against this judgment has also been turned down.

After considerable discussion, council agreed that the solicitors should be contacted regarding Edwards' status.

Work In Office

Council agreed on a motion at Thursday night's meeting that Mr. Lloyd Turner, assessor, should be asked to transfer his books to the new office building and do the book work there, as soon as the office is ready.

Councillor Parsons said that he considered Mr. Turner's salary \$2800, not \$2400, since a \$300 car allowance was paid as well as \$100 for attending meetings. He said, "I think we should have more information on how much time this job takes, and would move that the work be done in the office."

Police Ask 20 MPH For Truck Traffic

In their monthly report to Stouffville municipal council, local police officers recommended that council seek means to enforce a 20-mile an hour speed limit on trucks travelling through Stouffville.

Councillor Parsons, chairman of the police committee, said, "thirty miles an hour is certainly too fast for these loaded trucks, but we would have to get the approval of the Dept. of Highways."

Council members agreed that the suggestion was a good one, and Clerk Ralph Corner was instructed to seek approval for cutting trucks to the 20-mile rate.

Councillor Laushway commented on the many infractions by motorists parking too close to the corners on Main St., creating a dangerous situation for those attempting to enter the main thoroughfare from the side streets. After some discussion, it was agreed that motorists would be warned when found to be violating this parking rule.

New Fire Truck

Some discussion was given over to the probability of purchasing a new fire truck for town. The present truck is 14 years old, and the tires have never been off, and it is in serious need of a new motor. While the mileage is not great, a great deal of running is done by the motor in driving the pumping equipment.

Reeve Lehman said that he would want to see the 1960 budget before committing himself on such an expenditure. Cost of a new truck ranged from \$10,000 to \$14,000.

Councillor Laushway said he thought the matter should be studied since other equipment was going to have to be replaced and some added, and he did not think it good business to leave it all to be done at one time.

No definite action was taken, but more is expected to be heard on the subject at budget time which is the next few weeks.

Schools Should Do Own Borrowing Says Whitchurch Council

Following a request from S.S. No. 8, Whitchurch, Hillcrest School, for an advance of \$3,000 on the 1960 public school levy, council members agreed that public schools should borrow their own funds until tax money was available.

Clerk Jack Crawford pointed out that to meet such requests it would be necessary for the township to borrow additional funds. He said that if council did decide to pay any of the levy in advance, it would be better if only the necessary amount was forwarded quarterly.

In order to permit discussion, deputy-reeve Wallwork put forward a motion that the sum of \$800 be advanced.

During the discussion it was stated that public school boards could borrow in the same man-

ner as the municipality — the interest on such loans would be chargeable as an expense and they would receive a government grant on such expense. The motion was defeated, all members being agreed to the schools being asked to do their own borrowing.

Insurance Reviewed

The township insurance policies were placed before council for study and council members will give study to the information and possibly make some changes in the coverage. The amounts presently carried on township real estate were revealed to be as follows: community hall \$19,000 (\$1,000 on contents, \$300 on booth); township offices \$30,000; small shed \$2,000; large shed \$5,000; \$500 on implements, \$800 on sprayer and \$700 on other equipment.

Deputation Protests Cost Of Dog-Catcher In Town

A three-man deputation appeared before Stouffville municipal council on Thursday night to protest the engaging of a dog-catcher in town. Members of the delegation were, William Greenbury, Earl Keith and the spokesman was Ira Rusnell.

Mr. Rusnell said, "I don't like the idea of the expense of hiring a dog-catcher. The people who have the dogs running about should have to pay. We have more expenses coming — we don't know where these expenses are going to end. I know there is strong opposition to this thing."

Mr. Rusnell suggested that the police should warn the offenders and then summon them. "I'm not opposed to trying to keep dogs tied up but I am opposed to the expense of hiring a catcher," continued Mr. Rusnell.

"Most times it's those who don't have any dogs who want the service. I don't think it's the policemen's job to be chasing dogs," said councillor Laushway. "We don't want to spend money on the service either, but every year, the same complaining goes on."

"You should go after the owners harder," declared Mr. Rusnell.

"I don't think we can expect the police to do this job," said deputy-reeve Wagg.

Reeve Lehman advised the visitors that their protest would be considered when the matter was dealt with. Applications for dog-catcher have been called for February 27th.

Eight Speakers Compete In Lions 12th Annual Oratorical Contest

Eight students from Stouffville District High School competed on Monday night in the 12th annual Oratorical Contest conducted by the local Lions Club. It is expected that the top boy and girl speaker will move to the Regional Contest and if successful, go on to the Zone Contest. The Regional Contest this year, will be held in Stouffville High School auditorium on Wednesday evening, March 23rd.

In the Junior section, Patricia Harwood won first prize speaking on Robert Burns, and Hilary Inertia as his subject. In the senior group, Mary Harwood's talk on the Swastika won her first place with Elaine Forsyth second, speaking on the St. Lawrence River. Mary Harwood was placed as the best girl speaker as well as the best overall contestant, and Bill Ratcliff won top place as the best boy. The other speakers were Barbara Bennett, Marilyn Hill, and Gertrude Ba-

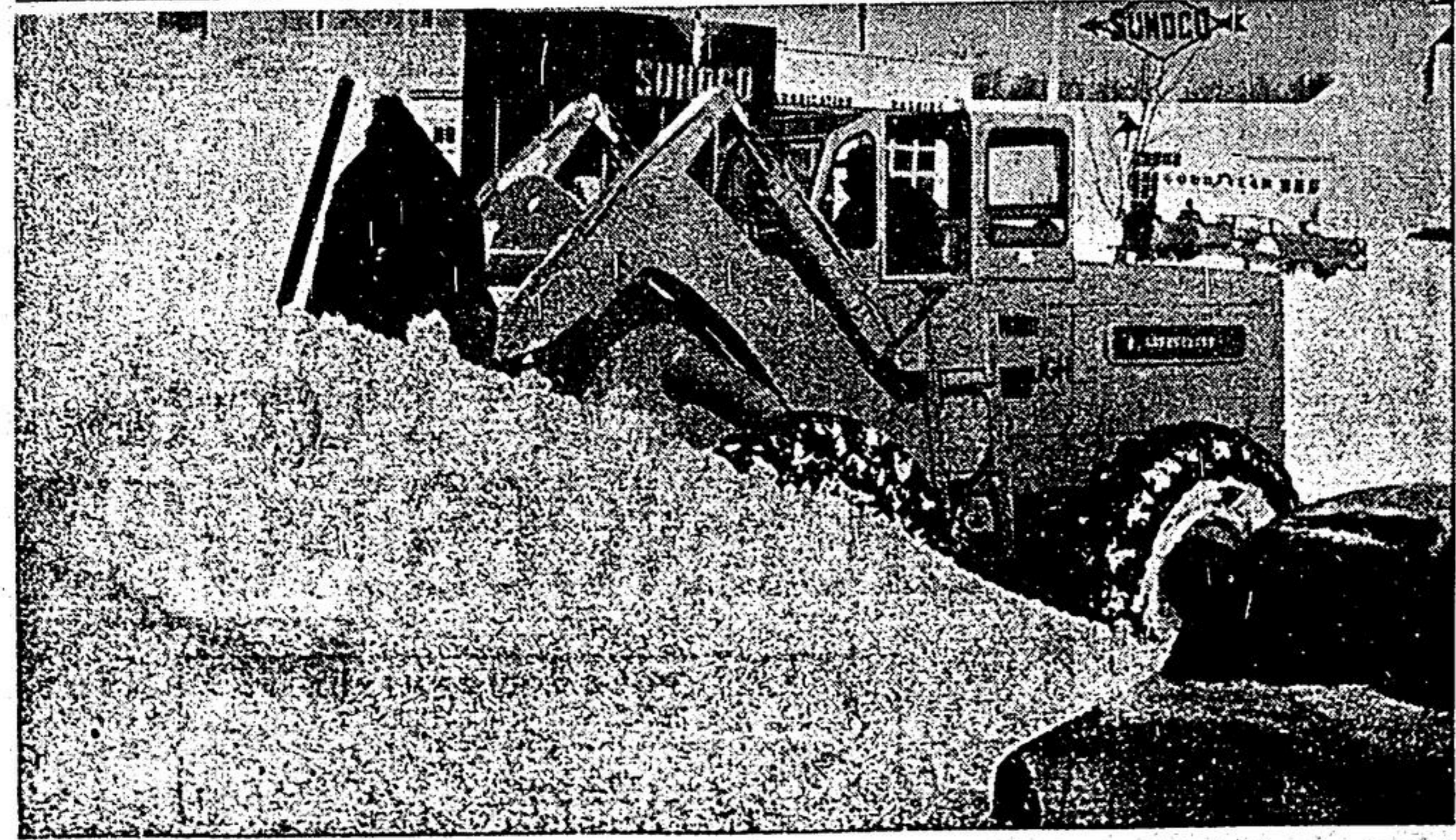
ker. All the contestants were given awards by the Lions Club for their efforts.

Judges for the contest were Rev. J. Tiller, Rev. Douglas Davis and Mr. Alec Williams of Markham. Lion Ted Edwards, chairman of the Lions Educational Committee, conducted the contest. In attendance from Newmarket were, Lions Seneca Cook, District Oratorical chairman and M. Prosser, Regional chairman.

SALES CONTINUE

"Due to the severe storm of last week which blocked most roads in the area and made it impossible for shoppers to get to town, both A. E. Weldon & Son and Hendricks Hardware are continuing their mid-winter sales.

Weldons store is offering gigantic half-price discounts on top coats, suits and other items, and Hendricks are offering washers and dryers at city prices.



Emergency Measures

In spite of the severity of Friday's snow storm, Stouff-

ville's Main Street was cleared in record time. A heavy mo-

bile shovel had to be summoned into service to cope with a huge drift on the west-

ernly outskirts of the town. It is shown here in operation. —Staff Photo