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Train slices transport truck driver remains unconscious

Cab wreckage strewn over a wide area

STOUFFVILLE — Twenty-seven-year-old Darryl Jenson of R.R. 2, Stouffville, is fighting for his life in Hamilton General Hospital.

Mr. Jenson, an employee on the staff of Roclar Car-

tage Limited, Woodbine Avenue, Markham, was seriously injured Wednesday when the tractor-trailer he was operating was cut in half by a VIA Rail passenger train.

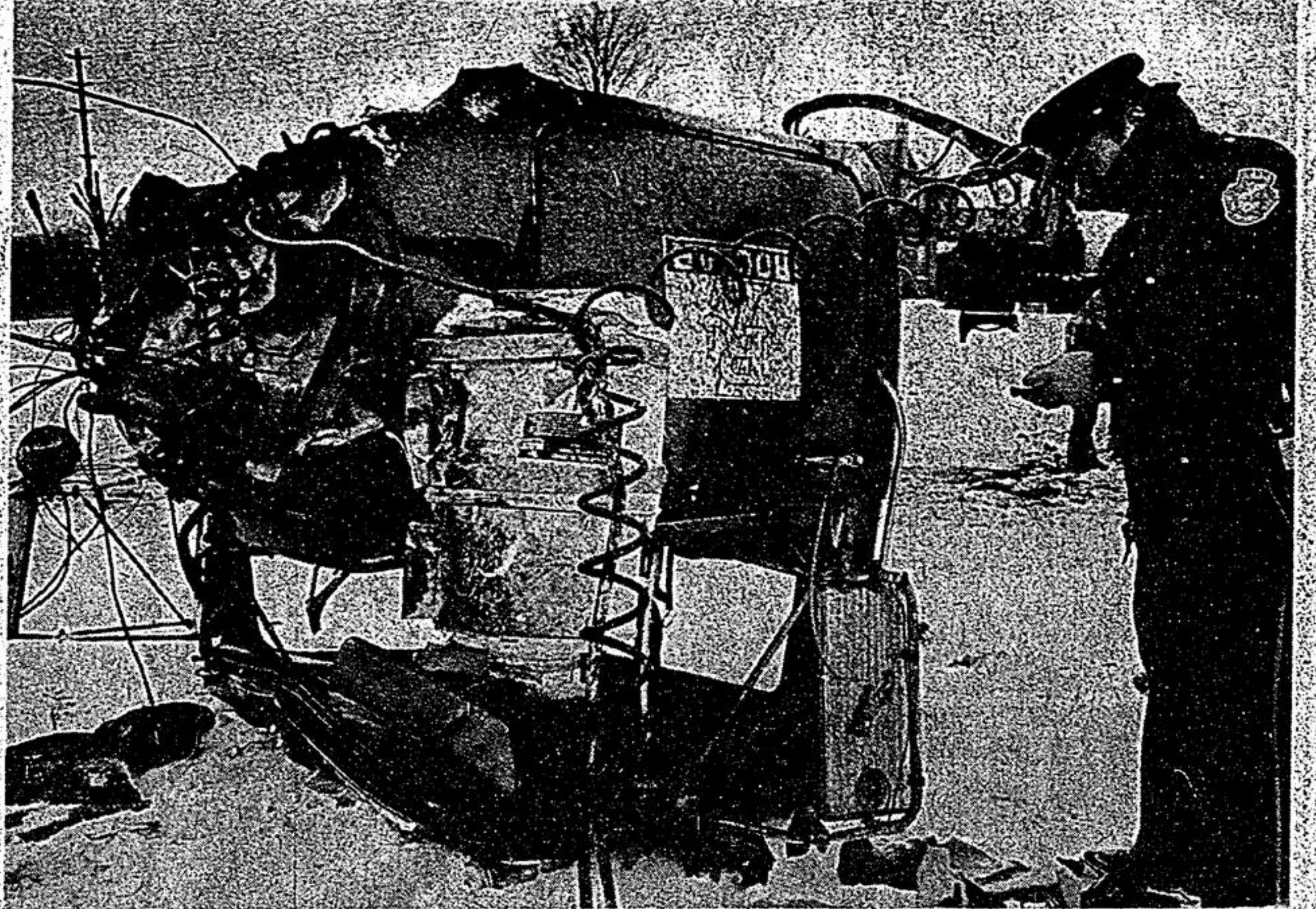
The collision occurred at a level crossing on a private road, south of Royal Windsor Drive in Oakville. The two-cab, self-propelled train, was eastbound from Toronto to London. The speed limit along that section of line is 80 miles per hour.

After the impact, that scattered wreckage over a wide area; the train proceeded further 225 yards down the track. None of the 29 passengers was injured.

Mr. Jenson was taken first to Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital, then transported to Hamilton General when the severity of his injuries was learned. His condition, Monday, was described as "poor."

One of the first to reach the accident scene was Joseph Corbett, a chef at a nearby restaurant. He and others covered the unconscious driver with table cloths until an ambulance arrived.

Property damage was estimated at \$80,000.



A Halton Regional Police constable examines all that remains of the cab of a tractor-trailer, after it was rammed by a London-bound VIA Rail passenger train near Oakville.

Wednesday, Driver of the truck, Darryl Jenson of R.R. 2, Stouffville, remains unconscious and in poor condition in Hamilton General Hospital.

Photo courtesy Oakville Beaver

Skater wins

Dream trip to Ottawa

STOUFFVILLE — It wasn't Lotto 6-49, but for 15-year-old Maureen Ferguson of Tindale Road, Stouffville, it was just as exciting—an expense-paid trip (for two) to the World Figure Skating Championships in Ottawa, March 19 to 25.

Maureen, herself an accomplished skater, was informed of her good fortune Wednesday.

The prize includes airfare, tickets to the competitions and an invita-

tion to the awards banquet. Maureen will have an opportunity to meet personally with skaters from all over the world, her mother said.

The draw was sponsored by the Canadian Figure Skating Association. Thousands of tickets were sold.

Also planning to attend the Ottawa event from Stouffville are Jean and Stephanie Barclay, Cemetery Lane and Maris and Susie Anderson, Sunset Boulevard.

Harry Bowes

Trustee predicts salary rollback

STOUFFVILLE — Trustee Harry Bowes feels sure the Ministry of Education will "roll back" the latest self-authorized salary increase approved by the Board.

At present, the figure stands at \$10,541.00, up from \$7,560.00 in 1983, and \$7,200 going back to 1974.

The hike, spanning an eight-year period represents 39 per cent.

Should the Ministry step in, as it did in 1983, the rollback will be to Dec. 1, Bowes said. He's anticipating action on the issue some time in March.

The Whitchurch-Stouffville board member considers his work as a form of "community service." "I think we deserve something for expenses," he said.

Bowes said he voted against the increase when the motion came before the meeting. "It will likely

come up again," he suggested, "but there's little chance of change."

If more money was deemed necessary, he felt it should have been held to five per cent, equal to the rate of inflation. On the other hand, he sees no reason why a trustee should be paid less than a municipal councillor when the board is placed in charge of a much larger budget.

Trustee salaries are governed by the Education Act, Bowes explained, while councillors' stipends are scrutinized by no one.

Gassed out!

STOUFFVILLE — Town Postmaster Gary Fisher admits to a malfunction of his olfactory nerves, which means, he can't smell.

Last Thursday, this problem proved a benefit. The odor inside the building was awful—so awful, Fisher was forced to let all six of his staff go home.

He was also compelled to call on the services of two odor detectors from Toronto

along with Fire Chief Walter Smith of Stouffville.

The problem was traced to a front mail receiver. In it, they found a plastic container and inside that, two small batteries. The investigators learned that Dale Baranieski of R.R. 3, Newmarket had apparently found a hot-air weather balloon on his property at Lot 30, Conc. 4, Whitchurch-Stouffville. The balloon,

with parachute attached, had been sent aloft from Flint, Michigan, Jan. 18. Mr. Baranieski, obeying instructions on the package, mailed the unit back. Unfortunately, he neglected to disconnect the batteries and sulphur gas leaked out. The potent smell soon filled the Post Office, forcing the building's evacuation.

"At first, we thought there was something wrong with the furnace," Fisher told The Tribune. He said conditions seemed to worsen every time someone opened the front mail chute, but due to the fact he couldn't smell anything, he had to rely on complaints from staff.

It was Chief Smith who advised everyone to get out, Fisher said. In total, eight hours working time was lost, necessitating a full report to head office.

"No one had ever seen or smelled anything like it," the Postmaster said.

For long service

STOUFFVILLE — A Montreal Street resident has been honored by the South Lake Simcoe District of the Boy Scouts.

Gladys Clarkson was presented with a twenty-year pin and a bronze medallion representing ten years service. Mrs. Clarkson's association with cubs and scouts goes back a total of 23 years. She's the 1st vice-president

of the Stouffville Group Committee and a strong supporter of scout-cub paper drives.

Along with Mrs. Clarkson, others receiving service pins and medallions included Bruce Richards, Church Street North; Doug Simons, Mill Street; Ian Endrick, Watson Drive and Tony Kilmartin, Blair Road.

Shed pounds Gain funds

STOUFFVILLE — Back in November, Bill Kamps, Rupert Avenue and Ged Stonehouse, Fairview Avenue admitted to a "weighty problem" and vowed to solve it within four months.

Bill then "tipping" the scales at a hefty 273, promised to pare down to 213—a loss of sixty pounds. Ged, a round 220, set himself a 40 pound weight-loss goal—down to 180. They accepted per pound pledges with all pro-

ceeds going to the Town Rec. Centre Fund.

How're they doing? With five weeks to go, (the deadline's March 1) Bill has reduced his once-bulging biceps by 26 pounds. He's down to 247. Ged is "missing" 19 pounds off his middle (and elsewhere). He's down to 201. If both make their mark, they will raise close to \$2,000.

"We may have to extend the deadline a little," Ged told The Tribune. "Christmas was pretty tough on us both."

Sordid acts shock town

STOUFFVILLE — Reports of sexual assault, indecent acts and porno movies involving adults and juvenile girls, have residents in the area of Stouffer Street and Thicketwood Boulevard shaking their heads in anger and disgust.

Charged with contributing to juvenile delinquency and several sexually-related offenses are Michael Soul, 36 and his 28-year-old common-law wife, Catherine Holway of 47 Stouffer Street South.

The young people involved are said to be 13 and 14 years old. Their names have not been released.

Acting on a complaint, it was the Community Services Branch of York Regional Police that began an investigation of alleged incidents going on within the Stouffer Street house. Later, detectives from No. 28 division were called in and the two adults were arrested. They appeared briefly in Provincial Court Newmarket, Jan. 19.

The alleged offenses are said to have occurred during the month of December. The victims, police claim, were used as an audience during various sexual acts. They were also sexually assaulted, police say.

Some residents, The Tribune talked to on the street,

expressed shock at what they'd heard while others said they had suspected something strange was going on. None could recall seeing any girls enter the house but said teenage boys often frequented the place. Both Mr. Soul and Mrs. Holway have children of their own.

A big haul

STOUFFVILLE — Post Sunoco, Main Street West, Stouffville, was the scene of a robbery last week, when thieves forced their way into the premises and opened the safe. Cash, checks and credit card receipts totalling \$11,400 were stolen.

Public Mischief
A 26-year-old Ringwood woman has been charged with public mischief after a reported break-in at her parents' home on Hwy. 48.

She said a quantity of items had been stolen, however, police say no forced entry occurred and interior damage was caused by the complainant herself. The suspect was arrested Jan. 18 and will appear in Provincial Court, Newmarket, Feb. 1.

A super salesgirl

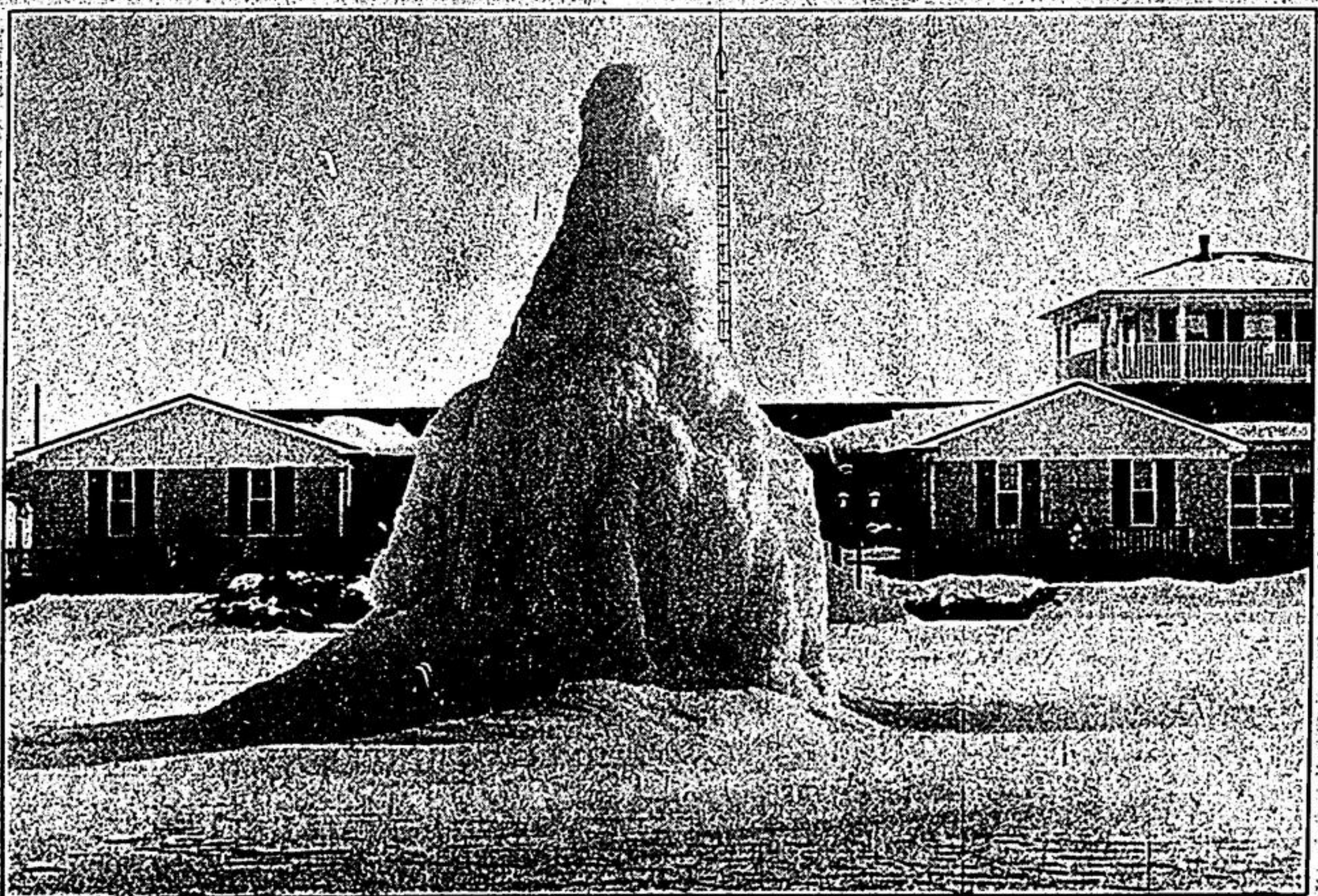
STOUFFVILLE — Over \$5 million in sales. What company wouldn't want Lee Weldon on staff?

Lee's an employee with Gerry Meharg Limited Realtor of Stouffville. She recorded this "outstanding sales achievement" in 1983.

What's her secret? "Work, work, work," Lee replied, "some times seven days a week."

Lee says she doesn't concentrate on any one area. "Estate properties and farms are nice," she said, "but there's a greater turnover in residential."

Lee's been eight years in real estate, all with the Meharg firm.



The eighth wonder of Whitchurch-Stouffville

While this winter wonder falls short of Niagara Falls, it prompts curious motorists to stop and take a second look. The ice-coated geyser is located in front of the Ashwanden

residence, Bethesda Road, west of Conc. 6. It seems the lawn fountain was still operating when temperatures dropped well below freezing, creating a fifteen foot glacier.

— Jim Thomas