

## Neighborly Notes

BY JIM THOMAS

### Pet cemetery

Whitchurch-Stouffville may soon have its first pet cemetery. A formal application has been submitted, similar in respect to the animal burial ground operated by Dr. Alan Secord, south of Goodwood.

### They're whoppers

Twenty pound trout a mile away from Stouffville? There sure are. I saw them, dozens of them. They're in Don Burd's Trout Pond, Hwy. 343, a mile north of Ringwood. Some big ones, (up to 12 pounds) were hooked on opening day of the trout season (April 27), but the twenty pounders weren't biting. Maybe by now they'll have worked up an appetite.

### Heaven sent

Strange isn't it how fundings so tight during non-election years, then suddenly money rains down like pennies from heaven during an election campaign. Whitchurch-Stouffville was denied a Wintario Grant (in no uncertain terms) for construction of the new Rec. Centre (in 1985). Then suddenly, two weeks prior to the trek to the polls, the application (supposedly) approved in York Centre M.P. P. Don Cousens' domain, I've been told, a \$200,000 grant has been approved for the Town of Markham under Ontario's Commercial Area Improvement Program. In total, 20 million dollars has been allocated by the Ministry of Affairs and Housing for community renewal activities. Too bad there isn't a federal election in '85. The Silver Jubilee Club undoubtedly would be similarly treated.

### Geography lesson

If the past election campaign in York North did nothing more for me, it provided a geography lesson on communities within the Riding. Bill Hodgson's brochure contained a concise map pinpointing hamlets I didn't know existed. Like who ever heard of a place called Strange? Or Hammer town? Or Linton? Or Purpleville. How about Happy Valley and Sunset Corners? Too bad Lemonville and Lincolnville were omitted.

### Lion-hearted

You can't keep a good man down. Ron Lee, an active member in the Stouffville Lions Club, was involved in the Adventure Playground project at the Town Park, Saturday, despite the fact he spent several weeks in hospital following a serious heart attack. Ron was directly involved in starting up the Ballantrae and District Lions Club, as well as the Lioness and Leo Clubs of Stouffville. Thanks to his guiding hand, all have been very successful.

### Cycle convoy

The Vagabonds Motorcycle Club, about 60 members strong, roared through Stouffville, Saturday afternoon, minus the platoon of York Regional and O.P.P. cruisers that usually accompany such processions. Stouffville is not unfamiliar territory to bikers. The Paradise Riders established a clubhouse near Goodwood several years ago. It mysteriously burned one night not long after members vacated the property.

### Some welcome!

I visited the King's Inn at Ballantrae, Saturday, hoping to catch the early afternoon floor show. While the sign on one side of the entrance read "Welcome," a notice on the other side said "This business has been seized by the landlord for arrears in rent. Any person or persons attempting to enter the premises without consent or permission will be charged according to law." I elected to ignore the "welcome" and obey the "warning."

### What, no water?!

A new arena with no water? This is the case, at present, I'm told. According to a reliable informant, it all has to do with a squabble between the Town, the Region and contract engineers. At present, water's being piped via 400 feet of garden hose from a hydrant on William Street. It's to be hoped the differences are soon solved, otherwise between-period floods may extend into overtime.

### A small world

Ian Harris, son of Ivan and Gale Harris, Main Street West, Stouffville, has been absent on a round the world trip almost a year. He arrived home Sunday, after riding a freight train to Honolulu, Oahu, while hitchhiking from North Bay, (wearing a sign that said "gonible back") who would come along with Ian Gonde, 1177 St. Street, Stouffville. Yes, it's a small world.

# Adventure Playground constructed in Town park



## Club members assist Moms and Tots project

Members of the Stouffville Lions and Kinsmen clubs were among those assisting in the construction of an Adventure Playground at the Town Park. Participants in a weekend working bee included Kevin Berry, (left), and Bill Hodges, (centre), both of the Lions Club, plus Kinsmen member Bob Jones. The playground site is adjacent to the town pool.

—Jim Thomas



Stouffville's new playground facility was made possible in part by a donation from the Stouffville branch of the Canadian Progress Club. Here, club president Dave Dart, (right), presents a \$7,000 cheque to Jane Baxter, vice-president of the Stouffville Moms and Tots Club. The project, first envisaged by Jane and Maureen Redshaw, was also financially supported by the Kinsmen, Lions and Leo clubs' local businessmen and the Moms and Tots group itself.

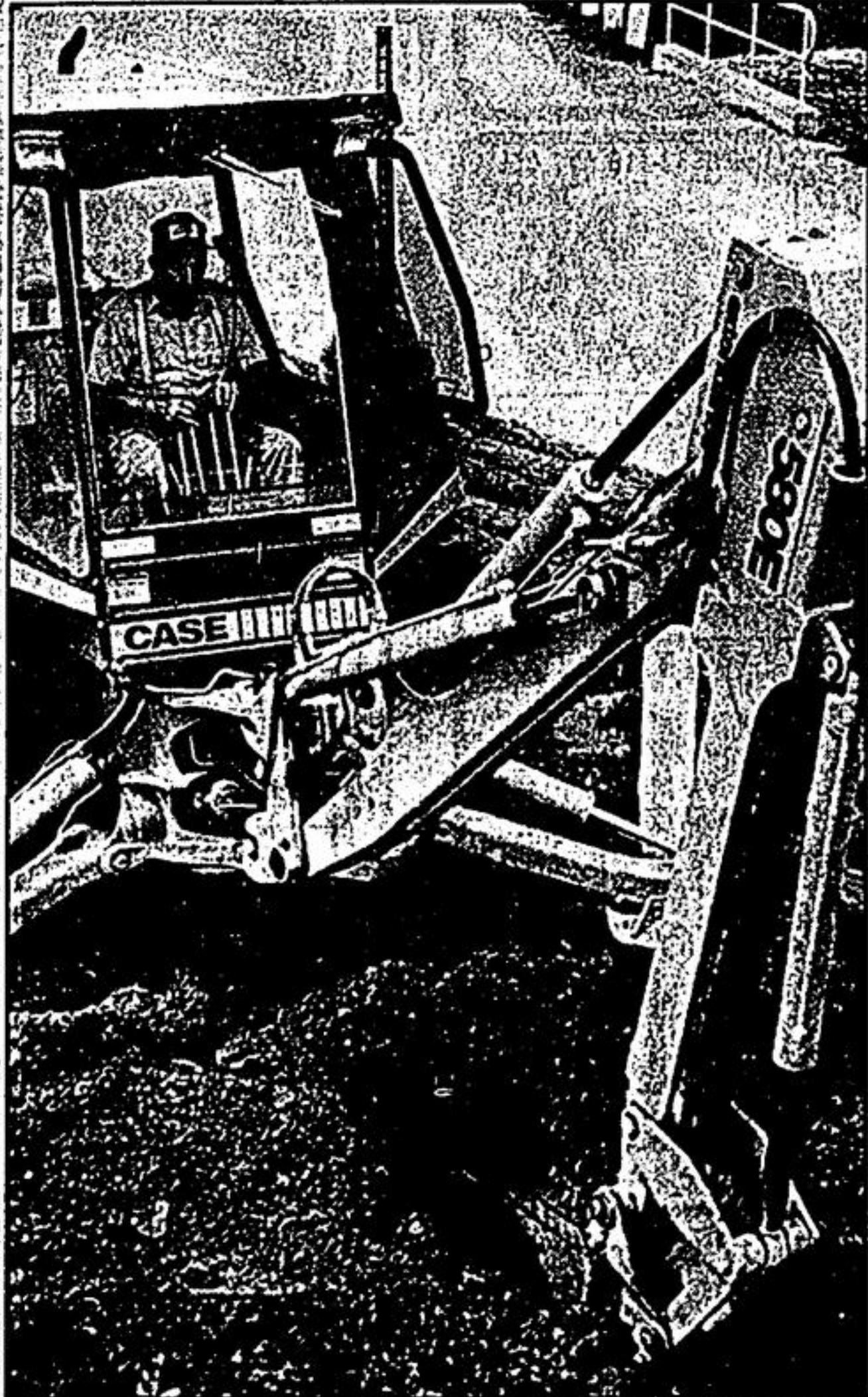
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## Leo members lend many hands

Stouffville Leo Club members pitched in during the community work bee. They included (left to right): John Winters, Tom Winters, Jr., Diane Wensink and Rhonda Elford. The new playground features a tubular slide and children's swings. Another phase may be added at a later date.

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Bob MacAloney, the Town's works department foreman, operates a back hoe during the initial stage of Saturday's construction project. Town employees worked at the site along with a large number of volunteers. The supporting groups combined to raise \$10,000 to finance the recreational facility. It's designed for use by younger boys and girls.

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### Auction

**STOUFFVILLE**  
The Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum Board in co-operation with Friends of the Museum are holding a Giant Benefit Auction, Sat. June 1 in the Stouffville Park. The sale, to include up to 200 donated items, will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude at 4 p.m. Proceeds will go towards the restoration of the Brown family house now moved to the Museum site.

In addition to the auction, there will be a craft and bake table and a food booth, operated by the Ballantrae and District Lions Club.

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