

Petition

STOUFFVILLE — Town Council has endorsed a 500-name citizens' petition, calling for the installation of two permanent crosswalks, one at Main and Orchard Park Boulevard and the other in front of Summitview School.

The application, indicating support within an area west of the C. N. R. tracks, was presented to members, Nov. 20, by Michael Parr, Victoria Street.

Mr. Parr said he was personally concerned for the safety of children using both crossings, after witnessing an accident in which a little girl was struck down, Oct. 3, and seriously injured.

Solicitor wants fair shake

STOUFFVILLE — "Let's have a 'fair shake' for the little people," commented solicitor Bill Parsons.

The Stouffville lawyer was appearing before Planning Committee to request re-zoning of a lot, 100' by 200', to accommodate the operation of Stouffville Sales and Service.

The property, it was learned, is directly east of the company's present premises, on Main St. West and part of a 20-acre parcel next to the site of the proposed McNeil Laboratories development.

A similar application, made earlier this year, was rejected because the lot size did not comply with zoning regulations.

Mr. Parsons requested an M-1 zoning, claiming the firm to be "light industry", requiring no open storage.

Councillor Eldred King observed that this particular "light industry" sold equipment. "I also think that the small man should get a fair deal," he told Mr. Parsons, "but I'm not in favor of lining our highways with small commercial developments of this type."

The solicitor cuttingly replied that he had heard no objections over the Canadian Tire Store going in across from the Plaza. "Of course," he concluded, "that was a fair bit of assessment."

Committee recommended the application be turned down.

Honesty the best policy

STOUFFVILLE — Finders keepers?

Not according to a policy practiced by 8 year old Andrew Jeffries, Church Street, Stouffville.

On Nov. 13, while walking to Summitview School, Andrew spotted a sizeable sum of money on the road near the intersection of Hawthorne and Maytree Avenues.

He picked it up and turned it over to his principal, Lorne Bowdway.

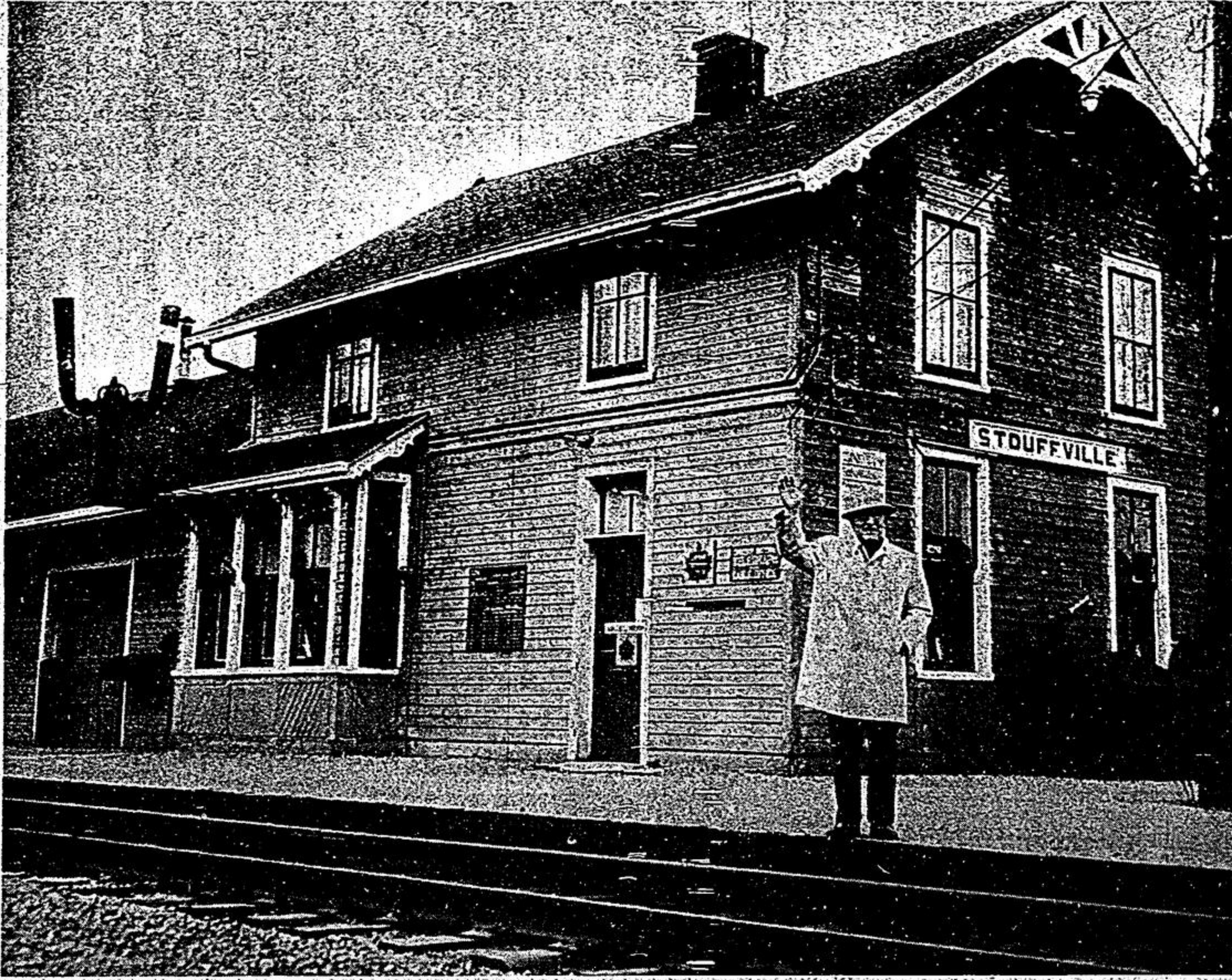
A notice was placed in The Tribune.

The very next day, Allan Gresham called at the school office and identified the amount. It had fallen out of his pocket, he said, while getting into a friend's car the night before.

Andrew and Mr. Gresham never met. The little lad was absent on a class 'field trip' when the rightful owner arrived. But a reward for his honesty was waiting when he returned.



Andrew Jeffries



Former Stouffville boy spends weekend in "old home town"

Jesse Gail, 78, now of West Bloomfield, Michigan, is a native of Stouffville. He was born on Tenth Line South and raised by his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Bowdway. On the weekend, he

returned to town and visited many of the places he once knew as a boy, including the C. N. R. station, a busy train terminal in his day. —Jim Thomas.

Helicopter drops in near SDSS

STOUFFVILLE — The energy crisis became a reality for an armed forces helicopter pilot, last week, when he noticed the gas needle nudging zero while over Stouffville, en route from Petawawa to Bouttonville.

So he did what any enterprising pilot would do—landed his 'bird' in the nearest field he could find.

The property he picked was west of Edward Street, near the High School. He merely walked a few steps to the secretaries' office and requested permission from vice-principal R. L. Mercer to use the phone.

Once clearance was established and the distance factor verified, he was off again—straight up.

Deanne makes big come back

STOUFFVILLE — At noon-hour, Oct. 3, ten year old Deanne Howard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Howard, Fairview Avenue, was struck down by a van on the guard-protected crosswalk, Main Street and Orchard Park Boulevard.

She was seriously injured. On Monday, Deanne returned to her Grade 5 class at Orchard Park School, seven weeks and five days following the near tragedy. Although still on crutches, her recovery has been described as "excellent".

Mr. Howard praised the efforts of physicians and nurses on the staff at Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto. "They've got to be the best," he said.

More hearings on hydro route

STOUFFVILLE — The Solandt Commission, continuing public hearings following Bruce Howlett's recommendations on the hydro transmission corridor, will hold a meeting at Parkview Public School, Unionville, Nov. 29, (tonight) at 8 p.m.

Representatives of Whitchurch-Stouffville Council expect to attend the discussions which will concentrate on the alignment of the corridor from Woodbridge to Cherrywood.

Senior citizen housing requested

STOUFFVILLE — The Ontario Housing Commission has been asked to consider the construction of further senior citizens' accommodation in Whitchurch-Stouffville.

Twenty-nine new apartments should be ready for occupancy on Elm Road by early in 1974, but the application list contains 60 names.

Mayor Gordon Ratcliff informed Council that it could take up to two years to gain further approval, therefore he recommended the request be filed immediately.

The O.H.C. apartments, he noted, represented no financial burden to the Town and provided a valuable service to the municipality.

Highway crosswalk

Lad struck by car

CHILLIWACK B.C. — Five year old Robbie Sargeant, son of John and Louise Sargeant, Chilliwack, B.C., has been released from hospital following an accident near his home. The little lad was seriously injured when struck by a car on a pedestrian crosswalk. His grandparents are Mrs. Blanche Gordon of Stouffville and Rev. and Mrs. Dow Sargeant, formerly of Altona and now of Wasaga Beach.

Babysitters lacking here

STOUFFVILLE — What is the most pressing family need in Whitchurch-Stouffville?

Responsible babysitters, says a Day-Care Study, prepared by the Health and Social Services Department and the Regional Planning Department of York.

In a response from residents, 30.1 per cent cited babysitting as the No. 1 request. The need for a Day-Care Centre was much lower at 14.6 per cent. Recreation programs and a nursery school ranked third and fourth on the list.

The acute need for babysitters here was reflected in the broader regional survey where Whitchurch-Stouffville placed second highest in per cent response.

Mayor Gordon Ratcliff, in commenting on the result of the Study as it pertains to the Town, feels some organization should take this problem on as a Club project.

Teachers reject offer Resignations collected this week

YORK — Negotiations have broken down between York County Board of Education and its 800 secondary school teachers.

Both sides charged the other with failing to bargain in good faith.

At the board meeting Monday night, trustee Ross Joliffe detailed the costs of a salary proposal made to the Ontario Secondary School Teacher's Federation negotiating team Nov. 20.

That offer was rejected 676-31 by the teachers at a mass meeting Nov. 21 in Newmarket. At that same meeting they voted 517-15 to resign Nov. 30.

If they all resign, then York County will be without high school teachers in January 1974.

A board press release criticizes the OSSTF negotiators for failing to bargain seriously.

It states that negotiations with provincial representatives did not take place until Nov. 9 and four subsequent meetings were held.

"None of these lasted much more than two hours and on every occasion, the teachers adjourned the meeting," the statement reads.

According to another press release last week, the board maintains that there is no impasse in negotiations because the board has agreed to accept resignations after Nov. 30, effective in 30 days, until May 30, 1974.

"The purpose of the board's motion was to ensure that the possibility of resignation was still available whenever an impasse was reached by the negotiation team," that statement said.

In a further letter the latest board offer, rejected by the teachers, was set out. It provides for a \$200 raise in the lowest category and \$900 in the top category for 1973-74.

According to Mr. Joliffe, the offer represents an increase of 8.54 per cent in 1973-74 and a further addition of 7.5 per cent in 1974-75.

"Increases for the current school year will add an extra \$800,700 to the board's teacher salary bill," he said.

He added that individual raises for 1973-74 range from \$850 to \$1750 and \$700 to \$1,850 for 1974-75.

The total increase would be 16.5 per cent over the two years, including benefits, Education Director Ron Hall told the board.

Mr. Joliffe added that a cost

of living bonus is also provided for if the consumer price index goes up more than 5 1/2 per cent between August 1973 and August 1974.

He maintained that provincial education ceilings will go up seven per cent in 1974 and the teacher increase of 8.54 per cent would mean cutbacks in other areas.

In the discussion that followed, it was revealed that teacher salaries above the board's offer would mean an increase in the pupil-teacher ration in the county.

OSSTF representative Jim Bethune told The Tribune Tuesday that the number of resignations collected will not be known before Friday (Nov. 30), the last day they can be legally submitted to become effective for the beginning of the year.

He said it would be illegal for the board to accept resignations on 30 days notice after Nov. 30 except by mutual consent of the board and each individual teacher.

He was upset that the board would make the negotiation public.

Mr. Joliffe said the OSSTF demand was equivalent to a settlement made in Metro Toronto, which would mean a salary increase of 12 per cent in 1973-74.

He maintained that Metro has higher ceilings and could afford to pay higher teacher salaries.

The board accepted Mr. Joliffe's report.

King says Musselman's natural skating rink

STOUFFVILLE — There's a huge natural ice rink less than six miles north of Stouffville, but no one uses it.

Musselman's Lake, in the opinion of councillor Eldred King, could accommodate throngs of skaters, if someone with the necessary equipment was assigned to maintain it.

Councillor King, speaking before a meeting of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Ratepayers' Association, Nov. 21, noted that early every season, some attempt is made to clean off an area there, but after a snowfall or two, the project is dropped. He explained that since public access to the Lake is now assured, there should be no problem getting in or out. Regular maintenance, he said, would have to be provided by the Town.

Other open-air rinks are contemplated for Vandorf, Ballantrae, the two parkettes in Stouffville as well as Orchard Park and Summitview Schools.

Bloomington intersection to be rebuilt

STOUFFVILLE — The improved intersection at Hwy. 48 and the Bloomington Road, will be improved again.

Bill Hodgson, M.P.P. (York-North) reveals this week that a contract in the amount of \$217,324.40 has been awarded to Rumble Contracting Limited, Dundas Equipment Limited of Mississauga.

The information comes from the office of Gordon Carton, Ministry of Transportation and Communications.

The work, to cover a distance of one-half mile, will not begin until June 1974.

Re-construction of the corner is considered necessary to lessen the number of collisions that have occurred there.



First phase of cross-town water main soon completed

Work is proceeding in the laying of a 12 inch watermain, from Blake Street to Park Drive, at a cost of \$53,000. When completed, the line will extend north of Main Street to the Baycrest Subdivision,

now partially completed. This phase of the project (shown here) will be finished by mid-December.

—Jim Thomas.