

# Parents say thanks

Since the tragic accident, Dec. 27, involving two Stouffville girls, Margie Griffiths and Courtney Wallis, there's been an outpouring of prayers and sympathy for the victims of this crash and members of their families.

In response, Suzanne Wallis, Courtney's mother, writes as follows:  
Dear Mr. Thomas:  
It is impossible to express

our gratitude for the support, the comfort and the prayers offered by the people of Stouffville to both the Griffiths family and ourselves in the last few weeks.

Messages published in The Tribune; the many calls and cards; the experience of having strangers stop on the street and express heartfelt wishes for our daughters' recovery — every

gesture has been deeply appreciated. And, of course, the Britton's sign has made every day a little easier.

Courtney is coming along well and everyone who knows and loves Margie (and there are so many), are convinced beyond any doubt, that her splendid fighting spirit and her improvement with every passing day, will bring about a complete recovery.

## Ski Meet

STOUFFVILLE — Cross-country skiing, a family type recreation that's caught on five to six years ago, hasn't lost its appeal.

On Sunday (Jan. 24), Whitechurch-Stouffville Public Library will host its second annual cross-country ski event, beginning at 1 p.m. Lots of snow is assured and a suitable trail has been established.

The Ski Ramble will conclude at the Library where hot chocolate will be served.

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## Town rentals high priority

STOUFFVILLE — Mayor Eldred King agrees there's a shortage of multiple housing in Whitechurch-Stouffville. He'd like to see Council initiate something to help ease the situation.

"If we want something done, we must assume the responsibility," he told The Tribune, "I don't think we can depend on private enterprise, there are too many hurdles".

The issue came up at a meeting, Jan. 12, following receipt of the Town's 1981 building report. While new buildings and additions totalled \$1,451,421, the column reserved for multiple residential contained what Councillor Tom Wood referred to as "a big zero".

According to Mayor King, young couples are hurting most. He also sees a need for additional accommodation for senior citizens. Two churches in town have shown an interest, he said, supporting projects similar to Thomson Court in Markham and Trinity Manor at Uxbridge.

King feels the municipality should give serious considerations to establishing its own housing corporation. Such a venture would be subsidized by the Housing Ministry at Queen's Park.

Lands north of the Public Library could be utilized for this purpose, he said, and with the coming of the 500-home Dulverton Development, extra sewage capacity will be available.

As for young marrieds, Mayor King feels that in many cases, their parents should and could assist. He hastened to point out, however, that help

from this source is not always possible.

Within the Region of York, Whitechurch-Stouffville ranks fifth in the number of apartment units but far below that in population. "We can't have an open door policy," he said, "but we can provide our share".

Should there be an easing of current rent controls, private enterprise will once again enter the market, King

claims. "Otherwise, it will have to be done on a municipal or co-operative basis".

Despite the 'zero' rating on multiple accommodation, last year, Council was pleased to see over-all construction up almost 100 per cent.

A break-down follows: Public Buildings — \$24,000; Commercial — \$120,000; Industrial — \$1,745,010 and Other — \$69,640.

## Markham Fair

# Net profit - \$9,457

MARKHAM — In spite of increased operating expenses, \$15,542 over the previous year, the 1981 Markham Fair realized a net profit of \$9,457, members were told at the annual meeting, Wednesday night.

The largely attended gathering voiced its appreciation of the leadership

provided by President Dennis Seeley.

While entry fees and memberships were down by \$1,362 and the Spring Festival cleared only \$457 all other earnings were up, some by sizeable amounts.

Admission totalled \$126,796 in '81, compared to \$102,073 in

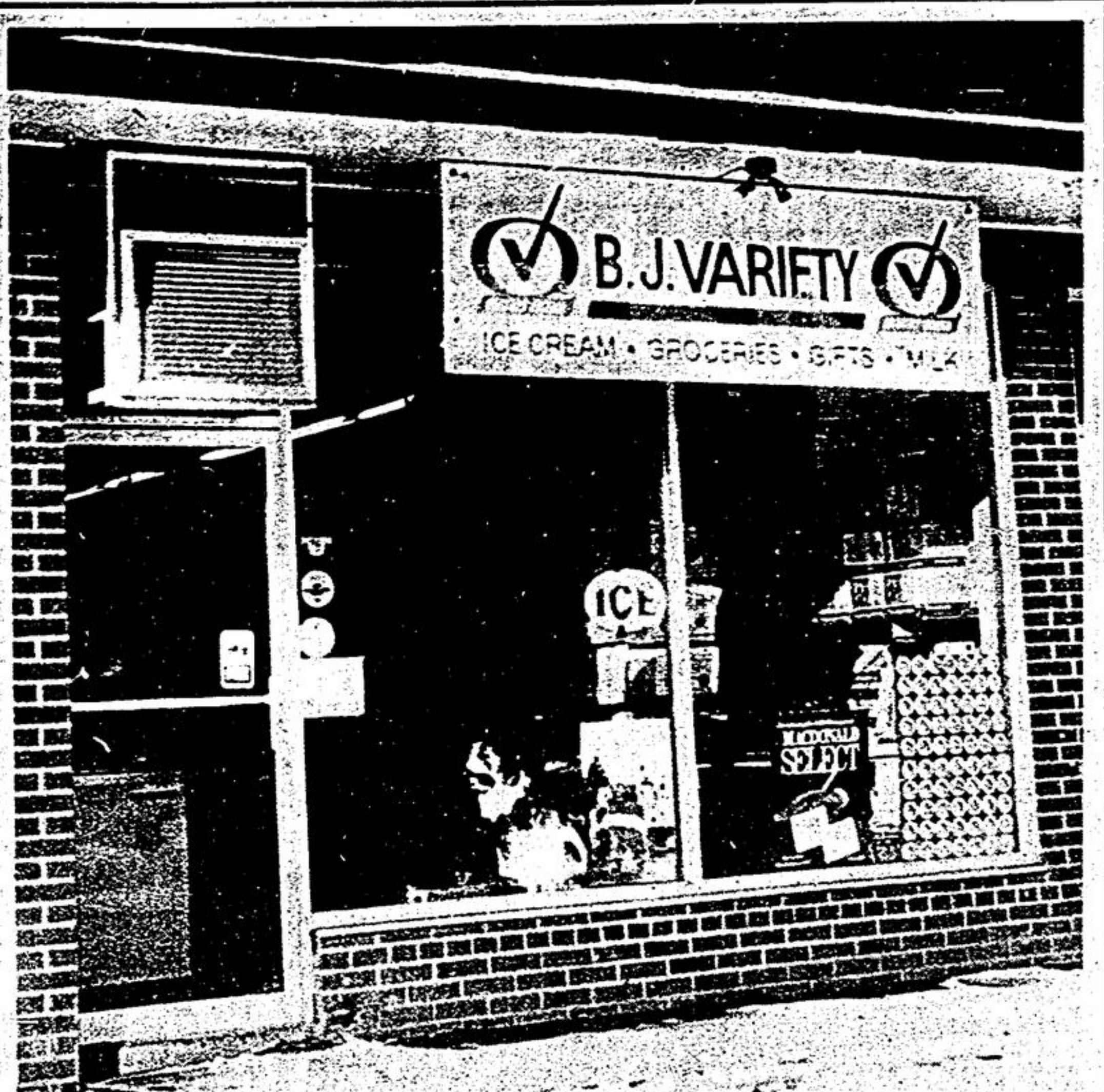
## Raise \$28,000

MARKHAM — Participation House in Markham, a home for adult cerebral palsied, will receive over \$28,000, the result of a nation-wide telethon, carried by CBC-TV last weekend.

In total, \$1,267,434 was raised.

"We're very pleased," said Clarence Meyers, executive director of the Ontario Foundation, "we surpassed last year's figure which is surprising considering the current economic situation".

The money raised for Participation House in Markham is up by \$13,000 over 1981.



A masked man, armed with a knife, robbed the B.J. Variety Store in Stouffville of 25 books of Wintario tickets and \$250 cash. The thief demanded store operator Young Chee open the cash register but she refused. "I didn't want to give in too easily," she said.

—Jim Thomas.

## Stouffville Variety Store

# Armed robbery

STOUFFVILLE — An unidentified man remains at large following an armed robbery at B.J. Variety Store, Main Street East, Jan. 12.

The suspect, wearing a blue ski mask and carrying a knife, ordered the owner, Young Chee to open the cash register but she refused. He then scooped up 25 books of Wintario tickets and \$250 cash and fled.

"I really didn't know what to do," Mrs. Chee told The Tribune, "I just kept

repeating that I wouldn't open the register. We work long, hard hours here. I didn't want to give in too easily".

The thief, Mrs. Chee said, kept pushing the keys on the register without success. He then reached under the counter and grabbed the tickets and cash.

Husband Myoung Chee said the way the robber reached for the Wintario box made him think he knew it was there.

In the nearly two years they've operated the store,

this is the first time they've encountered any trouble.

"The people here have always been friendly and helpful," said Mr. Chee, "we never expected anything like this".

Mrs. Chee said she'd been told by police that it was foolish of her to resist. "I was too frightened to do anything," she said.

Mr. Chee said the cash register contained less money than the Wintario box. The robber escaped on foot.

## Parents agree—

# Drugs a concern

STOUFFVILLE — "Drugs - A Help Or Hindrance In The Family?" will be the topic of discussion at an Information Night, Wed., Jan. 27 at 8 p.m., in the auditorium at St. Mark's Separate School.

The keynote speaker is Alex Gabe, a consultant from the Council on Drug Abuse. Others to attend include — a criminal lawyer (Alf Stong); a juvenile probation officer (Gebhardt Thoeny); a psychiatrist (Dr. Wm. Hughes)

and a member of the O.P.P. drug squad (Constable Rick Morrison).

The following questions will be asked: Are you aware of the extent of the drug problem? Are you aware of the signs of drug use? Are you aware of the availability of various drugs to our youth on the street and in the home?

The program is being sponsored by the men's and women's guilds of St. Mark's Parish.

"Several parents voiced specific concerns and were seeking guidelines," Paul Tomory told The Tribune. "The drug problem locally is something that's been kept in the background," he said, "the Guild feels the time has come to bring it out in the open".

Young people as well as adults are invited.

Following comments by each of the guests, the meeting will be open to questions from the audience. Admission is \$1.00.

# Falls from bridge

MARKHAM — A 41 year old Scarborough father of three, fell to his death, Friday, when he slipped from a bridge railing on Hwy. 404 and plunged 35 feet to a stream bed below.

Police believe Arnold Eric Gosse of 769 Scarborough Golf Club Road, jumped on top of the bridge rail to escape being hit by another vehicle, then lost his footing and plummeted onto a pile of rocks.

The victim, police said, drove his stationwagon into the side of the bridge in attempting to avoid collision with an unattended van and a car. While surveying the damage, a fourth vehicle approached in the passing lane. Gosse apparently feared it was going to strike him so he jumped atop the bridge to escape. He lost his balance and died in the fall.

Ronald McDonald of Parkwood Village Drive, Don Mills, said he left his stalled van on the highway and walked to a Ministry of Transport depot on 17th Avenue. He turned on the vehicle's 4-way flashers but police said they were too weak to be seen. McDonald is charged with failing to set out flares.

Total damage in the multi-vehicle pile-up is placed at \$9,000.

## Log cabin

## clock tower

# Subsidy rejected

STOUFFVILLE — Two Wintario applications, one to subsidize the cost of repairing the Stouffville clock tower (\$16,000) and the other to assist in restoring a century-old log cabin at the Vandorf museum (\$3,000), have been rejected by the Ministry of Culture and Recreation.

Reading from a letter, Clerk Pat Muir said grants had been "distributed to those the

Ministry felt qualified".

"Apparently our programs did not fit what they (the Ministry) was trying to accomplish," explained Mayor Eldred King. He recommended a meeting to be arranged "so as to obtain an insight as to how we might be better served on our next application".

Later, Mayor King said grant approval should have been obtained first before

either project was authorized. The \$19,000 figure will be paid for out of lot fees.

While the Town had no assurance either request would be approved, he felt one or the other would get an okay. The deadline for submissions was Sept. '81. "Ours was one of the last, we were too far down the list," Mayor King said.

"First come, first served," agreed Councillor Bill Kamps.



Second honeymoon for Stouffville area couple

Ross and Joan Hetherington, R.R. 2, Stouffville will enjoy an expense-paid weekend for two at the Harbour Castle Hilton, Toronto, thanks to a ticket selected by Mayor Eldred

King, Friday. The lucky draw was sponsored by The Eta Lambda Branch of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority in Stouffville. Member Carol Baston, Clarke Street, supervised the event.

—Jim Thomas.

## Letters 'pour in'

STOUFFVILLE — "Letters are pouring in", Chamber of Commerce president Graydon Card told The Tribune this week.

The correspondence, all directed to Tom Cross, Director of Approvals, Ministry of the Environment, relates to the proposed expansion of York Sanitation's landfill site and feared contamination of adjacent water supplies.

Mr. Cross is expected to hand down a decision on the application some time in March.

The 'flood' of mail is in response to appeals by the Chamber of Commerce, the Concerned Citizens' Group and Town Council. Letters can be delivered to Card's Pro-Hardware, Stouffville, or mailed direct to Mr. Cross at 135 St. Clair Avenue West, Toronto, M4V 1P5 (Tenth Floor).