



**Fire threatens cottage residence on Conc. 7, Whitchurch-Stouffville**

A fire, Saturday afternoon, at a cottage residence on the Putkowski property, Conc. 7, Whitchurch-Stouffville, caused several thousand dollars damage to the interior. "The Coach House" as it's called, was unoccupied at the time. Firemen from Stouffville responded to the alarm and soon had the blaze under control. **Jim Thomas**

**Kinnettes attend spring conference**

STOUFFVILLE — Over 75 Kinnettes from across York Region attended the 1980 Spring Conference at the Deer Park Inn, Feb. 16. Services provided by the Kinnettes include birthday parties at Green Gables Manor and Stouffville Nursing Home; donations to the cystic fibrosis fund; high and public school bursaries; sponsorship of a child through CanSave; and funds to High Point and Yellow Brick. The Stouffville executive follows: President-Loni Brandon; Past-president-Barbara Zeller; Secretary-Neala Dono; Registrar-Donna Smirthwaite; Treasurer-Member-Leanna Coward.

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**John Mathewson**  
**No time to retire-yet**

By JoAnn Thompson  
STOUFFVILLE — Going out of your way to help a customer: has always been John Mathewson's idea of good business. He and wife, Merle operated a grocereria on Main Street for 18 years, so there was plenty of opportunity to put this philosophy to work. And they enjoyed every minute of it. Now, after many years of experience in retail, John, a "young 65 year old", as he calls himself, has retired. His former employment was manager of the Liquor Control Board of Ontario store in town for the past four years. Prior to that, he was

assistant manager of the outlet in Markham. Born in Kincardin, John moved to Newmarket at the age of three, and attended public school there. He played Junior OHA hockey at Aurora in the mid-30's, and accepted a position as manager at the Dominion Store there. It was later that he opened a store of his own, but when the war broke out and he volunteered for duty, he was forced to sell. John and Merle moved to Stouffville in 1947, and bought the store where Murray Wilson Shoes is located. John will undoubtedly have a lot of spare time on

his hands now, but he says he "can't just sit around and do nothing". "I'd like to work part-time in retail", he says, "preferably in Stouffville." In the meantime, he's enjoying cross-country skiing, and can't wait for spring so he can get in a few rounds of golf. Although John didn't receive any formal training in retail business, he feels that folks who work in the field are "gifted". "You have to like meeting people, and be willing to help them, while being cheerful all the time," he explained. In John's case, "experience has been the best teacher."

**Charged then re-charged**

STOUFFVILLE — A 19 year old Stouffville youth has been committed for trial by judge and jury, following a preliminary hearing in Newmarket Court on charges of break, entry and theft. Stephen Mapes also pleaded guilty to a charge

of driving while disqualified and was sentenced to five days in jail by Judge F.D. White. The alleged break-in occurred at a residence in the Twp. of King. Mapes was arrested by York Regional Police in Stouffville on the driving charge, then released, only to be picked up again five hours later on the same charge.

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