

Tribune a top prize winner

STOUFFVILLE — The Tribune has been named one of the three top newspapers in their circulation category at the annual convention of the Ontario Weekly Newspapers' Association. The Tribune placed third in the General Excellence competition behind the Renfrew Advance and the Milton Canadian Champion.

The convention was held at the Holiday Inn, London, Ontario, Feb. 22-24, and drew the largest attendance in the association's history.

The Tribune is one of the Inland Publishing Company's suburban newspapers, and has won nearly forty awards, both provincial and national since first entering competitions in 1939.

Add 29 units to Parkview

STOUFFVILLE — Twenty-nine units will be added to the senior citizens' apartments on Elm Road, and ready for occupancy in the fall.

Mr. W. S. Knox, Development Officer, Ontario Housing Commission, informed Council, Feb. 20, that the building contract, awarded to Alcott Construction (1972) Ltd. of Downsview, on the lowest tendered price of \$259,260 could commence within 2 months.

The project will attach new wings to the east and west of the existing apartment block and would, Mr. Knox assured Council, be done with a little disturbance as possible to residents.

The additions have been designed to blend in with and enhance the present structure, along with additional landscaping.

Mr. Knox indicated that OHC also hoped to make alterations to the main entrance and patio as well as relocate the floorboard thermostats in the present units. "We don't," he commented, "like the idea of senior citizens having to bend down to regulate them."

The project receives 90% financing from the federal government, 10% provincially. The facility will pay full taxes to the municipality.

Snowmobile rams truck

STOUFFVILLE — Sandra Hollinger, 16, suffered a dislocated hip, Sunday, when the snowmobile she was driving through an 'obstacle course', collided with a truck.

Sandra, a Grade 9 student at Stouffville District Secondary School, had only recently become a member of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Snowmobile Club, along with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hollinger, 323 Rupert Avenue.

An ambulance was quickly summoned from a radio-equipped truck, on location, belonging to Marvin Betz. She was taken to York County Hospital, Newmarket.

It is expected that Sandra will be in traction for three weeks and will require crutches, for a short period, when released.

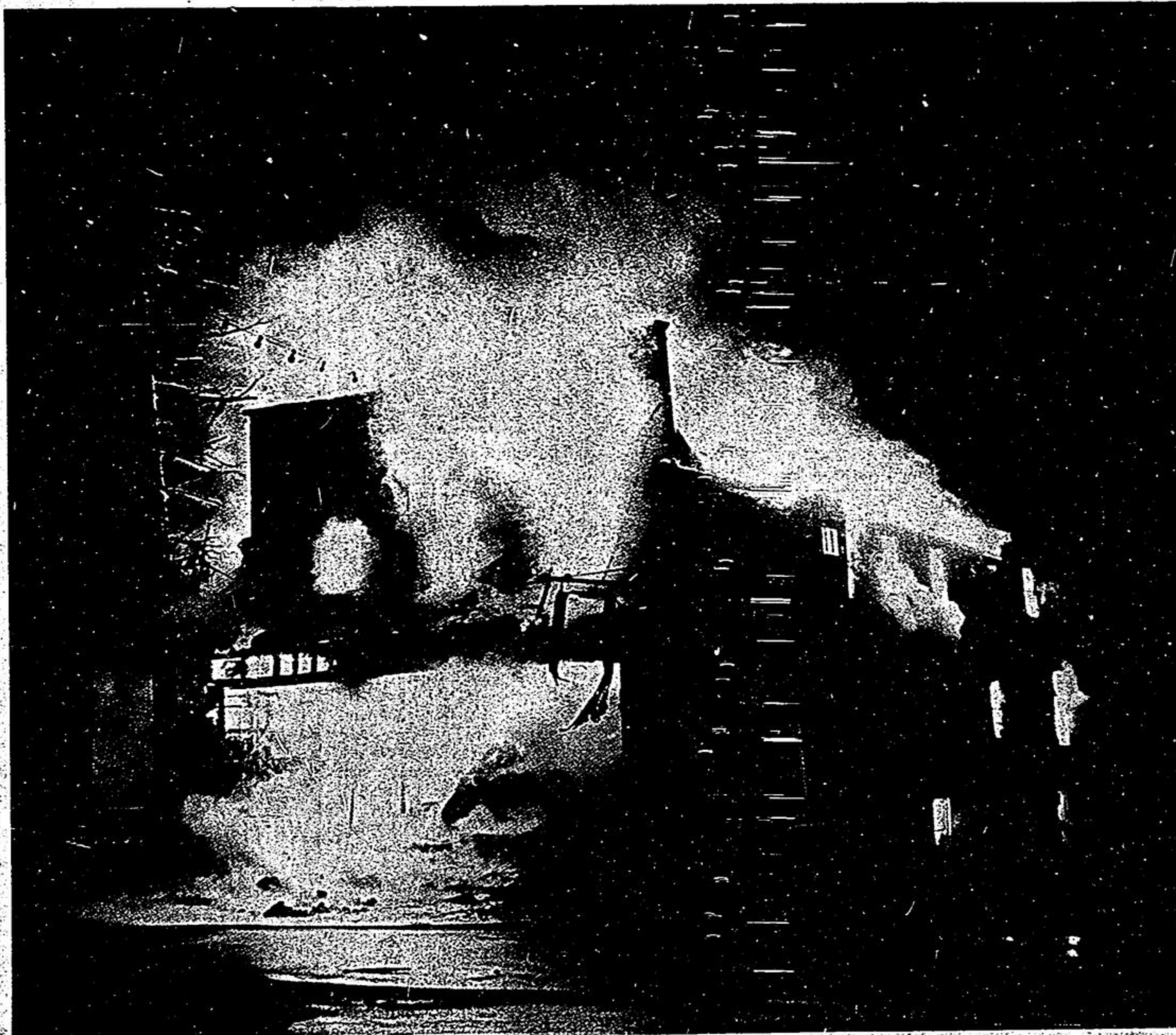
Library future awaits meeting

STOUFFVILLE — Children's books may be returned to the upper floor of Whitchurch-Stouffville library but, until the matter is discussed at the Board meeting, March 5, none will be checked out.

The basement premises were closed to the public, Feb. 17, by authority of the Fire Chief who found that it did not meet fire safety standards.

Mrs. Doris Lapp, librarian, reports that regular library users have been very concerned about the closure. She adds, however, that she is disappointed and disillusioned by the lack of response to the situation by the general public.

Chas. Cooper Ltd. store destroyed by fire; was main business landmark in Clarendon



Fire roars through the store and apartment premises of Chas. Cooper Limited, Clarendon, Monday night, resulting in a total loss of building and contents, estimated at \$54,000. Despite intense heat, houses on both sides of the structure, were saved. Twelve brigade units attended the scene. — Jim Thomas

Two second-storey tenants have narrow escape

CLAREMONT — A landmark business site was destroyed and two second-storey apartment residents "are lucky to be alive", after fire swept through the store premises of Chas. Cooper Limited, Monday night.

The blaze was first observed by tenants, Helena Benwell and Betty-Jean Poley. They had time only to escape down an enclosed stairway to the street. The alarm was turned in by John French, variety store proprietor next door.

Twelve brigade units from Pickering, Whitby and Uxbridge responded, and managed to contain the flames to the one building. However, for a time, two homes on either side were threatened.

Exploding paint cans added to the intensity of the inferno, and the proximity of 'live' hydro lines made the firemen's task all the more hazardous.

The loss has been estimated at \$54,000, including a \$28,000 value on the store, and \$24,000 on contents. The business operation dates back to 1920, although the structure itself was there long before that.

Betty-Jean Poley recalled the smell "of something burning", and the sound of what seemed like crackling wires. She called for her friend to get out and together they rushed from the apartment with only the clothes they had on.

Helena Benwell carried her

pet Terrier 'Mitzi', but Betty-Jean's Poodle, 'Pepi' refused to follow. She went back and, groping on hands and knees, was able to reach him and carry him to safety. By the time the alarm sounded, flames were already visible inside. "We're lucky to be alive," she said.

Betty-Jean praised the response of Mr. French who, after calling the brigade, ran to the building and turned off the gas. She also commended the firemen for their "wonderful job", and local residents for offers of assistance and accommodation. Both girls are presently residing at the home of Betty-Jean's sister, Mrs. Albert LeBlanc, Clarendon, R. R. 2. They are employees on the staff of Emerson Electric, Markham, and have lived in Clarendon since April.

Clarendon Fire Chief Tom Hammond said an inspection of houses on either side of the store showed very little damage. "Not even a window was broken," he said. At the height of the blaze, the exterior of his own woodworking shop across the road, was too hot to touch.

The firm of Chas. Cooper Limited was a business byword in Clarendon, and across Ontario. At one time the company served as a distributor of International farm equipment throughout the Province and the Maritimes. They also once handled the complete line of General Motors cars.

Ask restaurant-lounge for highway 47 site

STOUFFVILLE — A proposal was presented to Planning Board, Feb. 20, for a facility which, promoter Eric Farrell of Westhill contends, is much needed in the Stouffville area.

He unfolded plans for a restaurant-banquet lounge he wishes to build on a wooded 10-acre lot on the east side of Hwy. 47, just north of the Sales Barn.

The 4,000 sq. ft., 1 storey building, described on the plan, is of cement block construction with tudor-style stucco and beam facing.

Mr. Farrell said he considered the wooded lot an attractive setting for such a design; that it was his intention to retain all the trees.

The applicant added that he was aware of the government's proposal to re-route the stretch of Hwy. 47 that goes past the site but he still felt it an ideal spot for a restaurant-banqueting establishment. "I don't think it's going to hurt Stouffville. I think it will add to it."

The Board accepted the plan for further study.

There is no 'highway-commercial' designation in the municipality's Official Plan but specific lots can be established in this category in rural areas if a project is 'acceptable' to zoning regulations. In this case, the lot would also require exemption from the Minister's freeze order.

To develop interest in new library

STOUFFVILLE — A Library Development Committee, has been formed under the sponsorship and direction of Whitchurch-Stouffville Library Board.

The Committee's function is to develop public interest in a new library for the municipality; investigate fund-raising and location possibilities and recommend and implement stages of development of a new library as a Centennial project.

The first meeting of the L.D.C. will be held, March 1, in the Whitchurch-Stouffville Municipal Building. Committee members are: Mrs. Evelyn Alken, Mrs. Genevieve Carder, Michael Durnan, Mrs. Eileen Gayton, Mrs. Jean Giles, Doug Harris, Steve Kettle, Mrs. Beulah King, Bob Lewis, Mrs. Kay Marshall, Mrs. Carol McDermott, Dr. Blair Mitchell, Jim Sanders, Mrs. Joan Stanford, Keith Sutherland, Mrs. Betty Van Nostrand, Jerry Walte, Mrs. Marion Wells.

The meeting will begin at 8 p.m. All interested citizens are invited to take part and become involved in the Library Development campaign.

Whitchurch-Stouffville

Needs a summer recreation director

STOUFFVILLE — A recreation co-ordinator for Whitchurch-Stouffville? Full-time, no; part-time, yes; members of the Town Recreation Committee agreed, at a meeting, Feb. 21.

The sum of \$1,200 has been included in the 1973 budget to cover the cost. Approval, however, will rest with Council.

Debate on the issue was wide-ranging.

Chairman Wilf Morley said that while the co-ordinator last year had done a very good job, there was no follow-up to the program after his term expired. "It fell flat," he said.

Mr. Morley suggested that a full-time employee was undoubtedly the answer. He warned, however, that a 'take-over' director could destroy peoples' incentive, a problem that had occurred in other communities.

Vice-chairman Ed Grimshaw was direct. He said the area involved was too widespread to make the program practical. He observed that while such an employee would undoubtedly be required sometime in the future, "he's not needed yet". He charged that such office-holders usually start out on a small-cost basis, but

before long it spirals into a \$15,000 a year expense. He agreed with the Chairman that a 'take charge guy' destroyed peoples' desire to help themselves. "The day that happens, I'm through," he warned.

Member Joan Doble attributed the problem to "a breakdown in communications". She suggested that a calendar of events, authorized by the Committee, should help to bridge this gap.

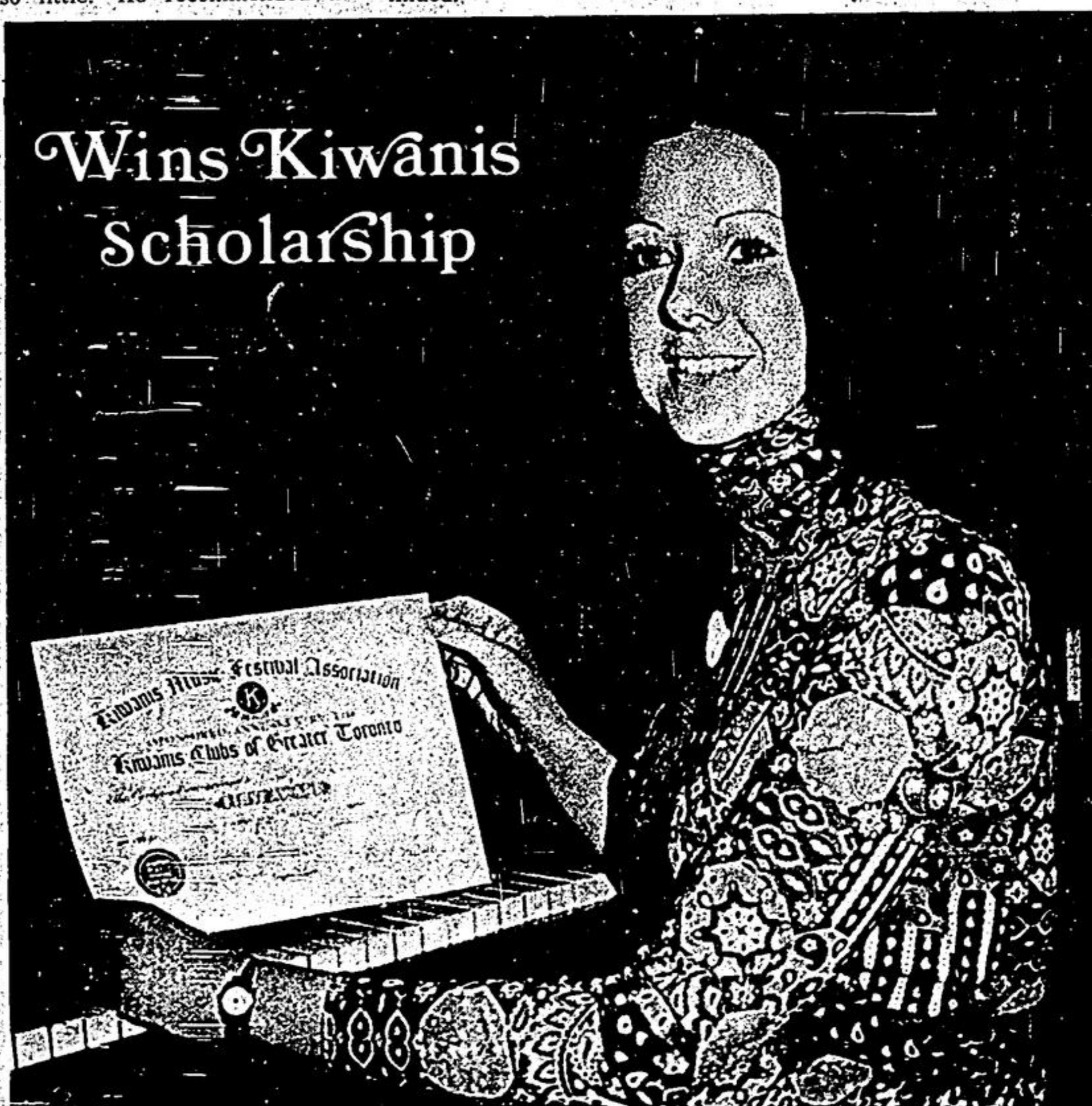
Jim Thomas argued against a full-time co-ordinator, but supported the hiring of an employee for the summer months. He said the purpose of a co-ordinator was to "co-ordinate" and not to "run things" as some members feared. He noted that the program in 1972 "hadn't cost the Town a single cent" as a direct expense, since the entire amount, exclusive of car allowance, had been subsidized by the Province. He said the Mini-Manpower Program alone had provided up to eighty jobs for local students. He felt this benefit alone, made the program worthwhile.

Councillor Eldred King observed that mini-manpower could hardly be considered a part of 'recreation'. He observed, however, that to drop it,

after a successful start, would be unfortunate. "I'm afraid there would be no one to carry it on," he said. Mr. King said the Committee could hardly criticize a program that had cost the Town so little. He recommended a

similar arrangement be attempted. Chairman Wilf Morley agreed to contact Scott Darragh of the Ministry of Education to see if the 100 percent subsidy approved in 1972, could be continued.

Wins Kiwanis Scholarship



Nineteen-year-old Beverly Bell, R.R. 3, Clarendon, enjoyed excellent success at the Kiwanis Music Festival, winning 5 firsts; one second and the \$150 R. I. Finlay Memorial Scholarship. In the class for women's voices, operatic solos, she scored

an 88 percent, highest mark of the day. Beverly is presently studying at the Royal Conservatory of Music. Her teacher is Dorothy Allan Park. — Jim Thomas

New postoffice by 1974

STOUFFVILLE — Stouffville should have a new Post Office by February, 1974.

This is the latest word from York-Simcoe M.P., Sinclair Stevens, obtained through personal contact with the President of the Privy Council in Ottawa.

While the site has not yet been acquired, tenders on the

project will be let, May 15, 1973. The Department has no immediate plans for the present building.

With regard to door-to-door delivery, Mr. Stevens said the 2,000 'drops' required to introduce this service, had not been reached.