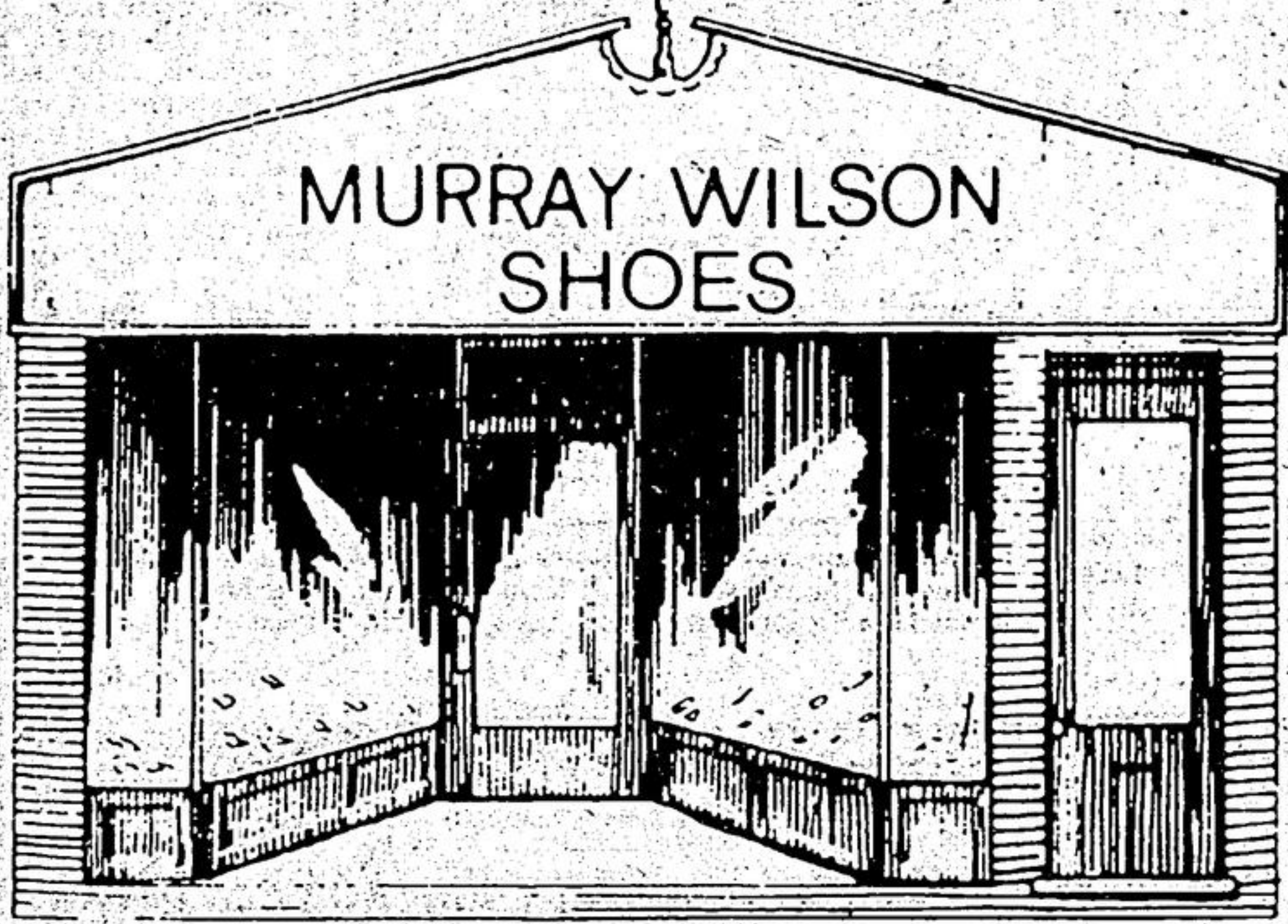


Teen Pick this week is Kitty Cashman. She is a sports enthusiast and has taken part in cross-country running at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School, and has also been involved in softball in the area.



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**Region boost car allowance to 20¢**

YORK REGION — Employees of the Region of York will have their car mileage allowance increased to 20 cents a mile following a council decision last week. The matter came up in the engineering committee report when council was asked to consider increasing the mileage allowance for engineering department employees. The former rate was 18 cents per mile. Councillors felt that the increase should apply across the board. The report also suggested a 10 per cent increase in the allowance granted the engineering commissioner. That was extended to all the other regional department heads. Some councillors argued that the increase should wait for preparation of the 1976 budget, but Councillor Ray Twinnay insisted that the increase was essential because of the recent increase in gasoline prices.

Presented doctorate Recently Dr. Owen Halsted D. D. of Elm Rd., Stouffville, travelled to Faith Temple, Orillia to confer the Honorary degree of Doctor of Humanities on Rev. Alice Higgins, a former resident of Stouffville.

**\$1,275,000 sought by Markham Region balks at debentures**

YORK REGION — York Regional Council turned down debenture requests of \$1,275,000 from the Town of Markham at last week's meeting. The town had requested permission to debenture to that total for four projects planned in the town. Originally matter was postponed pending a clarification from the Markham treasurer. The four projects included — purchase of parkland near Crosby memorial Arena (\$400,000); tennis court construction (\$130,000); park improvements (\$300,000); and 25 meter swimming pool (\$445,000). In a report from regional treasurer John Hlynski it was revealed that Markham had 47.4 per cent of the region's debenture debt, totalling \$8,129,050. Mr. Hlynski referred to a recent request from the Ontario Municipal Board that "long term capital financing be directed toward essential projects such as sewers, water systems, electrical utilities extensions, local improvements," etc. A letter from Markham treasurer E.A. Barton assured regional council that Markham "is well within the required limits and guide lines set down by the Ontario Municipal Board." Markham Councillor Bob Adams, defending the debentures, maintained that Markham is well within its capacity to pay. He stressed that the town had 47 per cent of the debenture debt, but 50 per cent of the growth, in the region. Mayor Tony Roman was not present for the meeting and Markham's other representative Alma Walker had left the meeting about 20 minutes before the debenture discussion came up. Mr. Adams said that parkland purchases were being debentured because "the parks reserve fund is spent out" and then assured East Gwillimbury Mayor Gladys Rolling that the 25-meter swimming pool was being paid one-third by the town and the rest in the community and "we hope to get Wintario money."

**EDITOR'S MAIL**

**POWR group responds to hearing board report**

Dear Sir: Following daily attendance at the Environmental Hearings and after due consideration to this report, the recommendation of the Board is just not acceptable to the public of Whitchurch-Stouffville. This report is suggesting that York Sanitation Co. Ltd.'s request be approved, subject to the submission of satisfactory plans and specifications and is only made provided that the company meet 16 conditions and establish a fund for expensive corrective measures, should our water supply become polluted in the future. Since source of pollution is hard to prove, the members suggest that the Province of Ontario give due consideration to guaranteeing such a fund. It is the opinion of the P.O.W.R. (Preserve Our Water Resources) group regarding the Hearing Board decision that "All is well, that ends WELLS!" in Whitchurch-Stouffville, provided that the Province of Ontario guarantee a fund allowing a privately owned American garbage monopoly the right to risk destroying a whole town's water supply. This would truly be adding insult to injury as we the taxpayers are the Province of Ontario. The people of Whitchurch-Stouffville have lost faith in the democratic process and are not interested in participating in any future hearings regarding this site. Hearings are extremely costly and they protect the wrong issues! The Board suggests that the Town be allowed to dump at this site. We have a by-law prohibiting the dumping of all waste in the whole Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville we make it a practice to obey all by-laws. The Board suggests that when York Sanitation Co. Ltd. is finished mounding chemical industrial pollutants 35-70' vertically, that the Town be given first opportunity to purchase the site as a recreational facility. This is ludicrous. To purchase this site at anytime would mean that as the new owners, when contaminant migration reaches the wells, the onus of replacement of our water supply would fall on the very citizens who are trying to save it now. The P.O.W.R. group asks, "Why does government prefer corrective rather than preventive measures?" "Why can't they leave WELLS" enough alone? F. SAINSBURY P.O.W.R. Member

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