

## Death saddens town

Friends and neighbors were shocked and saddened when news was received Aug. 30 of the sudden passing of Mrs. Alex Ratcliff in Scarborough Centenary Hospital.

She was 78.

Although a patient in hospital on several occasions, Mrs. Ratcliff refused to give up her busy life. She enjoyed the months spent in Florida during the winter but always looked forward to returning to her Markham home each spring. She lived on Senator Reesor Drive.

She was predeceased by her husband in January, 1982.

Mrs. Ratcliff, the former Margaret Grove, was born south of Ringwood, the daughter of Truman and Edith (Barkey) Grove.

Following her marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Ratcliff farmed east of Hwy. 48 at Baker Hill. During this time, she attended Baker Hill Baptist Church. She was also a member of the Stouffville Horticultural Society.

Following the sale of their farm in 1981, they moved to Markham. They became associated with the congregation of the Markham Missionary Church from where the funeral service was held Sept. 2.

Four pastors participated — Rev. Grant Sloss, Rev. Winston Thurton, Rev. Myles Toop and Rev. Dana Struve. Interment was made at Stouffville Cemetery.

Pall-bearers were — Murray Painter, Ian Ratcliff, Burness Steckley, Peter Neufeld Jr., Allan Stuart and Paul Wiens.

Mrs. Ratcliff was survived by two sisters — Lila Steckley and Jean Stouffer both of Stouffville.



Honored on Golden Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Harwood, Parkview Village, Stouffville, were honored by hundreds Saturday, including Town Mayor Fran Sainsbury on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Harwood are proud of their family — daughters Nancy Stover and Patricia McMullen of Stouffville; Mary Hisey of St. Catharines; seven grandchildren; Sandra Arman and Sarah Stover; Andrew and

Jonathan Hisey; Shannon and Daphne McMullen; Mr. Harwood has one brother, Don of Peterborough; Mrs. Harwood has one sister, Gladys Bullough; Minnie Winsby; Leslie Lees and Nell Arrott; four sons by their Arthur Haynes; Brian taking residence in town; Mr. and Mrs. Hisey; and farmed on McCowan Road, Whitchurch.

Jim Thomas

### Late Bud Smith

## Donkey baseball was his game

Bud Smith, the man who corralled a herd of donkeys and trained them to perform one of the most entertaining games in the country, is dead.

Mr. Smith died in Port Colborne Hospital Saturday. He was 82. His wife, the former Margaret Wees, was at his bedside. He'd been a patient there three years.

The game of Donkey Baseball was Bud Smith's own invention. Animals were used at every position with the exception of pitcher and catcher.

After hitting the ball, the batter would jump on his steed and attempt to circle the bases. A fielder could dismount to complete a throw or haul him down the first one hand.

Sometimes the donkeys wouldn't move. Sometimes they wouldn't stop. On occasions, riders were bucked off.

Donkey Baseball was played in most local parks, including Oxbrook, Stouffville, Goodwood and Claremont. Crowds exceeding 1,000 were not unusual. Mr. Smith and his entourage travelled all across Ontario.

He knew the capabilities of every animal and could call each by name.

He did the play-by-play over a public address system.

Bud Smith received as much enjoyment from the game as did the players and spectators. A percentage of receipts were always donated to worthwhile community causes.

For several years, Mr. Smith resided at Lazy Lake P.R.R., Stouffville. He owned and operated the park there. In 1981 he and wife Margaret purchased a home at Waubaushene, Ont., where Mrs. Smith still resides.

## Plan to link town streets causes residents concern

By DENISE McDONALD  
STOUFFVILLE — Possible

plans to extend and connect several well-established local streets have six Stouffville homeowners concerned.

As a result, Town Council is being asked to reconsider any move to link Church Street with Mill

Street via Frederick Street or open Warriner Street to connect Mill and Church Streets.

According to a letter received from David and Nancy Gillespie, 86 Church Street North, and placed before the Aug. 30 meeting, the latter possibility has raised the most concerns.

"Traffic on Church Street is already very heavy," the letter read. "People seeking to avoid steady deterioration as traffic has increased, with adjacent developments and the popularity of the Sales Barn. As the speed of the traffic is frequently inconsiderate, and always uncontrollable, the street has become quite hazardous for the old and dangerous for the young."

Mayor Fran Sainsbury also expressed concern.

"I'm wondering if this is a case of over-kill," she said. "Maybe in fact, the opening of only one street is viable."

## Plan children's choir

A children's choir is planned for Whitchurch-Stouffville. The first practice is Thursday, Sept. 15, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Parkview Village Auditorium, 70 Ninth Line South, Stouffville. The choir leader is Phyllis Eyre.

Boys and girls, Grades 1 to 5 are encouraged to attend. The registration fee is \$10.

A recital is scheduled for the spring of '89.

Parents wishing additional information are asked to call 640-4985.

### ELECTORS THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I shall post the preliminary list of electors on the 6th day of September, 1988.

ALL ELECTORS SHOULD EXAMINE THE LIST to ensure their names and relevant information are correctly shown.

APPLICATIONS for inclusions, additions or corrections to or deletions from the list are available at the MUNICIPAL OFFICE, 19 Civic Avenue, Stouffville, Ontario.

REVISION OF THE LIST shall be undertaken at the above location between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. each weekday, Tuesday, September 6th, 1988 through to and including Saturday, October 15th, 1988.

THE LAST DAY for filing applications for inclusions, additions or corrections to or deletions from the list shall be Saturday, October 15th, 1988.

DATED AT STOUFFVILLE, ONTARIO THIS 31ST DAY OF AUGUST, 1988.

PATRICIA G. OAKES  
Clerk and Returning Officer  
Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville  
19 Civic Avenue  
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640-1900; 895-2423

NOTE — For your convenience a copy of the Preliminary List of Electors is available for examination at the following locations:

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