



Nearly 2,000 See Santa

Santa Claus continues to be the most popular man in Stouffville and an estimated 2,000 children have visited his

Main Street chalet. Linda Durbin of Goodwood is shown here presenting her gift list to Santa. His helpers are Gail Nelson (left) and Gale Cos-

sey. St. Nick will continue to greet little boys and girls on Friday, and Saturday, both afternoon and evening.

—Staff Photo.

Announce Christmas Honour List At Stouffville High School

The following students obtained an average of 75% or higher on the Christmas examinations held at the end of November. The percentage for the top three students in each grade is given. Students are arranged in order of merit. Grade 13 students finished Christmas examinations this week and results will not be available until after Christmas.

Barbara Button 87.2%; Robert Mole 86.4%; Karen Kennedy 81.2%. Andrew Watson, Robert McNair, Jamie Ogilvy, Gary Call. SPECIAL COMMERCIAL, Eleanor Little 84.8%.

ANNEXED HOME OWNERS TO GET TOWN WATER RATE

Residential residents whose properties will be taken into town by annexation on Jan. 1st, and who are presently paying out-of-town water rates, will get a bonus in the new year. Their rates will now be reduced to coincide with the regular rates charged all home owners in town. Only exception will be in the case of barn services where in some cases large herds of cattle are being watered. In such cases the barn service price will remain the same.

P.U.C. Commissioners agreed last week that the Water Rate Bylaw should be amended to include these new home owners.

Goodwood Dog Owner Charged With Neglect

Mrs. Elsie Boland, conc. 3, Uxbridge Twp., two miles north of Goodwood has been charged with failing to provide adequate food, water and shelter for animals under her care and control.

The charge was laid by Chief Inspector, Jack McArthur of the Ontario Humane Society after three dogs were picked up on the property last week. The authority to take such action is contained under section 387 of the Criminal Code.

The case has been scheduled for Magistrate's Court, Uxbridge on Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 8th at 3 p.m.

It has been estimated that between 40 and 55 dogs are kept on the Boland premises.

MARKHAM MAN GIVEN 10 MONTHS IN REFORMATORY

A Markham district man, father of two, was sentenced to ten months definite and six indeterminate in the Ontario Reformatory last week when he appeared before Judge Alex C. Hall in Ontario County Court. Robert Lloyd Wideman, 23, had earlier been convicted on a charge of possessing house-breaking tools. He was found not guilty on a second charge of attempted theft from a pay telephone in the West-Rouge Shopping Plaza, Pickering Twp. A heavy steel bar, a screw driver and a tire iron were located behind the front seat in Wideman's car.

Judge Hall informed the accused that he had been convicted on a serious charge, one that carried a maximum penalty of 14 years in a federal penitentiary. He said that he knew Wideman's family would be the ones who would suffer but because of the accused's record he could not consider a suspended sentence. "You are the one that has brought this hardship on your family," he added.

Two years ago, Wideman was convicted of 26 charges of stealing from pay telephones and sentenced to five months definite at that time. His Honor said that apparently it was not sufficient to stop him from the same type of behaviour.

Stouffville Hydro Buys Sub-Station

Despite the objections of Chairman of the Public Utilities Commission, members proceeded with a resolution last week to purchase the hydro sub-station at the west end of Stouffville, for the sum of \$26,356. The local Hydro Commission is in a good financial position and will pay for the entire amount out of surplus funds.

The purchase of the sub-station is being made in preparation for the taking over of the recently annexed lands to the town.

Chairman Neville said that he considered the price much too high. He said that the depreciation allowed over the

Winners Of Pre-Christmas Draw Prizes

The lucky draws for 20 — \$500 merchandise vouchers were made on Saturday evening from the big barrel located in front of the Santa Claus chalet on Main Street in Stouffville. Mrs. Evelyn Jackson, President of the Business and Professional Women's Club selected the twenty winning entries assisted by Ken Wagg and Cec. Hendricks.

The winners are — Mrs. Truman Baxter, Rupert Ave., Stouffville; Mrs. Harvey Swain, R.R.3, Stouffville; Mrs. C. Smurthwaite, R.R.2, Stouffville; Mrs. Geo. Miller, Church St., Stouffville; Mrs. Chas. Mallett, R.R.2, Markham; Mrs. Dave Crozier, Stouffville; Mrs. R. L. Dinel, R.R.2, Stouffville; Miss Bertha Winn, Church St., Stouffville; Mrs. Ella Hamm, Park Dr. N., Stouffville; Mrs. E. Thomas, conc. 9, N., Stouffville; Mrs. Walter Pijpher, Sunset Blvd., Stouffville; Mrs. Joe Housser, Park Dr. S., Stouffville; Charles Tindall, Harold St., Stouffville; Mrs. Jack Williams, Maytree Ave., Stouffville; Jimmie Lloyd Hamm, Lloyd Ave., Stouffville; Leo Egbert, Park Drive S., Stouffville; Gordon Bell, Harold Road, Sharon, R.R.1; Mrs. Fred Doust, Gormley; Alma Burkholder, Second St., Stouffville; Miss Sandra Baker, R.R.2, Stouffville.

The prize-winning vouchers may be picked up at Hendricks' Hardware Store, Main Street.

Keswick Man is '63 Pres. of North York Plowmen's Assoc.

A Keswick man will be the new President of the North York Plowmen's Association in 1963. Mr. M. W. Connell will head the organization succeeding Mr. Bob Timbers of Mount Albert to the post. A year-end gathering was held at Sharon on Wednesday evening of last week. About 70 persons were present.

Other members of the executive will include — 1st vice president, Walter Rate, Mt. Albert; 2nd vice president, Ramsay Weddell, Belhaven; Secretary, Frank Marritt; Keswick; Auditor, Chas. Nolan, Stouffville; Treasurer, Fred Timbers, Stouffville.

The 1963 directors from Whitchurch Twp. will include — Jack Wood, Wm. Simpson, Win Timbers, Grant Wells, Harold Botham, Ivan McLaughlin, Ernest Davis, Floyd Forsyth and Cliff Walkover. The townships of East Gwillimbury and Georgina are also represented.

In spite of poor weather, the North York match near Holt attracted a list of 65 entries. Three representatives from each of the Plowmen's Associations will form a committee to make preliminary plans for the International Match on the property of Con Smythe, Mono Mills in 1965. North York's committee will comprise Messrs Sheldon Walker of Sharon, Fred Timbers of Stouffville and Walter Rate of Mt. Albert.

Pickering Township Farmers To Fight Assessment Increases Before Court

Pickering Twp. Farmers have united in a solid front to fight their 1962 land-assessment increases in the courts. In a standing-room show of force that jammed the confines of the Brougham Hall on Tuesday night, rural residents unanimously agreed to rally in support of a standing executive, headed by President Elliott Harrington. The Pickering committee will include Joe Tran, Chairman, Reg Hoskins, Fred Puckrin, Harold Hornshaw, John Poyers, Grant Burkholder and Mrs. Lloyd McKean, Secretary.

A total of 456 appeals have been filed or approximately 95% of all farm assessments in the municipality. The swiftness of the farmers' action in this matter was pointed out by Mr. Joe Tran who said that the assessment notices were received on Friday, Nov. 30th and on Monday, Dec. 3rd, the campaign to appeal was already in motion. Solicitor James McCallum has been retained to act on the farmers' behalf.

Council Takes Action

Reeve Sherman Scott dropped a bombshell into the gathering when he announced on Tuesday night that the wheels were already in motion to acquire the services of County Assessor, Gordon Heppditch to take over the post now held by Pickering Commissioner, Delbert Goslin. He explained later that a closed committee meeting had been held on Monday evening but its results could not be regarded as official. One councillor described the session as "pretty rough."

"Appeals have cost the Twp. of Pickering a considerable amount of money," said the Reeve, "but until the Judge brought down his decisions, I felt I should support the Assessor." "I for one now feel that a new basis for assessment is necessary," he continued. "I also feel that a new system of assessment is necessary." Deputy-Reeve, Mrs. Jean McPherson said she was 100% in support of the farmers in their protest. She informed the meeting that she too had filed an appeal on her own property. Harvey Spang, the first member of council to take the platform promised the farmers his support. He, like deputy-reeve McPherson will appeal.

"It is very unfortunate that everything was going along fine until someone rocked the boat," said councillor Milton Mowbray. He spoke in favour of the County Assessor assuming the Pickering Commissioner's position. Councillor W. J. Greening also supported the farmers in their anti-assessment campaign.

Record Attendance

Mr. Elliott Harrington, the guest speaker said that never, in his experience had he ever been present at such a well-attended meeting. "You have made history here tonight on a scale that has never been done before," he said. "I don't suppose there has ever been a protest meeting like this." He urged the Pickering farmers to unite with other neighbouring municipalities who are faced with similar problems. "It's all the same fight," he said, "it keeps breaking out in different places like an infection." "Unless someone wakens up fast, we are going to have an awful lot of country land with no country people on it." "First and all the time we must be known as farmers," continued the speaker, "we must fight as farmers, think as farmers

Ont. Humane Society Raids "Dog Farm" Seizes Three Animals

An Inspector with the Ontario Humane Society accompanied by a veterinarian, raided the well-known "dog farm" north of Goodwood in Uxbridge Township on Thursday morning and seized three animals. Chief Inspector, Jack McArthur of Richmond Hill and Dr. Donald Davis of Uxbridge visited the premises after a "tip-off" from an undisclosed caller told of unsatisfactory conditions on the property.

Inspector McArthur told The Tribune that he had warned the owner, Mrs. Elsie Boland that her place did not comply with Society standards when he checked the premises on a previous occasion.

The official said he was most alarmed over the conditions of the three dogs that were picked up. He said that there was no evidence of either food or drinking water on the morning of the raid but said that boiled potatoes and old bread had been given to the animals when he returned later in the day. He said one dog was chained inside an open kennel with neither food nor water in temperatures of eight degrees above zero. The dog population on the Boland farm was estimated at between 43 and 55.

Claims Not Neglected

Mrs. Boland was not home when Inspector McArthur arrived but she returned a short time later. She denied that her dogs were neglected. She said she had been busy drawing hay to the cattle in the morning

and would tend to the animals when this work was completed. About two years ago, Uxbridge Twp. Council terminated Mrs. Boland's kennel license and, according to the Clerk, she now pays on a per dog basis. "The dogs that were seized will not be destroyed, but will be housed and fed in the Humane Society kennels in Toronto.

CHRISTMAS TREE CUTTING BEE

On Saturday and Sunday, an estimated 200 families, the majority from Metro Toronto, flocked to the farm of Mr. Jack Morris of Goodwood to take part in a do-it-yourself Christmas tree cutting bee. It was a similar scene on the property of Mr. Les Ogden, Ballantrae.

The fresh-air outing was especially appreciated by the children and the adults took advantage of cut-rate prices that ranged from \$1.25 up to \$2.00 per tree.

It is the second year that Mr. Morris has opened his premises to axe-wielding Metro men, women and children. Last winter, only thirty families took advantage of the opportunity. People have been coming to Mr. Ogden's farm for the past 25 years.

PLEADS GUILTY TO CHARGE OF FALSE PRETENSES

A Goodwood district man was convicted by Magistrate Russell G. Pearce in Richmond Hill court on Tuesday of false pretenses. Arthur Sheldrick, 52, conc. 3, Uxbridge Twp., entered a plea of guilty.

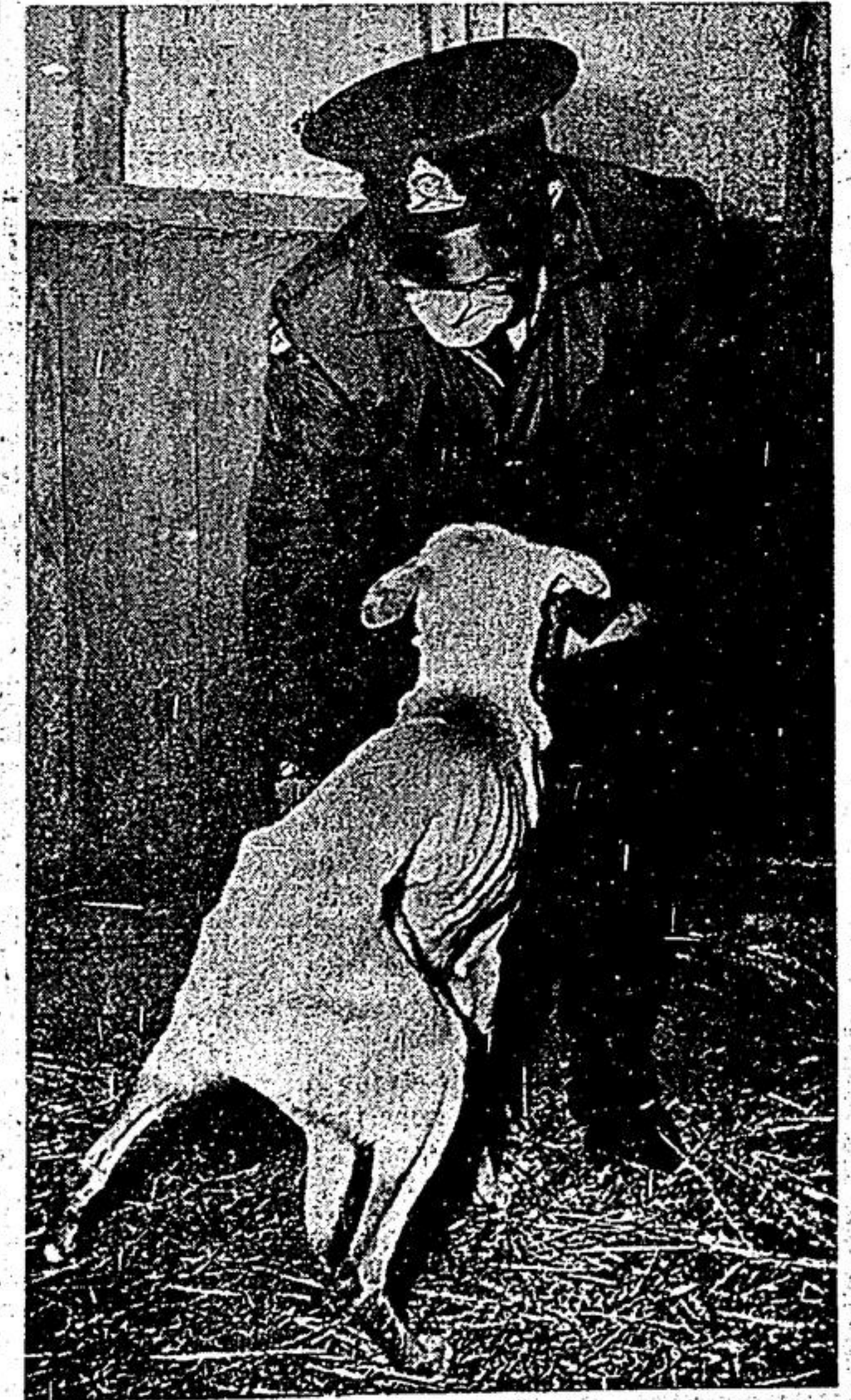
The accused is alleged to have attempted to pass a phony cheque last week in the Ralston I. G. A. Foodling Store on Main Street in Stouffville. He was arrested by P.C. Harry Heatherington.

Sheldrick was released on bail but will re-appear in court on Thursday (to-day) for sentence.

Additional Locals

Mr. and Mrs. Walt Booth and family have taken up residence in their new home, Tenth Line S.

The Stouffville and Dist. Air Cadets will hold their annual pre-Christmas party at the Legion Hall on Friday evening.



Chief Inspector, Jack McArthur of the Ontario Humane Society holds one of three dogs that were seized on the Boland farm, north of Goodwood last week.

Illegal Pedestrian Highway Crossing Criticized By Inquest Jury At Buttonville

A coroner's jury, meeting at Buttonville on Thursday night, suggested that white crosswalk markings on the Kennedy Road at Hagerman's Corners, may have provided an 80 year old man with a false sense of security and led to his death. Charles Edward Marks was killed on Nov. 26th when he stepped off a bus and walked into the path of a car driven by Dr. Charles Williams, conc. 7, Markham.

The jury, headed by Foreman, Harold Cowle recommended that the crosswalk be made legal by bylaw and be properly illuminated from both north and south directions. They also urged that the 50 mile per hour speed limit be reduced and the crest of Hagerman's hill be levelled off to form an overpass over the proposed Hwy. 407 and the C.N.R. bypass line. Other jury members, all from the area of the accident included — Wm. Sutherland, Geo. Couperthwaite, Frank Rydzik and Geo. Miller.

Blinded By Lights

Dr. Williams, a Professor at the University of Toronto said he was temporarily blinded by the headlights of a southbound car as he approached the intersection. He said that he saw some movement in front of his

auto but did not realize he had struck a man until the body appeared on the hood of his vehicle. He estimated his speed at between 40 and 45 miles per hour.

He said that in his 33 years of driving, it was his first serious accident. He said that his car was in excellent mechanical condition. Dr. R. J. MacKay, Pathologist at the Scarborough General Hospital said that a crushed chest, he said that both legs were fractured. The deceased was returning to the home of his son on 14th Ave., Markham Twp. after spending a holiday in Peterboro. Dr. J. S.

DeLaurier of Stouffville was one of the first on the accident scene. He testified that the victim's pulse was very weak. He said that he did not attempt any form of artificial respiration due to the fear of bone fractures. Sgt. Wm. Shearn of Markham Twp. police, the investigating officer, said that four-wheel skid marks were evident on the pavement. He said he did not feel that the Williams' car was travelling at excessive speed.

The inquest was conducted by Sgt. Robt. Hood. The Coroner was Dr. John Fleming of Markham Village.

Held Without Bail After Shooting Spree

An Uxbridge Township man has been arrested and charged in connection with the shooting spree that saw eight bullets fired from a heavy calibre rifle pierce the service station and apartment residence of Mr. and Mrs. Art Staley and family, Uxbridge town.

Geo. Miller, 23, of Uxbridge R.R.3 is being held without bail in the County Jail at Whitby. He currently faces two charges of assault and one of criminal negligence.

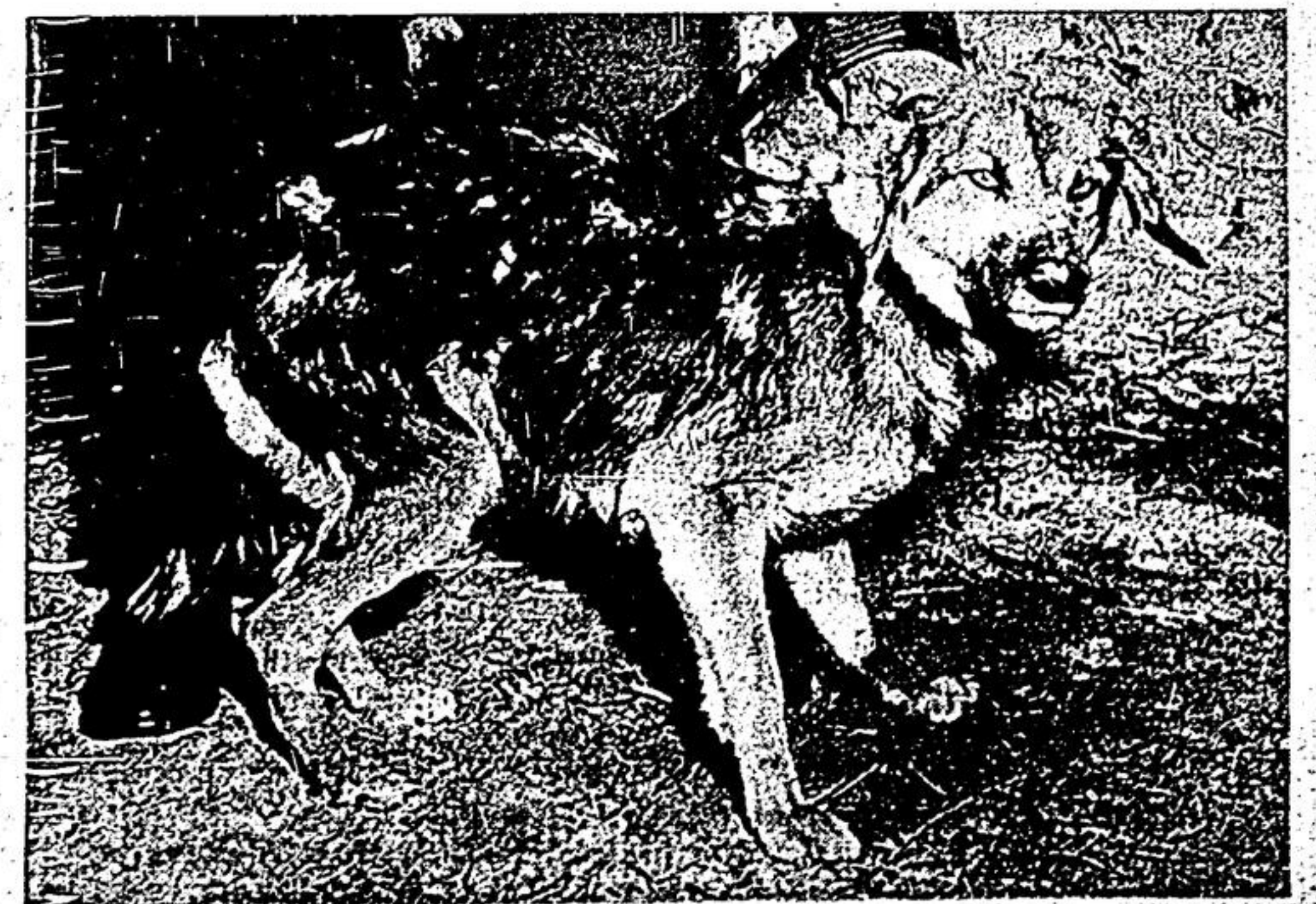
Police from both Uxbridge and Whitby have already spent many hours on the case and the incident is still under investigation. The accused appeared in court on Tuesday but was remanded in custody until Friday. The shootings occurred

around 2 a.m. in the morning. Three bullets entered the Staley living room — two went through a plate glass window in the garage and three others were fired through an upstairs bedroom window. The family was all asleep at the time but were rudely awakened by the shots.

MAKE PRESENTATION TO LIBRARIAN

On Tuesday evening, a special presentation was made to retiring Librarian, Mrs. Geo. Thomas at a committee gathering held in the Library building. Mrs. Thomas will conclude 17 years of faithful service at the end of the year.

A beautifully prepared address of appreciation was delivered by Mr. Geo. Ford. Rev. Douglas Davis presented Mrs. Thomas with a cheque. Reeve Win Timbers was in attendance and expressed the good wishes of the Council. Other members of the Library Board spoke briefly.



This is another of the more than 50 dogs that are kept on the Boland premises. A charge under the cruelty to animals section of the criminal code has been laid against the case will be aired in Uxbridge court on Jan. 8th. —Staff Photo.