

# Near marriage milestone

By Evelyn Milled  
**GORMLEY** — On Thurs. Dec. 27, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brillinger will celebrate their 63rd wedding anniversary. To mark the occasion, an 'open house' will be held at their home during the afternoon and evening. Friends are invited to

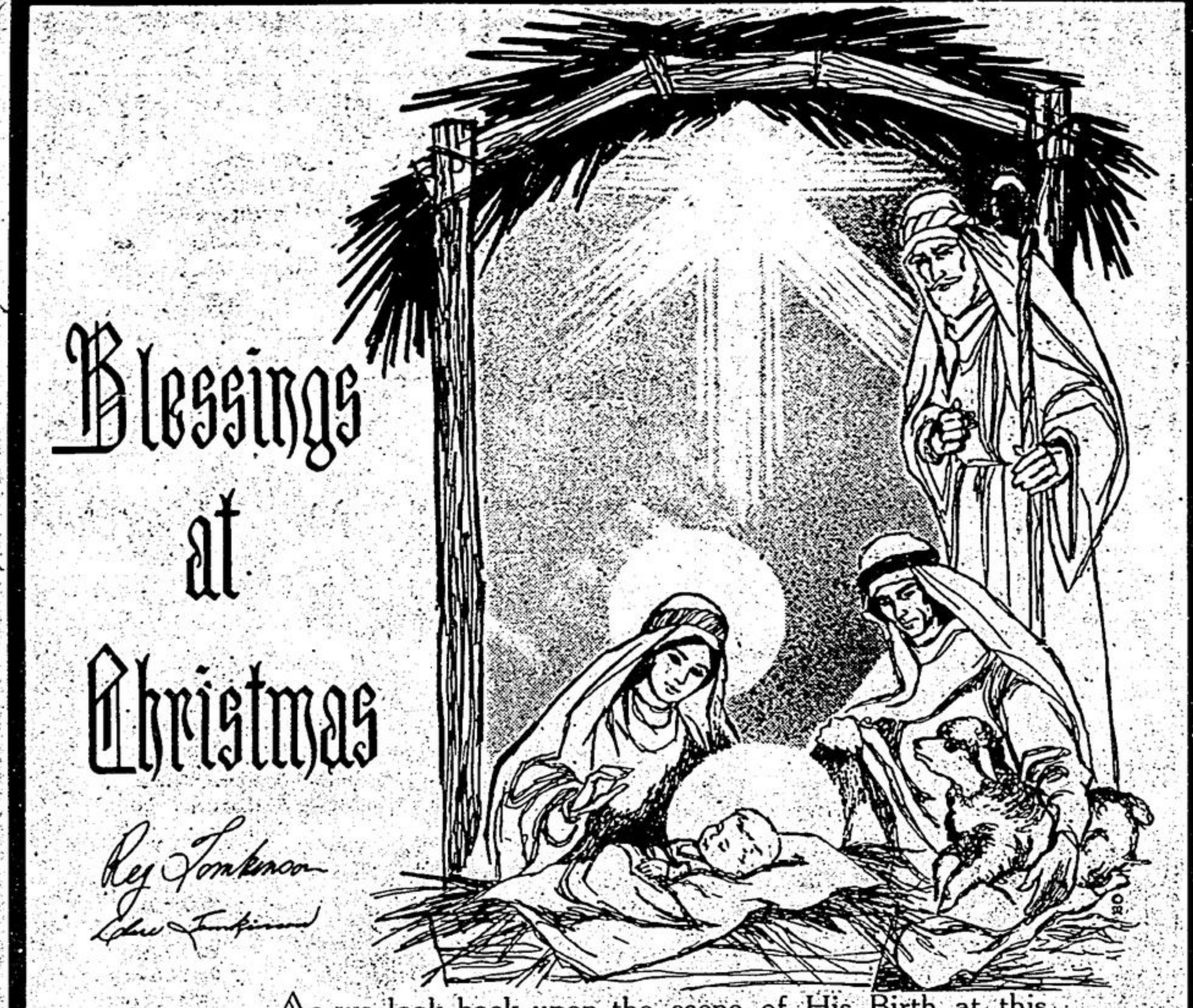
drop in and say hello. Roy Wideman is a patient in Scarborough Centenary Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Carman Henderson of Vancouver B.C. are spending the holiday season with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Henderson and Mr. and Mrs. Harold

Tatton. Mr. and Mrs. Irvine Cober of Kitchener spent Sunday with their son and daughter-in-law, Rev. and Mrs. James Cober. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Milne of Keswick visited on Sunday with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Pugh.

The Gormley postmaster reports the volume of mail much heavier this year, but it's moving smoothly. Stamp sales are also very heavy, he says. One hundred and fifty-four people enjoyed the special Christmas dinner at the Heise Hill

Church following the morning service Sunday. A special choir comprising of members from the Heise Hill, Oak Ridges, and Bridlewood Churches in Christ Church will present the Christmas Cantata "Come to the manger" at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 23

at Heise Hill. They will also present it at the Oak Ridges Church at 10:30 a.m., Sunday, Dec. 30. The choir is under the direction of Rev. Leonard Chester, minister at Bridlewood. The youth Christmas program will be held at Oak Ridges Brethren in Christ Church, Sunday, Dec. 23 at 7 p.m. The Young People will meet at the Missionary Church at 7:30 p.m. on Fri., Dec. 21 to go carolling. Lunch will be served later at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Yake. The Missionary Church will hold a carol service at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 23. A community watch-night service will commence at 9 p.m., Dec. 31 in the Missionary Church. The Freeman Quartet and the Brady Family from Newmarket will provide special music.



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Christmas

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## Edward Blackburn

# Town treasurer

By Jim Thomas  
**STOUFFVILLE** — Thirteen years ago, Ed Blackburn of Newmarket was looking for "just a job".

To-day, he's preparing to assume the position of treasurer for the Town of Whitechurch Stouffville.

How did it all happen? The truth is, it wasn't supposed to happen at all; kind of by 'accident' one might say. A native of Scarborough, he was working as a lineman when he injured his back. This forced him to seek employment of a different kind. He answered an ad for a position with the Twp. of Whitechurch in the office at Vandorf and was successful.

"I hired on as a bookkeeper, but everything else that needed doing, I did it," he recalled. Later, he was promoted to the position of accountant and remained on staff when Whitechurch and Stouffville "became one" under the umbrella of regional government.

Looking back, Ed remembers being somewhat apprehensive about the move. "But Ralph (Corner) smoothed out most of my concerns in advance. He made me feel like I was needed and that was good". Only two members of the 'old' Vandorf staff are now with the Town: Pat Muir was recently promoted to the position of Clerk.



With the start of the new year, Ed Blackburn takes over a new position—Treasurer of the Town of Whitechurch-Stouffville. Prior to the creation of regional government, he was an accountant on the Whitechurch Twp. staff at Vandorf.

Ed Blackburn wasn't content to "ride

along" on previous office experience. After coming to Stouffville, he enrolled in a three-year night course at Queen's University at Kingston, graduating in 1974. A framed certificate from the Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario is located near his desk.

The Town Office is now equipped with a computer read-out system that, to the layman, would appear to be a portable television set. It was Ed who recommended its purchase, and it's proved invaluable, he says.

Ed and Donna Blackburn still live at Newmarket but he'd like to move closer to his work. Donna is a former teacher at Bogartown School and is presently on staff at Rogers Road, Newmarket. They have one daughter, Cindy, age 15.

Ed doesn't spend all his time pouring over figures. He's a keen outdoorsman with fishing a favorite pastime. He describes himself as "a participant rather than a spectator". When time permits, he gets in a little golf.

Ed says he enjoys being a part of the office staff in Stouffville and his association with the current treasurer, Elwood Foskett, the man he'll succeed, Jan. 1.

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*Happy New Year*

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## Lady injured in fall

By Elsie Boland  
**GOODWOOD** — Irene Tindall was injured, Saturday night, when she slipped and fell in the parking lot outside the Goodwood Hall. Her glasses were broken and her face was cut and bruised.

Verna Bunker, well-known in the Goodwood area and now living at Minden, is feeling better according to a welcomed letter. She enjoys reading news from the community and wishes all her friends a very Merry Christmas.

A large crowd attended the Christmas concert and pot-luck supper in the hall, Monday evening. The Women's Institute are appreciative of the assistance received, especially from the Girl Guides, the Brownies, the 4-H Girls, Mr. and Mrs. Munding and members' families. A play, written by Elsie Boland entitled "Goodwood As It Used To Be" was enjoyed by everyone.

Goodwood United Church is holding a Christmas Service, Sunday evening, Dec. 23 at 7 p.m.

There was a large crowd present for the Couples Club Christmas dinner and dance, Saturday evening in the Goodwood Hall.

Another Goose Shoot will be held on Sat., Dec. 29 at the Boland farm, north of Goodwood.

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