



Commission members-employees, attend Hydro Convention

Stouffville and Markham Hydro officials played a part in the Annual Meeting of Central Ontario District No. 4, O.M.E.A., at Toronto. From left to right are: Ken Betz, Chairman of Stouffville Hydro; Joe Fry of Markham

Hydro; Manager David McVie of Markham Hydro; Chairman Don McNabb of Markham Hydro; and Commissioner Ken Laushway of Stouffville Hydro. Ontario Hydro Photo.

Trustee John McMurray

Outlines personal goals

John McMurray, completed his first year in office. Whitchurch-Stouffville's representative on the York County Board of Education, has

some of the accomplishments in '73. He was also asked: "Have you any personal goals in '74?"

One priority project, he feels, is improved accommodation at Summitview School in Stouffville. He points to the need of an auditorium as a benefit to students and staff. He suggests, however, that Summitview must serve only as a 'stop-gap' between the present and the future when something better will be required.

Mr. McMurray was also asked: "Have you any suggestions for improving relations between teachers, parents and ratepayers and the County Board?"

Mr. McMurray claims there is good liaison between the schools and the parents. However, he thinks the parents and ratepayers could adopt a closer relationship with the Area Superintendents.

Another step in the right direction, he feels, is the inclusion of a Zenith Line for residents on the

Mount Albert exchange and the Ballantrae School. He contends too, that the Dickson's Hill School should be part of his Area, due to its proximity to Whitchurch-Stouffville. He said he was impressed with the Christmas Concert held at Dickson's Hill in December. "It had all the flavor of 'the good old days'", he said.

Mr. McMurray confirmed the fact that in recent months he had received more phone calls than ever before. "This is good," he said, "if I don't have the answers to everything, I try to find them out."

He agrees that something was "lost" in Stouffville, with the withdrawal of the Home and School Association, but attendance at 'open house' programs had been excellent. "If people make use of all the communication facilities available, it doesn't have to be a remote situation," he said.

Mr. McMurray's telephone number is 640-2435.

Mayor Gordon Ratcliff

Must pursue costs

A fund-thermometer, indicating the success of a public campaign for a Whitchurch-Stouffville Recreation Complex, has been erected in the A & P Plaza. Is there a bases for optimism or is the project premature?

Mayor Gordon Ratcliff believes the venture has advanced to a stage where the cost must be pursued. He, along with councillors Art Starr, Cathy Joyce and June Button, met with a committee of the York County Board of Education, Jan. 24, to discuss the possibility of the municipality and the Board working together on at least the first phase of the Complex.

Mr. Ratcliff referred to the meeting as "very informative".

He said that while tight budgets prevent the Board from sharing in capital costs, the Town could utilize school lands for such purposes as building swimming pools, gymnasiums, tennis courts, soccer fields, etc. The Boards only other contribution would be in the form 'payment per hour used', and this arrangement is worked right down to the minute.

The Mayor said further discussions would follow. One member will be selected from the Town Recreation Committee and two from the Sports Complex Committee, to work with representatives from the Board and Council.

Question: What is the present salary of the Mayor and members of

Council, and have raises for 1974 been recommended?

Answer: Mayor Ratcliff currently receives \$7,000 as head of Council and \$7,000 as the Town's lone representative at the Region. Members of Council each receive \$3,900. None receive a car allowance. The Mayor said a Committee of Council was dealing with salary recommendations for '74.

but had not brought in their report.

Question: Is the sanding of town sidewalks a Road Department policy?

Answer: Sidewalks in Stouffville are sanded by the Works Department as time permits. Employees will also remove the snow from walks where the residents are senior citizens and physically unable to do this kind of work.

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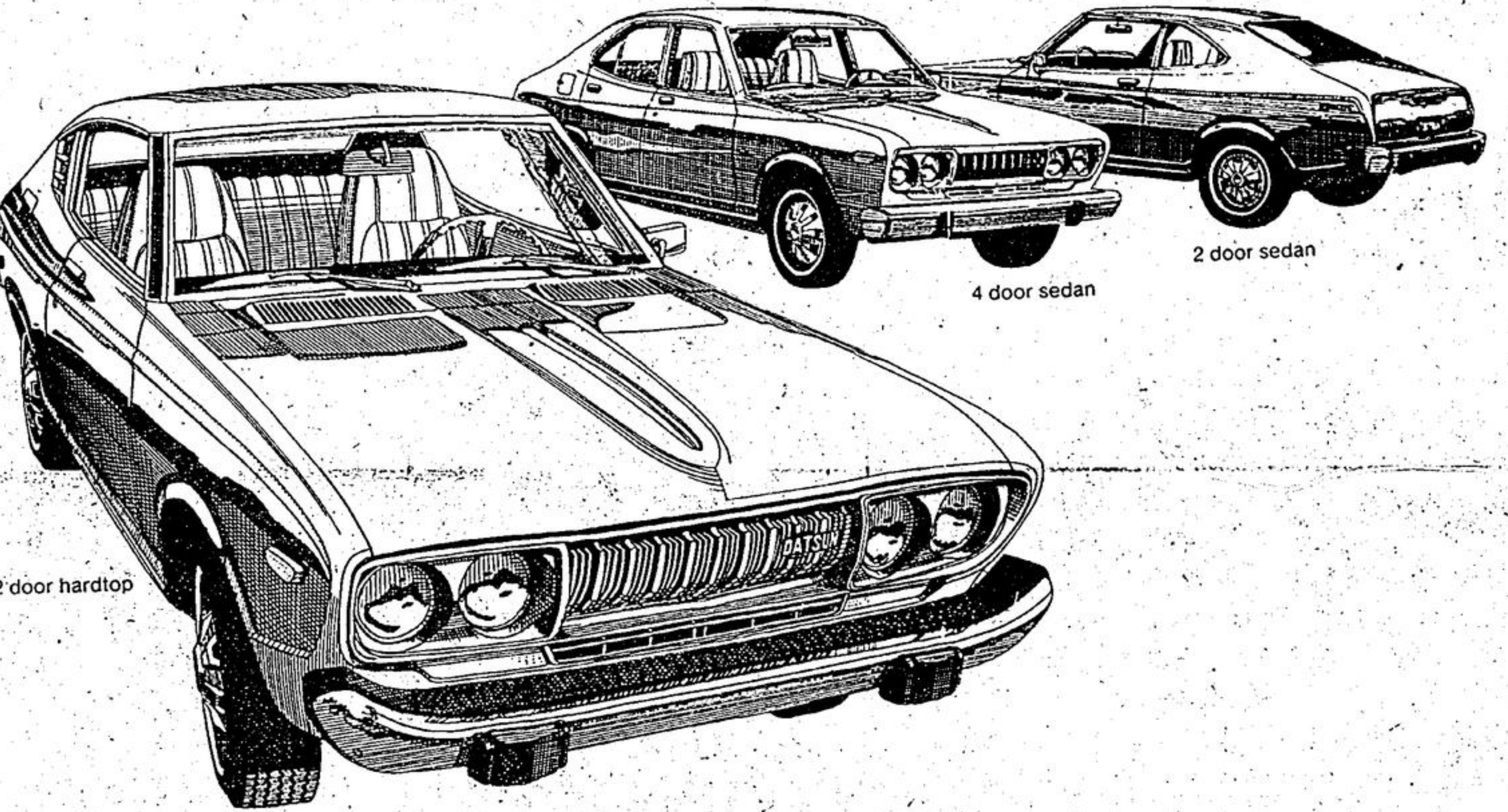
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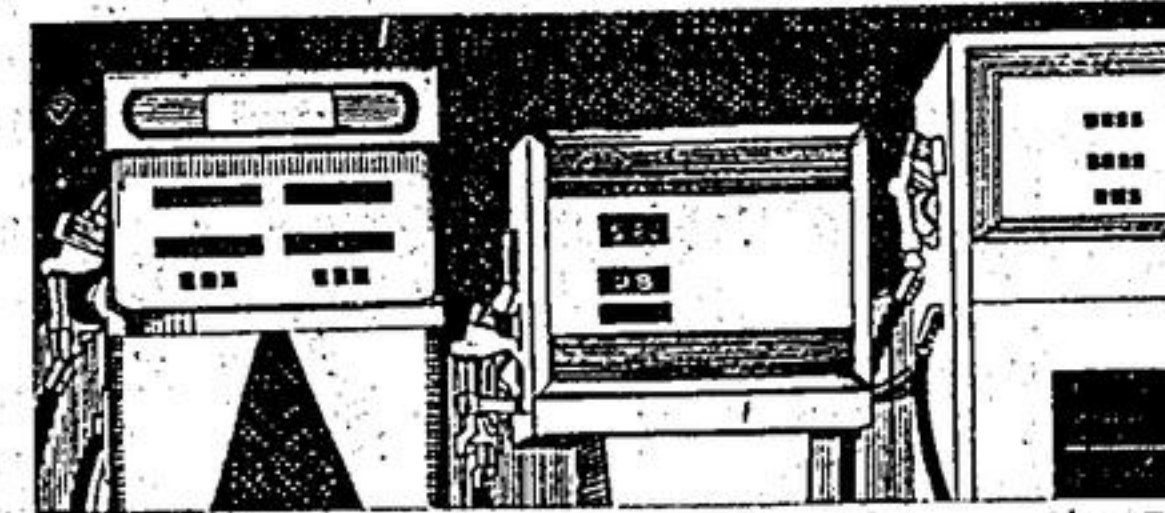


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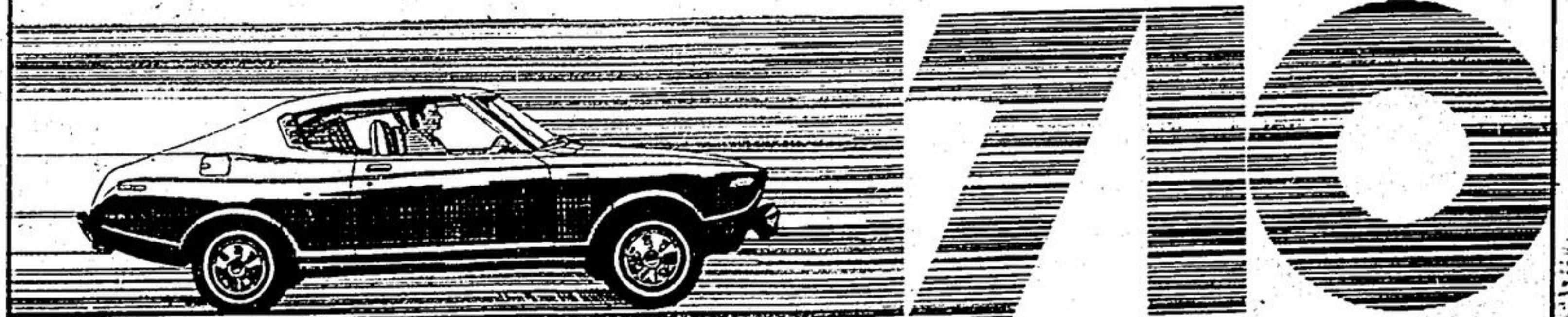


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