

Donation aids hospital project

The fund-raising campaign for the proposed Markham York Hospital project, enjoyed an auspicious start, last week, when Edwin Cooperman, the general chairman, presented Markham Mayor Tony Roman with a donation of \$25,000 from American Express Canada Limited.

Cooperman, chief speaker at a gathering at Buttonville Golf

and Country Club, is chief operating officer for the company. Announcement of his appointment as chairman, was made by Lachlan Cattanach, head of the hospital's board of trustees.

"As new neighbors in the Town of Markham, we are pleased and proud to be part of this worthwhile community effort," Cooperman told the

meeting. "The hospital has been a dream for many years in this area, and with the dynamic growth of the region recently, the need for a facility of the type envisioned has been emphasized."

Cooperman expressed confidence "that everyone in the communities surrounding this hospital will join in making the

campaign an outstanding success."

He described a hospital as "the cornerstone of a community, and we at American Express are pleased to play a part."

He said the \$25,000 donation from the company, was to emphasize its commitment. Estimated cost of the hospital is \$50 million, with the com-

munity's portion set at \$5 million.

Keith Sutherland of Stouffville, was named deputy chairman of the campaign. Mr. Sutherland, Superintendent of Education for York Region, said he had "looked forward" to seeing the building of such a hospital for many years. "It's nice to see the light at the end of

the tunnel growing brighter," he said.

Whitchurch-Stouffville will be among the areas served by the new project. Also included, besides the town of Markham, will be Unionville, Thornhill, and "the potential population of North Cedarwood."

The 200-bed structure, to eventually expand to 300, will

be located north of Hwy. 7, east of the Ninth Line. The 40-acre site was donated 10 years ago for this purpose by the late Arthur Latcham of Stouffville.

Mayor Eldred King, made reference to this fact in his remarks, praising Mr. Latcham for his foresight.

Alan Froggatt of Markham is the campaign's treasurer.

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Parade draws praise

STOUFFVILLE — The halls of Orchard Park School were buzzing with excitement, Monday morning, following their entry's double win in Stouffville's Santa Claus Parade, Saturday.

Not only did Orchard Park have the No. 1 school float but Best All-Round in the entire procession. It marks the first time any school has been accorded this honor.

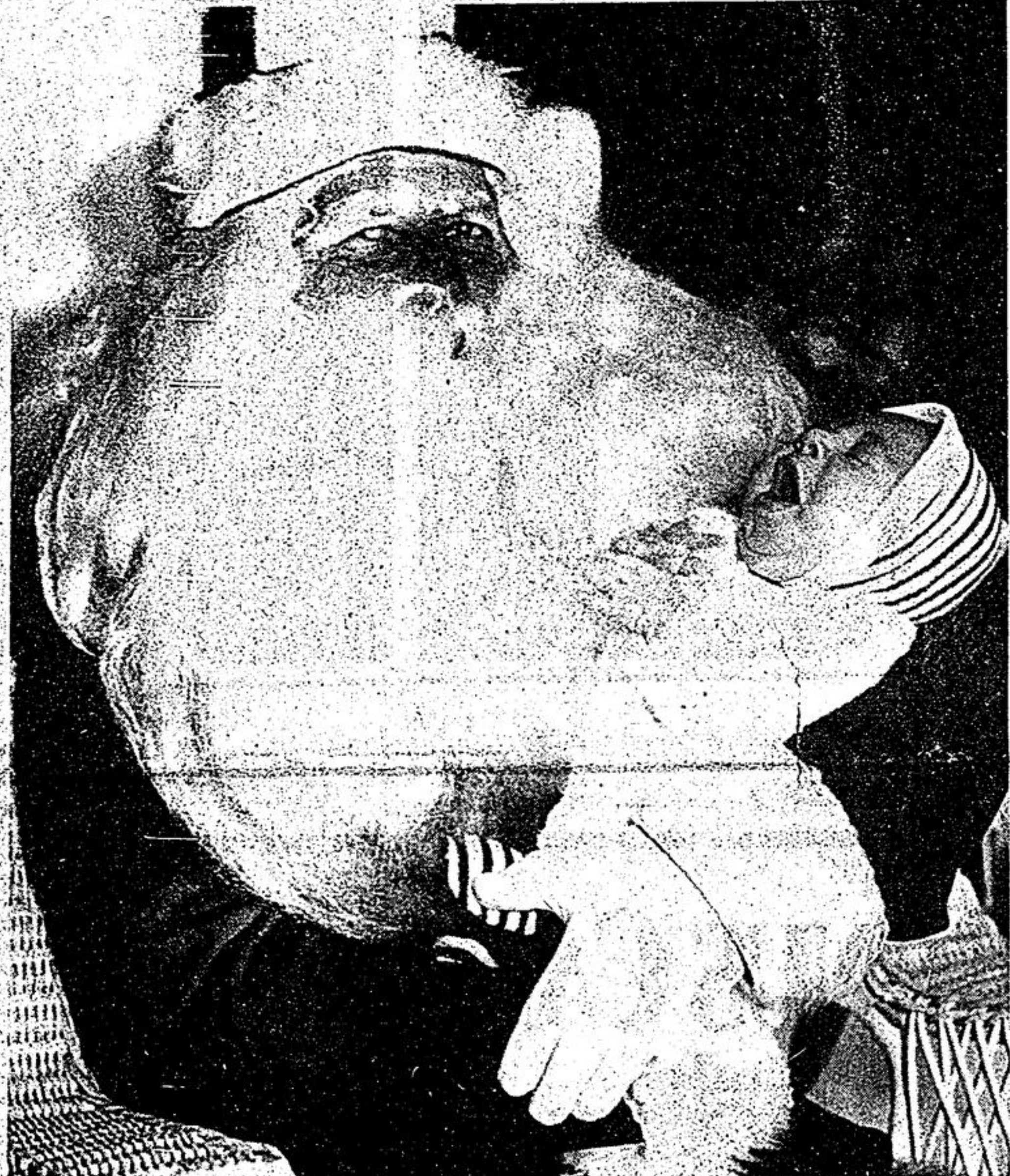
"A team effort" is the way staff teacher Kate Cottingham described the Orchard Park success. She said Principal John Hincks came up with the idea and arranged the music, utilizing the talents of the school's steel band plus accompanying singers. Altogether, more than 40 students were directly involved.

Other results follow: MOST HUMOROUS: Stouffville Kinsmen and Kinette Clubs. BEST CHRISTMAS THEME: Cable Tech Co. Ltd. MOST ORIGINAL: Markham Kinette Club. HONORABLE MENTION: Bunny's Flowers and The Wedding Room (Quality); Jim Newton (Humor); St. Mark's School (Christmas Theme) and A. & S. Construction (Originality).

Judges were Fran Sainsbury, Ron Berry and Rae McFadden. The parade marshal was Ken Smurthwaite. For photos see Page A-6.

The event, sponsored by the Kinsmen and Kinette Clubs of Stouffville, was held under perfect weather conditions, so perfect, in fact, several costumed participants complained about "the heat" — a nice problem!

Again this year, the parade was covered by Classcomm (Cable 10), but at press time, the viewing schedule had not been finalized.



"It's a Merry (yawn) Christmas for Geoffrey

Santa Claus came to town, Saturday, and to most, his arrival was greeted with excitement. However, for Geoffrey Dunn, son of Norm and Gayle Dunn and grandson of Bruce and Bunny Burton, the occasion was one big yawn. The

reason? Yes, little Geoffrey is only three weeks old. Give him a couple of years and see the change!

—Jim Thomas.

Dulverton Development

Hope homes next year

STOUFFVILLE — The signing of the Dulverton Subdivision agreement was the No. 1 accomplishment by Council in 1982, Mayor Eldred King told The Tribune this week.

"No doubt about it," he said, when asked to recall some of the achievements over the past twelve months. "A lot of effort went into the Dulverton agreement". He now hopes a start can be made on home construction in '83. He feels this will depend mainly on the economic climate that prevails in the year ahead.

He lists other Council accom-

plishments as follows: Decisions related to the Hwy. 48 landfill site; the widening of Main Street West and the enlargement of the fire hall.

If residential build-up proceeds as Mayor King hopes, plans for a recreation complex can move ahead, he says. He also sees the likelihood of starts on three major estate developments at Island Lake, The Maples of Ballantrae and Sleepy Hollow Golf and Country Club.

Water Reservoir

Mayor King is anxious also for the construction of a 750,000 gallon water reservoir in

Stouffville's east end. The cost is estimated at \$1.2 million with the town financing the project out of existing reserves until Dec. 31, 1985. At that time, a deposit of 1.2 million dollars is anticipated from the Dulverton firm.

Mayor King says Stouffville's water rate (now \$48 a year), will increase. However, he's strongly opposed to placing residential consumers on meters. Even with a proposed rate hike, Stouffville's water charge is well below that of other communities in York Region, the mayor says.

Deficit likely

Cut spending

STOUFFVILLE — The likelihood of a deficit at the end of the current year, has prompted Town Council to enact a "freeze" on all capital expenditures.

The motion to halt further spending of this kind (with the exception of emergency measures), was made by Councillor Wilf Morley, Nov. 23.

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Mayor Eldred King explained that revenue generated by the Building Department was lower than anticipated. He observed too, that expenses re-

lated to the landfill site had been considerable.

Councillor Bill Kamps, attending his final meeting, said expenditures associated with the dump, showed just how much the Town was involved.

"Many people were of the opinion we didn't do anything," he said, "the Concerned Citizens' Committee weren't the only ones who put up a fight".

A motion to support the freeze was carried.

Late night break-in

STOUFFVILLE — Card's Pro Hardware at 29 Main Street West, was the scene of a forced entry during the night of Nov. 30: Stereo and television equipment, valued at \$2,550 was stolen.

York Regional Police are investigating.

The Foxhunter Equestrian Centre, R.R. 4, Stouffville, was entered, Nov. 21. A quantity of riding equipment was removed, its value placed at \$700.

At 4:12 a.m., Friday, police responded to a call at Ratcliff Lumber Limited on Woodbine Avenue, near Gormley. Found inside the premises was a 19-year-old Stouffville youth. He's charged with break and enter with intent to steal.

While shopping for groceries in a Stouffville supermarket, Saturday, Jean Jackson of Claremont had a wallet stolen from her purse. Value of the article and its contents were not revealed.

Landfill "deal"?

STOUFFVILLE — "A no-win situation" is the way councillor-elect Fran Sainsbury describes the air of uncertainty that prevails with respect to the Hwy. 48 landfill site.

Speaking to The Tribune, Monday, prior to her swearing-in ceremony, Dec. 7, Mrs. Sainsbury said she anticipates "a negotiated settlement" when the Appeal Hearing resumes, Thursday.

The local environmentalist said the Concerned Citizens' Committee want the dump's close-out date of June 30, 1983, enforced by the Ministry. She claims, however, York Sanitation cannot complete the necessary safeguards at the site in so short a period. They're asking for a 2 1/2 year extension, during which time they'll deposit another 750,000 tons of garbage on the property.

"It boggles my mind," she said, "our Committee couldn't

be a party to it". For this reason, she said, the group had withdrawn from the Hearing.

Fran Sainsbury claims the June 30 shut-down date was a time deadline: the Ministry "pulled out of the air" but couldn't enforce. "It's a sad

thing," she said, "no one will understand".

If a negotiated agreement is reached and the extension is allowed, it will definitely be final, Mrs. Sainsbury said. She receives some solace from this,

she admitted "some just don't want to fight any more".

Is there an alternative? she was asked.

"Short of lying down in front of the trucks, I don't know of any," she replied.

Aid needy

STOUFFVILLE — The town's Ministerial Association feel the needs of local residents, in dire financial straights, are being met. At least they hope this is true. So they're turning their attention to the destitute of downtown Toronto—the "inner city" as it's known, and they're calling on the community to help.

In a letter to The Tribune, a copy of which has gone out to all churches in Stouffville, two

pastors, Rev. Philip Poole of Christ Church Anglican and Rev. Ted Green of St. James Presbyterian, are asking each congregation to provide canned goods, used clothing, bedding, blankets and toys for distribution by the following agencies in Toronto—Evangel Hall, Fred Victor Mission, Scott Mission, St. Stephen's-In-The-Field (Stop 103), and Downtown Church Workers, an ecumenical organization.

Christ Church on Sunset Boulevard, Stouffville, is one of the drop-off locations.

This community assistance program is not planned only for the Christmas period but all winter long, the pastors point out (see letter Page A-4). Even at the present time, there are 38,000 on welfare in Toronto, with the situation likely to get worse, they say.

The ministers are asking each church to appoint one person to serve on a steering committee so donations can be distributed in an orderly manner.



Hydro chairman honored

Ken Laushway (right), former reeve, mayor and hydro chairman, was honored, Saturday evening at a Civic Recognition Banquet, hosted by the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville. Mr. Laushway's service to the municipality spans a total of 34 years. He's congratulated here by Mayor Eldred King.

Concerts

STOUFFVILLE — Lovers of band music will be treated to two concerts at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School. Christmas music will be featured at both.

The first is Thursday (Dec. 9) at 8 p.m. The Whitchurch-Stouffville Concert Band will entertain under the direction of

David Howard. The program will include both instrumental and vocal selections.

On Tuesday (Dec. 14), at 8 p.m., the High School Band will move into the spotlight. The director is Peter Samuelson. The public is invited.

No change

STOUFFVILLE — Nothing's changed. The Ward 6 recount has confirmed the re-election of Councillor Jim Sanders; and by the same number of votes, 540 to 538. The result was revealed at noon-hour, Friday.

Ged Stonehouse, the applicant, described the procedure as "interesting and exciting". "I don't feel badly that I asked for it".

All ballots were accepted "that showed intent", he said. "We didn't want to take away anyone's vote".

As to whether he might toss his hat in the ring at some future time, Stonehouse commented "I don't plan to". The \$100 deposit he was required to put up, was returned by Judge Anderson. "Losing by two votes is penalty enough," the judge was quoted as saying.

Crude joke

STOUFFVILLE — Recent scares related to products purchased in the United States, are causing an uneasiness among consumers in Canada too.

Last week, for example, Jean Mortimer, Winlane Drive, Stouffville, observed

a foreign object in a cigarette. Checking further, she discovered a small saw blade inserted in the tobacco.

Fred Mortimer, Jean's husband, called the cigarette company and lodged a complaint.