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This bulldozer is rather a pitiable sight as it sits upside down after falling off truck at the Ringwood four corners. The driver of a J. B. Green Paving Co. truck was turning the corner sharply. The wheels struck the curb and the bulldozer rolled off on its head. —Ted Wilcox

Hearings seek public reaction

STOUFFVILLE — The Environmental Hearing Board is holding a special night meeting, Dec. 3, 7 p.m., at Latcham Hall to allow the public to express their feelings about the York Sanitation landfill site on Hwy. 48.

After meeting Tuesday Depot to open Dec. 7

STOUFFVILLE — A recycling depot in Stouffville is scheduled to open Saturday, Dec. 7, from 10 to 12 a.m. The depot, located in a double garage on Market St. just south of Main, will handle glass, tin, and paper. The decision on the opening date for the depot was decided at

a meeting of interested parties on Tuesday night in Latcham Hall.

It was decided that paper may be brought loose to the depot, and that glass may be brought with labels and lids left on, provided it is clean.

However, glass should be

separated in terms of color, and cereal boxes or other waxy or plasticized cardboard should not be brought to the depot.

Tin cans should have labels removed, tops and bottoms removed, be cleaned and flattened.

Anyone wishing to help with the Stouffville operation, or wants further information on the depot may call Carol McDermott at 640-2765 or John Garbutt at 640-2732.

The Ward 2 race

Hottest of the three

BALLANTRAE — The race for the council seat in Ward 2 is the hottest of the three in Whitchurch-Stouffville for Monday's municipal election. With the retirement of Jim Wong, the field is wide open. Becky Wedley and Tom Wood are the two candidates for the post.

As for the issues, the two candidates express similar concerns.

Mr. Wood feels that closing of the York Sanitation dump is the prime concern, but feels that land development is also a hot issue.

"The town has one major asset — land," he told The Tribune in an interview. "It has to be handled very carefully."

He said that roads must be improved in the Musselman's Lake area and that community should have a well-planned system of roads instead of the present hodge-podge.

Other issues involve the need for a fire hall in Ballantrae and the need for full-time representation on council.

Mrs. Wedley feels that the main concern is land development and said that the town should follow its official plan closely and pay careful attention to suggestions from regional planners.

"Spotty development all over the place is not a good idea," she told The Tribune.

She feels strongly that there should be a fire hall in Ballan-

trae and that little has been done for the Musselman's Lake area.

"The condition of the 9th Line around the lake is a crime," she said. She cited the need for protecting the environment especially the water supply.

Mrs. Wedley said that she will also push for expanded recreation programs in the town.

Open discussion, development issues

STOUFFVILLE — Open discussion of issues so people know what's going on at council meetings is the main concern of Ward 6 candidate, Jim Sanders. His opponent, incumbent Eldred King, sees controlled development as a key plank in his platform.

Mr. Sanders maintains that council should let people know

what's going on, "so that they know what the alternatives are, some people can get involved."

He feels that any development proposed for Whitchurch-Stouffville should require an environmental impact study paid for by the developer to study the social and ecological impact of the development.

"It's not enough to have just an engineering report," he said. Open discussion of new subdivisions is important.

"We have to consider what is happening to farmland here," he said. "We can't let it disappear."

Mr. King told The Tribune that total control of proposed development is the key to the future.

"It has to be closely controlled and carefully scrutinized, what can or cannot come," he said.

He said that another through-street through Stouffville is needed and that off-street parking is a prime concern.

Recreational and social services should be provided when they are needed, he said. "I don't think the council has been as lax on environmental issues as my opponent makes out," Mr. King said.

"We have been doing everything we have authority to do," he added.

"In due time we will have a new library, but some of the things can't be accomplished overnight," he added.

Lions honor Dr. Neil Smith

STOUFFVILLE — Dr. Neil Smith, only living charter member of the Stouffville Lions Club who has held the post of president, was honored on Monday night by the club with an honorary Life Membership. This is only the second time such an honor has been conferred by the club since its formation in

1938. Lion Neil Smith was president in 1952.

The presentation in the form of a handsome inscribed plaque was presented to Dr. Smith by Lion President Bill Murphy.

Dr. Smith who was the guest of honor at the regular meeting,

was also the evening speaker, and gave the members an interesting and entertaining resume of club activities over the past 36 years, as well as a thumb-nail sketch of each of the 20 charter members.

The other honorary life member of the club is Art Latcham.

Town could use pound

OHS service ends in York Region

STOUFFVILLE — Continued use of the Ontario Humane Society pound, by the town, is conditional on Whitchurch-Stouffville purchasing "one or more vehicles from the Society" and "if possible" employing the existing wardens.

This information was received by council in a letter from society Executive Vice-President T. I. Hughes. The letter also said the warden service in the municipality would be discontinued.

Mr. Hughes stated in the correspondence that this was pointed out in the previous letter but according to Mayor Gordon Ratcliff the previous letter simply stated this service would be terminated by Jan. 31 if a contract had not been negotiated by that time.

The pound fee, payable quarterly in advance was set at 50 cents per capita annually.

Mr. Hughes was requested to appear at this week's council meeting but instead sent the letter saying the warden service will be discontinued. "I would prefer not to be placed in the position of making a submission to council," Mr. Hughes wrote.

Instead, Mr. Hughes suggested council send a representative to his office, they could meet at some "mutually convenient point," or a society representative would go to Stouffville.

"I don't think we should run into his office," commented Councillor Cathy Joice, and she introduced a motion that a

society official meet with council in two weeks time. The two week time period was decided on to give council an opportunity to look into alternate means of canine control and pound facilities.

Mayor Ratcliff told council he has approached James Ryan, Canine Control Officer for Markham and Richmond Hill, about assuming those duties for the municipality.

"He didn't say yes and he didn't say no. He wanted to think about it," said Mr. Ratcliff. He said he would speak to Mr. Ryan again in a week's time.

"He has a philosophy about dogs. He works a little differently than the Humane Society," said the mayor, adding, "hopefully."

Mr. Ryan has his own animal control vehicles and pound.

New post office to open Monday

STOUFFVILLE — Stouffville's new post office opens its doors Monday Dec. 2, a spokesman for the federal government said last week.

In a letter to subscribers, Post master Gary Fisher stated that people with postal boxes should bring their keys in Monday at the new post office and receive keys for new boxes. Postal box numbers will remain the same in the new building.

The post office will close at noon Saturday in the old building and re-open Monday morning in the new premises.

"In our new building, we'll continue to provide normal postal services including postage meter settings and lock boxes, but we'll also be offering an expanded counter service and improved parking facilities," the letter reads.

Business hours will continue to be Monday to Friday 8.30 a.m. to 5.45 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The new post office is located at 22 Main St. E.

New library brings 700 more borrowers

STOUFFVILLE — More than 700 new borrowers have showed up at the Stouffville library since its move to 45 Main St. W. Librarian Lynne Robbins said last week.

She said that 700 new cards have been issued since the library opened at the new location in September. The previous number of borrowers was around 1,200.

Circulation has increased 33 per cent and requests and inter-library loans have increased an impressive 45 per cent.

She credits the upswing to the new premises which has more open space and a more attractive layout.

"Before you had to squeeze and push to get the books," she said.

The librarian cited more convenient hours as another reason. The library is open Tuesday-Friday from 11 a.m. to

8.30 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

In January, expanded programs will be offered including a pre-school program Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings; weekly film programs; and a summer reading program.

Santa Claus arrives soon

STOUFFVILLE — Santa Claus comes to Stouffville this coming Saturday, accompanied by bands, clowns and floats. The parade starts at the 10th Line and makes its way along Main St. to the west end plaza.

Parade time is 2 p.m. Earlier that day Santa Claus will make his appearance in Markham at the Santa Claus Parade there.

Office supply store moves up the street

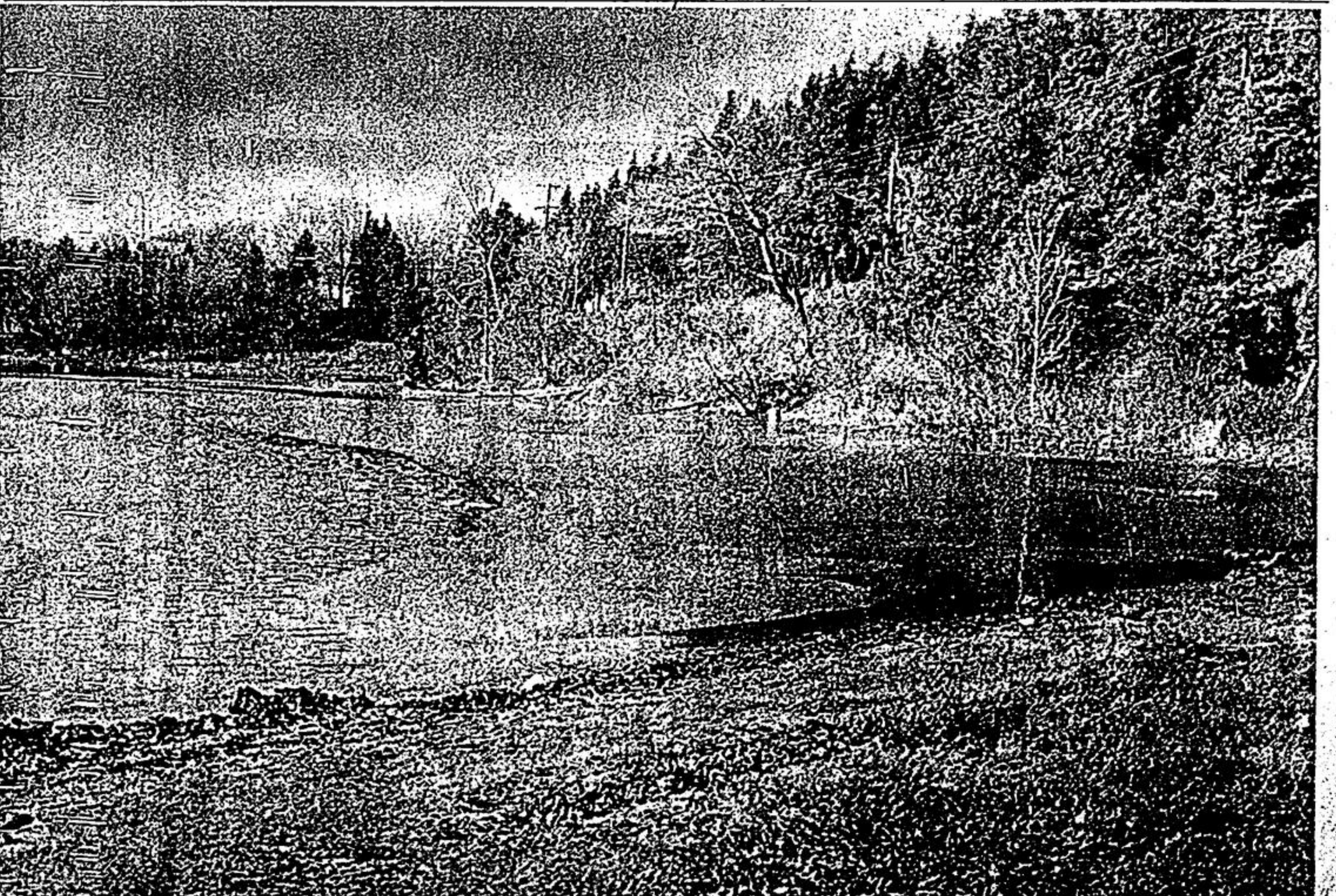
STOUFFVILLE — The office supplies department operated by The Tribune for 20 years, has been acquired by the Stouffville Printing Co. which will henceforth be known as Stouffville Printing & Office Supplies, and is located at 153 Main St. W. (west of the CNR).

The added floor space at 54 Main St. provided The Tribune by the move will be used by the newspaper for additional services.

In announcing the change, C. H. Nolan, publisher stated

that the community would continue to be provided with an office supplies outlet, while the Tribune would gain the additional accommodation required for an expanding newspaper business.

This stationery department was first added to the newspaper in 1955. The new owners are specialists in the printing trade and the office supplies addition will provide a natural expansion for this trade, as well as continuing a service for Stouffville and immediate area.



Ice on Musselman's Lake is a sure sign of winter. Last week this thin sheet of ice started to form on the lake. A snow storm Tuesday

was enough to convince even die-hard doubters that winter is surely coming. —John Montgomery

Inaction, planning issues in Ward 5

STOUFFVILLE — Council inaction on major questions is the main issue in the upcoming election, according to Ward 5 candidate John Garbutt.

His opponent, incumbent June Button, feels planning is the key issue.

Mr. Garbutt told The Tribune that he is concerned that there is no one on council who lives in the ward. He said that council does not move quickly but "diddles much of the time."

He claimed that the garbage situation in town is critical, but establishment of a recycling depot has been a slow procedure.

In Ward 5, Mr. Garbutt said that there is no playground in the east end of Stouffville, north of Main St, adding that the ward has a large population of children.

He expressed a desire to maintain the small-town nature of Stouffville.

Mrs. Button said that the town needs to grow, "in a sensible sort of way," and to that end planning is important. She would like to see Stouffville retain the vitality of its downtown core.

She added that council has to keep a close eye on its expenditures to "try and keep everything in a common-sense type of atmosphere."

Mrs. Button said that major projects such as a new library or sports complex should be undertaken "if we can afford them."

The town should be fighting for greater control over its own affairs adding that, "we have to go to the region for everything."