

Metro mayor wants royal commission

STOUFFVILLE — Whitchurch-Stouffville deferred action Tuesday on a request to endorse Scarborough Mayor Paul Cosgrove's call for a Royal Commission inquiry into the Pickering airport and the North Pickering project.

According to James Nevins of the Save Stouffville Committee, "there are great number of municipalities strongly

behind him (Mr. Cosgrove) and they are going to forward their requests."

Glen Middleton of the SSC appeared before Whitchurch-Stouffville Council Tuesday to request a telegram to be sent federal authorities endorsing Mr. Cosgrove's statement.

Councillors insisted that they could not take action without first seeing Mr. Cosgrove's statement. When one was produced later in the meeting, Mayor Gordon Ratcliff said that it was too lengthy for consideration.

Councillor June Button was the only councillor to back Mr. Middleton's request. It will be considered at the next council meeting.

Mr. Cosgrove last week made "an 11th hour appeal" to the Prime Minister of Canada and Premier William Davis asking that work on both projects be suspended "pending a full inquiry on the issue of location."

Mr. Cosgrove, a consistent opponent of both projects, said he bases this appeal on the fact he has been unable, after consultation with federal and provincial officials, to deter-

mine how and by whom the sites were chosen.

Mr. Cosgrove argued the projects are in opposition to the Toronto Centred Region Plan.

"The common conclusion of the Gibson Report is that it dealt substantially with the necessity of the airport from a federal point of view only and incidentally touched upon the question of location and planning, which it has been said is a provincial responsibility," said Mr. Cosgrove.

Mayor Gordon Ratcliff was not optimistic the request would have any effect. "It would have a lot more effect if he had his council's backing. Everybody wants to be in the news right now with an election on," the mayor commented.

In Mr. Nevins' opinion the support of other councils will make the government pay attention.

Another Save Stouffville member, Scott Tyrer, found the request encouraging. "It says the whole issue is not dead," he told The Tribune.

Messrs Nevins and Tyrer felt if a Royal Commission was held it would mean the end of the airport.

Tribute day Sunday for last hold out

PICKERING — For Ernie Carruthers, Sunday Sept. 14 will mean the closing of a chapter in his life. That is the date he must vacate his farm on the 8th Conc. to make way for the Pickering airport.

Mr. Carruthers is to be honored at a "Tribute to Ernie Day" to be held at his farm Sunday. He is the last resident to leave the 1,800 acre tract needed for the first phase of construction.

Ernie has "never given up hope that the airport would be stopped," according to Save Stouffville Committee chairman Jim Nevins. "However he is facing prosecution and a \$500 a day fine if he stays past Sept. 14 and he doesn't believe in breaking the law."

Mr. Carruthers' last day on the farm will not be sombre. Activities planned include — corn eating and hay baling contests; dixieland and old-time fiddle music; puppet shows for children; and hay rides.

The event is being sponsored by the Canadian Environmental Law Association, The Federation of Ontario Naturalists and Pollution Probe at the University of Toronto.

CELA says council can prevent public nuisance

STOUFFVILLE — According to a suggestion from the Canadian Environmental Law Association, Whitchurch-Stouffville should attempt to legally force the federal government to delay Pickering airport construction.

In a letter from the association's director to Mayor Gordon Ratcliff it was suggested that the town request from the Attorney General of Canada that "legal action be commenced in

Noise study testing due to start in town

STOUFFVILLE — Work on the ambient noise study will begin in Stouffville next week.

The study, funded by the Ministry of Transport, is to be used to determine whether Stouffville is a quiet town which will uphold or refute the testimony of the town's noise expert, Andrew Harris, that Stouffville is in fact a quiet town and the Pickering airport would create intolerable noise levels.

Mr. Harris gave this testimony to the Airport Inquiry Commission and he has been retained as advisor to the study which will be conducted by Valcoustics.

The consulting company is presently conducting tests in Markham and after they have completed Stouffville they will move on to Claremont.

According to Dr. A. D. Lightstone of Valcoustics, the tests are being carried out serially as they only have two sets of equipment. The study had been delayed because of problems with equipment.

Dr. Lightstone stressed that Valcoustics is an "independent" company and "has no axe to grind."

Results of the study could affect compensation to landowners near the airport site.

Dogs, cats removed in cruelty charge

STOUFFVILLE — Bill Read was conducting a thorough search for his lost dog when he came across something that both horrified and disgusted him.

In his search he heard about a Stouffville woman who kept a number of dogs and cats. When he approached her house Sunday, she refused to let him in. Mr. Read called York Regional Police who executed a warrant at the home.

As a result, Ethel Blaewood has been charged with cruelty to animals.

Ontario Humane Society Chief Inspector Donald Hepworth told The Tribune that five dogs and 13 cats were taken away by OHS workers.

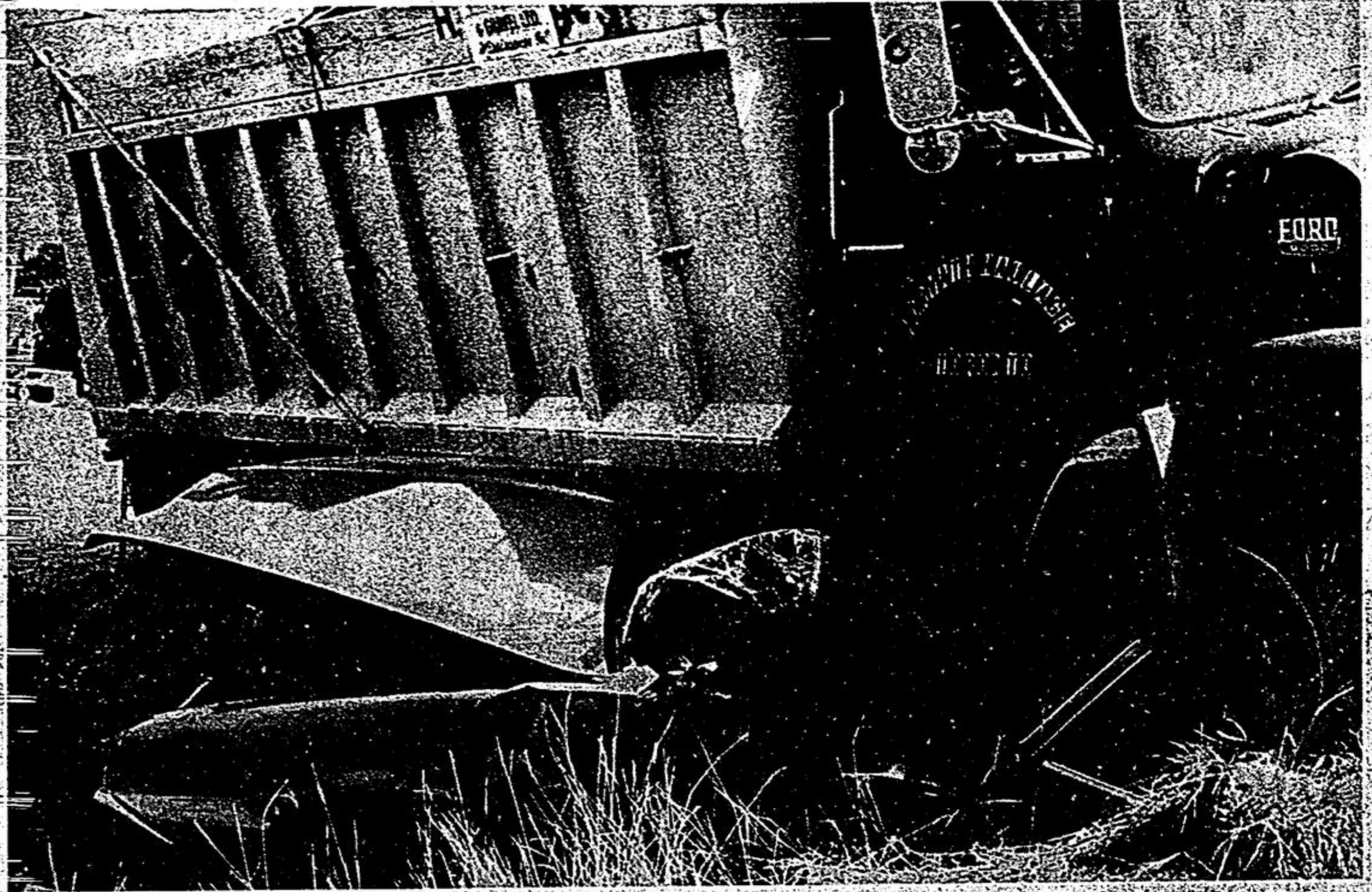
The animals were taken because of the condition of the house, which, he said, was "filthy, rundown and lacking in facilities or anything," to provide for the animals.



Although the Uxbridge Fair over the weekend proved to be fun for most people who attended, this youngster (left) seems to be



saying, "I couldn't care less". A highlight of the fair was a square dance contest by members of the Junier farmers organization. — Don Bernard



The gravel truck ended up on top of the car that was dragged 100 feet after the collision that killed an Acton couple Monday. — Don Bernard

Truck drags car 100 feet

Couple killed in Ringwood crash

RINGWOOD — An Acton couple were killed Monday when their car was struck broadside by a loaded gravel truck and dragged 100 feet past the intersection.

Phys Oost, 65, was the driver of a northbound car which was making a left turn from Highway 48 onto the Gormley Rd. when it was struck by the southbound gravel truck driven by Joseph Horvath, 57 of Toronto.

The truck sliced into the passenger's side of the car and dragged the car south to a point where a Volkswagen was hit as it came out of the gas bar.

Dead at the scene was Mrs.

Oost, 64, a passenger in the car. Mr. Oost was still alive when firemen extracted him from the wreckage, but he died later at Scarborough Centenary Hospital.

The driver of the third vehicle, John Spindloe of R.R. 2, Lakefield complained of back pains, but appeared unhurt following the mishap. Mr. Horvath was also unhurt.

Damage to the Oost car was \$5,000. The truck sustained \$4,000 damage.

Mr. and Mrs. Oost are believed to have been returning to Acton from Campbellford where they had been visiting friends. No charges have been laid and no inquest is planned.

Resignation accepted, board calls for election

YORK CTY — Colin Barrett has resigned as a member of the York County Board of Education.

The Whitchurch-Stouffville trustee submitted his resignation during a board meeting here Monday night.

Trustees accepted the resignation "with regret and an expression of appreciation," and voted to hold a by-election to fill the vacant seat.

The election, which will be organized and officially called by Whitchurch-Stouffville officials, will cost about eight cents per board supporter. King trustee Margaret Coburn told the meeting

"Democracy is worth eight cents a household," added Markham representative Doreen Quirk.

At least two persons — former trustee John McMurray and Harry Bowes, the campaign manager in Mr. Barrett's successful bid to unseat Mr. McMurray last December — have announced their intentions to seek the vacant post.

Mr. Barrett was forced to resign after being transferred from Guaranty Trust's Stouffville office to the firm's Leamington branch.

"I'll carry with me some fond and some sad memories of the York County board," he said in his parting address.

Motorcycle, car collide

Man dies in Greenwood crash

GREENWOOD — A 21-year old Scarborough man was killed in a car-motorcycle collision last week on Highway 7 at Regional Road 31.

Lloyd Glaser was pronounced dead on arrival at Scarborough Centenary

Hospital, according to the OPP at Whitby.

Apparently Glaser was headed south on Regional Road 31 while driving a 1974 Yamaha motorcycle, and John Post was eastbound on Highway 7 in an automobile. The collision oc-

curred at the intersection of the two roads, but the exact sequence is under investigation, police said.

Post escaped uninjured but two passengers in the car were treated for minor injuries.

The postmortem on Glaser attributed death to a lacerated aorta and other injuries. The motorcycle was carried for 135 feet after the collision and Glaser fell under the car, OPP said.

Lake cottage gutted while owners absent

MUSS LAKE — A faulty extension cord is the suspected cause of a fire that gutted one room of a Musselman's Lake residence around noon Sept. 3.

Jim Walton of Toronto, who was staying at a cottage at Cedarvale Blvd., said that he looked out after hearing a crackling noise and saw smoke coming from a nearby house owned by Edward Hind.

Mr. Walton phoned in the

alarm and ran over to the blazing building and tried to get inside. He also called out to see if there was anyone inside.

Mr. Hind, his wife and baby had left early that morning for Toronto.

Fire Chief Walt Smith estimated the damage at \$15,000. He said that besides the one room, the rafters were also damaged.

Brierbush plan sent to planner

STOUFFVILLE — The proposed subdivision plan for the Brierbush Hospital site was referred to the town planning consultant for comment last week at planning board.

The revised plan includes one entrance onto Main Street and a 66-foot wide road.

It was suggested by some members that a cul-de-sac still was needed in the plan.

Big potato

STOUFFVILLE — The Tribune is again sponsoring the Big Potato Contest in the Markham Fair.

The prizes offered this year are up considerably over 1974. A first prize is \$10; Second is \$5, and third, \$3. Those with large potatoes to enter should have them in to The Tribune by Sept. 30, 1975.

Potatoes may also be submitted to the arena at the Fairgrounds Sept. 30.

Strike plan

STOUFFVILLE — In the event of a post office shutdown, Tribune subscribers may pick up their copy at the Tribune office. Rural subscribers' papers would be delivered.

Routes announced for GO Transit buses

STOUFFVILLE — The Go Transit bus routes to serve Stouffville, Uxbridge and Claremont have been determined.

Council planner disagree

PINE ORCHARD — Whitchurch-Stouffville council and the regional planning department are at logger heads over the interpretation of the Whitchurch Official Plan.

At issue is a parcel of land on part of lot 31, concession 4. Owner Jack Sytema wishes to subdivide the land into four parts, keeping one and selling the rest.

Since Mr. Sytema was turned down by regional land division committee, he turned to council, who passed by-law 74-50, allowing him to make the deal.

In a letter by regional planning commissioner Murray Pound to the Ontario Municipal Board last week, however, it was contended that the by-law contravenes the Official Plan. The OMB must now decide the by-law's legality.

Mr. Pound cited what he believed to be four separate contraventions of the Official Plan. His letter was received by planning board last week.

A bus will run from Uxbridge to Stouffville and then on to Unionville. The bus serving Claremont will travel along Brock Rd. to Hwy 7 and then on to Markham.

A shuttle service will be provided between Markham and the Finch Subway Station, a line between Markham and the Bloor Subway line at Warden Ave. and a run terminating at the Bay and Dundas bus terminal in downtown Toronto.

Service will start before the end of the year and as soon as vehicles can be acquired.

The bus service, part of the Toronto Area Transit Operating Authority, are to be an interim measure until rail service can be provided.

Resignation withdrawn

YORK REGION — After a month's leave of absence, Jack Rettie has decided to stay on as the Chief Administrative officer for the Region of York.

That decision followed a closed meeting held last week attended by Regional Council and Mr. Rettie. He had submitted his resignation in July. Regional Chairman Garfield Wright and Mr. Rettie said that council has agreed to give its senior staff more cooperation than has been evident in the past.