



The auction sale on the property of the late Nettie Fockler, Ringwood, on Saturday, attracted a large crowd, many interested in purchasing antiques. An item that drew a good deal of attention was a Victor Talking Machine or Victrola, considered to be about 70 years old. It was purchased by Earl Cook of Lemonville for \$95. Daughter Jane listens in on 'his master's voice'. —Staff Photo.

Storm Lashes Area Floods Basements

Ducks Drown In Field

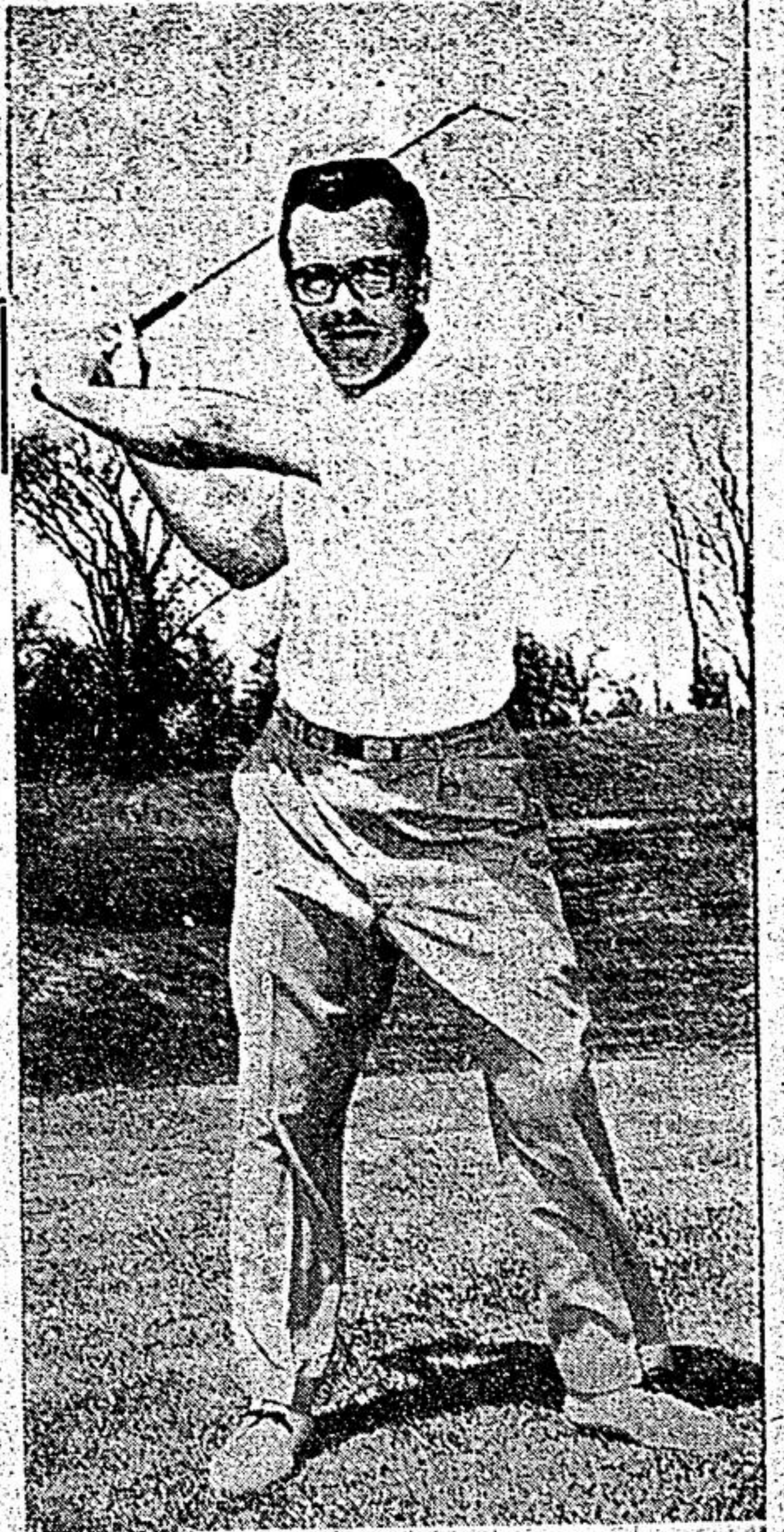
STOUFFVILLE — The worst wind, rain and electric storm to strike the Stouffville area since Hurricane Hazel, toppled trees, washed out roads and flooded basements, Monday afternoon.

Hardest hit were properties to the north in Whitchurch Township. A section of the 5th concession was washed out, north of the Aurora Sideroad and farm fields were transformed into miniature lakes. South of Bloomington, what was described as a 'baby tornado,' snapped off several trees including two at the laneway entrance to the Don Taylor farm. Farther south, a flock of wild ducks took refuge in a cabbage field on the Ted Barry property and two were drowned. The rainfall in Stouffville was measured at two inches within a period of twenty-five minutes.

Find Ancient Musket Shot

GORMLEY — A six ounce lead shot, the kind used in muskets of 100 years ago, was found this week by Roy Wideman on his 19th Avenue farm in Markham Township. It was embedded in the wood of a cedar rail fence.

Mr. Ernie Button, 91, a former Stouffville hardware merchant recognized the shot immediately. He can recall when they were used at the turn of the century.



Assistant Golf Pro Ernie Abraham Jr., Ninth Line North, is the new assistant golf pro at Sleepy Hollow. The club pro is Fred Swarbrick. —Staff Photo.

Pioneer Keepsakes Fall To Antique Buyer

RINGWOOD — A raggedy-ann doll believed to be almost 100 years old, sold for \$37 at the auction sale Saturday, on the property of the late Nettie Fockler, Ringwood. This was the trend of bidding by antique collectors who travelled many miles to attend. Some of the articles dated back to 1843. The sale was in charge of auctioneers Walter Atkinson of Stouffville and Lloyd Wilson, Uxbridge. Even a late afternoon rain shower failed to dampen the enthusiasm of the crowd. One item of particular interest was an early 1900 Victrola or Victor Talking Machine as described on a huge horn-like speaker. It brought \$95. Other recorded prices were: a sideboard, \$57.50; pine chest, \$47; dresser, \$36; a captain's chair, \$33; oil lamp, \$26; a churn, \$25; kitchen clock, \$24; rocking chair, \$21; a cheese dish, \$18; picture frames, \$15 each; plates, up to \$10; goblets, 6.50 each; and cups and saucers, \$3 to \$6. The sale closes out one of the pioneer family homes in the Stouffville area.

Churches Plan Giant Centennial Service

STOUFFVILLE — Twenty-three district churches and eleven ministers are involved in plans for the largest community worship service ever held in Stouffville. It will be conducted in the Memorial Park on Sunday, July 2 at 2:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Mr. Wilbur Sutherland, General Secretary of the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship. A highlight of the service will be a choir of 100 voices under the leadership of Mr. Lorne Broad-

Bus Pupils To Hospital

VANDORF — Twenty-three children were taken by school bus to York County Hospital at Newmarket, Friday following a seven-vehicle accident on the Don-Mills Road.

None of the pupils were seriously hurt and all were released following treatment for bumps and bruises. The collision occurred in dense fog.

Whitchurch Township police said that the southbound bus, driven by Herbert Van Dyke of R.R. 2, Aurora, had stopped to make a pickup when it was struck by a car driven by Martinus Aelsemeest of Keswick. Four other cars then lined up in the same lane when a sixth auto crashed into them. The only motorist injured was Douglas Gibbons of Newmarket.

USE TWO PUMPS

Stouffville firemen and Works Department employees kept two pumps operating at the Sewage Disposal Plant to prevent a recurrence of the back-up that flooded basements in the Rose Avenue-Russell Street area two months ago. In spite of their efforts, some flooding was reported. The driveway at the Frank Rowe residence on Main Street was partially washed away and the lawn in front of the Grant Farrer home was turned into a swimming pool where children frolicked about in their bathing suits. It was a similar scene at the south end of the Park.

The television aerial on the Herb Kring home was struck by lightning. Davy White, Tindale Road reported seeing a ball of fire roll from the roof of their house and it is believed that their T.V. aerial was struck also. The mid-town branch of Duffin Creek rose to the top of its bank but did not overflow.

Record Egg Now Omelet

GORMLEY — A caller to The Tribune, Monday, requested information concerning the size of the largest egg ever laid by a leghorn in York County.

Leonard Durden, R.R. 2, Gormley said that the sample produced by one of ten in his flock measured eight inches long and 6 1/2 inches around.

"How many yolks do you think it has?" enquired the Editor.

A dull thud followed and a few seconds of silence. "Two," the caller replied disgustedly, "I just dropped it."

Whitchurch Area

Public School Costs Climb By \$6,500

MUSSELMAN'S LAKE — The Public School Area Board of Whitchurch Township has finalized its budget for 1967 at \$195,537.36. This is an increase of \$6,517 over last year. It was \$189,040 in 1966.

To begin the fall term in September will require a staff of 50 teachers. Two of these will provide music instruction on a part-time basis. To cover this cost, the Board has set a figure of \$290,000. This is \$40,000 more than last year.

Other increases are for transportation, up from \$40,000 to \$55,000; supplies \$25,000 to \$35,000; administration, \$15,000 to \$26,000; and fees to other boards, \$12,000 to \$13,000. Plant operation is exactly the same at \$40,000 and plant maintenance shows a decrease of \$1,000.

The Board had twelve vacancies to fill on the teaching staff and are still interviewing applicants. Sixteen applications were received for the position of Superintendent of Caretakers. The post has not yet been filled.

Plans for the new senior public school, conc. 7 and Vandorf Road have not yet been finalized. Since

the Vandorf and Hillcrest Schools are overcrowded, some relief at both locations will be found prior to their opening in the fall.

Claremont Trees To Stay- Reeve

CLAREMONT — Picking Township Reeve, Clifford Laycox won the applause of persons attending a public meeting here last week when he promised to work on the resident's behalf to save the trees that border the Brock Road within the village.

Mr. Laycox said he had received many complaints over the matter and had urged the approval of the County Road Board and County Council to bypass the village for the present. He said that he had been successful in having the project delayed for at least two years. "I can assure you that as long as I'm on the County Road Board, the trees in Claremont will not be cut down." The Reeve noted, however, that some improvements to the Claremont Main Street were required including curbs, gutters and storm sewers. He said that if road-widening on either side of the village tended to create a 'bottleneck' in the town, some thought would have to be given to a bypass route around the area.

Beamish Gets Paving Contract

STOUFFVILLE — The Municipal Council meeting in special session has awarded this year's road paving contract to K. J. Beamish for a total price of \$40,610.10. Four firms bid for the work with prices ranging as high as \$59,000.

The paving which will commence within a few weeks will include the following streets: Somerville and part of O'Brien Avenue with curbs, West Lawn Crescent, Winona Drive, 9th Street South with curbs, and Park Drive South with curbs.

Two streets, Tenth Street South and Ninth Street North have already been completed.

Classroom Informality Here To Stay — Professor

UNIONVILLE — Rows of desks in a single classroom are on the way out. Pupils shielding their work from the roving eyes of other students, will soon be gone. Replacing this practice is a new trend toward co-operation and sharing; fewer facts and more inquiry; more guidance and fewer examinations. These were the predictions of Professor David Clees of the Ontario College of Education, guest speaker at the official opening of the new 20-room Parkview Public School, June 6, in Varley Village, Unionville.

"Teachers and parents must learn to accept new techniques in the classroom," he said. He pointed out that television would tend to play a more important part in the field of education. He charged that many persons, including teachers, seemed to fear the inclusion of T.V. instruction in the school. He said that most people failed to understand the difference between commercial and educational television. Mrs. Mildred Toogood, chairman of the board, conducted the official ceremonies. The speaker was thanked by Trustee Gordon Champion. A book entitled "Ontario Agricultural Fairs and Exhibitions" was presented to the Markham Area 2 Library by Markham Fair President, William Sutherland. It was accepted by Trustee Stuart Watson. There are fifteen members on the Parkview staff including the principal, Mr. Alfred M. Hill.

HAY DAY — Chicago star Bobby Hull will be a visitor at Altona Feed and Supplies, Friday from 2 to 7 p.m. at the annual Hay Day demonstration.

Road Leaves Truck

VANDORF — Trucks leaving the road are not unusual. On Monday afternoon, it was a case of the road leaving the truck.

The accident occurred on the Aurora Sideroad, east of Don Mills. The driver of a Borden's Company truck parked the vehicle on the shoulder to check his delivery route. Without warning, the ground, made soft by heavy rains, gave way, dropping the van on its side in the ditch. The driver was able to jump free and suffered no injury.

Will Dissolve Village Status

CLAREMONT — The Claremont Trustee Board does not intend to take action through the courts to retain its status as a Police Village. The decision was revealed by Chairman Al Roszell at a meeting, June 7. The change is to become effective as of Jan. 1, 1968.

Mr. Roszell said he had talked personally with the Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs in an effort to delay such action but without success. "I've done everything I know of," he said, "the Department of Municipal Affairs just don't want any more Police Villages." He informed the meeting that King City had contested the issue to the Supreme Court and still lost. "I don't think that we'd have much chance."

Reeve Clifford Laycox of Picking Township said that the trend was toward larger autonomous bodies. "I'm afraid you'd have quite a battle on your hands," he admitted.

Taxes Up

VANDORF — By now, most property owners in the Township of Whitchurch have already received their tax bills and the majority show an increase. The township general rate for farm and residential is 29.26 mills, an increase of 1.38 over 1966. For business and commercial the rate is 33.40, an increase of 3.07.

A breakdown of the general rate (farm and residential) shows 12 and a half mills for roads, 12 mills for police, administrative salaries and community centre, 4.7 mills. Taxes are payable in two instalments, June 30 and Oct. 31.

Decoration Day

STOUFFVILLE — The annual Decoration Day service will be conducted in the Stouffville Cemetery, Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. Rev. Arthur Walsh will bring the message.

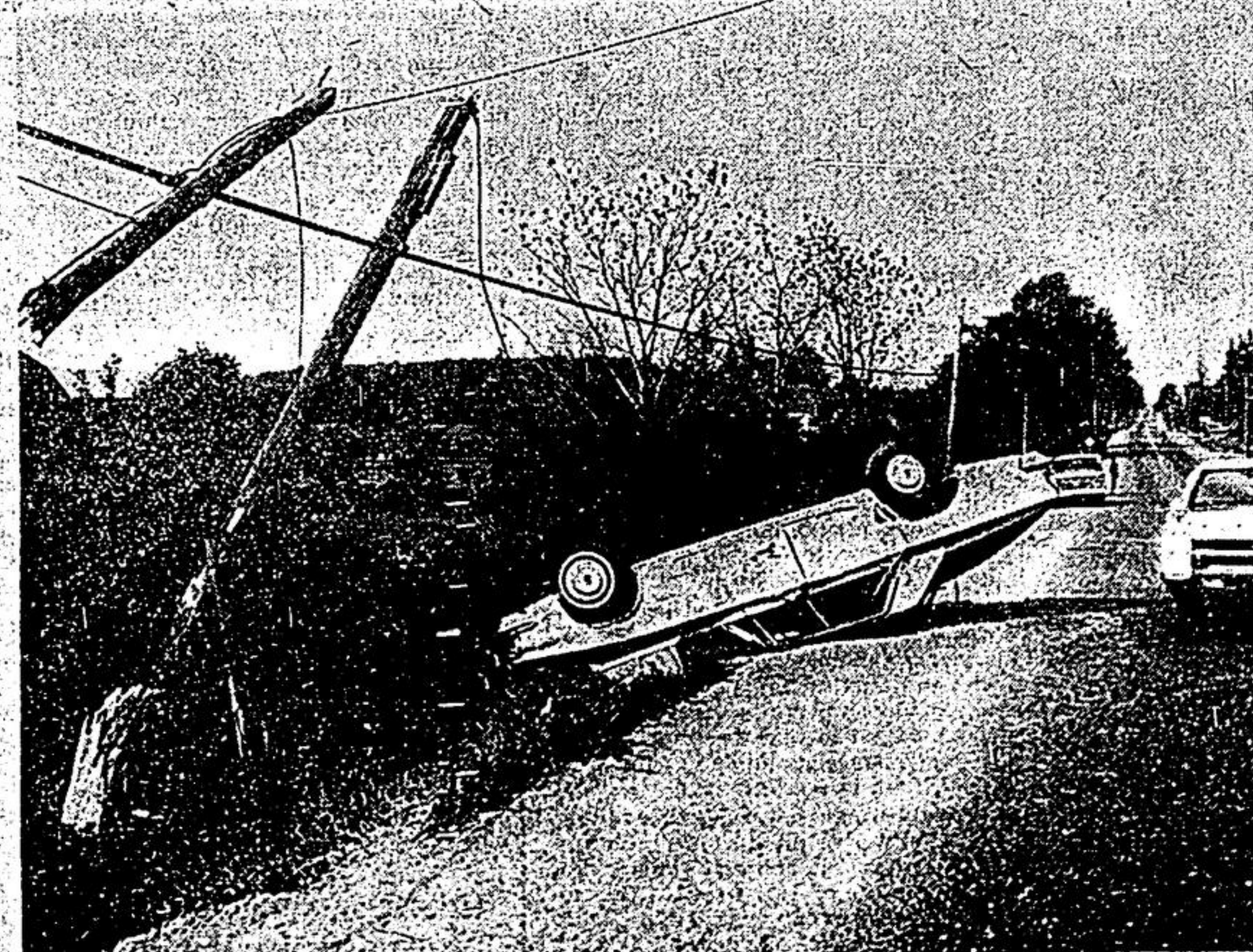
Teachers Accept Wage Agreement

STOUFFVILLE — Staff teachers at the Stouffville District High School and both public schools have accepted the salary offers of their respective boards, effective September 1.

High school board chairman, Gordon Ratcliff said that the agreement was comparable to wage schedules in other areas. Unlike Metro, the teachers did not demand that the increase be made retroactive to Jan. 1, 1967.

While expressing relief that the issue had been finalized Mr. Ratcliff at the same time viewed with alarm the continuing increase in the cost of education on the property-owner. "The Provincial government must take a hand," he said, "the average man just can't stand it." He said that in his opinion, the approved increases were quite generous all the way down the line.

Public school board vice-chairman, Ian Chapman described the agreement between the trustees and the staff representatives as "very amicable." He commended the efforts of board member, Florence Williams and her management committee. "They engineered the feat," he said.



Driver Warren Brown, Ninth Line South, suffered a fractured knee and several broken ribs when his eastbound car sideswiped a truck, snapped off a telephone pole and overturned at conc. 6, Whitchurch and the Gormley Road. The truck driver, William Kerr of King Township was not hurt. —Staff Photo.

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