

# Library dredged up as mayoralty issue

STOUFFVILLE — While ground breaking for the new Whitchurch-Stouffville Library occurred Nov. 5, the library's location on the Main Street lot behind Stouffville Bakery has continued to be an issue in the Whitchurch-Stouffville mayoralty campaign.

## Leadership challenged

STOUFFVILLE — The issue of leadership at the municipal level came out Saturday at the Tribune's all-candidates meeting at the high school.

Madeleine Nevins of Church Street asked Mayorality candidate Cathy Joice why, if she has leadership capabilities, all the other councillors are "backing" Mayor Gordon Ratcliff.

"Oh are they, Mrs. Nevins?" said Mrs. Joice. "That's a very strong statement." Mrs. Joice said, "members of council ought to be smart enough not to back any mayorality candidate, as they don't know which they might have to work with."

Joice says she has favored locating the library on another site, but adds that "I'm behind it, it's the Centennial project, it's a fait accompli at this point."

At the Tribune all-candidates' meeting Saturday at the high school, Bob Lewis of R. 2, Stouffville, said that in soliciting donations for the new library "a lot of people we're running into, because of advance publicity, feel it shouldn't have been built."

He commented that "since it's there, let's do the best we can" with it.

Mrs. Joice said she could not be saddled with the blame for those who have not wanted to give towards the library, but believes those people have felt that way from the beginning.

She told The Tribune she has only commented on the library when asked during the campaign to clarify her position on it, and she said she holds the same view as she always has.

Library board member Carol McDermott said at the all-candidates' meeting that the property Mrs. Joice favored for the new library, south of the arena, was inadequate because it was swampy ground.

"We tried to get experts' advice and were given no assurance" that a building could be built there, she said.

### Says Ratcliff

## Town is 'at the crossroads'

STOUFFVILLE — "Whitchurch-Stouffville stands at the crossroads," said Mayor Gordon Ratcliff Saturday at the

Tribune's all-candidates' meeting at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School.

"Either we will allow huge

## Candidate cites need for capable negotiation

STOUFFVILLE — Leadership and development again were issues discussed by Cathy Joice, in her speech Saturday at the Tribune's all-candidate meeting at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School.

"The representative at the region," she said, "has to be able to deal with other people... One can't do it by confrontation, but by negotiation... They must be (See CANDIDATE Pg. 27)

Regarding the expert opinion, Mrs. Joice said, "I don't remember anything like that coming in... In my estimation, that site was never less capable of being built on than the present one."

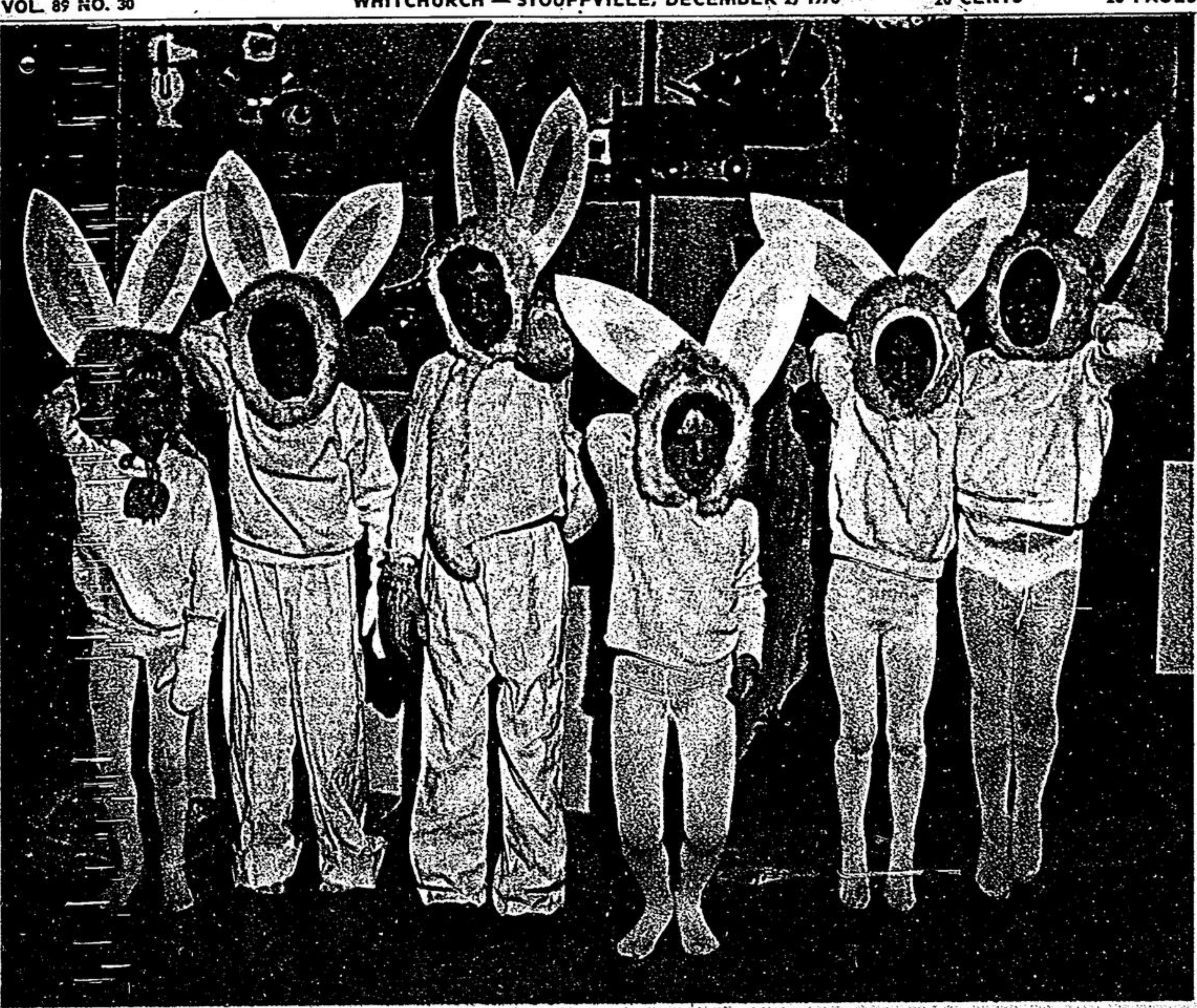
She said that the current site required an additional \$20,000 in costs to have pylons driven into the ground because it is unstable soil.

Mrs. McDermott said "there's a report of 12 sites we investigated" before settling on the Main Street location. Of that lot, which cost the town \$105,000 the library will use one-quarter, she said, and the rest could be put to use by the town.

Mrs. Joice says she favored the location next to the arena because "we've got to start planning for future recreation needs. That site," she said could have been acquired by the town free of charge since it is donated parkland.

As to the cost of the library, Mayor Gordon Ratcliff commented to The Tribune that it is possible that virtually no rise in residents' yearly tax bills could result from the new library since the land purchased came out of the lot fee account.

Mrs. Joice maintains the lot fee money could have been better spent on books and furniture for the building rather than land.



These bunnies were part of Santa's entourage in the Santa Claus parade. The painted backdrop formed part of the Santa's workshop float built by the Summitview Public School students. The float was nominated best school float in the parade. Bunnies are from left: Kim Gutkind, Leanne Mumford, Aaron Dykstra, Lucy Elliott, Heather Glenn and Susan Elvins. The picture was taken last week during final preparations for the parade. —John Montgomery.

## Sunshine came with parade

STOUFFVILLE — The prayers of several thousand people were answered last Saturday when the threatening rain clouds lost their potency and the sun came out, just in time for the Stouffville Santa Claus Parade.

Those taking advantage of the propitious change in the weather got to watch more than 60 entries march by on Main Street. There were 10 bands, four majorette groups, and 46 participating groups and floats. Sixteen clowns had their

hands full giving out a total of 4,500 candy canes to enthusiastic children; and, it must be said, some adults too, although most contented themselves with a furtive lick or two from their offspring's canes.

Three judges were on hand

## Police getting new tools to nab drunks

YORK REGION — York Regional Police may soon be armed with new technical

gadgets to make life miserable for drunk drivers and speeders.

Last week the police commission voted to purchase six roadside breathalyzer machines and five new hand-held radar units.

The commission expects delivery of the breathalyzers, costing a total of \$3,600, in time for the annual Christmas spot checks.

The radar units, which can also be used on the police boat, can accurately pinpoint the speed of an oncoming vehicle.

It is felt the breathalyzer units will save time for motorists who will be able to take the test at roadside and if there is no sign of impairment

won't have to go back to police station.

Drivers showing impairment will still have to go back to police headquarters to be tested on the conventional machine.

Refusal to be tested on the

machine could lead to charges.

Police Chief Bruce Crawford told the board the new equipment aids in reducing the rising fatalities attributed to drinking drivers. He said there were 35 this year as opposed to 25 the year previous.

## Average resident pays \$5-6 yearly for library

STOUFFVILLE — A Whitchurch-Stouffville resident with a home assessed at \$20,000 will be paying about \$5 or \$6 annually towards the \$250,000 debenture on the new library, according to town clerk Ralph Corner.

debenture will make little difference in the tax bill of residents of the village of Stouffville after 1978, since by that time the town's debenture payments for its sewage plant will have been reduced.

Residents living in the country, however, will experience a rise anywhere from \$1 to \$15 annually or more, depending on their assessment.

The question of how much the library would cost residents was raised Saturday at the all-candidates' meeting at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School.

Paying off the loan on the library will be spread out over 20 years.

Figures released by Mr. Corner show that the library

owner would be paying roughly \$8 or \$9 annually towards the two debts.



There was something about the symmetrical line of the row of bugles and the precision of the marching which caught our photographers eye. This drum and bugle corps was only one of the many bands that participated in the Santa Claus parade on Saturday. For more pictures see pg. 9.

## Claims refuse returned here

STOUFFVILLE — Councillor Cathy Joice has withdrawn her earlier allegation that local garbage is being taken to a Scarborough dump site and then shipped back to the Highway 48 dump.

However, Mrs. Joice still maintains she has proof that local garbage is being sent to the York Sanitation dump.

An informant for Mrs. Joice, who refused to be publicly identified, spoke to The Tribune and upheld her claims.

"To my knowledge there is no local garbage going into the (Highway 48) dump — There is some going to the East Gwillimbury dump," commented town garbage contractor Ralph Spademan.

## Dr. Neil Smith is 50 year participant

STOUFFVILLE — Dr. Neil Smith was in town the other night to receive a 50 year jewel from Richardson Masonic Lodge.

This is not the first time the former Stouffville dentist has observed a half century event.

In April of 1975 he was honoured as a 50 year member of the Ontario Dental Association.

On his retirement in June of that year he was presented with the town crest to commemorate the 50 years he worked as a dentist in the village.

Dr. Smith, who is 72, and his wife have since retired to Markdale.

The presentation of the 50 year jewel was made during the lodge's installation ceremony by District Deputy Grand Master C. Edwin Drew.

### Children's contest

## What is Christmas? tell us through painting

STOUFFVILLE — "What is Christmas?" is a question that may soon be answered by young artists in the community.

The Tribune is sponsoring an art contest for children on that theme, and is inviting all children to submit their paintings on that topic to The Tribune office.

seven to nine, and ten to thirteen.

All entries should have the child's name, age, address, and phone number attached to the back.

Deadline for handing in artwork is Friday, Dec. 17, at 5 p.m. Winners will be announced in the next issue of the Tribune, and some of the prize winning entries will be reproduced in the paper.

Entries will be judged by The Tribune editorial staff on the basis of originality.



The annual high school variety night begins at 8 this evening, to be followed by performances Friday and Saturday. One of the highlights of the show is the dance number 'Thoroughly Modern Millie'. Tammy Ewen is shown here rehearsing the number. The production, involving about 100 students, consists of skits, relating to love and marriage and several musical numbers. Tickets are \$2 for adults, \$1.50 for students and senior citizens and 75 cents for children.

## Block Parents start in new year

STOUFFVILLE — The "Block Parent" plan won't be initiated in Stouffville until the new year, according to newly elected Stouffville chairman of the program, Andrea Corner.

Mrs. Corner told The Tribune that a Block Parent meeting was held Monday at

Summitview School, and officers for the organization were elected. Co-chairmen for the three public schools are: Summitview, Marilyn Ferguson; Orchard Park, Maris Anderson; and St. Mark's, Louise Roney.

The Block Parent plan is a

system by which signs will be placed in the homes of volunteers where a youngster can go in case of an emergency.

At the meeting Monday, local members viewed a film and listened to Carol Newell, chairman-organizer of the Aurora Block Parent group.