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140 Main Street
Monday, May 7

The Tribune MARKHAM

Band Concert
Markham High
Tuesday, May 15

MARKHAM-WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE-UXBRIDGE, THURSDAY, MAY 3, 1973

To correct 'bottleneck' by July

MARKHAM - The 'bottleneck', at the intersection of Hwys. 7 and 48, a problem area to motorists for the last eight weeks, could be corrected by early July.

This is the latest word from Markham's engineer, Dippen Mukherjee, following contact with provincial authorities at Queen's Park.

Originally, it was feared the trouble might extend through the summer rush period, into September.

A section of new roadway, over a branch of the Rouge River, was washed out, during a heavy rainstorm in March. A detour has since been established, but motorists insist on using Robinson Street to the north instead. The traffic 'flood', through a residential district, has irritated the homeowners.

Permanent relief, it seems, is now two months away.

Broke jail. recaptured

MARKHAM - Randolph John Slaven, 27, of Markham, 'flew the coop', at Richmond Hill Court, Thursday, after being remanded to May 8 for trial.

Slaven faces several charges, including one of attempted murder.

He was arrested at 3 a.m. the next morning in Toronto.

While the search, that concentrated in Buttonville area of Markham proved unsuccessful, Deputy Chief Robt. Hood was appreciative of assistance rendered by the pilot of a CKEY helicopter.

Slaven was arrested on the site of Participation House, Markham, after firing a shot that narrowly missed a staff caretaker. He had been in custody since Feb. 18.

Murder

MARKHAM - A 50 year old man is dead and two suspects are in police custody, following a fracas of unknown origin, early Wednesday morning.

The victim is James Alfred Bowden of Markham.

The killing occurred at a location near Hwy. 48, north of 17th Avenue. The victim had been strangled.

The arrested pair were picked up by officers of the Buttonville division, York Regional Police, with Inspector Wally Harkness in charge of the investigation. It is understood they will be charged with non-capital murder.

'O Canada'

MARKHAM - A satirical stage performance, entitled 'O Canada', with a cast of more than 100 students, will be presented in the auditorium of Markham Dist. High School, May 4 and 5.

The writer and producer is Ronald Hindle, a member of the staff.

Beth Beckett and Rob Faulds appear in lead roles.

Curtain time, both nights, is 8:30 p.m.

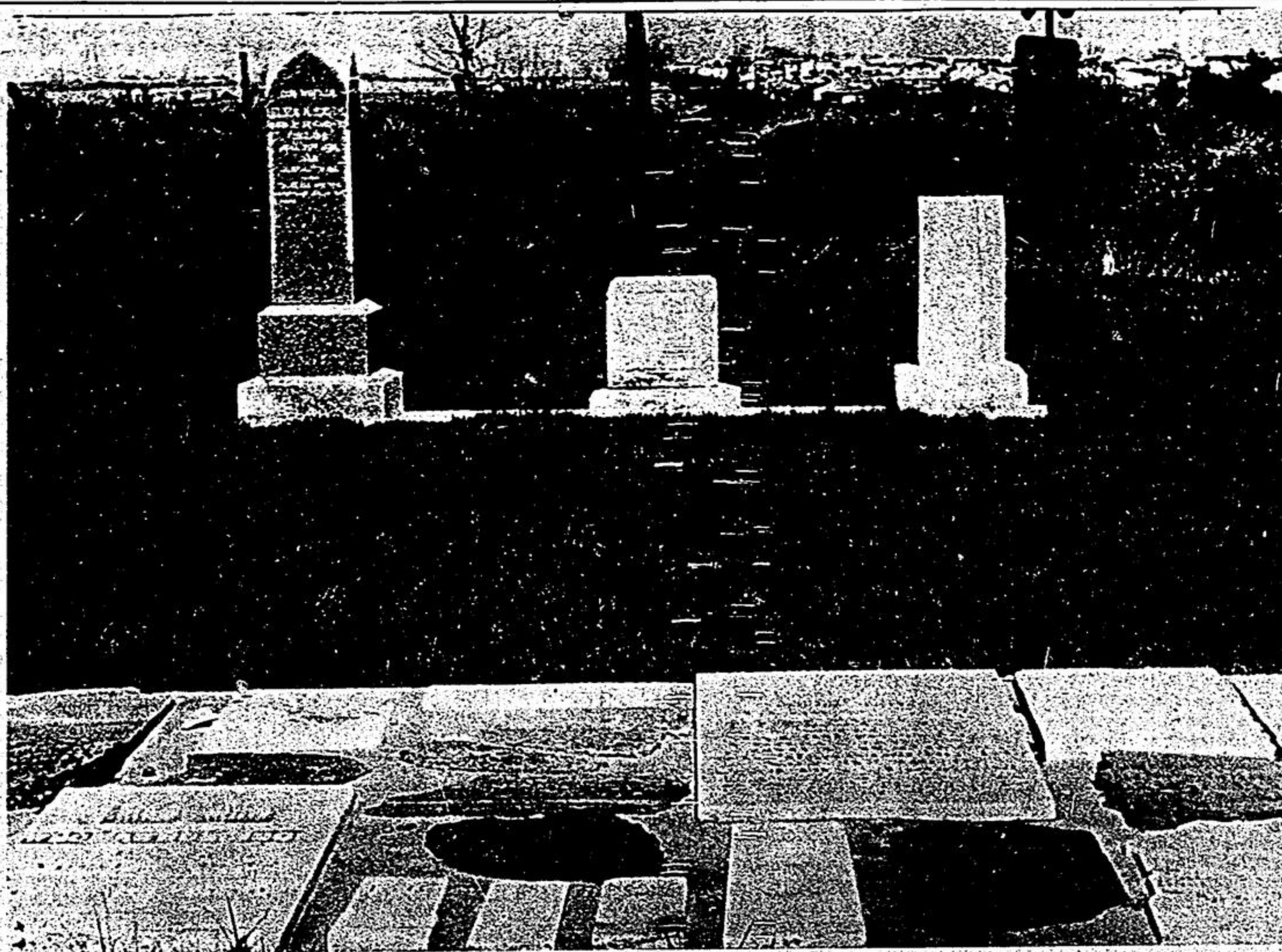
No crosswalk needed

MARKHAM - A pedestrian crosswalk is not required on the Main Street of Markham, north of the C.N.R. tracks, according to the findings of a committee on engineering, Region of York.

The report was presented and adopted, April 26.

The Department felt such a cross-over would not be sufficiently patronized to make it practical.

The only time its use might



The Ramer family cemetery, seldom seen, but neatly maintained, is located on a corner of the original Ramer farm, east of Wales Avenue in Markham. Inscriptions on many of the stones date back to the mid-1850's. —Jim Thomas

Pioneer cemetery preserved by Board

MARKHAM - Three vertical stones remain in the centre of a neatly-kept burial ground, east of Wales Avenue in Markham.

The markers contain the names of Eliza H. Smith, 1808-1890; John Ward, 1896, and Thomas Hague, 1895.

Nearby, a horizontal cairn has been constructed by the Markham Cemetery Board. There, the remains of other stones are embedded.

John Lunau, Town historian and Museum curator tells how the cemetery had its origin back in the mid-1850's, utilizing a corner of the Ramer family farm, acquired in 1809.

When the railroad was put through in 1870, a section of grounds was taken for this purpose. The site is designated as lot 14, conc. 8.

Several stones contain the surname of Wismer, and it is said that several members of this Mt. Joy family died when an epidemic swept the area. Still legible are: John Meyer, died

1882; Albert Meyer, 1881; Thomas Robinson, 1842; Elizabeth Wismer, 1850; Lydia Cook, 1850; Fanny Reesor, 1833; Daniel Raymer, 1870; Abraham Remer, 1846; Emma Raymer, 1891.

Many of the deceased were stricken at an early age, supporting the epidemic account, related by John Lunau. Albert Meyer, for example, was only 6 weeks old, and Emma Raymer, 1 year, 3 months and 21 days.

Decision stands on Town refuse tender

MARKHAM - The decision on Markham's garbage tender is now history, but verbal 'refuse' concerning the issue, still keeps cropping up.

On April 24, it was councillor Bud Bonner who had his say. He charged that Ralph Spademan, originally thought to have submitted the successful bid, had been dealt with "unfairly".

"I'm not at all happy over the withdrawal of the company's

tender," said Mr. Bonner, during the reading of a bylaw, giving the contract to the firm of Minisan Limited of Kitchener.

And viewing the decision from an even broader angle, he said the 'sprawling' pickup program, to include the areas of Thornhill, Unionville, and Markham, tended to destroy the aspect of 'unity' that council has been striving for during the last two years.

International quartette is coming May 16

MARKHAM - Four members of the Medical Mission Sisters, specializing in education through music, will appear in concert, May 16, at Markham Dist. High School. The time is 8 p.m.

The quartette is an international, religious congregation of women, featured in concerts and on records, for several years.

Tickets are available through churches in the community.

Mayor Tony Roman disagreed. He said all tenders had been treated in the same manner. He noted that when the engineer indicated his preference for the Munisan bid, Mr. Spademan could have come before council and discussed the matter. Instead, Mr. Roman said, he chose to withdraw his price entirely.

\$1½ million dollar Building proposed for police

YORK REGION - A new 1½ million dollar building, to serve the areas of Markham, Richmond Hill and Vaughan, has been proposed by the Board of Police Commissioners, Region of York.

Chief Bruce Crawford and Commissioner Stewart Rumble, explained the necessity for such a project, before a meeting of York Regional Council, April 26.

Although the land has not been acquired, nor an approximate location revealed, Chief Crawford estimated the cost at \$1,505,000. Of this amount, \$162,000 has been allowed for in the department's 1973 budget.

It was pointed out that exact figures could not be established until the Force knows precisely what it needs.

The building will accommodate about 200 employees, including 25 non-commissioned officers; 145 officers, three administrators, twenty detectives, and eight civilians.

Council, in discussing the proposal, appeared divided on whether it would be better to own such a structure or acquire the premises on a rental basis.

On a resolution by Mayor Robert Forhan of Newmarket, it was agreed to study the plan to determine "the most economical approach," and have the engineering committee



Don Deacon, M.P.P., York Centre, has called a press conference for Monday, May 14, in the Royal York Hotel, Toronto, at which time he is expected to announce his candidacy for leadership of the Ontario Liberal party.

present recommendations as soon as possible.

If approved, construction is expected to begin in March of 1974, with completion in June of the following year.

One question was raised by Mayor Evelyn Buck of Aurora. She queried the purpose of a \$24,000 car wash facility in the complex. "There is only so much you can ask of the public," she said.

Plaza animal clinic — is it 'professional'?

MARKHAM - Is a clinic for the treatment of humans, any different than one accepting dogs and cats?

Residents on Southdale Drive in Markham, are certain there is.

However, Planning Director Bill Power isn't quite so sure.

It was revealed that a veterinary centre had opened in the Seven Star Plaza at Hwy. 7 and conc. 7. Home-owners in the area claim the bylaw stipulates 'professional offices', and does

not include a clinic for animals.

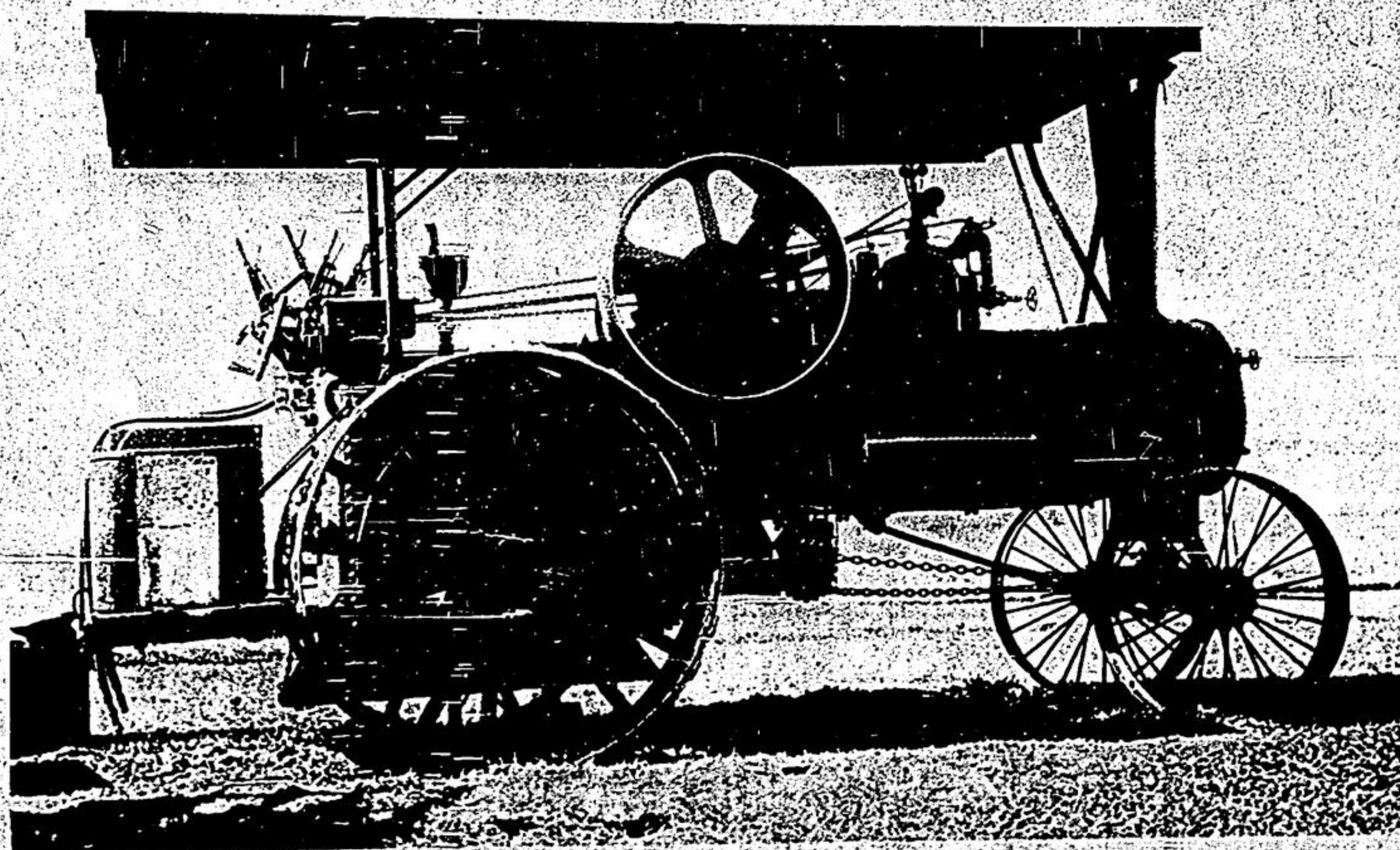
Mr. Power sees a very thin line between the two. "My interpretation would be to allow the clinic, vet or not," he said.

The bylaw constitutes a very open definition.

Town Clerk Joe Pickard said later, that on applying for a licence, the veterinarian said no kennel facilities would be included. "The clinic is for treatment purposes only," he explained.

Council agreed to obtain legal advice on the issue.

Antique steam engine for museum



A 1922 Sawyer-Massey steam engine, owned by the late Gordon and Hart Sellers of Scarborough, has been purchased by the Markham Historical Society to be placed on display at the Markham Museum site. The successful bid was \$3,300. —Jim Thomas

MARKHAM - A crowd, estimated at close to 300, cheered lustily, April 25, when it was announced that an auctioned 1922 model Sawyer-Massey steam engine, had been acquired by the Markham and District Historical Society, for public viewing, on the Museum grounds, Main Street North.

The sale was held on the well-known Sellers' property, (Sunrise Farms), Middlefield Road, South of Finch Avenue, Scarborough.

Bill Hood, Gormley, R. R. 2, bidding on behalf of the Society, had to go as high as \$3,300 to get it. The machine cost \$3,000 new. The wooden thresher has been donated.

Ron Haynes, R.R. 1, Milliken, had the steamer purring like a kitten, as spectators milled around, marvelling at its condition. While delivery to the Museum site is not expected for a couple of weeks, the distance factor should present no problem. A route, up the 7th concession to 16th Avenue, is likely.

"When I heard the people cheer, it brought tears to my eyes," said Museum curator, John Lunau, "it's wonderful to know how much folks really care."

Two problems still remain, however. One, is raising enough money to pay for the steamer, and second, finding space to store it.