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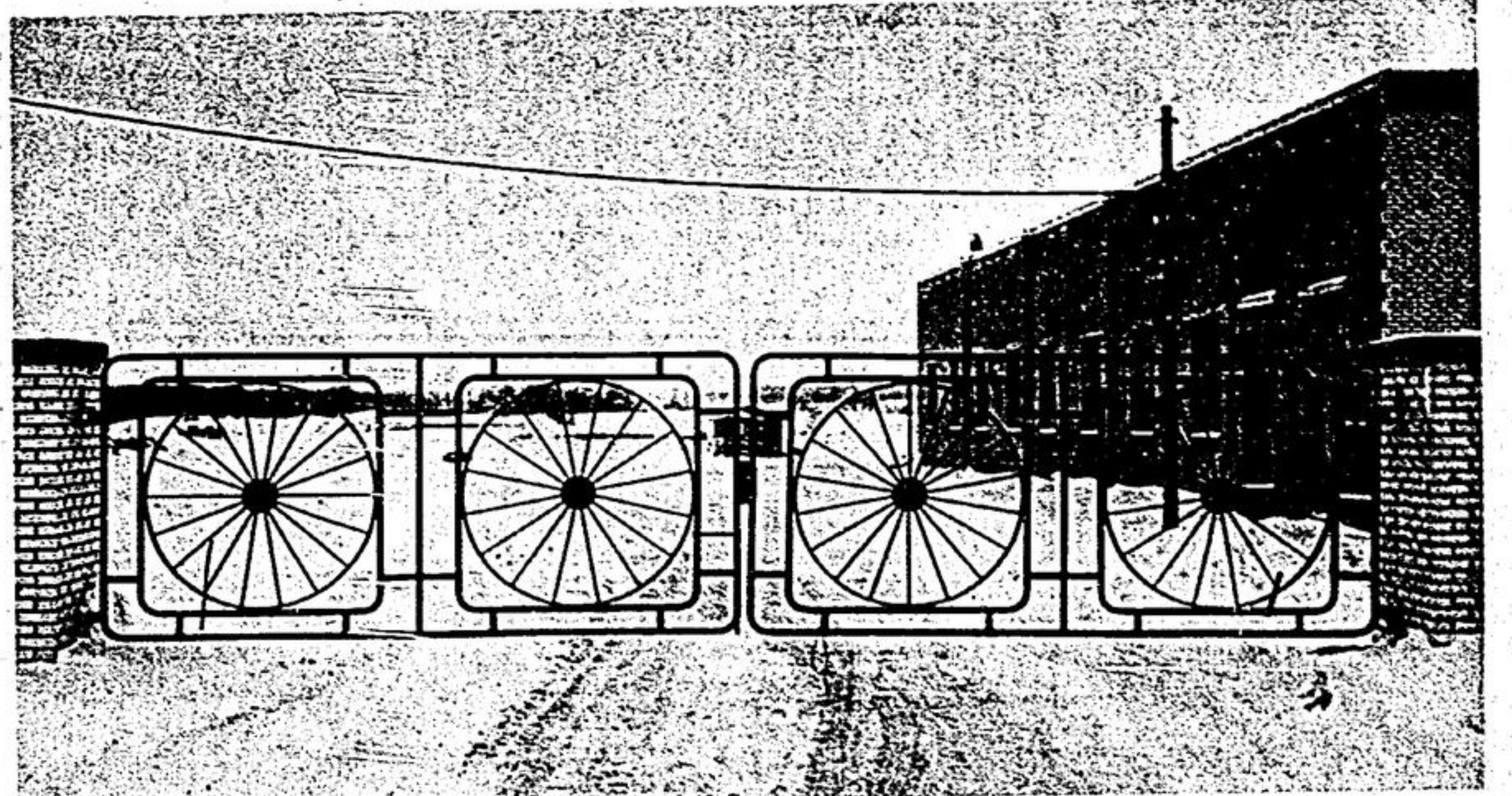
Government issues order

WHITCHURCH TWP. — A sanitary landfill area, two miles north of Stouffville in Whitchurch Township, has been closed.

The shut-down order, effective Dec. 22, was issued from Queen's Park by the Minister of Energy and Resources Management, Hon. George Kerr. A lock has been placed on the front entrance gates, leading into the property from Hwy. 48.

Concern over the operation of the 'dump' was aroused last month when it was learned that liquid industrial waste from Metro was being delivered by tank truck to the site. Farmers feared that seepage could pollute their wells while Stouffville residents were equally anxious since the town's artesian wells are only a short distance away.

While meetings with government bodies failed to gain little headway,



The entrance to the controversial garbage disposal site north of Stouffville in Whitchurch Township has been closed — perhaps permanently. Tests will be taken to see if seepage from liquid industrial waste could affect underground artesian streams in the area. —Peter Harris

Whitchurch councillor-elect, Merlyn Baker approached York Centre M.P., Donald Deacon on the problem. Mr. Deacon then contacted York North Member, Bill Hodgson and a letter of protest

was drafted to Mr. Kerr. Action by Queen's Park soon followed.

The Minister has also asked his Department to take core samples on location to determine what

seepage, if any, has occurred. Mr. Deacon said that if no health hazard is evident, the business may be allowed to carry on, otherwise, he said, the shutdown would be permanent.

Mr. Deacon said further investigation is underway to learn why action on the problem took so long and who was responsible for the delay.



A guiding light in the year ahead

The church — a promise for the future, is beautifully depicted in the illuminated exterior of St. Andrew's United, Markham. The effect is captured with a full second time exposure at f5.6. —Jas. Thomas

Stouffville faced with \$12,491 school deficit

Debt incurred by the 1968 board

STOUFFVILLE — A \$12,491 skeleton of indebtedness, tucked away in a closet by the Stouffville Public and High School Boards of 1968, keeps rattling its bones, even into 1970.

This is the amount of money that Stouffville taxpayers must make up, whether it be next year or spread over an extended period.

A schedule of assets and liabilities was made public Dec. 16 at a meeting of the York County Board of Education in Aurora.

In Stouffville alone, the high school board is in the 'red' to the tune of \$7,123. This is only part of the sad financial picture however. Markham Township's share is an additional \$3,784 with \$7,103 to be born by Whitchurch. The Stouffville school serves three areas and each shoulder a share of the cost.

The debt incurred by the public school board was \$5,368.

This in no way relates to the operation of the present County system that took over Jan. 1, 1969.

If these figures on paper seem serious, two other boards ended their terms in even worse straights.

The Markham Dist. High School Board rolled up a debt of \$69,188. Almost \$37,000 of this will be collected from Markham Town and the remainder (\$32,325) from Markham Township.

The Sutton Dist. High School Board ended up in the 'red' at \$67,731.

On the other side of the ledger it is interesting to note that the Public School Area Board in Whitchurch concluded its term of office with a credit of \$126,757. Markham T.S.A. 2 had a cushion of \$172,000 and Markham T.S.A. 1, \$29,000. The Markham Town Public School Board also had a credit of \$42,000.

It was initially anticipated that the debts would have been collected in 1969 but the Department agreed to a one-year interval in order that the County system might become more firmly established.

Permits at a premium

STOUFFVILLE — Snowmobile fever has reached epidemic proportions in Stouffville — and across the Province.

Since Dec. 1, the Murphy Licence Bureau, Main Street East has been sold out of registration plates, although a new shipment has been promised for this week.

It's the same story

everywhere. Mrs. Marion Murphy told The Tribune that until plates are available, receipts are issued each owner to serve the purpose. A registration, costing \$4.00, is good for two years.

So far this winter, the Murphy office has sold 225 plates. In 1968, the figure exceeded 500.

Increase forest area

WHITCHURCH TWP. — Ten acres of additional property has been purchased by York County in the Vivian Forest area of Whitchurch Twp.

The price of \$3,000 was approved by County Council at a meeting, Dec. 17. One hundred acres has

also been acquired in North Gwillimbury for \$17,500.

The Whitchurch site is part of lot 25, conc. 7. The purpose of the purchase is to make the forest more useful to the public for walking trails, horseback riding and snowmobiling.



APPOINTMENT — Stouffville council has approved the appointment of Anthony Roman as the village representative on Metro Planning Board. Mr. Roman is the deputy-reeve of Markham Twp.

Honest policy

STOUFFVILLE — Honesty is the best policy — a motto practiced by Mrs. Nola Harper, Main Street.

On Monday, she found a sizeable sum of money on the sidewalk in Stouffville. The rightful owner may claim it at Bing's Restaurant.

Seek title to school

WHITCHURCH TWP. — With plans almost complete for the township takeover of the old Bogartown school as an area museum, it is with noticeable annoyance that Council now learns that the property has been claimed by the Board of Education.

Deputy-reeve Lawrence Hennessey reported Dec. 19 on his attendance at a committee meeting called by the Board. He said the trustees had no intention of giving up Title to the site for a nominal sum but would agree to the township using the building with no change in ownership.

The policy stand has aroused the ire of councillor Norman Barnard. He said he did not consider the school as belonging to the Board and suggested the Council obtain legal advice on the matter.

Service recognized

STOUFFVILLE — Service to the municipality, extending over a period of 11 years was recognized by Stouffville Council, Dec. 18 when deputy-reeve Bill Parsons attended his final meeting.

He was presented with an engraved smoker's stand and lighter by reeve Ken Laushway. "You have served the village well," Mr. Laushway said, "you will be missed."

Mr. Parsons, in his reply, noted the growth that had taken place in Stouffville since he first assumed office back in 1959. He wished deputy-reeve elect, Jim McKellar a successful term in the two years ahead.

Uxbridge Twp. farmer caught in snow-blower

GOODWOOD — A Goodwood district farmer, caught up in the auger of his tractor-powered snow-blower, Saturday, is recovering in Scarborough Centenary Hospital.

Harry Woodland, conc. 4, Uxbridge Twp., suffered a broken shoulder, collarbone, elbow and right arm.

The accident occurred when a corner of his coat became entangled in the mechanism and in seconds he was dragged into the machine. The pressure sheared off a pin and the blower stalled.

Mr. Woodland's call for assistance were heard by his wife. She was able to cut his clothes loose with a knife. Her husband remained conscious throughout the ordeal.

Camera stolen

STOUFFVILLE — Reports of shoplifting in Stouffville stores continue.

The latest incident has occurred at Aiken's Pharmacy on Main Street where an electric razor and camera were removed from containers.

Snowmobile Problems

Province erred - dep-reeve

STOUFFVILLE — By issuing licences and allowing snowmobiles to operate on most public highways, the Provincial government erred, commented deputy-reeve Bill Parsons at the year-end meeting of Stouffville council, Dec. 18.

While suggesting that such machines posed a road hazard, both to the operator and others, Mr. Parsons agreed that in Stouffville, most complaints had come from private residents who resent these vehicles trespassing on their properties. He said many of the drivers were children: "This council could bar them from all streets," he said, "and possibly this will be a subject for future discussion".

Reeve Ken Laushway said that in his opinion, most people were becoming more accustomed to the noise of the machines and complaints had decreased considerably since the first snowfall. He agreed that the police were finding it difficult to apprehend irresponsible operators but pointed out that no village legislation could be enforced on private property.

Mr. Laushway said that in the western Ponderosa area, residents, including many snowmobile owners, had assumed the responsibility of seeing that younger children are protected while playing in the park. "I personally have no intention of legislating snowmobiles out of the town," he said. He suggested however, that it was not too much to expect drivers to operate their machines in a proper manner.

Vietnam veteran joins family here for Christmas

STOUFFVILLE — It will be a white Christmas in Canada for 1st Sgt. Dean Henry, his pretty wife, Irene and their two fine children, Marlene, 10 and Ramona, 5.

Sgt. Henry, a member of the United States army military police, arrived at Toronto International Airport at 9:53 a.m., Thursday, 23 hours flying time from Vietnam. His family, now residing at 45 Victoria Street in Stouffville, were watching and waiting as the big plane touched down on the runway. The flight covered 15,000 miles.

The reunion, accentuated by hugs and kisses, is only temporary. After 30 days, he must return to complete his one year tour of duty. He has seven months still to go.

Why did Mrs. Henry choose Stouffville as a place of residence during her husband's absence? It's close to the family's summer cottage near Apsley and they plan to move there at the end of the school term in June. Marlene is in Grade 5 and Ramona is in Kindergarten at Orchard Park.

It was while passing through Stouffville on the way back from the cottage that Mrs. Henry purchased a Tribune and answered an ad inserted by Mrs. Elsa Bevan, a teacher

on the staff of Don Head Secondary School. The upstairs apartment was just what she wanted. They moved in last September.

Sgt. Henry's work keeps

him on the move and while Alice, Texas is considered 'home', it's a bit difficult to settle permanently in any one place. He has spent 5 years in Germany, 16 months in

Korea and a year in France. A handsome man at 6'5" and 220 pounds, he is scheduled for retirement in 5½ years. The couple hopes to make a return trip to Germany,

Mrs. Henry's homeland. Her parents, a brother and a sister reside in Heilbronn. Another brother lives on Senator Reesor Drive in Markham. Romping around in the



It will be a merry Canadian Christmas for 1st Sgt. Dean Henry, his wife, Irene and daughters, Marlene, 10 and Ramona, 5. Sgt. Henry is on 30 days leave from Vietnam where he serves with the Military Police of the American Army. His family reside at 45 Victoria Street in Stouffville. —Jas. Thomas

Cut committees

Austerity hits county council

YORK CTY. — A form of austerity has been introduced into York County Council by Stouffville reeve Ken Laushway and approved with little revision.

The 3½ page report, presented by reeve Laushway, Dec. 17, will become effective when council reconvenes next month.

In it, several committees are abolished including Assessment and Education. In addition, the Reforestation and Agricultural Committees are combined into one.

The report noted that the committee on assessment would serve no useful purpose since as of Jan. 1, this phase of County Jurisdiction would be assumed by the Province.

For a similar reason, the committee on education was considered obsolete, its original function fulfilled with the organization of the new county board. This

Board, it was felt, could also assume the responsibility of the County Historical Contest.

With regards to matters pertaining to agriculture and reforestation, it was suggested that the amount of business did not warrant two committees but rather one to do the work of two.

Reeve Laushway said the division of standing committees among members was, in many instances unfair. He noted that some had only 11 meetings during the year while he himself had attended 38. He advocated that the per diem allowance be replaced by salaries plus mileage.

"It is the opinion of the committee that the measures proposed could lead to a more efficient operation and perform a more valuable function for the taxpayers of this County," Mr. Laushway concluded.