

8,000 limit in Uxbridge

UXBRIDGE — Uxbridge council would like to see this municipality grow to a population of about 8,000, according to a written presentation sent to Durham Region Tuesday.

Council met in a special session Monday to determine the township's position with regard to future growth in Uxbridge. The information will be taken into account in the formulation of an official plan for the region.



This mother and son were surrounded by ducks that weren't a bit shy last Friday at the entrance to the Claremont Conservation Area. The spot is frequented often by visitors who enjoy the close-up contact with the animal kingdom while handing out scraps of bread to the ducks, geese and swans assembled there. — Ted Wilcox

OMB asks firms for amicable agreement

STOUFFVILLE — The Ontario Municipal Board hearing on the dispute between McNeil Laboratories and Vorelco (Volkswagen) was adjourned after one day's sitting, Monday.

The companies plan to develop adjacent industrial lands on Main St. W. and they are fighting over a request from McNeil that Vorelco keep a setback of 400 feet on the easterly boundary and 200 feet on the western edge while the town bylaw requires only a 50 foot setback.

The OMB requested the town carry out a study and lay down a setback policy and they asked the two companies to try to come to an amicable solution.

OMB officials indicated they felt the additional setback is discriminatory to Vorelco as McNeil's are not adhering to the

Candidates to speak

STOUFFVILLE — In an effort to bring the issues of the current trustee election to the people of Whitchurch-Stouffville, The Tribune is sponsoring an all-candidates meeting tonight (Oct. 30) at Latham Hall.

The three candidates — John McMurray, Harry Bowes and Jennie Bangay will be on hand. Each will give a short speech and questions will be entertained from the public. It is underway at 8 p.m.

Rash of accidents closes Highway 48

RINGWOOD — A fog-shrouded Highway 48 proved to be extremely treacherous Tuesday morning, especially the area from Ringwood to the Bloomington Rd.

At four, possibly six separate accidents took place in the interval between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. Police estimate that visibility was less than 50 feet, due to fog.

Two gravel trucks collided at Ringwood corner snarling traffic. Further north, gravel trucks were involved in another mishap, near the Bloomington Rd.

For over an hour, Highway 48 was closed north of Ringwood. Three different accidents involving cars also took place in that stretch.

In a separate accident, two people were injured pulling out of their driveway on the Markham-Pickering Town Line.

Christopher Mercer, 28 of R.R. 3, Claremont was coming out of his driveway on the west side of the road about 8:30 a.m., when his car struck by a southbound vehicle driven by April Dawn Evans of Stouffer St., Stouffville.

Mr. Mercer and his wife Lorraine were taken to York Central Hospital in Richmond Hill. Poor visibility is blamed for the crash.

There were no reported injuries in the Highway 48 mishaps.

Despite picketers, local post office remains open

STOUFFVILLE — Picketers were outside the Stouffville Post Office Tuesday morning, but the building was still open for business, according to Post master Gary Fisher.

Mr. Fisher said that four of the six employees decided to strike. Two reported for work as usual. He closed the doors at 3.30 when their shift ended.

Meanwhile four picketed the buildings for most of the day.

Although the local post

office has been open since the strike began, there has been little or no mail to handle during the time, due to strikes in other centres.

The situation Tuesday revealed a real split amongst the Stouffville workers.

"They are against going on strike," Mr. Fisher said of the two who remained on the job.

Picketeer Dale Glover said that to him the strike is not over money. He agreed that the government offer was ac-

ceptable. He said that the issue was one of working conditions and fringe benefits.

He said that despite the salary increase, the government wanted to reduce fringe benefits, including fewer paid holidays. Job security was also an issue he maintained.

During the strike Tribune readers in Stouffville may pick up their papers at the newspaper's office, 54 Main St. W. Subscribers on the Stouffville rural routes should receive their copies in the usual way.

Comprehensive survey will determine day care need

STOUFFVILLE — Last week Mayor Gordon Ratcliff announced there will be a comprehensive survey, financed by the region, to determine the day care needs in Whitchurch-Stouffville.

There was a great response last year to a proposal that the old post office building be renovated and used for this purpose.

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Day Care Committee was formed and although they, in the spring, gathered approximately 100 names of interested people the proposal was scrapped because of expected high renovation costs and lack of playground facilities at the post office.

Allen Wells, a regional Health and Social Services official whose responsibility it is to determine the location of day care centres, will conduct the survey.

Mayor Ratcliff expressed

concern about the day care policy that rates must accurately reflect the cost of the service. "The fee is now \$40 per week and applications (in other parts of the region) have dropped sharply, he explained.

Stouffville Nursery School Supervisor Norah McElroy is acting as a voluntary coordinator, along with Sue McCammon, in an effort to expedite the facility for this area.

Mrs. McElroy told The Tribune it is essential that at least 50 people commit themselves to using a centre before the region will allow one to be built here.

"You don't have to be poor

to qualify for assistance," she pointed out, "if you have a high debt or second mortgage it is deducted from your income."

Assistance is available on a sliding scale from a minimum payment of \$2.50 per week to the full rate.

"If we don't get people who will commit themselves we won't get the centre," she emphasized.

What Mrs. McElroy referred to as "tentative application forms" should be available today at the municipal building, library and Stouffville Nursery School.

For further information call Mrs. McElroy at 640-5990 or Mrs. McCammon at 640-4392.

Council turns down motorcycle racing

STOUFFVILLE — Council went through a stormy session Tuesday night when dealing with John Buga, manager of Olympia Park.

Council refused to issue a permit to allow a motorcross race at the park this Sunday. The race was expected to draw about 300 competitors and with spectators the number of people on the property could have been around 600.

Mr. Buga said he has invested \$18,000 in upgrading the park and in installing a track and when the permit was refused he threatened to get an injunction and sue Mayor Gordon Ratcliff or The Tribune for alleged libels he said ap-

peared in the paper attributed to Mr. Ratcliff.

He threatened to get an injunction so that "all competition sports (in Whitchurch-Stouffville) will cease."

Business hit for \$810

MARKHAM — Police are seeking a man after six Markham businesses were defrauded of \$810 by someone claiming to be selling advertising space.

According to police, a man entered Fernando's Restaurant in Markham on July 14. He made a verbal agreement to supply menus for the restaurant



Peter Sanderson, coach of the Stouffville Dist. Secondary School senior volleyball team, is beaming despite being thrown in the shower by members of the team. The seniors, juniors and midgets of SDSS swept the York County Volleyball Championships. For stories and pictures see page 16. — Ted Wilcox

Havelock man dies as truck hits car

GORMLEY — A car was dragged 50 feet and a man was killed Thursday afternoon when a gravel truck crashed into a car at the corner of Don Mills and Stouffville roads.

William Edward Cushing, of Havelock was eastbound on the Stouffville Rd. As he entered the intersection his car was struck by a southbound gravel truck which allegedly went through a red light.

Mr. Cushing was rushed to York County Hospital, Newmarket, but was pronounced dead on arrival at 3:15 p.m. His car was totally demolished.

Charges are pending against the truck driver, Eric Smith, 33 of Summerset Ave., Toronto.

Fake call brings local firefighters

STOUFFVILLE — Stouffville's voluntary firemen were called out needlessly last Friday afternoon when a prankster called in a frantic sounding fire alarm.

The caller, who has not been identified, told firemen the second house on the 9th Line, south of Main St., was on fire.

The call sounded genuine and as it was reported as a house fire, the utility truck, pumper and tanker truck were immediately dispatched to the scene.

The residents of the house in question were quite surprised when half the Stouffville Fire Department came screeching into their driveway.

Chief Walt Smith described it as "a fairly urgent call," and he said it is not known whether the joker was a child or an adult.

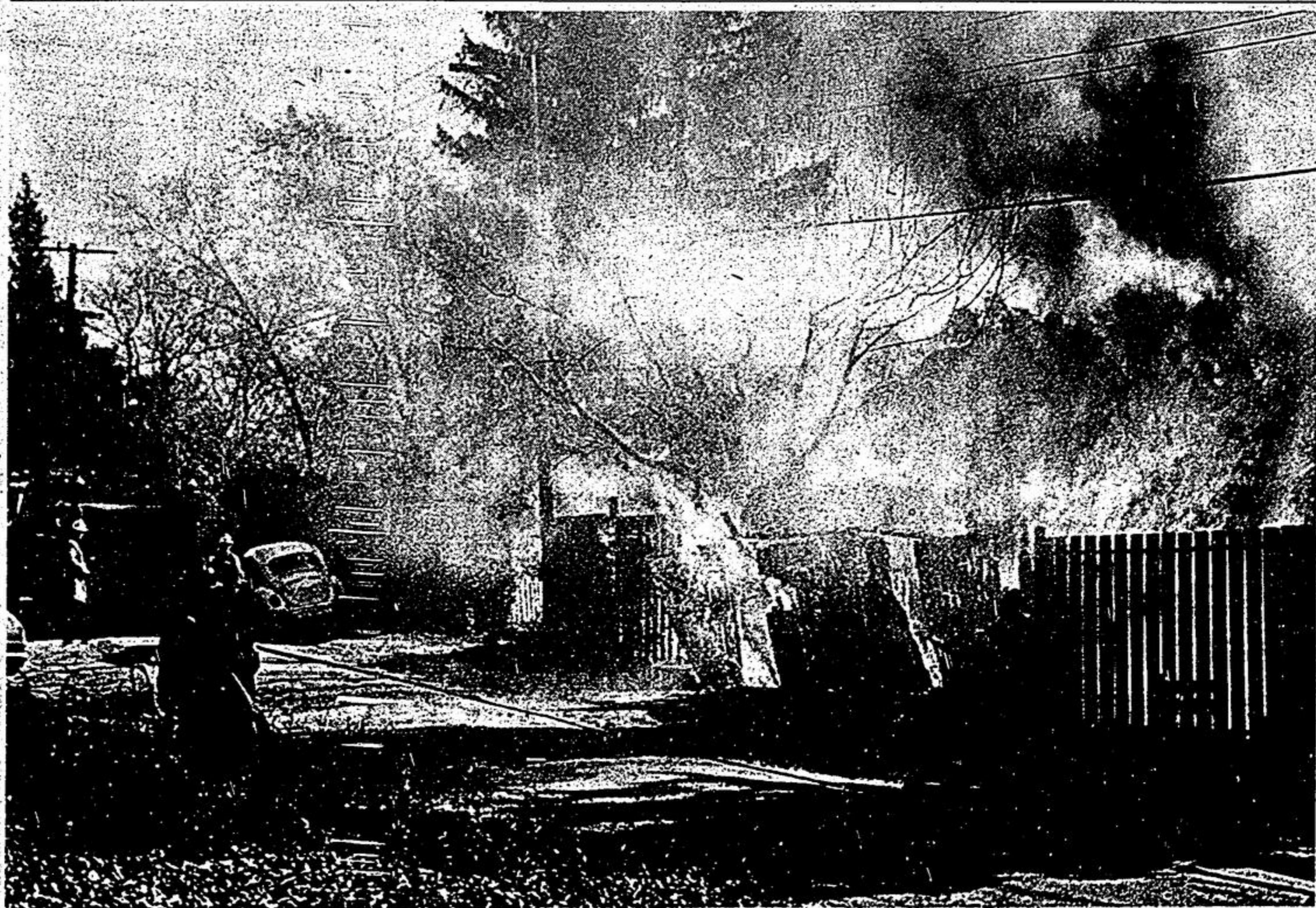
York crime rate down

YORK REGION — The crime rate in the Region of York continues to dip and last week York Regional Police Chief Bruce Crawford told Regional Police Commissioners that criminal occurrences are down 11.5 per cent compared to last year.

Chief Crawford said, "It is early to be optimistic about the overall picture, but one should, while one has the chance."

Chief Crawford also informed the Board that the clearance rate of 59 per cent has also been maintained.

The commissioners expressed satisfaction at the new figures.



This spectacular blaze at Musseman's Lake started innocently enough. Lelf Larson was burning papers in a garbage can behind his garage Thursday afternoon. He left the fire unattended for a

moment and when he returned the garage was ablaze. Damage was estimated at \$7,000.

— John Montgomery