

## Wide roads needed

**GOODWOOD** — "Ontario County is not the only county which has to have wide road allowances," deputy-reeve Robert Nesbitt told The Tribune following criticism on 100-ft. road allowances being taken in Uxbridge Township.

In order to be eligible for the road grant from the Ontario government roads of this width are required. This allows for 24 feet of pavement, he said. Where cuts and fill are required the width can even be greater than 100 ft.

Mr. Nesbitt said there were complaints that farmers were going to lose their gateposts. "This isn't necessary," he continued, "the farmers are told when the land is purchased that the posts can be moved back to the new location without any trouble."

He pointed out that Ontario County had been the first to initiate a program of tree-planting on these enlarged roadsides and said that the stretch of highway north of Brougham was a good example. He said it was an expensive program and all roads couldn't be done at once. "York County has budgeted for a similar program this year," he advised.



**'Try some of mine'**  
 Five year old Cathy Nauta, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Nauta, offers her cousin, six year old Lydle Nauta, a taste of her delicious strawberry berries at the Lemonville Strawberry Festival, held at her parents' home. Over 500 attended this annual affair. — Staff Photo

## Reserve judgment in O.M.B. hearing rural area by-law

**Try to control urbanization**

**MARKHAM TWP.** — Described by former Planning Director Ian Keith as "a deliberate effort to control the potential hazard of urbanization" throughout Markham Township the Municipality's new Rural Area By-Law No. 2325 was the subject of an OMB Hearing at the Markham Township Council Chambers, with G. Blake and R. M. McGuire presiding.

The by-law is a restricted zoning by-law for prohibiting or regulating the use of land, or the erection or use of buildings within the defined areas of the township.

It sets 25 acres as the minimum lot size on which a building permit may be obtained in agricultural (A1) areas, frontage 400 feet. Other standards include Rural Residential 1 (RR1) — 1 acre with 150 foot frontage; RR2, 2 acres with 200 foot frontage; RR4, 10 acres with 300 foot frontage. Commercial and industrial uses are also specifically restricted.

After a day-long Hearing at which objections from twenty property owners or their representatives were presented, Chairman F. G. Blake and R. M. McGuire of the Ontario Municipal Board reserved judgment.



Mrs. Faye Minton, Stouffville, who has graduated as a licensed funeral director and will assume this position at the O'Neill Funeral Home.

Mr. Keith, who left the municipality as Planning Director last October to take a position as Deputy Planning Director with the Borough of Etobicoke, was employed by Markham Township during the processing of the Bylaw.

"When I came to the municipality (in 1965) there was no over-all zoning bylaw, and rural areas were controlled only by 1442, these large areas were by and large unzoned," said Mr. Keith.

"This by-law is a deliberate effort to control potential hazard of urbanization throughout the township. Hence the 25-acre minimum in agricultural areas," Mr. Keith said the bylaw was drawn up and in June and July of 1966 it was advertised and comments were invited.

## Suggest road limit

**GOODWOOD** — Uxbridge Township has discussed the advisability of limiting municipal roads to a load limit of 22,000 pounds. Members were not clear as to whether all or just some of the roads would need to be posted if such restrictions were brought in. Councillor Muirhead expressed the view that the Act was sufficiently clear but the balance of council insisted that a Highways Department representative be brought to council for questioning.

**CHARGED WITH INDECENT ASSAULT**  
**NEWMARKET** — A 74 year old farmer from Bethesda, appeared at Newmarket Magistrate's Court on Wednesday, charged with the indecent assault of an 8 year old girl.

The man was remanded to a psychiatric clinic for mental examination. Whitchurch Township police have received numerous phone calls and complaints regarding a man seen around young children.

## Pickering Township

### Review industrial program

**Try third time**

PICKERING — After the third try, Pickering Township's request for eligibility under the Equalization of Industrial Opportunity Program, will be reviewed by the Hon. Stanley Randall, Minister of Trade and Development.

The first application some months ago was denied on the grounds that Pickering had all the facilities for industry and because of this there was no need.

Subsequent meetings by the reeve and council members resulted in a letter from Hon. Charles McNaughton, Treasurer of Ontario, advising council that after a recent meeting of a township delegation with Hon. M. B. Dymond, Hon. W.D. McKeough, W. G. Newman, M.P.P. and himself, Mr. Stanley and his department will review the matter.

The question of the assessment equalization factor for Pickering which affects grants provided by the government is being investigated by the department of municipal affairs at the request of the Hon. Mr. McKeough.

Mr. McNaughton observed that it may take several months to complete the investigation, and assured council that the Ontario Government is attempting to investigate every avenue of relief in connection with the Ontario Committee on Taxation.

### Bell phone extension

Construction of an extension to Bell Canada's switching centre in Gormley has commenced, according to local manager, G. B. Wansbrough.

The 29 by 34-foot addition to the south of the existing building will increase its frontage along Don Mills Road to approximately 64 feet, more than doubling its size.

The overall cost of construction, which is being handled by Anderson-Smythe Ltd. of Toronto, has been estimated at about \$30,000.

Growth in the area has made necessary the installation of additional switching equipment, Mr. Wansbrough said, and the existing building is filled to capacity. The new wing, scheduled for completion in October, will meet future requirements.

## Approval

**WHITCHURCH TWP.** — The Committee of Adjustment has given its approval to the severance of 40 acres of land for the building of a drive-in theatre on the Don Mills Rd., south of Vandorf. Other buildings would also be erected. The question of permission for this project has been a hotly debated subject between ratepayers and council.

The matter will now come back to council for final approval but a hurried decision is not expected. A start on the theatre is not expected until the spring of 1969.

## Celebrates 94 birthday

**STOUFFVILLE** — Miss Charlotte Chapman, a patient in Briarbusch Hospital, celebrated her 94th birthday on Sunday. Miss Chapman was for many years librarian at the Stouffville Library.

## Break-ins solved

**STOUFFVILLE** — Stouffville police department believe they have solved the rash of break-ins at the Lions Booth in the Stouffville Park.

After intensive investigation, the police believe the culprits who have been eating the chocolate bars and leaving the wrappings behind have been squirrels from the park.

## Lady councillor presents awards

**WHITCHURCH TWP.** — Councillor Betty VanNstrand of Whitchurch Township presented the three winners of the township crest competition prior to the closing of school. The three who took the three top places in the competition to design a municipal crest, were Monica Piobrook of Vandorf Public School, \$25; second, Chris Palmer of Armitage Public School, \$15 and Debbie Shropshire of Pine Orchard School, third, \$10.

In 1957, the Whitchurch Centennial year, council at that time adopted as an official township seal the design of a dove with an olive branch in its mouth. This year's council believed that the crest should be redesigned with something of a real Whitchurch flavor.

School children from the entire township were invited to submit designs. The winning crest is a shield divided into four sections with a banner beneath it reading, "Township of Whitchurch." The dove and olive branch are featured in the design.

## 35 mph speed limit on all gravel roads

**MARKHAM TOWNSHIP** — All gravel portions of Markham Township's concession or sideroads, will bear a 35 mile per hour speed limit if the new by-law is approved by the Department of Highways.

Recently, Council asked that a bylaw be drawn up limiting speeds on north and south gravel roads to 35 m.p.h. The bylaw was amended on July 2 to include east and west roads as well.

Deputy-reeve S. J. Gadsby asked that the reduced speed limit be placed on concession roads because of heavy weekend traffic which was placed on worn portions through the week was scattered on weekends and the work has to be done over again, he said.

At the July 2nd meeting when the bylaw was presented for approval, Reeve Stewart Rumble said he did not believe weekend traffic should be the criterion. He said north and south arteries are through roads, and unless speeds were reduced on sideroads as well, problems would arise.

Councillor Roman agreed, Councillor Sumner said he thought Council was "asking for a lot of trouble making all roads 35 m.p.h."

"People are not going to go for a speed limit on an open road," he protested.

The Police Department will be driven right up the wall. They will be swamped with calls asking, "Why aren't they out there?"

## Caught in baler needed 100 stitches

**GREENWOOD** — While mowing his hay baler, which was in action at the time, Mr. Homer Jackson had the misfortune to have his hand badly cut, requiring 100 stitches to close the wound.

## 5% grant growing

**WHITCHURCH TWP.** — Since the township has a joint school section with King Township, Whitchurch is asked to pay five percent of the total expenditures of the Section. Council has taken note of the fact that the King Twp. Board is anticipating a \$808,000 at Nobleton, \$81,000 at Oak Ridges and \$81,000 at Kettleby.

The Interim Committee now in effect pending the abolition of local school boards has explained that it has no jurisdiction over such expenditures made prior to the board change, January, 1969.

Council members expressed concern but could see no alternative but to go along with the present board's plans.

## Tender \$437,000 over estimate

**BUTTONVILLE** — School boards are having financial troubles all over.

Recently the trustees of Township School Area No. 2, Markham, were dismayed to find that the lowest tender for the new senior school at Unionville was \$100,000 over estimate, and it was necessary to apply for increased debentures.

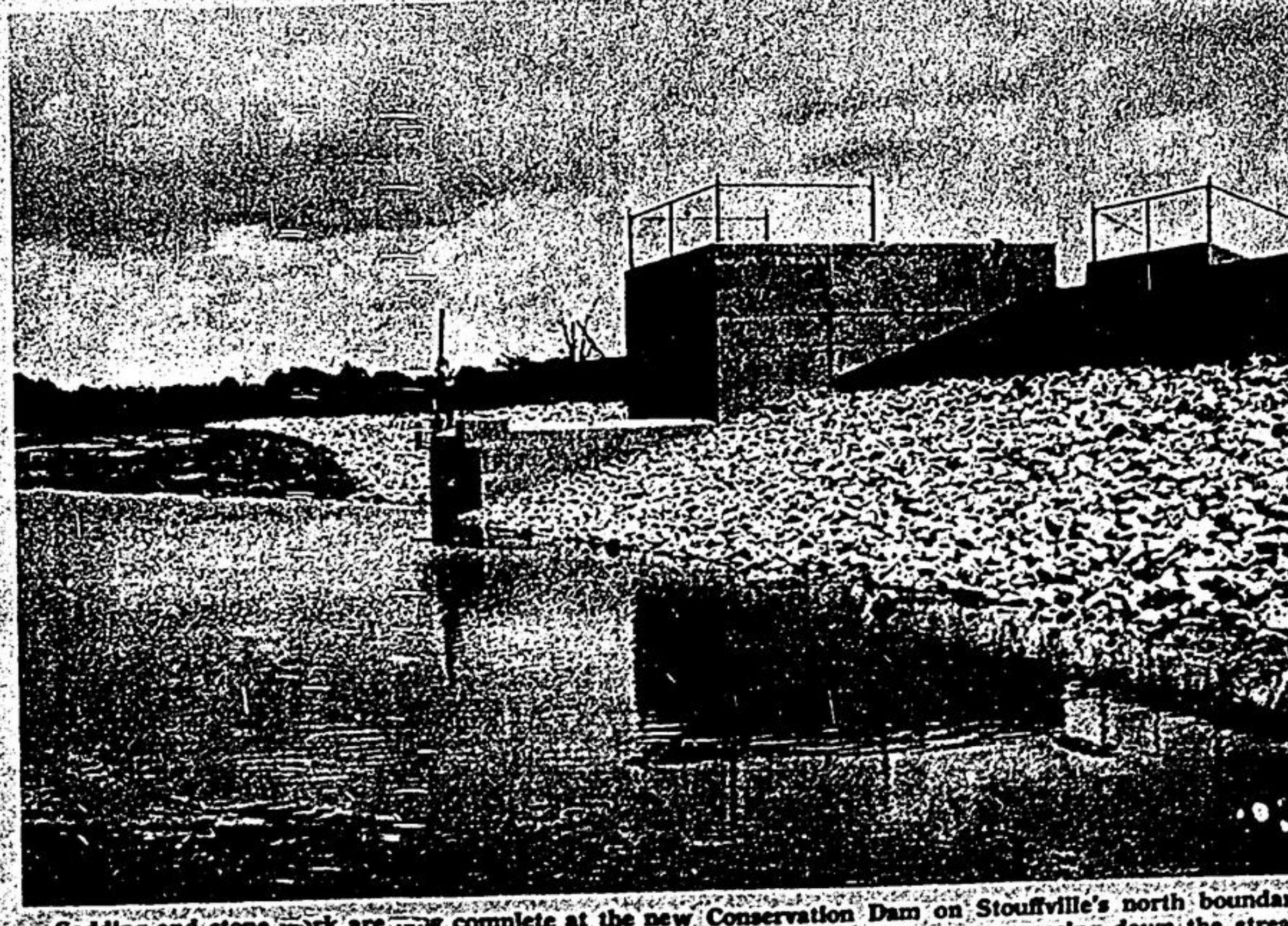
This week, Markham Township Council considered a similar request for increased debentures approval from the York Central District High School Board, when the lowest bid on the new Vocational school in Vaughan Township was \$437,000 over estimate.

The estimated cost of the school to be built on Vaughan Road a mile west of Yonge Street was \$3,000,000. Originally the Board applied for \$750,000 debentures from the co-operating municipalities. Now they require \$1,050,000.

The question was deferred at Markham Township on motion of Councillor Hoover and Deputy-reeve S. J. Gadsby, until there could be a discussion with representatives of other municipalities.



**Proficiency award**  
 Rosemary O'Connor and Debbie Hunt were the joint holders of the proficiency award at the St. Mark's Grade 8 presentations. — Staff Photo



Sodding and stone work are nearly complete at the new Conservation Dam on Stouffville's north boundary. Water is already rising in the area to be flooded. The dam will control the water passing down the stream which runs through the centre of town and will prevent any future flooding as occurred during Hurricane Hazel. — Staff Photo