

Lady dies in Bloomington crash

Daughter first at scene

BLOOMINGTON — A wrecked car, an overturned truck and a distraught daughter kneeling beside the still form of her mother. Such was the sickening sight as police arrived at the scene of a tragic two-vehicle crash on conc. 9, Whitchurch at Bloomington.

Killed almost instantly was Mrs. Alvin Cowie, 78, of R.R. 2, Stouffville. She was a passenger in a north bound 1953 model car driven by her husband, Mr. Cowie, 79, who was admitted to York County Hospital at Newmarket with a broken right shoulder, head and face lacerations. Both were thrown from the auto that was hit broadside by a nearly-new gravel truck, owned and driven by George Harvie, R.R. 1, Goodwood. The truck, westbound and fully loaded, overturned as the driver cramped the wheels sharply in an effort to avoid the car. Mr. Harvie suffered only minor injuries but his transport was wrecked. Three eye-witnesses were able to provide police with an accurate description of what happened.

Mrs. Cowie was well known and highly respected in the community and only recently the couple celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary. Surviving are three sons, Fred, Ernest and Walter, of R.R. 3, Newmarket; Clarence of Hanover and two daughters, Hazel (Mrs. Ernest Canning) of Agincourt and Norma (Mrs. Robert Herbert) of Bloomington.

Service was conducted from the O'Neill Funeral Home, Stouffville, on Monday afternoon with Rev. R. L. Langford in charge. Interment was in Stouffville Cemetery. The pall bearers were: Kenneth Tramer, Murray Ramer, Max Sooley, Donald Burrows, Maitland Burrows and Vernon Davies.



A distraught daughter cries over the still form of her mother while another lady offers sympathy at the scene of tragic car-truck accident at Bloomington in Whitchurch Township. Killed was Mrs. Alvin Cowie of Musselman's Lake. Her daughter, Mrs. Norma Herbert resides close to the intersection where the crash occurred. —Staff Photo

Markham Township

Petition urges end to liquor drought

MARKHAM TWP. — Markham Township council has received a petition signed by eight businessmen in the municipality, calling for a plebiscite to permit the serving of beverages in both cocktail and dining lounges.

The local option by-law has been in force in the township for 62 years.

The applicants include:

The Copper Kettle, Thornhill; Bert Turcotte's fly-in golf course, Buttonville; C. O. McQuillan of Golf Leaseholders Limited; Buttonwood Golf Club; Summitview Gardens Restaurant; Unionville Fairways; Hengran Development Limited; Unionville and the Halfway House, Victoria Square.

The petition points out that neighboring municipalities have such outlets and businesses in Markham have suffered because this service can not be provided.

A liquor plebiscite was held in the township six years ago but failed to gain the required 60 per cent to repeal the by-law.

Urge action on museum

MARKHAM — Markham Village councillor, Douglas Allison has called for immediate action on the purchase of the former Mt. Joy Public School so that it may be preserved for a future museum site.

Councillor Allison is in agreement that the village should co-operate with Markham Township and split the \$25,000 purchase price. "If we don't buy it, someone else will," he said.

Councillor Lloyd Abernethy argued that the existing school boards should acquire the property and not the municipality.

Reeve Alma Walker recommended that representatives of the Markham-Unionville Lions Club, the Village and Township Councils meet jointly to discuss the project. The meeting will be held at Buttonville, Monday.

Fire chief resigns

MARKHAM — Fire Chief Charles Hoover of Markham Village has resigned. The resignation was contained in a letter to council but no reasons were given. It was accepted with regret.

Mr. Hoover, a member of the brigade for 17 years, was appointed Markham's first full-time chief, Jan. 1, 1968.

Councillor Rod Stewart chairman of the fire committee, said that a meeting had been held to discuss a replacement but nothing definite had been finalized.

One inter-office position has been filled. Mr. Richard Black has been hired as deputy-clerk at a starting salary of \$5,500. He will serve as an assistant to the present clerk, Mr. Howard Graham.

FREE CONCERT
CEDAR BEACH — The Awakeners choir of Belfast, Ireland will present a free open-air concert at Cedar Beach, Musselman's Lake, Saturday.

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Recommend gravel companies assist in road maintenance

Check on tax return

WHITCHURCH TWP. — Increased maintenance costs on the Bloomington Sideroad, west of Highway 48, has prompted Whitchurch councillor Norman Barnard to suggest that gravel companies located within the township assist in the upkeep of routes, heavily travelled by trucks.

The recommendation, by no means new in Whitchurch, was re-introduced by councillor Barnard at a meeting July 9. He urged that representatives of council and the gravel firms meet to establish a co-operative maintenance program.

The discussion occurred after councillor Barnard said he had received a letter from a resident at R.R. 2, Stouffville, complaining about the condition of the Bloomington Road. The man said that his car had been damaged to the extent of \$200 and both he and his wife had lost their jobs in Toronto for failing to arrive at work on time.

The letter was in reply to an earlier recommendation by councillor Barnard suggesting that only limited work be done on the Bloomington Road since it was used extensively by gravel trucks and was soon slated for re-construction by the County.

Reeve Stewart-Burnett spoke in defence of the gravel companies, saying that many loads of fill had been supplied by these firms in an effort to improve conditions. He said, too, that an earlier appeal by Council to the Department of Highways has resulted in the Toronto and York Roads Commission assuming the Bloomington Road from Lincolnville west. He noted that further work west from Highway 48 would not be started until 1969.

Councillor Bob Lewis urged a closer check into the operation of the gravel industry in Whitchurch to learn the amount of tax gain to the township, the number of trucks hauling from township pits and the amount of the license paid by each.

Beer raid

PICKERING TWP. — To thirsty beer-lovers, the confiscation of a man's total suds supply during the current brewery strike, would be like draining a traveller's last thermos of water onto the desert. Such was the fate of Lloyd Marco, Station Road, Pickering.

Pickering Township police raided the Marco residence and seized 200 pints and 12 quarts of various brands.

The alleged owner has been charged with transporting beer from Quebec into Ontario.

COLLECT \$3,000

WHITCHURCH TWP. — More than \$3,000 was raised for the wife and family of Whitchurch police constable Gerry Mills, killed while investigating an accident on Don Mills Road.



Mr. Gerald Pegg, 23, Baker Avenue, Stouffville, has been appointed secretary-treasurer of the Public Utilities Commission. A graduate of the University of Toronto, he fills the position made vacant following the resignation of Norman Baker.

Sets style trend

YORK CENTRE — While Prime Minister Trudeau may be a style-setter in the federal field, he's got nothing on the Provincial member from York Centre, Donald Deacon of Unionville.

Mr. Deacon appeared in the Ontario Legislature recently, wearing his customary pair of plaid Bermuda shorts. It created a stir in the House and sent the speaker delving into the dusty bylaw books on appropriate apparel.

It is now apparent that Mr. Deacon has proved his point. For not only are Bermuda shorts acceptable but shirt sleeves as well.

Bell prepared to give added service

STOUFFVILLE — Last fall, a meeting was held in Stouffville Dist. Secondary School, in which members of the public were invited to hear a Bell Telephone representative discuss the long-distance call system.

At the conclusion, the Bell Co. was requested to make a survey of long distance calls made from Stouffville to specified areas. Since that time the Company has been recording these calls by computer, and last week released their findings.

The percent of Stouffville subscribers (640) calling Agincourt — 33%; Uxbridge — 22%; Newmarket — 21.2%; Mount Albert — 15.5%; Richmond Hill — 15.1%; Aurora — 12.8%; Thornhill — 12.5%; Oak Ridges — 5.1% and Ajax-Pickering — 4.6%. A survey was also made of these places calling subscribers in Stouffville and their findings were: Agincourt — 6.4%; Uxbridge — 32.4%; Newmarket — 8.5%; Mount Albert — 31.3%; Richmond Hill — 6.4%; Aurora — 6.6%; Thornhill — 4.4%; Oak Ridges — 9.1% and Ajax-Pickering 2.7%.

This week The Tribune was contacted by Mr. Kim Rogers, President of Erie Manufacturing Co. Ltd., who stated that from the survey, the Bell Telephone Company felt that an extended area service was feasible. Gordon Wansbrough, manager of the Bethesda-Gormley Markham-Stouffville exchange, reported that the next step would be to visit each municipality and make a survey with the subscribers. This could only be done at the request of council, Whitchurch Town-

Want kennel court costs

WHITCHURCH TWP. — The council of the Township of Whitchurch will press for payment of legal costs against Mrs. Suzanne Janda, R.R. 2, Stouffville, following the success of an appeal in a kennel bylaw case, heard in Toronto.

The amount of the account is \$657.

Township solicitor, Ian M. Rogers informed council that payment had been refused on the understanding that the municipality did not plan to collect the account. Members, denied that the township's share of costs had been waived.

Horse bolts ring

MARKHAM — In spite of efforts by its drivers to hold on, one of four horses in the English Pleasure Show, bolted from the show ring, Saturday as spectators scattered for safety in all directions.

"Badu", owned by Laurie McCulloch of R.R. 3, Oshawa and driven by Harvey Ambrose, had completed a near flawless performance when it became frightened and broke free of its handlers. The horse raced into an open area of the fair grounds, shattered a shaft on the buggy and stripped its harness. The animal was finally corralled by its owner but not before the man was knocked to the ground as he clung to the halter.

Aside from a kick in the shins and damaged pride, the driver escaped injury. His only comment as he surveyed the remains of his four-wheeled rig — "I think we've been disqualified."

It was the only incident to mar an otherwise very successful seventh annual Markham All Arabian Show. The President for 1968 is Mrs. Jocelyn Nugent, R.R. 1, Peterboro.

Cool Off
STOUFFVILLE — Attendance at the Stouffville community swimming pool, Sunday, set an all-time record, according to manager A. H. Williams.

Art contest

STOUFFVILLE — Your attention is drawn to the 2-color advertisement on the back page of this issue announcing a children's drawing contest being sponsored by the merchants in the Stouffville Plaza. All entries will be displayed in the store windows and the judging will take place on July 27.

Wins \$1,000

STOUFFVILLE — A Stouffville man hit the jackpot, Friday night in the Kin Vestment lucky draw, sponsored by the Kinsmen Club and held at the Legion Hall.

Bill McEachern, a driver for Vachon Cakes Limited, was the winner of \$1,000. Jerry Foley, Fairview Avenue, sold him the ticket.

Although not present to claim his prize, he soon learned the good news. Mr. McEachern resides at the home of Mrs. Robert Rateliff, Lloyd Avenue.

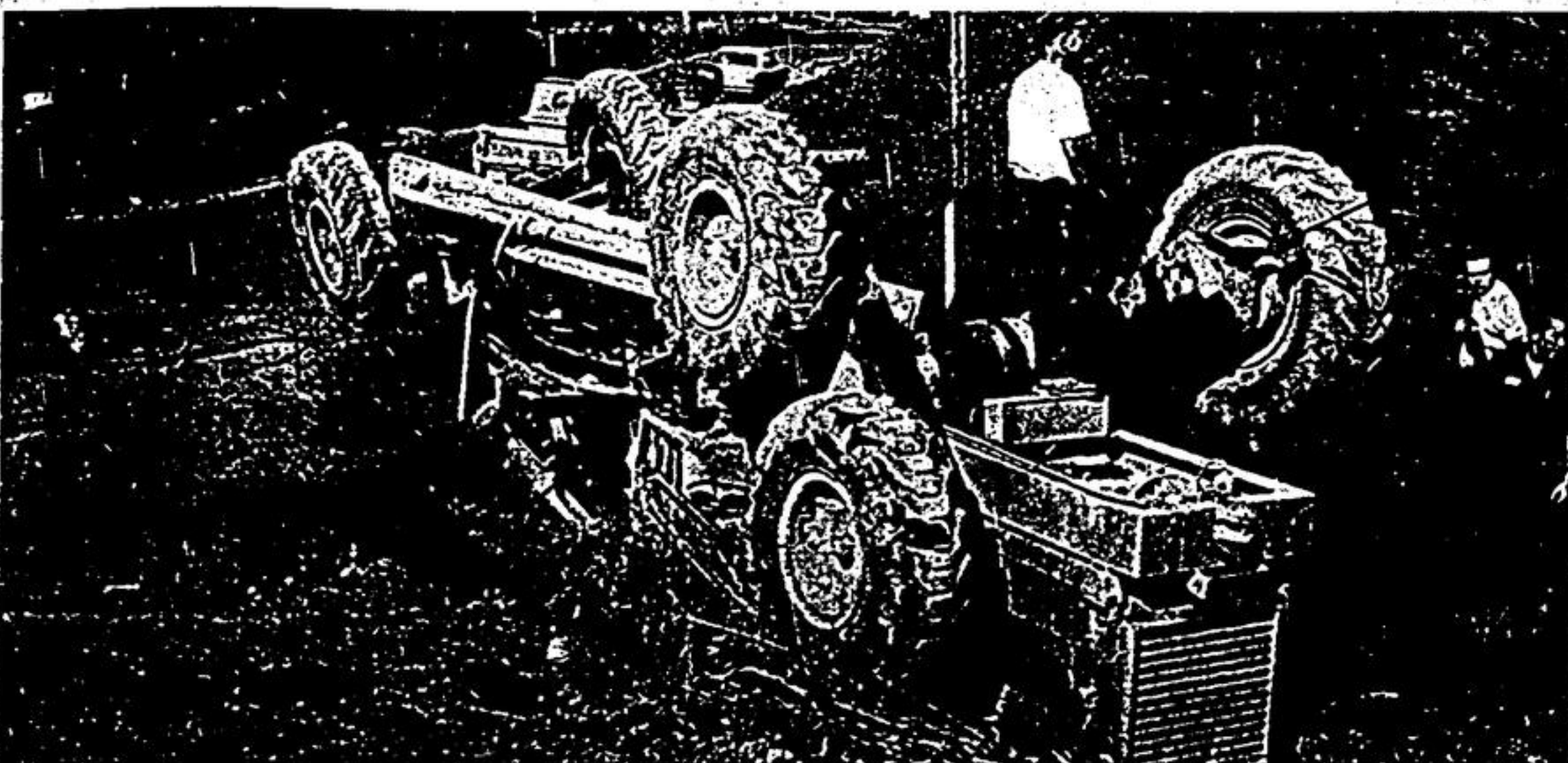
Auto centre

MARKHAM — An area on the north side of No. 7 Highway in Markham Village is rapidly developing into a golden mile of auto service centres.

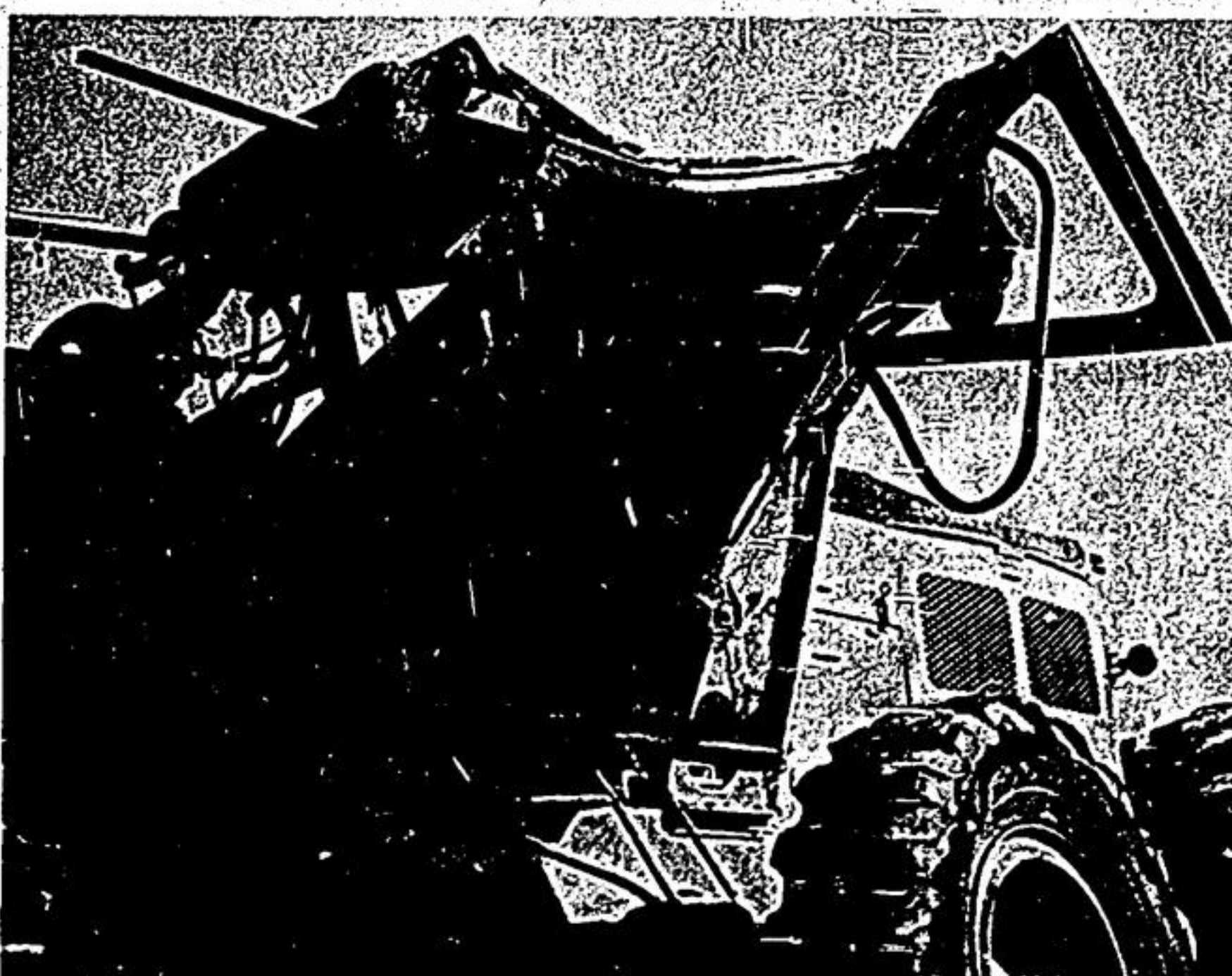
Parkview home addition

STOUFFVILLE — With approval from the Ontario Department of Health, construction will be started on a new 40-bed wing to the Parkview Sr. Citizens' Home in Stouffville.

Pickering grader toppled by gravel truck



A Pickering Township road grader lies upside down in a ditch following a collision with a gravel truck on the Brock Road north of Brougham.



The grader operator, Gordon Lynde of Claremont, escaped serious injury although the cab of his machine was badly crushed. —Staff Photo

No 'rubber stamp' for chief-councillor

MARKHAM — A recommendation by police committee chairman Lloyd Abernethy that a sixth officer be added to the Markham Village force met strong opposition from councillor Douglas Allison, and was eventually rejected on a 3-2 recorded vote.

Councillor Allison said he had read the letter from Police Chief White but was not impressed with the suggestion that another man be needed. "We are not a rubber stamp for Chief White. We are not required to act on the Chief's whims. If he can show me where his constables are at various times of the day and that

the radar is in operation for ten hours every day, then I might agree."

Councillor Abernethy argued that on Saturday, an officer was called to an accident on Highway 7, and had to lock the office door.

"When the chief of a police department makes such a request and is turned down, it is in effect a motion of non-confidence in the department head," said Councillor Rod Stewart.

Reeve Alma Walker suggested that further consideration be given to the hiring of a police cadet.

Operator escapes from crushed cab

CLAREMONT — Gordon "Hank" Lynde of Claremont has been driving road graders for the Township of Pickering since 1948, with never a serious accident. This record ran out on Friday and he's lucky to be alive. His big 15-ton diesel-powered "Champion" was struck from the rear by a north-bound Brock 850 gravel truck at the intersection of the Brock Road and conc. 7, one mile north of Brougham. The impact shunted the grader about twenty feet and it overturned in the ditch.

Mr. Lynde, although stunned, was able to crawl out of the crushed cab and was taken by private car to the Ajax-Pickering Hospital. He was released three hours later but will still require skin-graft treatment for injuries suffered to one hand. The truck driver, Richard Puckrin of Ajax was not hurt. Damage to his vehicle was estimated at \$1,000.

The area around the road grader was drenched with fuel oil and although fire broke out around the motor, it was quickly extinguished. The machine was purchased in May, 1967.