



The Tribune wins top O.W.N.A. award

In Province-wide competition for weekly newspapers over 5,000 circulation, The Tribune has topped its class. The award for General Excellence was received by the publisher, C. H. Nolan (left) at the O.W.N.A. Convention, Toronto. Making the presentation is the association president, Peter Hvidsten of Uxbridge. —Jas. Thomas.

## Firemen pump milk

STOUFFVILLE—An experienced fireman must always expect the unexpected.

Called to the scene of a single-vehicle accident on the Gormley Road, west of conc. 6, Monday, the Stouffville brigade utilized its auxiliary pump to empty the tank of an overturned milk transport, owned by Greenbank Cartage Company.

The truck, driven by Gordon Albert Appleton, Stouffer Street, Stouffville, lost much of its 1,000 gallon milk load when it flipped over on its side.

Both the driver and a passenger, Wilmer Hamm, also of Stouffville, suffered head and face cuts. Damage to the truck has been estimated at \$2,000.

In addition to emptying the milk tank, firemen also flushed away gasoline that spilled onto the roadway.

## Storm chaos in Whitchurch Twp.

WHITCHURCH TWP. — Feb. 11 was a day drivers in Whitchurch Township will want to forget.

But they can't. Because in many instances, they'll be nursing injuries, both physical and financial, for weeks to come.

The trouble has all been blamed on the 'big blow', that in open areas of east-west roads, reduced visibility to zero.

Whitchurch police recorded 23 separate accidents, including one on the Aurora Sideroad, east of Don Mills, that caused \$800 damage to a township cruiser. It was struck by a truck and knocked back into a car marooned in a drift. The officer, Bryan Cousineau, escaped injury. The cruiser, put out of commission, hampered police efforts to keep up with the calls. Assistance was provided by Markham Township and Stouffville. Several motorists called into the Vandorf Station to fill out their accident reports in person.

North of Musselman's Lake, a school bus driver, Mrs. Bessie Mitchell, R.R. 3, Stouffville, suffered lacerations to her mouth, requiring treatment in York County Hospital, Newmar-

ket. Two other vehicles involved, included a tow truck driven by Stephen Bell, Cherry Street and a car driven by Frank Rose, R.R. 1, Uxbridge. Damage was estimated at \$1,200.

On the Gormley Road, west of conc. 3, a two-car crash caused \$3,000 damage and sent one motorist, Sidney Floyd of Orangeville to hospital with two broken legs. The other driver was Gerald Gold, R.R. 1, Gormley.

A 4-car pileup on the Bloomington Road east of Hwy. 48 caused \$2,000 damage. Drivers were — Samuel Hanlow, East Gwillimbury; Norman Lynch, Goodwood; Ronald James, Goodwood and Sidney Lawrence, Port Perry.

North of Bloomington on conc. 9, three vehicles were involved in collision. Injured was Mrs. Evelyn Dunk, Stouffville, R.R. 2. Damage was estimated at \$1,000.

Staff Sgt. David Fellows said every attempt was made to get the school buses through. He said at one location, four were bogged down in a single drift.

One motorist summed it up this way: I was too frightened to keep going and too scared to stop.

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## Century City

# Report funds available to finance first stage

## \$4 million loan

UXBRIDGE TWP. — A four million dollar loan, obtained by Century City Developments Limited, from the American based firm of Kaufman and Broad, will enable the company to proceed with the first stage of build-up, members of Uxbridge Twp. Council and Planning Board were told, Feb. 12.

The initial phase, to include 185 acres, would extend north from the hamlet of Altona and contain about 350 lots, mainly residential with some open space for parks and several small commercial sites.

Officials assured the township that sufficient industrial assessment would be provided to offset any tax burden created through home construction. The water supply, they said, was adequate to serve a population of 15,000.

A sewage disposal plant is proposed for an area to the south in Pickering Township. It will be built in stages to eventually serve 32,000 people.

The industrial section, located between the north-south boundary line and conc. 2, will be served by rail, a spokesman said, and meetings had been held with both the C.N. and C.P.R.

Development manager, Roger Cunningham suggested that Hwy. 47 traffic would be directed south to Hwy. 7 rather than through Stouffville.

Prepared copies of a 7-page agreement were made available but on the advice of township solicitor William G. Parsons, members agreed that action, without further study, would be premature.

## To hire deputy-clerk

# Tax account shortage remains a mystery

WHITCHURCH TWP. — A shortage of about \$1,000 in the 1968 tax receipts of the Twp. of Whitchurch remains a mystery.

Councillors Merlyn Baker and Gordon Ratcliff re-opened discussion on the issue, Monday, but nothing new was resolved.

The debate followed a notice of motion introduced by councillor Betty vanNostrand that recommended the hiring of a deputy-clerk.

Both Mr. Ratcliff and Mr. Baker voiced objections.

Councillor Ratcliff said he had earlier requested assistance from the Dept. of Municipal Affairs to update the office bookkeeping system and his position had not changed. He asked that action on selecting a deputy-clerk be postponed.

Councillor Baker called for a financial report from the auditors. He suggested further that if clarification of the account shortage was not forthcoming, they hire another auditing firm.

On councillor vanNostrand's motion, reeve Burnett was required to break a deadlock. He voted in favor along with deputy-reeve Norman Barnard. Councillors Ratcliff and Baker were opposed.

UXBRIDGE TWP. — Political pressures from the municipal level plus unfavorable publicity have led to the threat of action by Queen's Park against errant gravel pit operators.

In the strongest language used to date, Mines Minister Allan Lawrence has warned firms to clean up or close down. Mr. Lawrence spoke recently before a meeting of the Aggregate Producers' Association of Ontario.

Legislation to force adherence to stricter rules and regulations is now pending before Parliament. The Minister charged

## Whitchurch Twp.

# Kennel control still in doubt

WHITCHURCH TWP. — The township's refusal of a licence for a Bethesda area kennel operator, created controversy within Whitchurch council, when the applicant, Mrs. Dorothy Sugden appeared to debate the decision.

Mrs. Sugden charged that under new Queen's Park legislation, the operation of kennels for pure bred dogs was now a Provincial matter and not subject to municipal control. She said an association member was required to pay \$25 per year.

Deputy-reeve Norman Barnard disagreed, claiming township jurisdiction was still in force. He called for a ruling from the solicitor.

"Don't let's start all that again," replied the applicant, noticeably annoyed, "the council's been discussing this for the past two years."

Deputy-reeve Barnard noted that it was Whitchurch that initiated the \$25 flat kennel fee rather than charge owners on a per animal basis.

Councillor Gordon Ratcliff questioned how much money the council had spent on legal fees in this matter.

Reeve Stewart Burnett said no figure was immediately available.

"Well, I want to know," replied Mr. Ratcliff.

Mr. Barnard said the amount of money was not important. He contended that council was obligated to defend its own bylaws.

## Pit owners warned

# Clean up or close down

that the gravel industry past and present had created its own unsavory image. "Legislation will be in the interest of the public at large who I regret to say, have had more than a rough time in certain areas of this Province. They deserve a better break," he said. "The lesson is clear," he continued, "clean up or close down."

Among many things, the report recommends that once a pit has been worked out, the land be rehabilitated and returned either to cultivation or industrial park use.

"The idea is that the

This brought councillor Merlyn Baker into the fray. He charged that according to the Act, a kennel operator of pure bred dogs was not required to apply for township approval but only to pay the \$25 fee. He recommended the bylaw be rescinded.

## Church sheds collapse

MARKHAM TWP. — Time and tide has taken its toll.

The last section of horse sheds on the property of the Wideman Mennonite Church, Hwy. 48, has collapsed under the heavy weight of snow.

When weather permits, it will be removed completely.

The sheds, that once surrounded the side and rear yard, were built as required, some dating back 75 years.

Historian, Paul Grove of Ringwood, recalls the arrangements whereby members of the congregation contributed sufficient funds to own their own stalls. The family name was often posted on the outside and the horse found it as familiar as the stable down on the farm.

The present church was built in 1928, preceded by one in 1857 and a log structure before that.

land, once the operation is finished, would be returned to whatever use the local authority sees fit," he said. He pointed out however, that the business of gravel mining, being an essential service, should not be continually frustrated "at the whim of the local municipality."

A security bond, posted by pit and quarry operators, would be returned when approved rehabilitation has been completed, Mr. Lawrence said. "If this is not done, the department or its agents will use the money on deposit to do the job," he concluded.

## Champion speed skater

# Hockey team first

STOUFFVILLE — On Saturday, 11 year old Keith Acton of Stouffville, could have been in Winnipeg, making a bid for a berth on the Canadian speed skating team.

Instead, he was in Alliston, taking his regular shift as a first-string forward on Stouffville's OMHA Peewee club.

The choice was his and he came home a winner. Stouffville blanked Alliston 3-0 and Keith picked up an assist on his team's second goal. The boys now advance to the third Ontario play-off round. They host Campbellford here, Saturday at 8:30 p.m.

Keith's skating coach was high on his chances of gaining 1970 national prominence. Both he and his brother, Kevin were picked as two of 22 competitors from Ontario. Kevin made the trip but Keith stayed home.

"I couldn't let the guys down," explained the young speedster, "and besides, I like hockey best."

His father, Jerry, is the Peewee team manager. His mother, Betty, is a former speed-skating champion.

# School site price staggers board

## \$37,500 per acre

MARKHAM — The York Board of Education is seeking the co-operation of Markham Town Council in controlling skyrocketing prices on prospective school sites.

It was learned, at a meeting Monday, that an offer of \$13,200 per acre for one property had been turned down. The developer, the Board's spokesman said, wanted \$37,500.

The delegation included education director, S. L. Chapman; the chairman, John J. MacKay and town trustee representative, Mrs. Merna Colbourne.

Mr. MacKay noted that site costs approaching

\$40,000 per acre placed a heavy burden on taxpayers. He said that to bow to such demands would set a precedent elsewhere in the County.

Mr. MacKay recommended that before subdivision plans are considered by Council or Planning Board, the school property be negotiated.

Reeve Albert Laidlaw suggested that it would be in the best interest of all concerned if school sites were dedicated.

When pressed by the Board for an approximate price on lots in the Markham area, a residential average of \$10,500 was quoted.

Mayor Alma Walker, often critical of the County system of education, admitted that co-operation between the Board and municipalities was desirable if the best interests of all residents was to be served. "I can cooperate with anyone except William Davis and Darcy McKeough," she concluded.

## New apartments

STOUFFVILLE — Following many months of delay, a start is expected this spring on two medium-rise apartments in The Ponderosa subdivision.

Mortgage money has been made available, Clerk Ralph Corner told a meeting of Planning Board, Feb. 12.

One apartment will contain 60 suites and the other, fifty.

## Own best customer

STOUFFVILLE — The Stouffville Public Utilities Commission's best customer is — The Stouffville Public Utilities.

At a meeting, Feb. 12, Al Avey, an official of Consumer Service, Ontario Hydro, informed members that one hydro account was completely out of line and obviously in error.

Commission Secretary, Gerald Pegg, following a check of the file, produced the card.

"The over-charge was against — you, guessed it — the office of the Stouffville P.U.C."

## Theft suspect

# Leaps five storeys

STOUFFVILLE — A 17 year old youth, charged with auto theft in Stouffville, remains in serious condition in Vancouver General Hospital, after leaping through the window of the city jail, five storeys above the street.

Donald Gilbert, formerly of Uxbridge, north of Uxbridge, was scheduled to appear in Richmond Hill Court, Friday. Reasons for his client's absence were explained by solicitor, Wm. Parsons.

Mr. Parsons said the ac-

cusped would be confined to hospital for at least a year and could possibly be crippled the rest of his life. Injuries were described as multiple fractures. Every bone in his face was broken, Mr. Parsons said.

Constable Harry Davis of Stouffville said Gilbert was charged following the alleged theft of a truck from the property of Dick Coffey, Motors last October.

Personal bail, put up by his father, is held by the court pending the execution of a bench warrant.

# Ratepayers protest airport expansion

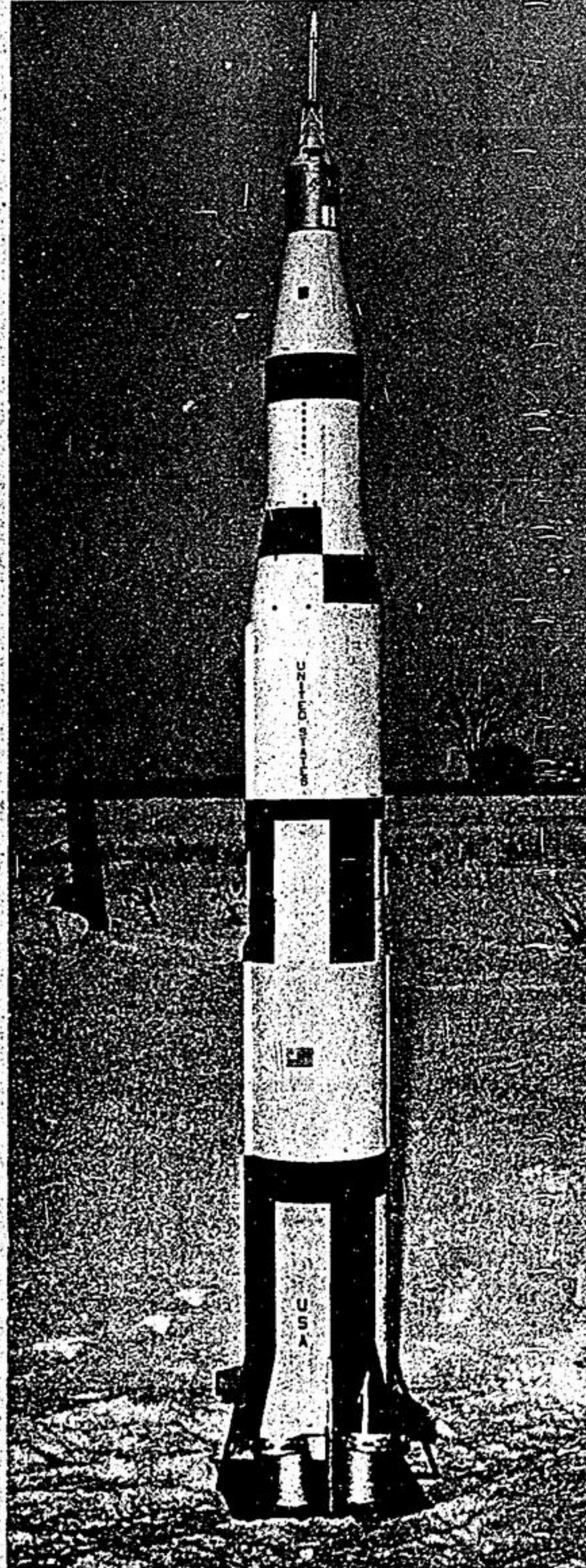
MARKHAM TWP. — The proposed extension of runway services at Buttonville Airport, to accommodate greater numbers of twin-engine planes, has prompted residents in the area to register opposition to the plan.

A delegation, part of a larger association, said to number about 450 persons, brought their protest before a meeting of Markham Twp. Council, Monday.

The spokesman was solicitor Lachlan Cattanauch, Q.C., of Markham.

An airport official informed members that while longer runways were required, it did not mean that jet planes approaching jet size would be used. He said the firm of Murray Jones and Associates had completed a noise factor study and the report should be available soon.

On a recommendation by reeve Stewart Rumble, it was agreed that a special public meeting be arranged for March 25 at 8 p.m. in order that the issue might be discussed in full.



An eight-foot scale model Apollo 9, perched atop its snow-covered launching pad, on the property of its designer, Larry Foster, conc. 5, Uxbridge Township. —Jas. Thomas.



Larry Foster

## Builds model rocket

UXBRIDGE TWP. — The day they start selling tickets on rocket trips to the moon, 29 year old Larry Foster, R.R. 1, Uxbridge Twp., will be standing first in line.

Larry is so addicted to the phenomena of space exploration, he's built his own scale models of Apollo 7 and 9, including one that has successfully completed a 900 foot flight.

In addition, he has built an exact replica of the moon landing craft 'Eagle'. All are on display in the living room of the family's home, conc. 5, north of Hwy. 47. The largest craft, a model of Apollo 9, measures eight feet in height.

While the cost of materials is relatively small, the man-hours of time spent on the project is considerable.

Larry, a graduate of two semesters in drafting at Seneca College, holds membership in the Canadian Rocket Society.