

## Reception for councillor

MARKHAM TWP. — The end of a year, the end of an era in the political history of Markham Twp. Such was the feeling of friends and civic leaders who gathered Dec. 30 at Buttonville to honor retiring Ward 3 councillor Charles Hoover.

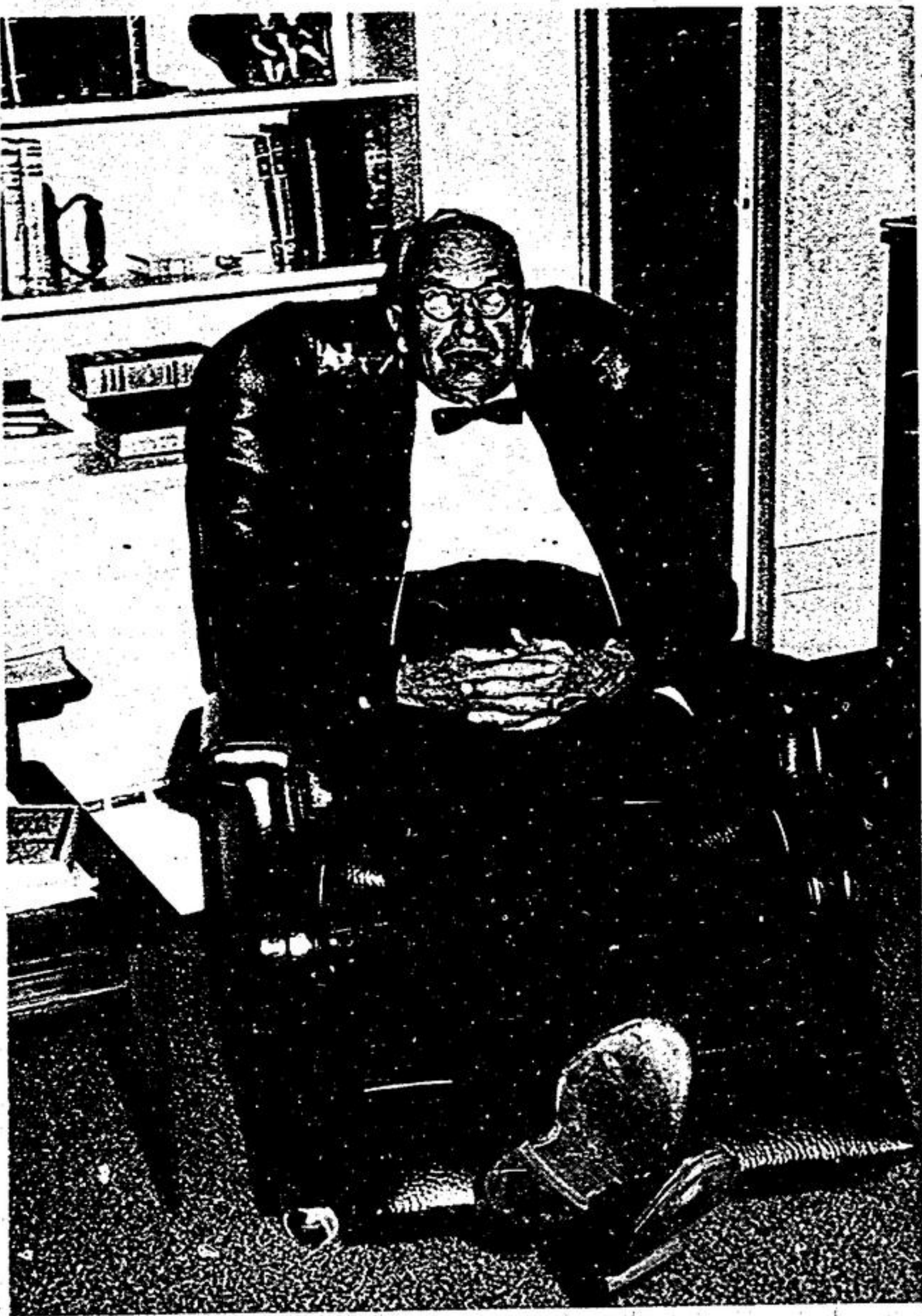
Since 1933, Mr. Hoover maintained a connection with township affairs. Positions included tax collector, treasurer, clerk and welfare officer.

Testimonials at the reception were spoken by Reeve Stewart Rumble, Deputy-Reeve Sidnev Gadsby and councillor Anthony Roman. "With him, (Mr. Hoover) the welfare of the municipality always came first," said Mr. Roman.

Long-time associate, Frank Brumwell referred to Mr. Hoover's 'balancing influence' on council. "He is one of the finest men I have ever known," he said.

His witty remarks, always a feature of sometimes serious nomination meetings, shone through for a last time when he rose to address the crowd of personal admirers. "Never put your telescope to a blind eye," he warned, with a friendly wink in the general direction of his hosts.

Councillor Hoover was presented with a reclining chair and a travelling bag from the Township and the Community Centre Board.



Charles Hoover, former Ward 3 councillor, Twp. of Markham, relaxes in a lovely all-leather reclining chair, one of several gifts received at a reception held in his honor, Dec. 30. —Staff Photo

## Police Chief plans crackdown on errant snowmobile drivers

### Hard to catch

STOUFFVILLE — The day of the joyriding snowmobile operator on Stouffville streets is over — that is, if the police can catch them.

Since the first heavy snowfall, these midget 'crawlers' have led police on a never-ending chase all over town.

On a road, where the hazard is greatest the cruiser can keep pace. But when the trail suddenly leads across country, the chase ends.

"There's only one solution to the problem," suggested Chief Orland Keating, "buy a snowmobile for the police department."

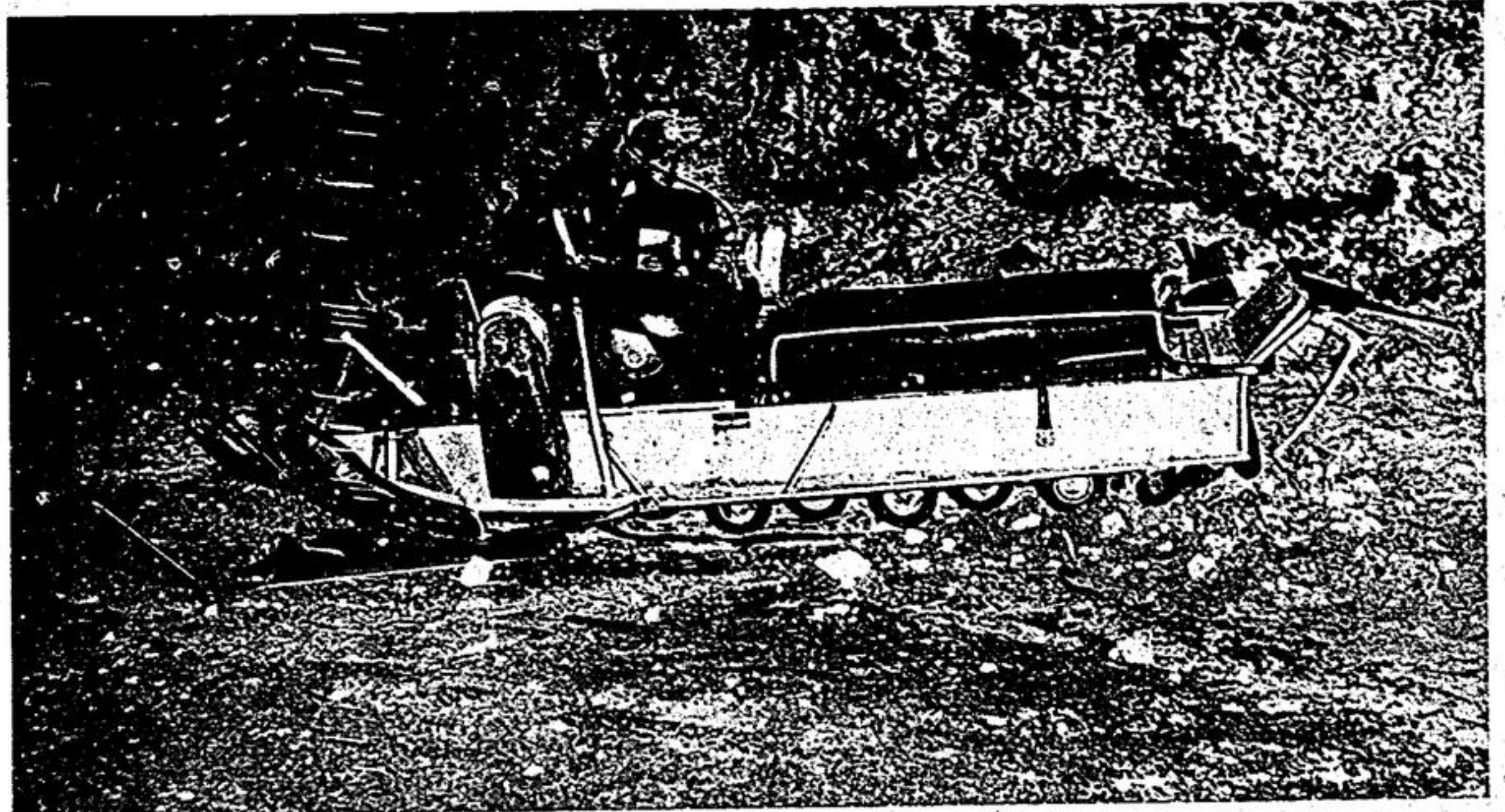
Seriously, Chief Keating is concerned. He has issued instructions that all regulations under the new Snow Vehicles Act be strictly enforced. He estimates the number of snowmobiles in Stouffville to be over 200. And since so many meet the same description, it is difficult to apprehend the owners.

During the past two weeks, the police have been plagued with complaints from irritated residents whose lawns and gardens have been turned into snowmobile trails. Chief Keating feels that the majority of drivers are quite responsible but it only takes a few to spoil it for many.

The most serious accident to occur to date was at the intersection of Main and William Streets, Jan. 3. A new-model 'Boa-Ski' driven by Howard Graves, 33, of Westlawn Crescent, Stouffville was in collision with a westbound car driven by Arnold Tony Brown, 17, of Loretta Crescent. Mr. Graves suffered a broken knee cap and facial lacerations. Property damage has been estimated at \$1,100.

In two earlier incidents snowmobiles have hit parked cars but on each occasion the driver had left the scene before police were called. The first occurred in the parking lot at the Arena and the second at Dick Coffey Motors.

The only person charged so far is 16 year old Alvin Douglas Booth of Stouffville. He was apprehended for failing to obey a stop sign.



A collision between a car and a snowmobile on Main Street in Stouffville, sent the owner of this machine, Howard Graves, Westlawn Crescent, to hospital. —Staff Photo

### Wins bronze plaque

STOUFFVILLE — Fifteen year old Kevin Acton, Burkholder Street, Stouffville, placed third in an Olympic-styled speed skating meet at Rumble Pond, Richmond Hill.

The competition, covering 3,000 meters nearly 2 miles included 15 skaters. He received a bronze plaque.

Ten year old Keith Acton was the youngest competitor entered.

In total points, Kevin placed fifth.

### Main street pileup

STOUFFVILLE — A pileup of five cars on Main Street West, Dec. 28, caused damage estimated at \$635 but no injuries.

Police said that an eastbound auto, driven by David Keeping, Main Street East, skidded on a patch of ice and rammed into the rear of a parked car, owned by Warren Brown, Ninth Line South. The Brown vehicle was pushed ahead into the rear of a third auto owned by John R. Weatherbee, Stouffville, R.R. 3.

Minutes later, a car driven by James Sawyer, Main Street East, in attempting to pass the accident vehicles, hit the front of a fifth auto owned by Fred-

erick Peck, R.R. 1, King City.

Due to the condition of the highway at the time, no charges were laid.

On the same date, a southbound car driven by William Vaughan, Main Street, rammed into the rear of a parked vehicle, owned by Raymond Pipher, Ninth Line North. Police said that the Pipher auto was in a private drive but the back was protruding onto the roadway. Damage has been estimated at \$700.

First Meeting

STOUFFVILLE — Stouffville council will meet Thursday (tonight) at 7:30 p.m.

### Order inquest

CLEMONT — An inquest has been ordered into the death of a 19 year old Clarendon youth, discovered in the wreckage of his car, Dec. 23.

Kenneth Vernon was the lone occupant of the vehicle that veered off the Brock Road and down an embankment, one-half mile south of Clarendon.

At the time of the accident, it is believed that the victim had been pinned in the auto for about three hours.

Ontario Provincial Police of the Whitby Detachment conducted the investigation.

### 'Summer' swim

WHITCHURCH TWP. — The heated swimming pool at Vandorf is now open to residents of both Stouffville and Whitchurch every Saturday afternoon from 2 to 4 p.m.

The program is sponsored by the Whitchurch Centennial Centre.

Admission for children up to 12 years is 25c; for adults 12 years and over, 50c.

The pool is located on Slater's Road at Vandorf.

### Fun day

STOUFFVILLE — The second annual Family Fun Day, sponsored by the Kinsmen Club of Stouffville, will be held, Feb. 8 at Cedar Beach Park, Mus-selman's Lake.

Activities, to start at 10 a.m., will include sleigh and snowmobile rides, hot food, coffee and soft drinks. In addition, someone will win a brand new 18 horsepower Johnson Snow Cruiser.

A \$6.00 ticket will admit the entire family.

### Late Fred Chessman

WOODVILLE — Service was conducted Jan. 6 from Stoddart's Funeral Home, Lindsay, for Frederick Chessman, formerly of Stouffville, who passed away Jan. 3 in Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay. Surviving besides his widow, are four daughters, two sons and three grandchildren. Interment was in Smith's Cemetery, Woodville.

## County welfare debated by Markham Township

### Investigate benefits

MARKHAM TWP. — The 1969 council of the Township of Markham will investigate the benefits of administering its own welfare service rather than come under the jurisdiction of new County appointee, H. Bilton MacDonald.

The decision followed the receipt of a letter from treasurer R. N. Vernon, outlining recent amendments to the General Welfare Assistance Act, effective Jan. 1, 1969.

The appointment of Mr. MacDonald has been approved by the Minister of Social and Family Services, Hon. John Yaremko.

Councillor Charles Hoover asked whether Markham had requested permission to operate its own welfare scheme. He was

told that such a request had not been submitted but council could take this action if it so desired.

At present, welfare administration in Markham Township is handled by Dr. Fred Mulholland, R.R. 1, Unionville. Some members indicated that there was no reason to change.

Reeve Stewart Rumble warned against immediate action without investigating the issue thoroughly. "There may be some advantages to a County administration," he suggested.

On a motion by councillor Anthony Roman and supported by councillor Hoover it was unanimously agreed that the council of 1969 should investigate the advantages of a township administered welfare program.

### Motorist rams truck

MARKHAM — A 35 year old Markham motorist died instantly Dec. 31 when his northbound station wagon rammed into the side of a transport truck on Hwy. 48 near Finch Avenue.

Barry Rodgers, Main Street, was returning home from work in Toronto when the accident occurred.

Charged with criminal negligence is John Burn-

ett, 25, of Uxbridge. According to police, the truck, carrying a bulldozer, turned out on the highway in front of the Rodger's auto. The victim was pronounced dead on arrival at Scarborough Centenary Hospital.

Mr. Rodgers is survived by his widow, an 18 month old daughter, Leslie, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Rodgers, R.R. 1, Unionville.

### Batteries stolen

STOUFFVILLE — Stouffville police report the theft of batteries from five new-model cars on the lot at Dick Coffey Motors, Main Street West.

The loss has been estimated at \$128.

### 'Will fight'

-reeve Williams

PICKERING TWP. — The council of the Twp. of Pickering is opposed to regional status that would include the City of Oshawa and Reeve John Williams says he will take the 'fight' right to Queen's Park if necessary.

Pickering had applied for inclusion in a regional area with Metro Toronto. However, Hon. Darcy McKeough has recommended that Metro should not expand beyond its present boundaries.

Mr. McKeough has scheduled a meeting with township officials in Toronto, Jan. 28.

### Easter cantata

STOUFFVILLE — A Stouffville choir, comprising voices from all denominations, will present an Easter Cantata, Handel's 'Passion' in April. A practice will be held in the Stouffville Christian Church, Tuesday, Jan. 14, at 8 p.m.

### Solicitor honored

PICKERING — Pickering solicitor, William G. Lawson has been named Queen's Counsel in the annual New Year's honors list announced Jan. 1 by Attorney General Arthur Wishart.

Mr. Lawson, a former township reeve and a promoter of many worthwhile projects in the municipality, was among 122 barristers and solicitors in Ontario to be so recognized. Mr. Lawson's office is in Pickering Village.

## Defunct school site sells for \$71,500

MARKHAM TWP. — Due to the sale of school properties in 1968, the trustees of Markham TSA 2 will turn over a completely balanced budget to the new Board of Education, York County.

This information was revealed by Administrator Wilfred Morley at a year-end meeting, Dec. 27.

Property chairman, Elson Miles announced that 15 acres on conc. 7, adjacent to the Markham Village boundary, had been sold to Elizabeth Walk Limited for a price of \$71,500. The transaction was conducted through Jack

Grant, company secretary. Two years ago, the Markham Board purchased the land as a planned site for a new senior school. It was later abandoned when Markham Village refused to guarantee water and sewerage services to the site.

In Area 2, the last of the 'little red schoolhouse' properties has been sold. The final one at No. 21, Locust Hill, was not completed until November because of title difficulties.

While the township board will remain operative until mid-1969, it will serve only as a caretaker committee.

### Markham inaugural

MARKHAM TWP. — The inaugural meeting of Markham Twp. Council will be held Jan. 13 at the municipal chambers, Buttonville.

The members will be sworn to office by the clerk, Harry T. Crisp at 11 a.m. Following adjournment for lunch the session will reconvene for regular business in the afternoon.

The council for 1969-70 includes: Reeve Stewart Rumble; Deputy-Reeve Anthony Roman and councillors Allan Sumner (Ward 1); James Jongeneel (Ward 2) and Eldred King (Ward 3).

## Presents chain of office to Markham town mayor

MARKHAM — The weatherman is no respecter of ceremony. A three-inch snowfall tended to disrupt proceedings at the inaugural meeting of Markham's new Town Council, Monday. Those who arrived in time to obtain a seat in the public gallery had trouble leaving the parking lot.

Markham Twp. reeve Stewart Rumble never did make it and Mayor Tom Broadhurst of Richmond Hill was late.

Council members were sworn to office by the Clerk, Howard Graham. They are: Mayor Alma

Walker, Reeve Albert Laidlaw, Deputy-Reeve Harold Lawrie and councillors Arthur Bonner, Dr. Donald Conley, Gordon Marshall and Walter Grieve.

The prayer of dedication was spoken by Rev. David Peasgood of Grace Anglican Church.

Donald Deacon, M.L.A., presented the chain of office to Mayor Walker. He praised her dedication to duty and outlined many of the projects both in the Town and in the County that had commanded her attention through the years. Mr. Deacon pointed

to the recently opened Milne Dam as a venture that she had personally promoted and one that every resident in the municipality should share with pride. "I am satisfied that the Town of Markham is in good hands," he said.

Mayor Walker outlined the progress of Markham since incorporation and expressed confidence that the trend would continue.

On behalf of the Town of Richmond Hill, an engraved gavel was presented to Mrs. Walker by Mayor Tom Broadhurst.

The Village of Stouffville was represented by Reeve Ken Laushway.



Uniquely designed home, Bethesda Road, Whitchurch Township

This beautiful new home, unique in design, is the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ratcliff, Bethesda Sideroad, Stouffville, R.R. 4. The ten-room, two-storey house, one of several lovely homes in the area, was built by contractor Bruce Vanderbent, R.R. 1, Unionville. The architect was Allan Sherriff of Richmond Hill.

## Three-car crash driver aids injured

PICKERING TWP. — A Clarendon district driver has been praised by both doctors and police for assistance rendered at the scene of a serious 3-car crash on the Altona Road, north of Hwy. No. 7, New Year's Day.

Heinz Libertus, Clarendon, R.R. 2, arrived on the scene of the accident involving cars driven by Robert Thorvaldson, Altona and Jack Cogar, Tindale Road, Stouffville.

Mr. Libertus helped place Mrs. Thorvaldson in his truck and drove directly to Stouffville where she was given first aid treatment by Dr. Blair Mitchell. Mrs. Thorvaldson lost considerable blood from severe lacerations when her head struck the windshield. Less seriously hurt was her 7 year old daughter, Mona. Other passengers included Allan, 12, Ronald, 10 and Tammy, 4 months. Mr. and Mrs. Thorvaldson reside at the home of Levi Fretz, Clarendon, R.R. 3.

Injured in the Cogar auto was Mrs. Doris Cogar and a son, Terry. Provincial Police Constable Terry Shand said that the two vehicles met head-on during a snow squall that reduced visibility in the area to 20 feet.

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Receipts totalled 187 pints.

The clinic was held at the Veteran's Hall, Monday afternoon and evening.

### Sets record

STOUFFVILLE — In spite of the weather, the Red Cross blood donor clinic, sponsored by the Stouffville Branch of the Canadian Legion, had the largest turnout of donors on record.

The clinic was held at the Veteran's Hall, Monday afternoon and evening.