

Future of York decided — May 6

YORK CTY. — Designated areas within the new Region of York, will be revealed to representatives of the 14 municipal councils at a meeting, Wednesday, May 6 in Bayview Secondary School, Richmond Hill.

The letter, signed by Darcy McKeough, Minister of Municipal Affairs read in part: 'It is my intention to announce plans for regional government legislation in the County of York at this meeting.'

It is this report that all councils have been anticipating for several months.

The timing of the announcement would make it appear that the Minister intends to stick by his original target date of Jan. 1, 1971 to put his regional government proposal into practice.

While a two-tier government system is pretty well assured, the location of internal boundaries, a point of disagreement in many municipalities, including Stouffville, has most villages, towns and townships awaiting the outcome with apprehension.

Stouffville, for instance, could be an area unto itself, taking in a part of Markham Township and Whitchurch. It could also become part of a greater Whitchurch area or be taken in by the Markham area to the south. A fourth possibility is the village remaining as a distinct neighborhood within the satellite development of 'Century City'.

It is an accepted fact that some municipalities, as a recognized self-governing body, will disappear. Which ones? That is the question.

Darcy McKeough will soon provide the answer.

Seek hit-run driver

STOUFFVILLE — Police are still looking for the motorist whose car struck and injured a 5 year old girl near the intersection of Baker Avenue and Main Street.

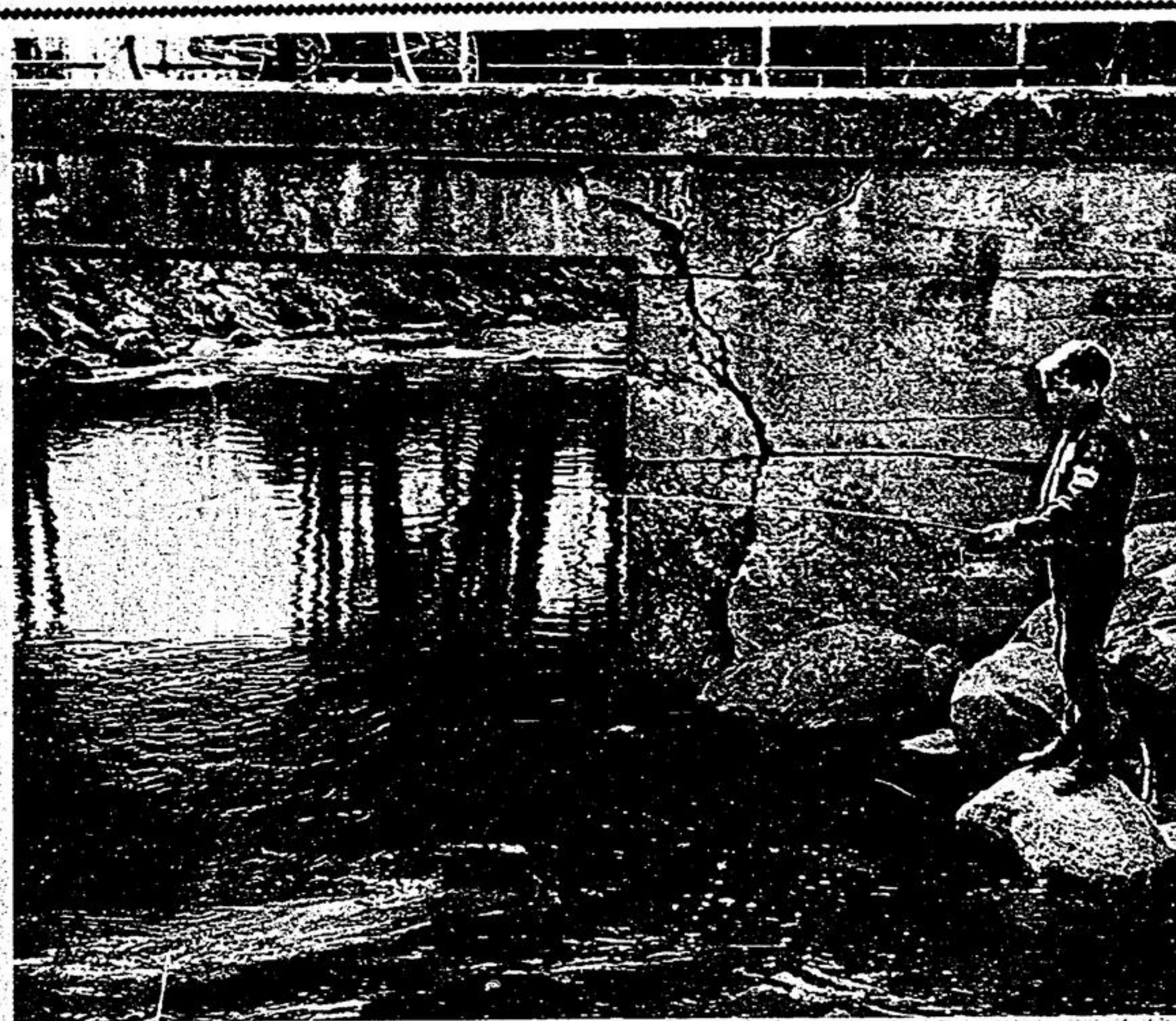
Darlene Good, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Garth Good, was taken to York County Hospital at Newmarket by her father and retained there three days for treatment and observation.

She returned to kindergarten class at Summitview School, Wednesday.

First horse show

WHITCHURCH TWP. — The Equestrian Club of the Whitchurch Centennial Centre will hold its first horse show of the season, Sunday, May 3 at a site east of Ballantrae on the Aurora Road.

The public is invited.



A boy — in a world all his own

A boy, a brook, a fishing pole and hook — what more could any lad ask, except perhaps a nibble now and then. The trout season opened Saturday and hundreds, like 9 year old Brian O'Connor,

tried their luck. This particular location is on a branch of the Rouge River at Dickson's Hill. Brian is the son of Dr. and Mrs. R. D. O'Connor, Glad Park Avenue, Stouffville.

Firehall erected in 1966 now ruled inadequate

Improvements double original cost

STOUFFVILLE — Stouffville's firehall, erected in 1966 at a cost of \$30,000, is now considered inadequate.

This is the opinion of N.J. Atkins, District Services Adviser, Ontario Fire Marshal's Office, Dept. of Justice, following a survey conducted recently.

Improvements, if completed as recommended in the report, will cost an estimated \$75,000, reeve Ken Laushway told council, April 23.

The conclusion calls for one additional bay, adequate office space for the chief, deputy-chief and administrative staff plus provisions for training and fire prevention courses.

With respect to equipment, the report recommends the purchase in 1970

of a new truck and pumper to replace the 1946 model unit. The latter however, would not be dismantled but maintained as a reserve vehicle, the report went on.

Mr. Atkins suggested a policy whereby both the chief and deputy-chief be enrolled in fire-protection technology courses at the Ontario Fire College, beginning in 1971 with provision made for other officers to do the same in subsequent years.

Other recommendations dealt with auxiliary electrical power supplies for the alarm, radio and reservoir pumping station.

In addition to three officers, the brigade has 13 volunteers. In 1969, the department responded to 84 calls. Its cost of operation was \$45,926.00.

Drop-in centres for young adults

STOUFFVILLE — A program, designed to stamp out drug abuse throughout York County, has been launched in every municipality, including Stouffville.

An organizational seminar was held Sunday in the Aurora Community Centre. It was attended by a cross-section of interested persons including students, educators, doctors, ministers, police chiefs, social workers and parents.

Following two hours of intense discussion, it was agreed that youth groups should be established, taking the form of 'drop-in

centres' where young people have somewhere to go and something to do.

Teenagers present stressed that if such facilities were provided, they could cope with the drug problem themselves. But they asked the co-operation of adults in getting the program started.

In Stouffville, a student committee will be established, to meet in two weeks with members of village council. For the summer period at least, it is hoped that facilities at the high school can be made available.

Recreation co-ordinator

STOUFFVILLE — Stouffville has a new recreation co-ordinator.

He's Mr. Harold Landry, 22, of Toronto, a first year student in recreational leadership at Humber College.

Mr. Landry was selected out of 28 applications and commences his duties

here, May 4. He attended a meeting of the Stouffville Minor Softball Association, Monday night.

Councillor Mrs. Ethel Mole, in making the announcement, April 23, said the Commission was highly impressed, not only with his enthusiasm for organized activities but also his personality.

Uxbridge Township

Withdraws objection to industrial zone

UXBRIDGE TWP. — Uxbridge Twp. council has withdrawn its objection to Stouffville's plan to re-zone the land along the east townline as industrial.

When members first received notice of the proposal, they voiced concern over possible flooding of land due to its proximity to a branch of Duffin Creek.

A further study revealed that this problem could easily be remedied through the installation of one larger culvert.

Amendments approved by Stouffville Planning Board increases the area of open-space zoning along the route of the water course.

Percheron team brings \$2,100

WHITCHURCH TWP. — A Percheron horse team, owned by J. Harry Walker, R.R.3, Newmarket, has brought the highest price in 17 years at Central Exhibition Grounds, Lindsay.

An American buyer paid \$2,100 for the pair.

The sale of draft horses is held annually at Lindsay. From noon-hour to 7 p.m., 115 were sold.

A Belgian gelding, assigned by Keith Hobden of R.R.2, Lindsay, went to another American buyer for \$840.

Liquid waste threat IMMEDIATE SHUTDOWN OF BREMNER SITE DEMANDED BY PUBLIC

Extend municipal building

STOUFFVILLE — Stouffville council will consider the placing of a new floor in the rear section of the Municipal building to be utilized by organizations and groups for meetings and recreation.

The recommendation was introduced April 23 by Reeve Ken Laushway.

Mr. Laushway suggested that if the work was started this summer, the project would be completed by early winter.

Major park improvements

STOUFFVILLE — A major improvement program is planned for the Stouffville Memorial Park this summer, councillor Mrs. Ethel Mole revealed at a meeting, April 23.

The projects, to cost an estimated \$9,484, will include the replacement of floodlight wiring (\$3,512), re-aiming of floodlight fixtures (\$573), re-surfacing of tennis courts (\$1,800) and the floodlighting of tennis courts (\$3,599).

The work will be paid for out of Park Trust Funds once approval is received from the Dept. of Municipal Affairs.

Farmer run over by tractor

MT. ZION — A Mt. Zion district farmer is in Oshawa General Hospital after being knocked down and run over by his own tractor, Tuesday afternoon.

Ralph Jones, Claremont, R.R.2, suffered injury to his head and chest but no bones were broken.

The accident occurred when Mr. Jones, standing on the ground, started up the machine, not realizing it was in gear.

Whitchurch councillors promise action

STOUFFVILLE — Members of Whitchurch Twp. council have promised action, next Monday night, to halt the further dumping of industrial liquid waste at a site north of Stouffville, lot 14, conc. 8.

This assurance came from councillors Merlyn Baker and Gordon Ratcliff, at a public meeting, Tuesday, attended by over 1,000 persons in the auditorium of Stouffville District Secondary School. Their decision was later supported by councillor Betty VanNostrand, speaking from the floor.

But this optimism was not shared by John Hcamen, an official from the Dept. of Waste Management. When faced with an ultimatum to halt the practice within three weeks or else, he replied firmly 'it cannot be done'.

Bob Lewis of Bloomington, the meeting's chairman, responded by suggesting that unless some positive answers were forthcoming by that deadline, the issue would be turned over to an even higher authority than the Minister — the people themselves.

Reeve Ken Laushway of Stouffville admitted that local municipal officials 'had run up against a brick wall' in their attempts at obtaining both action and answers. He said several reasons had been put forward why the dump should not be closed. 'If the dump was closed, the Department would soon find a solution,' he said. 'He urged the organization P.O.W. (Preserve Our Water) to press on until its objective was reached.'

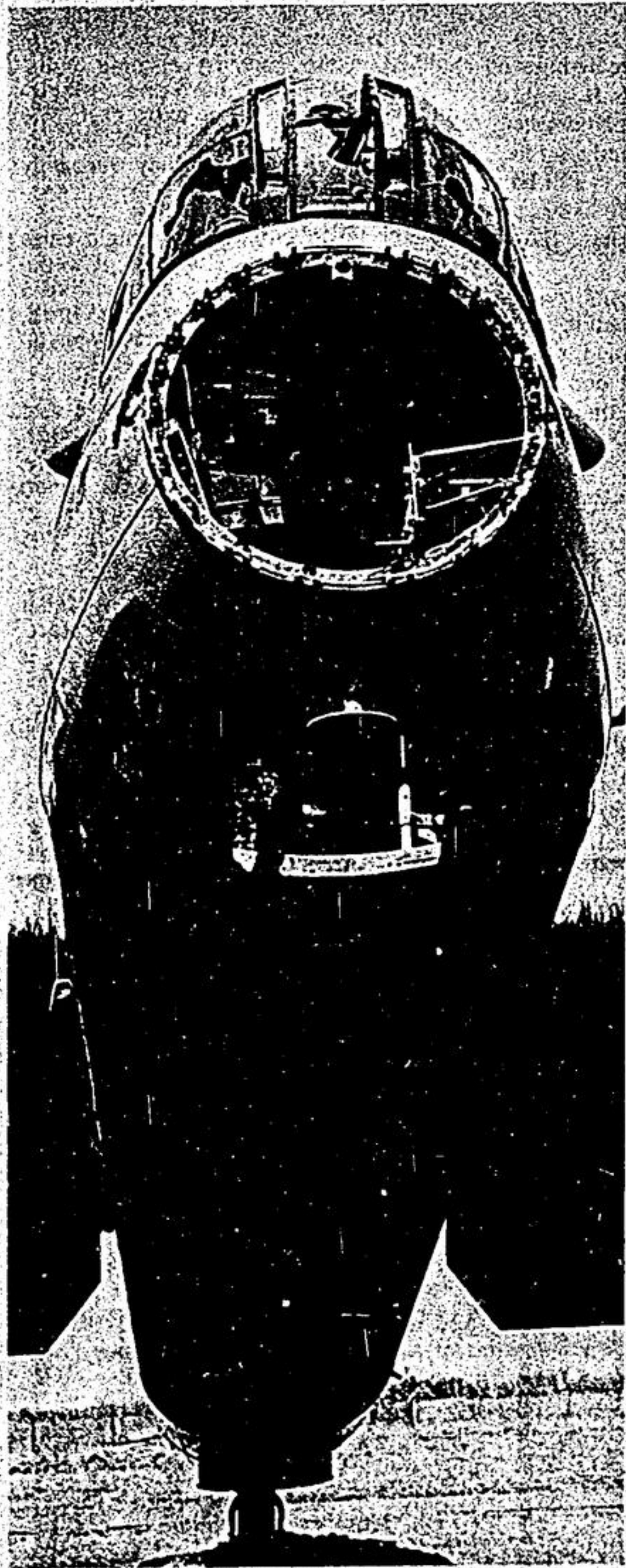
While Department spokesmen stated emphatically that no degree of water contamination had yet occurred from seepage at this site, none could guarantee that such a thing would not occur — possibly several years in the future.

Listeners refused to accept anything less and loudly applauded when Merlyn Baker remarked — 'What people in high places have done, speaks so loud, I can't hear what they're saying'.

Bill Hodgson, M.P.P., York North said he was impressed by the public reaction to the problem. 'I'm behind you 100%', he said, 'there's no use locking the door after the horse has been stolen'.

A speaker from the floor wanted to know what would happen if ratepayers blocked the entrance to the dump site with their cars. 'Who polices that area,' he asked, 'Whitchurch Township or the O.P.P.?'.

'Both,' replied councillor Ratcliff, 'but I wish you luck'.



'L' for Lanky to fly again

The Lancaster bomber, respected for its heroic long-range missions during World War II, is now a prized possession. One of the few still around is owned by Ken Short of Markham. It is accommodated at the Oshawa Airport, awaiting repairs.

—Peter Harris



'Puffin' Billy' takes thirty minute 'breather' at Stouffville station

When steam train No. 6218 rounded the curve north of Stouffville, Saturday afternoon, spectators anticipated only a passing glimpse of the Toronto-bound 'steel' monster. Instead, it hissed quietly to a stop, allowing camera bugs to shoot pictures to their

heart's content. Personal inspection was also permitted of the engine's interior. The excursion trip was sponsored by the upper Canada Railway Society.

—Jas. Thomas