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Support council in '93: Sainsbury

TRACY KIBBLE
Staff Reporter

Whitchurch-Stouffville council held its first meeting of the new year Tuesday evening, sending messages of hope and positive thinking for 1993.

Mayor Fran Sainsbury urged ratepayers to support their seven elected representatives throughout the new year, pledging council's dedication to seek out and make the best decisions for all residents. "We are looking forward to a challenging 1993, and we will try to address concerns of the whole community," Sainsbury said in her new year opening statement.

"We look forward to making things a little less negative; 1992 was not the easiest year," the mayor added.

Sainsbury hinted that individuals, groups and volunteers will have to pull together at times, and said town officials will, in turn, strive to trim fat and make conservative financial decisions.

"Together we can make things happen, but it will take innovative and creative thinking - we look forward to public support," she said.

Ward 5 councillor Bob Ancheril vowed council would make wise decisions in 1993 - decisions geared to help all residents of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

"We will do as good a job as we can and in the best interests of the taxpayers," Ancheril promised. And Ward 4 councillor Cliff Dunkeld vowed council would "live up to the 1993 challenge and do the best we can," when making financial decisions.



Lethal drugs stolen from Stouffville area veterinarian

JULIE CASPERSEN
Staff Reporter

Residents should be on the alert for deadly animal drugs following a break in at a

Stouffville veterinary hospital. The Town & Country Animal Hospital on Stouffville Rd. was entered last Sunday night by thieves who stole vaccines and animal drugs

that could be fatal to humans. All the missing narcotics are in clear glass vials and clearly marked, including four vials of rogarsetic ketamine that could cause heart fail-

ure, one vial of winstrole, an anabolic steroid, valium and other animal vaccines not considered dangerous to people.

York Regional Police should

be contacted at 887-5877 by anyone finding the drugs, and parents are asked to warn children not to handle any suspicious bottles containing liquid.

Obituary

Walter Atkinson leaves legacy of achievements

MARION WELLS
Special to The Tribune

Last Saturday, the community came to pay their final respects to Walter D. Atkinson - the founder and builder of the town's most famous landmark - the

Stouffville Flea Market.

A man of vision, he gave this a place in history.

Born in Scarborough on March 26, 1905, he received his elementary education at SS #20 in Cedar Grove. His high school days were spent in

Markham and during this time Walter played for the Ontario Hockey Association Intermediates.

He served his carpenter's apprenticeship under the guidance of Mr. Garnet Williamson, one of Markham's finest builders, and later became manager of the Markham Planning Mill.

In 1931, Walter married Leona Sellers and they had two daughters; Marion (Wells) and Isobel (Evans.)

He accepted a position of rural distributor for the Imperial Oil Co. at this time, but when his bulk station closed in 1939 he was transferred to Belleville as rural salesman.

In 1943, 50 years ago, Walter came to Whitchurch-Stouffville where he bought a garage and implement business from Frank Baker. He rebuilt the old Todd Carriage works into a thriving International Harvester implement



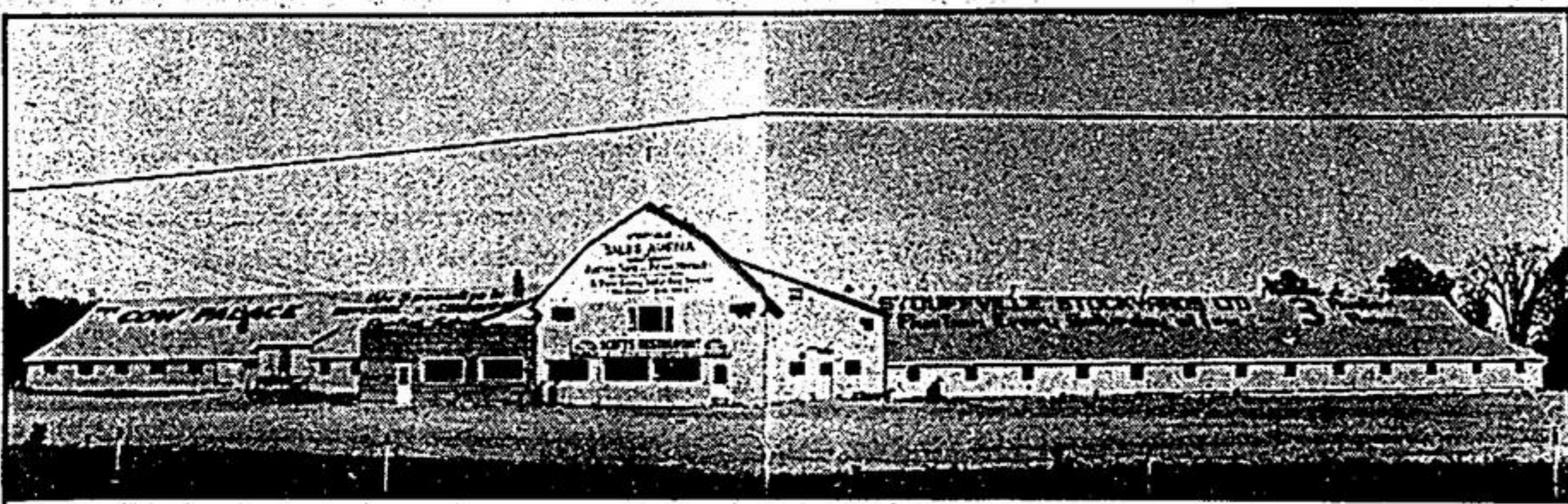
W.D. ATKINSON

business in 1950 and sold it to Cy Bellman.

In 1957, Walter attended the Reich School of Auctioneering in Mason City, Iowa. He then returned home to begin what would be the greatest project of his lifetime - The Stouffville Stockyards - located in the old curling rink on Park Dr. N. This was a facility where the local farmers brought their livestock for sale every Saturday morning.

When the business outgrew these limited quarters, Walter bought eight acres on Hwy 47 from Leland Johnson. Here he raised a new barn and called it the Stouffville Sales Barn, now known far and wide as the Stouffville Flea Market.

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Walter Atkinson founded and built the Stouffville Flea Market.

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