

# "Too many complaints"

# Siren edict riles champs

**STOUFFVILLE** — The practise of celebrating a sporting victory with a ride through Stouffville on the Town's fire truck, has been 'doused' by Chief Walter Smith.

The truck's siren, that has heralded Town triumphs for many years, sounded its death knell, last month, when it provoked a 'wall' of complaints from residents, incensed over its indiscriminate use in the early hours of the morning.

Cliff Dunkeld, coach of the Stouffville "Stingers" Softball Club, however, was not one of the complainants. He expressed disappointment over the discontinuance of the ritual ride, at a Parks and Recreation Board meeting, July 27.

He described as regrettable, the fact that team members had "played their hearts out" to win the Provincial Regional Championship, and had been refused the 'victory' ride. He noted that apparently another small-town tradition had come to an end.

He alerted fellow Board members that there might be need for ear plugs if the "Stingers" should clinch the Provincial Title at Kingston, Aug. 15. "We'll be blowing our horns," he said, "you'll hear us in town, fire truck or no fire truck."

#### Honorary Seat

Jim Clark, a venerable and staunch supporter of Stouffville hockey teams over many seasons of wins and losses, will be able to watch upcoming games from a special seat. The honorary chair, bearing his name, will be placed in the Arena foyer to ensure the well-known fan the 'best seat in the house'.

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Program Co-ordinator Lizette Lacoursiere is presently considering possible formats and costs. She feels the venture should proceed following municipal elections in November. The directory will include information on Council, municipal and administrative services, local clubs as well as recreational and cultural programs for 1983.

#### Slide Dangerous

A playground slide, between the town pool and Park Drive South, will be relocated because of its proximity to street traffic. The Board feels it presents a hazard to those children using the facility. The slide was erected at its present site through a donation from Music Mania.

#### Play Ball Only

Slight-of-hand won't replace

might-of-arm at home plate if the Recreation Board's opposition to Magic Festival events, held on Stouffville's ball diamond, is upheld. The practise of using the diamond for activities other than ball games, was roundly criticized by members due to the funds and effort required to restore the playing field to its original condition.

#### A Short Cut

Residents of the Thicketwood Subdivision who have worn a rutted path across the grass, south of the Arena, aren't about to have their short-cut legitimized by asphalt. A suggestion that the route be paved for convenience and esthetics, met with little enthusiasm when presented to recreation members. The shortest distance between two points may be a straight path, it was concluded, but it need not necessarily be a smooth one.

## Two councillors

# Back again

#### STOUFFVILLE

Councillors Bill Kamps (Ward 4) and Wilf Morley (Ward 5), are the latest incumbents to announce re-election plans for Nov. 8.

Mayor Eldred King stated two weeks ago he'd stand again.

Councillor Kamps said he's anxious to see the Dulverton Development through to a successful conclusion. He's also anxious for a new Arena and feels the Town is approaching the proposed project in the right way.

Councillor Morley told The Tribune it's taken him two

years to fully understand the process of municipal government. "I now want to return that investment," he said.

Both members praised the handling of Town affairs by Mayor King. "With four new councillors, it's been tough on him (Mayor King) — but he's been very patient and understanding," said Morley.

"He's done an excellent job," commented Kamps, "there's no one to replace him."

Board of Education trustee Harry Bowes will also seek re-election. He was chairman of the board in 1981.

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# "Free" gifts wrong-mayor

in the Town's own municipal staff had climbed by 13.14 per cent in 1982. Even then, the scale here is below that of employees at the regional level, he stated. He said there would be no wage roll-backs in Whitchurch-Stouffville.

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Gov't. Job Creation

Mayor King doesn't agree with the federal government's make-work program, claiming it as "too temporary." "I see it as no different than giving people welfare," he said.

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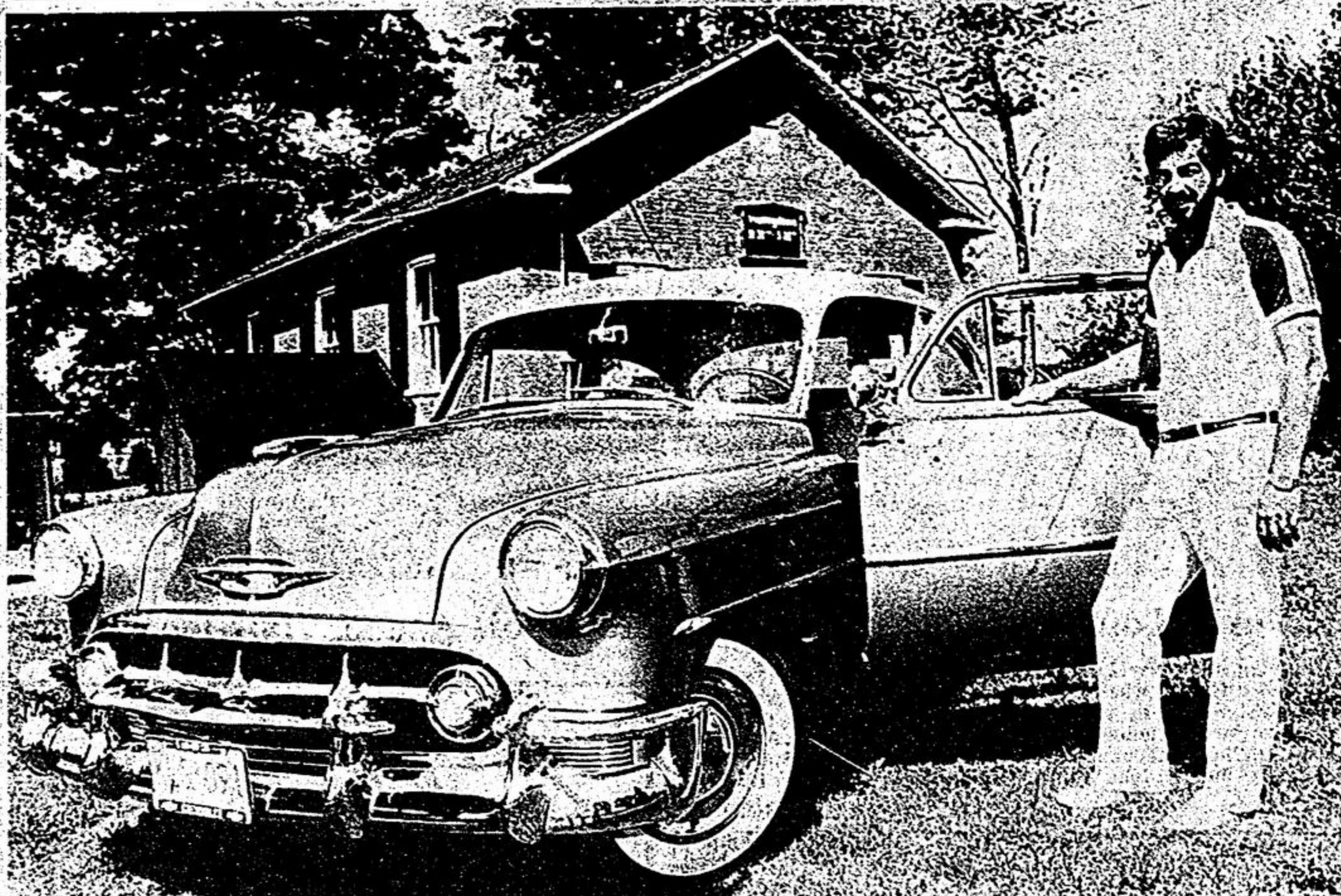
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The Whitchurch-Stouffville Historical Society will hold its annual Antique and Classic Car Show this Sunday, (Aug. 8), on the grounds of the Town museum, Woodbine Avenue, Vandorf. The event opens at 12 noon and extends through until 4 p.m. One of the

vehicles on display will be this beautiful 1953 Chevrolet 2-door coach, owned by Bryan Ponting, Woodbine Avenue, Newmarket. — Jim Holt.

## Charged with cruelty

# Shot pet dog

TORONTO, was pronounced dead on arrival at York County Hospital, Newmarket.

#### Office Break-In

A break-in at the office of Stouffville Feeds Ltd., 133 Main Street West, was reported July 26. About \$100 damage was caused to a company safe.

On the same date, entry was gained to Orchard Park School on Sunset Blvd., Stouffville, but nothing was reported missing.

Marilyn Evans of Alice Street, Mount Albert, reported a diamond ring, valued at \$1,800, taken from her home, while she was on vacation.

## Dutch treat

STOUFFVILLE — It was "Dutch Treat" at the July 13 meeting of Town Council.

In attendance was Piet van der Burgt of Opolo, St. Anthony and Ledeacher, Holland, currently visiting his brother Theo at R.R. 4, Stouffville.

Mr. van der Burgt recalled that, two years ago, 1,000 tulip bulbs had been sent to Whitchurch-Stouffville from his town as an expression of appreciation.

When police visited a property on Valley Road, Musselman's Lake, Saturday, they discovered marijuana flourishing in a backyard plot.

Charged with possession is Eric Frank Guenther, 19, of R.R. 2, Stouffville. He will appear in court this week.

#### Found Dead

A 17-year old girl, showing no signs of life, was discovered Sunday morning in a tent at Shadow Lake Camp, R.R. 2, Stouffville. Sherry Lynn Aptard of 25 Buttonwood Drive,

presented Mayor Eldred King with a plaque from his municipality where he serves as an alderman.

In reply, Mayor King said Whitchurch-Stouffville had been fortunate to have many Hollander chose the Town as their permanent home. "They are fine Canadians," he said, "they have added much to this province."

Council, in turn, presented Mr. van der Burgt, with a Town flag and a book on the history of Stouffville.

Councillor Charles Warden, an ex-serviceman in Holland, said he and his wife had recently re-visited the country and were "treated royally".

"I still correspond with people there after 37 years," he stated.

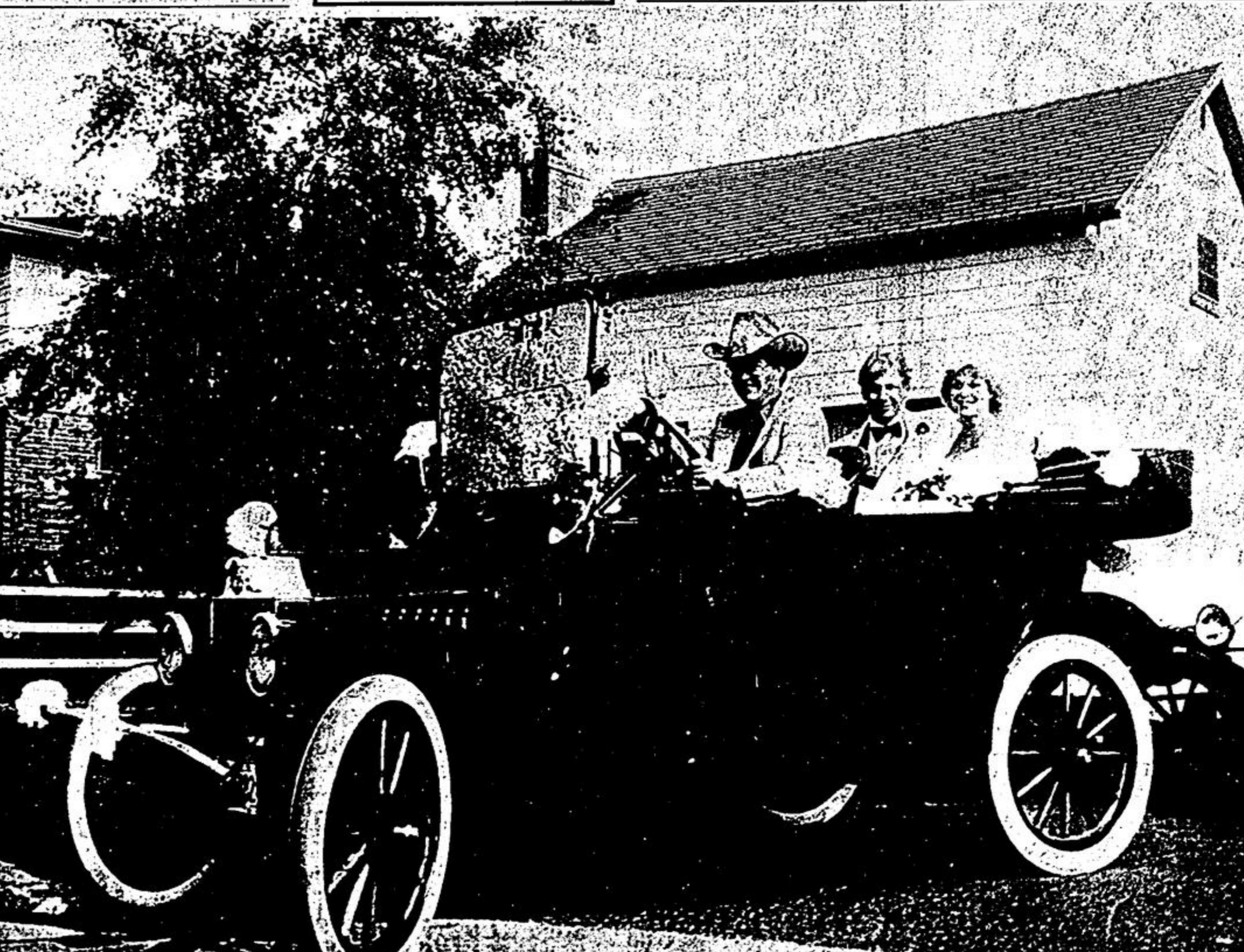
## Party Pooper'

WHITCHURCH — More than just dogs are accommodated at Jim Ryan's Canine Control Centre, R.R. 4, Stouffville. The latest to take up permanent occupancy there is a baby skunk. It's been deodorized so poses no threat to the Ryan family dog. They play together by the hour, Jim says.

However, not everyone visiting the Ryan home is aware the pet's "scenting system" has been neutralized.

Jim tells the story of a recent gathering of friends and relatives in the living room of his residence. During the party, little "Jimmy", asleep upstairs, was awakened by the buzz of conversation below and decided to check it out.

"I saw him coming, step by step, but didn't say a word," Mr. Ryan told The Tribune. Seconds later, a flurry of excitement erupted. "I never saw a place clear out so fast in all my life."



The bride and groom travelled in style

Douglas Kerr, R.R. 3, Newmarket and Connie Glasson, Stouffville Street North, Stouffville, were married Saturday in a lovely wedding at the Ringwood Christian Church. Following the ceremony, the bride and groom travelled through town in Bob Hagerman's gleaming 1916 Model T Ford. Other members of the wedding

party occupied cars owned and driven by Charlie Tompkins (1927 Ford) and John Urwin (1927 Dodge), all of Markham. The reception was held in the Goodwood Community Hall. The happy couple will reside at Ballantrae.

— Jim Thomas.