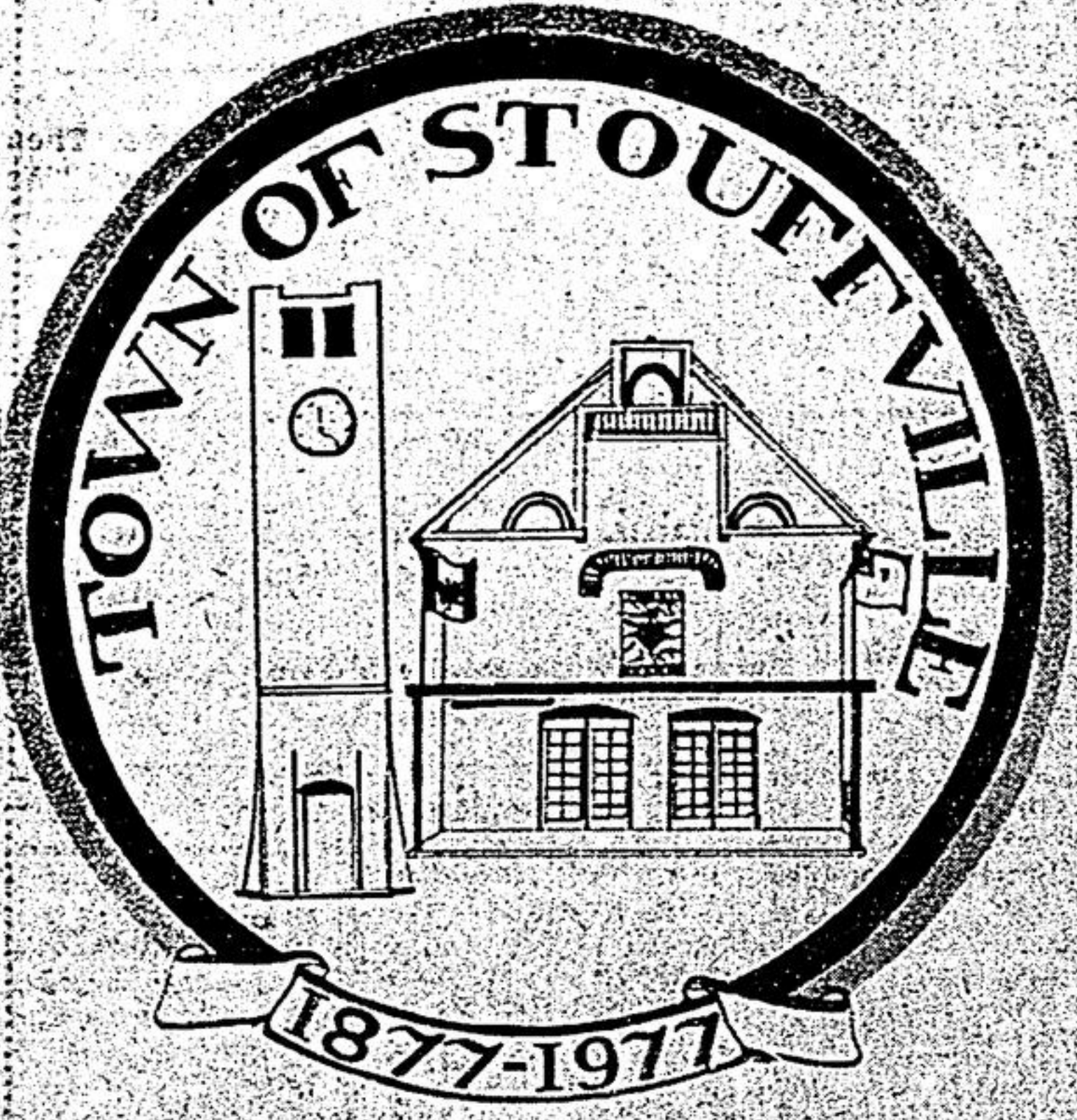


STOUFFVILLE 1877-1977 CENTENNIAL



Runners-up selected in logo contest

The centennial logo judging committee came up with the top three entries last week and the winner was Gaye Gibson. The runners-up are shown here. The one above took third place and could well be used on a centennial bumper sticker. It was created by Brenda Howard, a Grade 12 student at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School. At left, the second place logo, created by SDSS Grade 8 student, Mike Hamilton. Judges included — Leda Lewis, Bruce Barton and John Roberts.

Closed meeting on budget guidelines

YORK CTY. — Trustees of the York County Board of Education set budget guidelines for 1976 at a closed meeting last week.

The guidelines include — staff cuts will be by attrition and re-assignment and not by lay-offs; an absolute minimum reduction in program; affect savings by careful administrative organization in all schools; closing school buildings is not ruled out; plans in the capital forecast must be proceeded with; buildings must be well maintained to avoid future expenditure for upkeep.

Trustee Joy Horton, one of four trustees who walked out to protest the closed meeting, said that the criteria: "could have the affect of limiting the director's action."

She felt the board should have waited for staff recommendations before setting the "restrictions".

"It's simply a matter of the board passing comment without all the information," she said.

She and trustees Harry Bowes, Chris McMonagle and Norm Weller walked out of the special closed meeting, protesting that the press and public were being excluded.

That action resulted from the defeat of a motion to open the discussion to the public.

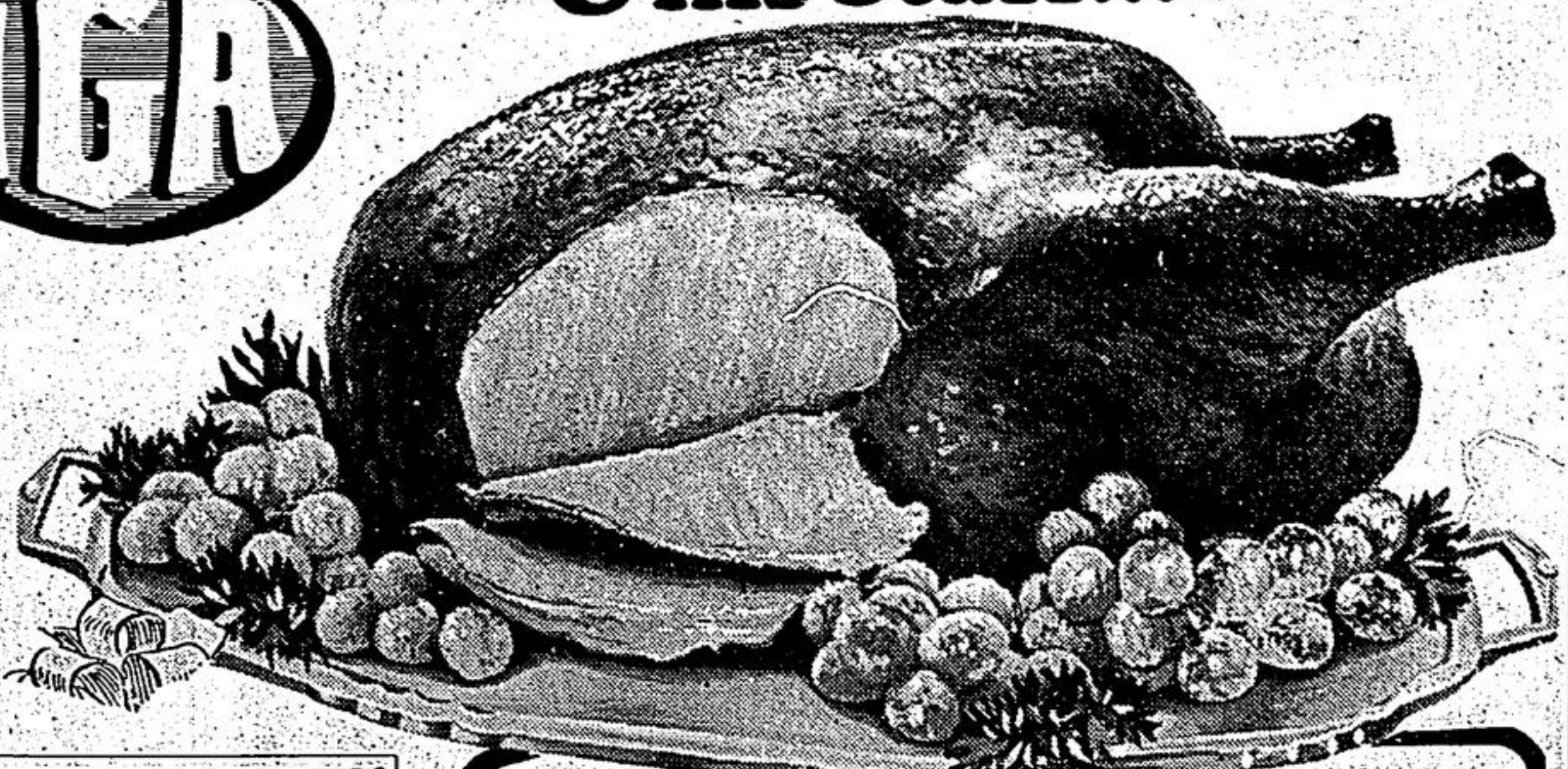
Mrs. Horton said that one of the reasons given for holding an in camera session was that the discussion of budget cuts might prove "too alarming" for the general public to hear.



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Transcendental Meditation

The other side of the coin

By TED WILCOX
Three area residents who have lived in India are not convinced of the wisdom of practicing Transcendental Meditation.

All three agree that TM has Hindi origins, and that it is not a final answer to the problems of life. Their views were solicited following a Dec. 11 Tribune article on the subject of TM.

"TM does contain Hindu philosophy," said Stouffville Missionary Church pastor John Hamilton. "I've begun to realize the implications that it does have."

India school. TM "is not offering a real solution to living," she says. She also fears that some Eastern practices "can open your mind to evil spirits," and cites a Canadian mediator in India who told her he had "looked into the face of evil."

In North America, however, Transcendental Meditation has been presented as merely a technique with no religious implications. Willowdale minister Alfred Rees, who occasionally speaks in Stouffville churches, takes issue with that view. "If you had no background with an Eastern country," he said, "you'd think of TM as a technique."

"But its entire language and approach finds its foundations in the Hindu scriptures," Mr. Rees himself worked for 12 years as a missionary in India. He sees TM as "a means of communicating a Hindu philosophy to a Western world."

Mr. Rees adds that "no doubt some good comes of it" and that he "wouldn't discourage people who have no radical faith in Christ from doing it."

However, he feels that "everything that can happen in TM — a clear mind, knowing who you are" are "all taught" in the Christian scriptures.

"Christians have failed to put into practice Christ's teachings on how we should meditate, and now we're accepting modified forms of Hinduism," he said.

A book on the subject of TM was suggested by Miss Clarke as one that could help a person to go into it "with their eyes open."

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