

Car rams train

Witnesses say lights 'snowed'

WHITCHURCH — Were the red warning lights at a level crossing on the Aurora Sideroad obliterated by wet snow, Thursday morning, when Wally Pascoe's westbound car ramed into the side of a North Bay to Toronto C.N.R. passenger train?

Several motorists travelling that route, immediately before and after the accident, called The Tribune with the same story. They said the snow of the night before, had filled the automatic signal compartments, blotting them from view.

Mr. Pascoe, 39, of Musselman's Lake, was pronounced dead at the scene. A son, Louis, 17, is recovering in York County Hospital at Newmarket.

The family's rear-engined compact, slammed into the southbound train, three cars back of the locomotive. The impact ripped the auto to pieces, tossing it into a ditch to the left of the tracks. Time of the collision was placed at 7:15 a.m.

According to Barbara Walker, a neighbor and friend of the family, Wally Pascoe and his son were on the way to Aurora where Louis had accepted a job at Barth's Cleaners only a few days before. After dropping his boy off there, the father had planned to go on to Richmond Hill where he was employed at Canadian Heat Treaters Ltd., on Newkirk Drive. They never made it.

News of the tragedy touched every home in the tightly-knit Lake community and soon, offers of assistance poured in from all sides. As usual, Becky Wedley, a Town councillor at Ballantrae, was prominent in organizing aid along with Joan Doble, Newmarket, R.R. 3. "They were wonderful — everyone was," Mrs. Walker said.

Wally Pascoe was well known in the area, including Ballantrae, where he helped out at the Community Centre on many occasions. He had also been active in organizing local sports, mainly softball. The beautiful floral tributes were a silent tribute to the respect he had earned through the years. The chapel at the O'Neill Funeral Home in Stouffville, was filled to overflowing for the service, Saturday, conducted by Rev. McLeod of Ballantrae United Church.

Surviving besides his wife, the former Karen Henderson, are sons Louis and Ross; a daughter, Angie; his parents, Reg and Kitty and three sisters, Agnes, Lyne and Janice.

Crash!

STOUFFVILLE — Property damage was estimated at \$2,200 but both drivers escaped serious injury when their cars collided on Hwy. 47. According to police, Frank Spademan, 29, of 96 Tenth Line South, was southbound when his vehicle veered out of control on slippery pavement and collided with one driven by Patricia Redwood, 38, of RR 3, Stouffville.

Mayor Eldred King

Walks election line

STOUFFVILLE — If Town Mayor Eldred King has political leanings, they don't show, not in the current election at least. He's playing no part in the federal campaign, not even to allowing a candidate's sign on his lawn. "It's not that I couldn't or shouldn't but I won't," he told

The Tribune. "I see no reason to become involved." Admitting that what members do in this regard outside the Council chambers is their own business, he stressed his belief that politics at either the provincial or federal level should not enter into municipal matters.

As to using his municipal experience as a stepping stone to something higher, Eldred King says "no." "I thought about it at one time, but not any more," he replied. However, he qualified that somewhat by saying, "I don't really know what tomorrow will bring."

Aid students find jobs

STOUFFVILLE — A Canada Employment Centre for Students is being set up in Suite 208 of the Newmarket Plaza on Davis Drive, to receive job openings and applications for young people ranging in age from 12 to 25.

The summer work program that proved so successful last year, will again come under the jurisdiction of staff supervisor, Peggy Spurgeon. Her office number is 898-1224.

Due to the distance factor between Stouffville and Newmarket, placement officers will work out of the High School here every Tuesday from May

22 until the end of June. They will also visit the school, April 25 and talk to the students personally.

"We've had super co-operation in Stouffville," Mrs. Spurgeon told The Tribune.

While the program doesn't swing into high gear until May 1, contacts are already being made with local business people to learn their employee requirements during the vacation period ahead.

A student employment centre will also be established in Markham, the supervisor explained and young people should feel free to apply there if they find it more convenient.

Town welding site sold to MTRCA

STOUFFVILLE — The Smith Welding site on the northeast corner of Market and Burkholder Streets, has been sold.

The purchaser is, Metro Toronto and Region Conservation Authority. At least a portion of the property is needed for their proposed stream channelization project.

Business will conclude at this location, June 30, with two weeks' grace if required, Walter Smith, the owner said. The sales agreement, that he described as "fair", was signed March 31.

What of the future? Walt Smith's not sure, except he's planning a holiday, a vacation he feels he's earned.

Chairman earns his stripes

YORK REGION — Bob Forhan, York Region's new chairman is a quarter way through his first year in office and, for the most part, members appear impressed.

One of these is Whitchurch-Stouffville's Eldred King. "He's following through on what he said in his inaugural address," Mayor King told The Tribune when asked for an opinion on the chairman's performance.

Mr. Forhan, he said, is attempting to bring regional government closer to the people. "People are important to him," he stated.

He also notes a genuine concern by the chairman for all areas of the Region whether it be a proposed bypass around the village of Unionville or a road-widening project at Lemonville.

"He looks at things realistically and keeps a close eye on costs," he said.

Mayor King said he's reasonably happy with the way things are going at the Region in this his first opportunity to observe proceedings personally.

"I say the bureaucrats shouldn't run the region and he (Forhan) doesn't think so either."

Clubbed by gang

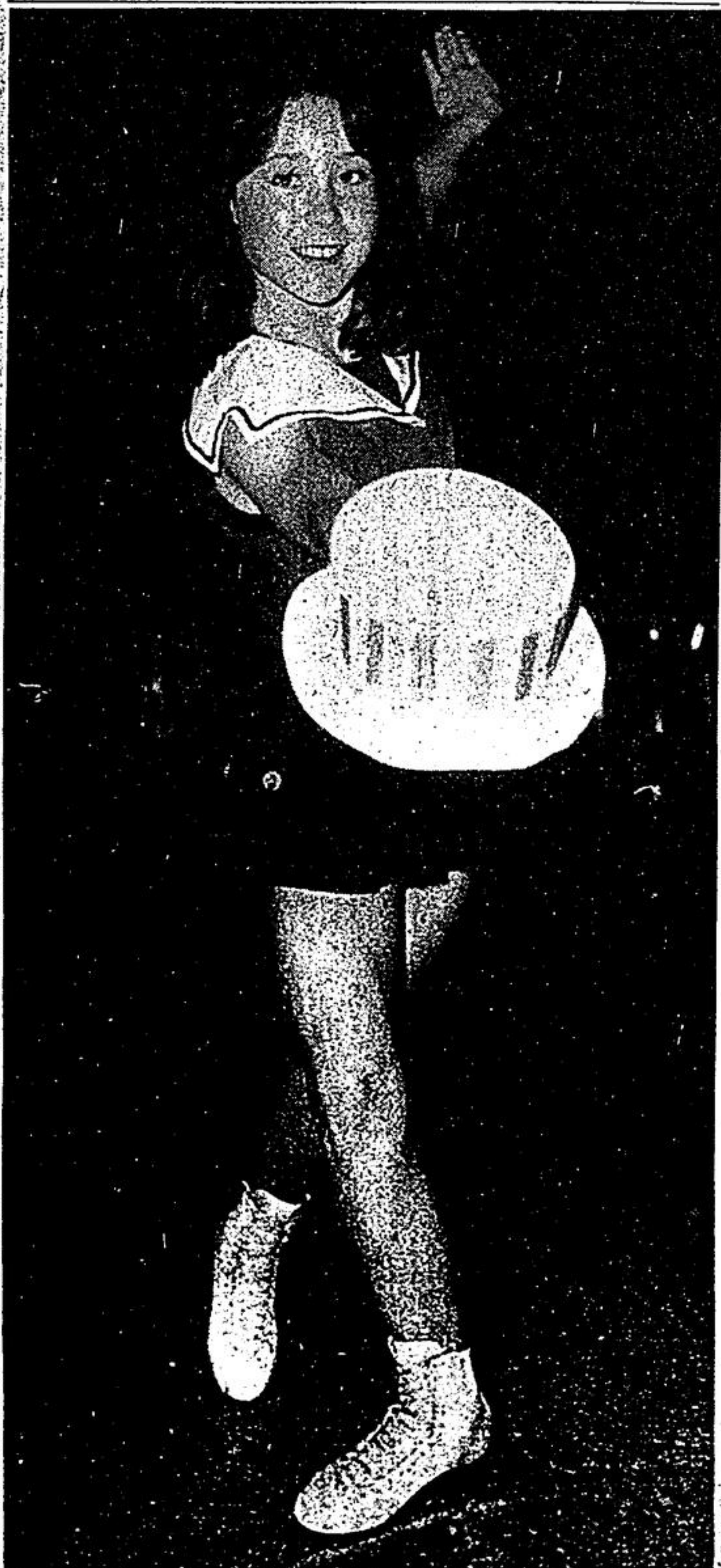
LOCUST HILL — So far, no motive has been uncovered for a gang attack on a Locust Hill area man, Saturday.

William John Doyle of lot 7, conc. 11, Markham, said he was leaving a restaurant near the corner of Birchmount and Finch Avenues, just after midnight, when a carload of youths attempted to cut him off.

Later, en route home, two cars moved alongside and attempted to force his vehicle into the ditch.

Doyle told how he stopped on Oaklee Circle in Markham where he was set upon by about eight young men. One of them hit him over the head with a club.

His assailants were described as between 15 and 17 years old. The victim could give no reason for the assault.



"Hello Dolly"

Hello Dolly. Pretty 14 year old Karen Smith, Elm Road, Stouffville, skated to this tune in a colorful "Can-Can" number at Ice Revue 79 in the Stouffville Arena last weekend. For the full story, see Page 15.

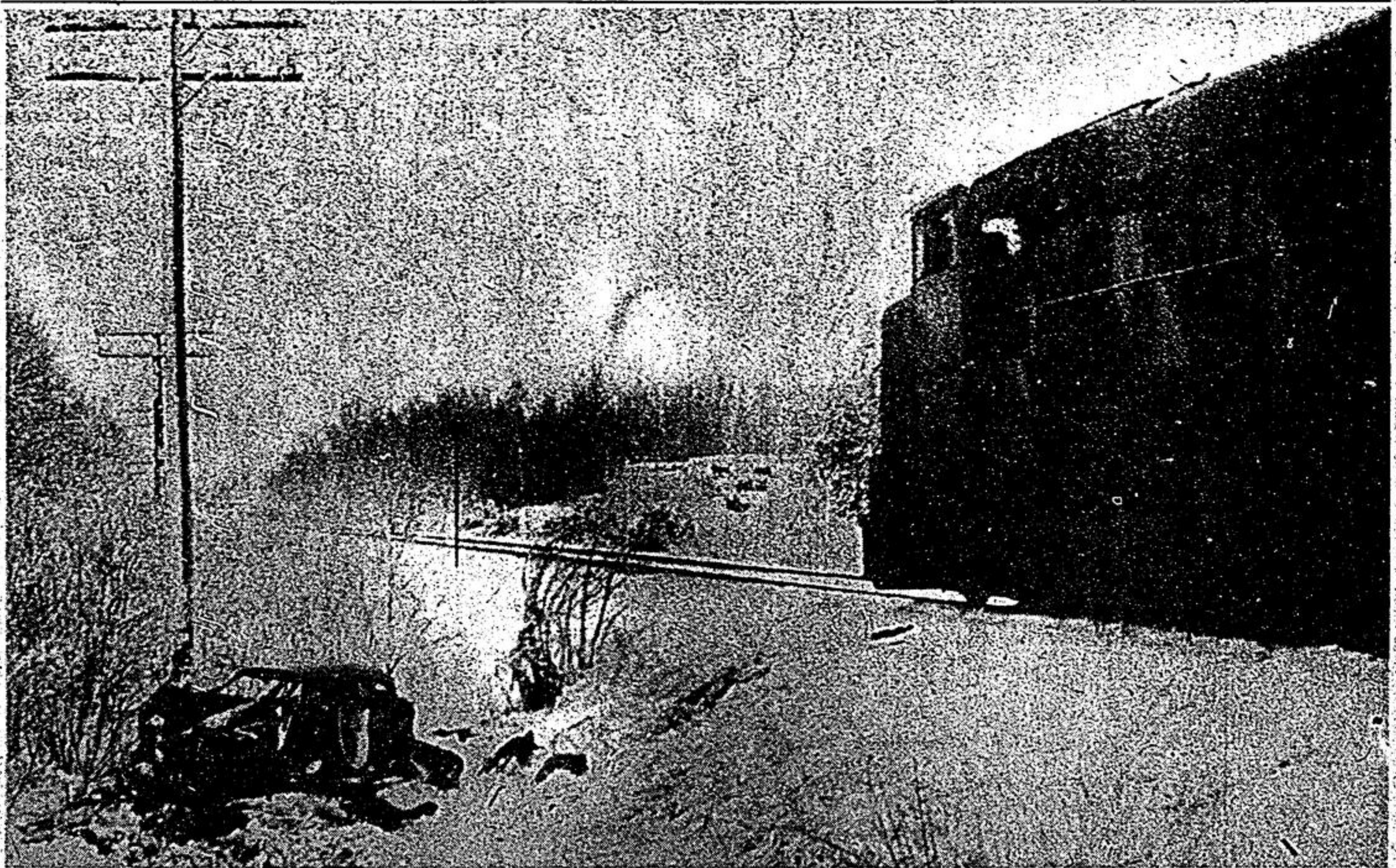
—Jim Thomas.

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Aurora Sideroad, east of Woodbine Avenue, Thursday morning. Wally Pascoe was pronounced dead at the scene. Son Louis is recovering in Newmarket Hospital. —Jim Thomas.

Bikeathon date May 5

STOUFFVILLE — The Lions-sponsored Bike-a-Thon is on the go again.

The date is Sat., May 5. The distance is 37 kilometers or about 23 miles.

Chairman Bob Macklin is hopeful 300 riders will participate, bettering the \$6,000 figure raised last year. Pledges are divided 50-50 between the entry's chosen organization and the Lions.

Registrations are being accepted this Saturday at the former Post Office, (Silver Jubilee Club) from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and again, April 21 and 28. Pledge sheets are available at Aiken's Pharmacy and Card's Hardware.

Mound ace is honored

STOUFFVILLE — Sixteen year old Jim Chilvers, hard-throwing righthander with last year's Juvenile team, has still another award to show for his pitching skills.

At the annual O.A.S.A. Convention, held Saturday at Sudbury, Jim was presented with a certificate recognizing a no-hit performance in last year's provincial playoffs. In that game, Stouffville blanked Lindsay 10-0. He faced only 28 batters in nine innings.

Jim hopes to stay with Stouffville this season and play with a new Junior club being organized here.

At the Convention, Saturday, Stouffville was represented by Ray Steel, Manitoba Street.

Campaign falls short

STOUFFVILLE — The Lions-sponsored Easter Seal Campaign concludes Sunday, April 15.

There's little time left. The objective this year is \$3,500. To date, \$2,100 has been received. This means with only two days to go, the fund is \$1,400 short of its goal.

If you've been planning to drop your envelope in the mail, but haven't, do it today. It's for a good cause — helping children less fortunate than your own.

The campaign chairman is Cliff Aiken; the secretary, Paul Roney.

MARKHAM — Veteran hydro linemen called it "the worst blow ever" and Don McNabb, Commission Chairman at Markham, isn't about to argue.

The hurricane force winds that lashed this area, Friday, caused havoc like nothing ever seen before, plunging whole sections into darkness for hours on end.

Line crews worked throughout the night in an effort to keep pace as poles snapped like matchsticks under the pressure of sagging wires. Five contract firms were called in to assist.

"Everyone who could climb, we had out," chairman McNabb said, "at one point we

STOUFFVILLE — At a rural intersection he'd crossed over dozens of times before, Murray Dunkeld, Park Drive North, Stouffville, met his death, Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Dunkeld, a long-time farm resident near Atha in Pickering Twp., until moving to town five years ago, was struck down by a car while attempting to cross Pickering's 9th concession at Sideline 28. At first, his injuries were thought to be no more serious than a broken leg. Closer observation by physicians at Scarborough Centenary Hospital disclosed multiple fractures and a ruptured liver. He passed away at 6:15 p.m., the same day.

No charges have been laid against the car's driver, Susan Jennings, 21, of Whitby.

Mr. Dunkeld, it is believed, had left home that afternoon to call in at the family farm in the Pickering airport area. Because his parked car was facing north on the Altona Road, the family feel he may have been planning to drop in on his good friend, Charlie Hodgson, Stouffville, RR 3.

Murray Dunkeld, 75, had many interests. He was President of the Pickering Twp. Federation of Agriculture; a member of the Ontario County

Plowman's Association and secretary-treasurer of the Altona Missionary Church. He took a keen interest in Markham Fair and at one time showed Clydesdale horses there.

His family, however, came first and he followed their every activity, including those of his grandchildren. Surviving are two sons, Clifford of Stouffville and Donald of Zephyr; and two daughters, Evelyn (Mrs. Murray Jones), Balsam and Shirley (Mrs. Grant Jones), Manilla. One sister, Vera

Melton, resides at Port Perry. There are 23 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Mrs. Dunkeld Sr., the former Elsie Wagg, passed away in January, 1978.

Rev. Donald Pugh, formerly of Altona and now of Plattsville, conducted the funeral service from the Altona Church, Monday, with interment, Stouffville Cemetery. The pall bearers were Glenn Shadlock, Wm. Morris, Millard Reesor, Ab Foster, Norman Lehman and Joe Nighswander.

Smaller boards

STOUFFVILLE — When it comes to education, Eldred King, the mayor, steers clear of comment.

But not so, Eldred King, the taxpayer. On the subject, he has plenty to say.

First, the present Board's too big, he claims, an opinion that's shared by Town trustee Harry Bowes. "It's time to go back; to break it down and the only way to do it is pounce on Dr. Bette Stephenson's door (Ministry of Education), and demand the legislation be changed."

Eldred King says he supports wholeheartedly those teachers at Markham Dist. High School who have come out strongly in favor of a smaller and more personal Board setup. He feels too that Aurora's Norm Weller, trustee for that Town, is to be commended for supporting the teachers' stand.

Eldred King (the taxpayer), is confident a smaller Board organization would save the people money.

Eldred King (the mayor), refuses to get involved. "Each (trustees and councillors) is elected to perform specific duties," he said.

Hydro havoc

were ready to put spurs on the ladies in the office."

One of the worst trouble spots extended from 17th Avenue down to Hwy. 7 on Woodbine. There, seven poles blew down. "Because this is a main feeder line, Ontario Hydro rather than Markham had the responsibility of completing repairs.

"If the wind seemed bad at ground level, just imagine what it was like up in the air," said Mr. McNabb.

The Unionville Station of the Markham Fire Department is now an answering service for Town Hydro. They were deluged with calls. Don McNabb himself, received calls up until two

and three o'clock in the morning. But he wasn't home.

"I was down in Atlanta attempting to find out ways of improving the system and all the while, the system was being blown away," he said.

He praised the efforts of hydro employees, working under terrible conditions without complaint. Customers too were extremely patient, he said. "They seemed to understand what we were going through."

The storm will cost the Commission thousands. Many of the workers received triple time. Contract crews must also be paid. "It sure knocks hell out of the budget," the chairman said.