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## Former Stouffville man is convicted

**MUSSELMAN'S LAKE** — A motorist with "no keys" was convicted Friday in Richmond Hill Court of having care and control of a motor vehicle while his ability to drive was impaired by alcohol. In addition, Norman Casimiri, formerly of

Stouffville, was charged with refusing to submit to a breathalyzer test and convicted by Judge Charlie Drukarsh.

Constable Lloyd Sentes testified that on the night in question he came upon a vehicle parked in the wrong lane of traffic with the lights out and blocking the road. He said the man, identified as Mr. Casimiri, showed all the signs of impairment. The accused fumbled through his pockets for his ignition keys, but none was found.

At Newmarket, former Constable Robert Hill said the man was brought to him for a breathalyzer, but "refused to blow."

Mr. Casimiri said he had attended a party at the home of his son. Later he recalled being driven to his daughter's to spend the night, the car stalled. He admitted, "feeling good," but not drunk. He considered the request, "to blow," as some kind of joke.

The judge refused to accept the accused's evidence and registered a conviction on both charges.

## Take care of your flowers

Flowering bulbs, corms, and tubers are usually harvested right after the first killing frost. But what do you do with the bulbs when they are dug up? Dave Sangster, a horticultural specialist with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, and Food, has some suggestions for successful storage.

After bulbs and corms have been dug, cut back the tops to about one inch from the top of the bulb. With tubers, the plants are cut down to within two to three inches of the ground and dug up. The bulbs, corms, and tubers are then thoroughly air-dried by exposing them to the sun.

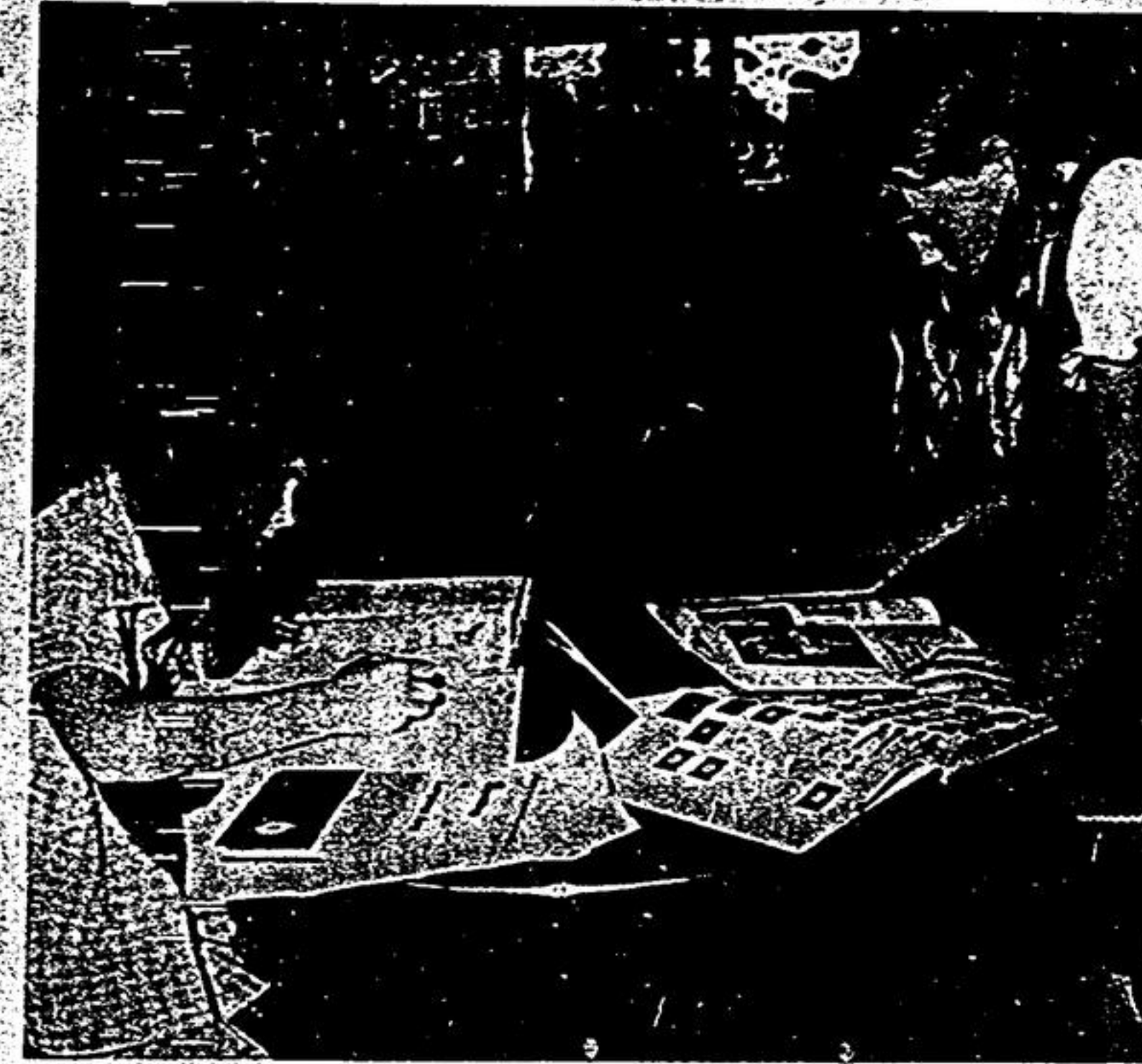
After drying, they should be cleaned thoroughly. All old and diseased sections as well as excess soil should be removed. With gladiolus corms, use an insecticide dust as soon as possible after digging, as an effective control measure against thrips.

Extra care should be taken in storing these roots. Wooden boxes such as open flats or crates are most suitable, since they allow good ventilation. Do not store in plastic bags or closed cardboard cartons; storage diseases or premature sprouting could result.

The flats or crates of roots should be stored in a cool, well-ventilated area

of the basement. A storage temperature between 45 to 50 degrees is ideal.

Whether you plow in the spring, the fall, or both, one thing is for sure: it feels good to have the plowing done. But don't let yourself think things are finished until that plow is properly cared for and put away. Taking a little time to put your plow away properly will save you time when you need the plow later. And it may save you money by reducing the number of parts you'll need to buy.



Ruth Jeffries (left) and Kathy Richards, both of Church St., prepare their lessons at the new location for the Whitechurch-Stouffville Municipal Library at Mill and Main Streets. Librarian Lynne Robbins says "We've had a great surge in membership" since the library reopened. Over 200 new members have signed up. There has also been a "surge in circulation" she said.

## Store plows carefully

With these thoughts in mind, engineers have developed the following check list of things to do when you've finished plowing:

1. Clean all soil-engaging parts and apply a heavy coating of grease to prevent rust.
2. Make a thorough visual inspection of the plow. Check for worn or broken parts and make notes of them for

replacement during the off season.

3. Check nuts and bolts for tightness and tighten as needed.
4. If plow has hydraulic reset, check system pressure. Maintain recommended pressure in accumulator.
5. If plow is to be stored outside, cover accumulator and hydraulic gauge with waterproof canvas or black plastic film (clear

plastic film will attract moisture).

6. Plug and cover hydraulic couplers to keep them clean and protected from weather.
7. Store hoses in hose frame.
8. Check pressure in tires and inflate to recommended pressure.
9. Store plow in a shed or in a protected place, out of your way but easy to get to when it's plowing time again.

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## Early frost hit local crops in random pattern

**YORK REGION** — The recent frosts have hit agriculture in the area in a haphazard fashion.

Al Wall, provincial agricultural representative, described the situation as "illogical." "Some places experienced severe damage, others had none at all," he said. "It's not as bad as we feared it would be."

Hardest hit of all were cornfields in the Unionville-Markham-Vaughan area. There, according to Wall, the frost has been severe enough to stop the growth. He estimated that more than 60 percent of the crop has been affected.

Only the immature corn will be damaged, but many fields have not yet ripened. Grain corn is likely to be hit hardest, since it ripens later than field corn used for silage.

The total crop will not be lost, however. Wall predicted that most would be harvested, and some of the grain corn would be used for silage. More than half of the Region's corn comes from the southwest sector.

Most crops have been affected by frost now in large areas of the Region. Harvesting activity has come to an early peak as farmers attempt to save the crops that might otherwise be lost. This is being hampered in some cases by a shortage of

farm labour which has been described as "critical" but most farms have made good progress. Farmers in Pickering have reported the same kind of hit-and-miss situation that York farmers experienced. There, too, work is directed towards salvaging as much of the crops as can be saved.

Despite these efforts, it seems likely that losses will be high in this area due to the unexpected early frosts. The effect this will have on food prices has not yet been calculated, but most observers believe they will — as usual — climb sharply.

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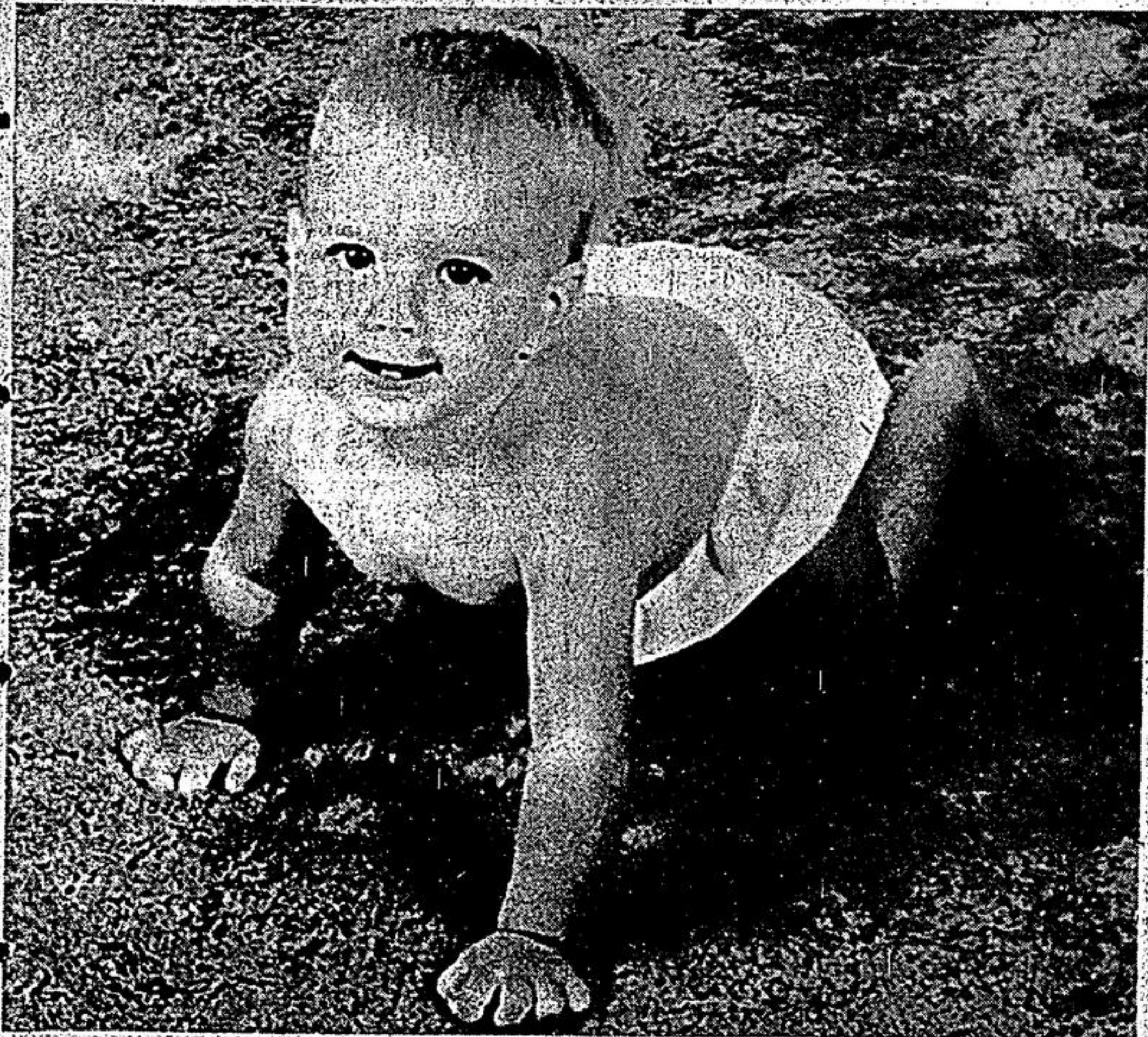
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