

## Board Opposes Regional System

STOUFFVILLE — Members of the Stouffville District High School are opposed to any revision in the York County system that would place jurisdiction of education under a regional plan.

Such a program had been recommended to York County Council by a Consultative Committee. Individual public and high school boards would be replaced by three boards with control over much larger areas.

The Stouffville board's decision was outlined before Whitchurch Township Council, March 14, by their trustee representative, Merlyn Baker.

**LOSE CONTACT**

## High School Budget Up \$32,000 in '67

STOUFFVILLE — The 1967 budget for Stouffville District High School shows an increase of slightly more than \$32,000 over last year, according to figures presented to the Clerk by the Secretary, Charles Jackson. The total requisition is \$225,355.51 as compared with \$193,204.02 in 1966.

Three municipalities will assume a share of this cost. Stouffville will raise \$94,279.73; Whitchurch Township, \$92,258.29 and Markham Township, \$38,817.49. In Stouffville, it will mean an increase of 2.4 mills (residential) and 2.7 mills (commercial).

The rate in Stouffville for all services could go up by as much as 15 mills. The finalized figures will be revealed Thursday evening (tonight).

Almost all phases of high school operation shows an increase with cost of instruction up by \$55,000. Plant operation is \$9,000 over last year and bus transportation up by \$4,500.

## Jury Recommends Compulsory Medicals For Elderly Drivers

BUTTONVILLE — A five-man coroner's jury has recommended that compulsory medical examinations be required of all drivers at an age to be specified by the Ontario Medical Association.

The report was submitted following an Inquest Hearing, Tuesday night into the death of 84 year old Robert Wilson of Unionville. Mr. Wilson died at the wheel of his car, Feb. 15, on Bayview Avenue in Markham Township.

Death was attributed to a ruptured aorta, not caused by the accident that followed but by a weakness in the main artery brought on by old age. Mr. Wilson's car rammed into a northbound gravel truck but, according to Dr. Donald Guthrie of York Central Hospital, the victim was likely unconscious prior to the impact.

**A PERSONAL THING**

Dr. John White, Mr. Wilson's physician, told the hearing that the victim had been to his office on the day before his death and had complained of not feeling well. Dr. White said he gave him an injection to remove a fluid congestion from his lungs and told him to rest for a week. He suggested, under questioning by coroner Bernard Granton of Richmond Hill, that Mr. Wilson was unfit to drive a car but he didn't feel it was his place to rule that his licence be revoked. "It's a pretty hard thing for a doctor to tell a patient that he can never drive a car again."

William McIntyre, an official of the Provincial Driver Examination Bureau said he would hate to see automatic licence cancellations due to age. "There are close to 6,000 drivers in Ontario who are over 80 and many of them motor to Florida every winter," he said.

## Cow With Twins Sells For \$1400

MARKHAM — A registered Holstein cow with twin calves sold for \$1,400 at the auction sale, March 15 on the property of Donald Ferguson, lot 28, concession 7, Markham Township.

The farm has been sold and Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson and family will take up residence in Stouffville at the end of March.

The sale, one of the best in the area this spring, resulted in excellent prices for good quality livestock and equipment. The David Brown tractor brought 1,700; the thresher unit, \$1,100; irrigation system, \$1,100; corn binder, \$50 and milch cooler, \$200.

A fresh two year old heifer sold for \$610 and milch cows ranged from \$400 to \$750. Five month old heifers brought from \$240 to \$325 and bred heifers, from \$325 to \$440.

The sale was conducted by auctioneers, Walter Atkinson and Lloyd Wilson.

## Urge Farmers — Gas Groundhogs

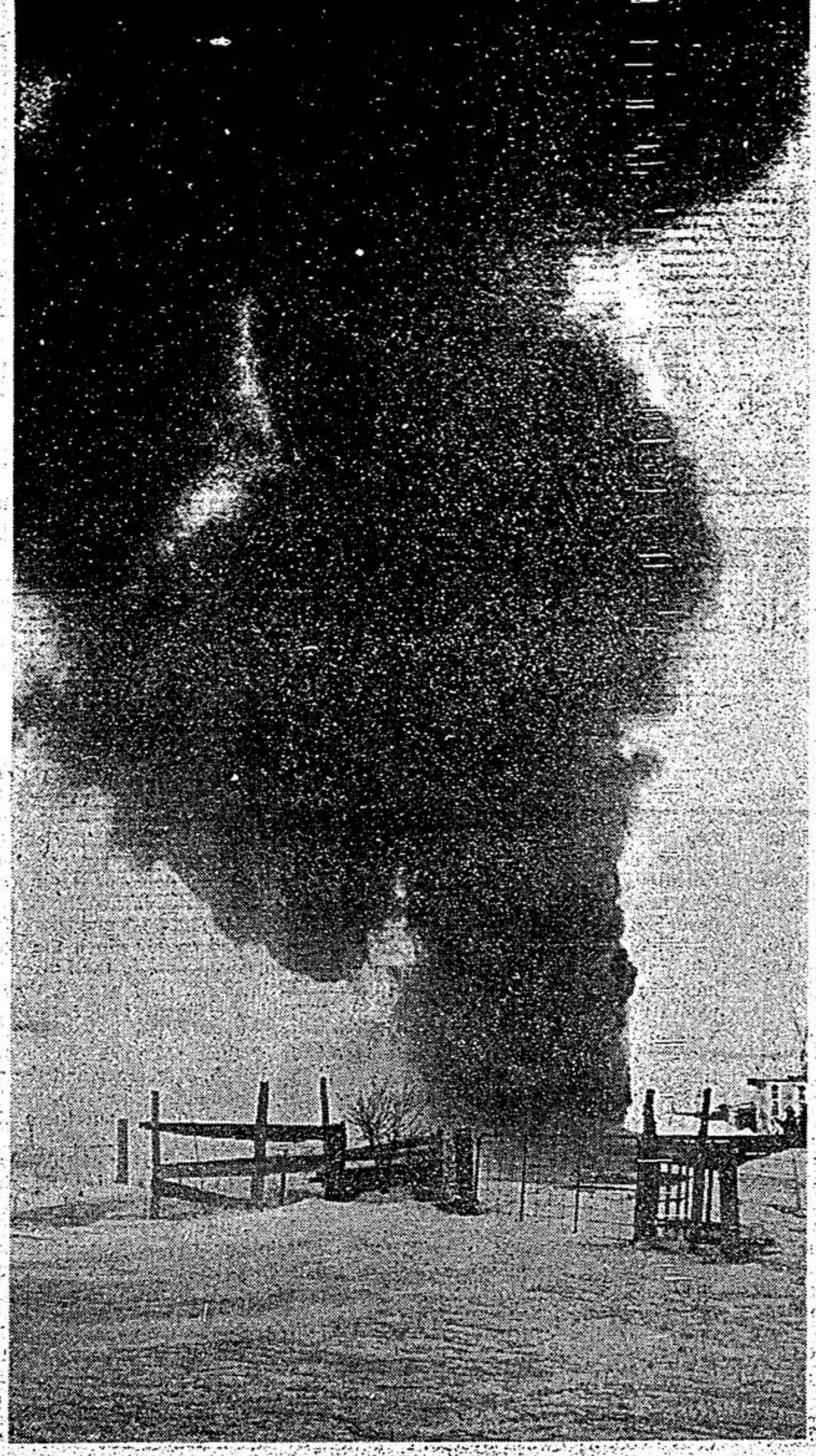
BUTTONVILLE — Groundhogs are potential carriers of rabies and to combat the spread of the disease, Game Warden, Everett Harper of Markham Township has called on farmers to kill the rodents by use of gas.

Mr. Harper spoke before a meeting of Markham Township Council at Buttonville, Monday.

He suggested that a tube be connected to the exhaust pipes of farm tractors and into holes in the ground. He noted that although groundhogs didn't travel far afield, they were in close contact with both dogs and skunks and thus posed a rabies threat.

Mr. Harper said he had no objection to the use of firearms but it often resulted in extensive damage to farm properties and strained relations between the owner and the hunter.

Council agreed that a groundhog extermination program should be set up. Instructions will be outlined by the Clerk and advertised through the newspapers.



Black smoke billows into the air at the scene of a fire Saturday, that destroyed a barn on the property of Henry Mann, conc. 10, Markham, south of Mongolia. — Staff Photo.

## Farmer Risks Life To Save Stock in Barn Blaze

MONGOLIA — Disregarding repeated warnings by firemen, a Mongolian man re-entered his blazing barn, Saturday to rescue all his livestock that were trapped inside.

Henry Mann was able to save several dozens of ducks and chickens from the inferno along with two sheep, two dogs, three cats and a cow.

He suffered glass cuts to his hands and arms when he lifted a full-grown goat through a side window. "I couldn't see it for the smoke, but I knew where it should be standing," he said. He cut the rope with a knife. He said he didn't know how he ever lifted the animal. "You can do many things when you have to."

The lane leading to the Mann barn was blocked with snow and firemen had to run their hose from the truck along the ground. The building was completely destroyed.

Mrs. Mann praised the efforts of volunteers. "No sooner had I hung up the phone when they were here," she said. They plan to re-build this spring.

## Tag Day

STOUFFVILLE — The Stouffville Home and School Association will sponsor a Centennial Pin Tag Day in Stouffville on Saturday, March 25. All proceeds will go to the centennial events committee.

## Board Chairman Claims To Retain Top Teachers Must Pay Metro Price

### May Need School In '68 'Home' Approved

STOUFFVILLE — "Either we stay with Toronto or accept inferior teachers; that is the position of your board," public school chairman, T. E. Topping informed a special meeting of Council, Thursday night.

Mr. Topping provided a complete breakdown of the 1967 budget, outlining in detail the reasons for increases in each department. He admitted that the rate had gone up this year but stated that it was difficult to estimate an exact figure because salary negotiations with the teachers were still underway.

"Our levy has not been going up every year like in some communities, in fact in 1966, it took a drop," continued the chairman. He said that many requests as approved by both principals had been denied. "It burns my socks when I realize that we must cut off items that will benefit our children."

Mr. Topping said that the Board had approved a salary increase for the teachers effective in September, 1966 which automatically carried over into '67. "We are still living with last year's 'bang on the head' and now they're asking more." He said that any salary hikes were over and above the annual \$300 increment approved by the Board. "You can't blame anyone for asking for more money." He said that several members of the staff were taking special courses to improve their qualifications and this plan was encouraged by the Board.

Councillor Tom Lonergan argued that School Boards should unite and cut off the \$300 increment. He charged that teachers with only one year's experience expected an automatic \$300 increase while still using their first school as a 'training ground.'

Mr. Topping said that any move by Boards to unify the scale would result in mass teacher resignations. "Whether we like it or not, we are faced with possibly the strongest single union in existence."

The Chairman said that the same issues had been discussed by trustees at district meetings and he had been told directly by other board members in other schools—if Stouffville wants a good standard of education for its pupils, she must pay for it.

On the question of a new school in 1968, Mr. Topping said the decision was still somewhat indefinite. He noted, however, that if a 5-room, \$200,000 building was erected, it should be adequate for at least five years.

## In Pickering Taxes Skyrocket

PICKERING — In north Pickering Township, a home-owner with an assessment of \$5,000, will pay \$428 in taxes, an increase of \$87.50 over 1966. For residents with larger property holdings, the hike will be on a comparable basis.

This was the grim financial picture revealed at the annual Budget Meeting of Council, Monday night.

The residential rate is up by 17.5 mills. The commercial rate for the area north of the Third Concession shows an increase of 20 mills.

A break-down includes 19.6 mills (residential) for general purposes; 19 mills for the County; 27 mills for high school; 19.5 mills for Public School Area 1 and 5 mills for the Federation of Agriculture.

Areas with street lights will have still another rate added to their taxes — Brookham, 1.6 mills; Greenwood, 2.6 mills and Whitevale, 7 mills.

In School Area 1, the 19.5 residential rate will raise \$131,167.55 plus debentures of \$64,597.67.

The residential and farm assessment in Area 1 totals \$8,218,265 while the commercial assessment is \$1,634,949. Total residential and farm assessment in all of Pickering Township is \$30,402,680. Commercial assessment is \$4,695,230.

## Sunrise Service

STOUFFVILLE — Young people's organizations, representing all church denominations in Stouffville, will conduct an Easter Sunrise Service in the Stouffville Park on Good Friday morning at 6 a.m.

The guest speaker will be Mr. Tom Storr of Guelph. There will be special music.

In case of inclement weather, the service will be held in Christ Anglican Church, Stouffville. Coffee and doughnuts will be served at the conclusion of the the worship. Both adults and young people are invited to attend.

## Protest Gravel Pit

VANDORF — Armed with a 12-page petition, Anthony Carley, Vandorf Sideroad, headed a delegation of six persons before Whitchurch Township Council, to protest any operation that might lead to the opening of a gravel pit on the 7th concession. Mr. Carley told Council that he could have filled the chambers with ratepayers and could have acquired additional signatures if allowed more time.

Mr. Carley expressed concern over test drills currently underway on the George Rodanz property.

Clerk Tommy Kerr said that Mr. Rodanz had given Consolidated Gravel Company permission to conduct the gravel tests but had completed no sale.

## Misses Cruiser Hits Ditch

STOUFFVILLE — A northbound car missed the Stouffville police cruiser by inches but hit the ditch, Monday night in a chase along the 9th concession of Markham that ended south of Main Street.

Arrested and charged with careless driving was 20 year old Harold Glenn Nutter, of Goodwood, Stouffville, RR 2, was awarded the Centennial Gold Cup in competition finals at the Canadian National Sportsmen's Show, Saturday.

The beautiful dog topped four other entries to win the coveted prize.

On March 11, he was named Best In Show for the second year in succession and presented with the award for Boxer of the Year in all-Canada.

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## Top Dog Award

RINGWOOD — American and Canadian champion Boxer, 'Gaymitz Jolly Roger', owned by Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Northover, Stouffville, RR 2, was awarded the Centennial Gold Cup in competition finals at the Canadian National Sportsmen's Show, Saturday.

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Young Ballantrae Student Displays Artistic Skill

Thirteen year old Kathy Kirby, a Grade 8 student at Ballantrae Public School in Whitchurch Township, has attracted the attention of many, with her skill as an artist. Her most recent sketch is of the late Governor General Vanier. She has also completed drawings of Sir John A. Macdonald and Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson.