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This accident on Bloomington Rd. was one of three attended by Stouffville rescue teams on Wednesday. Monday's snowstorm also saw many fender benders in the area.

## Busy day for local fire crews

Whitchurch-Stouffville volunteer firefighters spent most of Wednesday helping police departments clear up traffic accidents on local roads - two the result of icy conditions.

Tuesday's storm dumped about 10 centimetres of snow on York Region before 5 p.m. making roads sloppy, slippery and snow-covered in most areas for Wednesday's rush hour traffic.

Stouffville's fire department answered its first call Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. at Kennedy Road just a half mile north of Stouffville Road.

A pick-up truck and car collided, causing damage but no injuries, according to York Region police.

No charges were laid due to poor road conditions.

Then at 8:25 a.m. crews

rushed to the scene of second crash on Hwy 47 just west of the 2nd Conc., in Goodwood where sheer ice conditions was the reported cause of a two-car crash.

According to Whitby OPP, a 63-year-old Markham man, heading east on Hwy 47 lost control of his car on icy roads, slid into the westbound lanes and struck a van driven by a 39-year-old Uxbridge woman. The woman was taken to Markham-Stouffville Hospital with minor injuries.

No charges were laid due to poor road conditions, police said.

Crews worked for more than one hour and re-routed traffic from the scene to avoid further icy mishaps, police said.

Crews rushed out again at about 1:30 p.m. to a three-car

smash-up at the 9th Line and Bloomington Road intersection. According to OPP officers, a 49-year-old Brampton man was travelling westbound on Bloomington Road (Hwy 47) when he entered the 9th Line intersection on a red light. He went through the red light, hitting a second vehicle as it travelled south on the 9th Line.

This vehicle slid across the intersection into a ditch. The first vehicle, meanwhile, struck a third car, driven by a 22-year-old Stouffville man, who was stopped to make a left-hand turn onto Bloomington Road. The man was treated for minor injuries at the scene. No one else was injured. The Brampton man was charged with disobeying a red light.

## Crime

# Memorial Park trial begins for youths

Five youths charged in a gang fight at Stouffville Memorial Park last April appeared in court last week.

Most of the testimony Wednesday and Thursday was conducted in a trial within a trial, known as a voir dire, where the five defence lawyers and Crown Attorney Lynne Saunders-Gartner debate on the admissibility of evidence. Until Judge Michael Caney rules on the admissibility of the evidence in question, none of the testimony can be reported on.

Each of the five youths, all Brother Andre Catholic High School students, were represented by lawyers. They were charged with assault last May after a gang rumble in Stouffville between rival Brother Andre and Stouffville District High School students. Police seized baseball bats and beer bottles from the warring youths. Officers from the police youth gang unit rounded up seven teens suspected in the attack on two youths, aged 15 and 18. Two teens were released unconditionally and five, aged 16 and 17, were charged. The crown attorney may call up to 13 witnesses including police officers and teens at the scene of the brawl. Defence attorney Colin Still said that collectively, defence lawyers may call seven witnesses. The trial is set to continue March 2 and resume June 13, 14 and 15 in Newmarket.

## Hospital restructuring

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emergency, administration, health/data resources, environmental services, physical facilities, material management, nutrition services, social work and ambulatory care.

As part of its restructuring, the hospital plans to implement a program management system on March 29.

The system organizes care around groupings of common patient needs and focuses attention on patient care rather than on services provided by individual departments.

Dr. Jim MacLean, vice president

of medical services and chief of staff expects the change will make all health care workers that working together is the best approach to helping patients.

"Health professionals and doctors realize they can no longer deliver care in isolation. Doctors realize we have to work together (with other health care professionals)," he said.

Patients can sometimes detect fragmentation among the doctors, nurses and others assigned to care for them.

Under the new system, "the hope is to create a seamless type of care," he added.

## Region officials paid \$500G

York Region homeowners paid more than half a million dollars in salaries and benefits last year to its 21 officials for political services rendered, a report shows.

The Remuneration - Members of Council and Local Boards Report reveals expenditures of \$529,407 were paid in 1992 for

duties performed by elected and appointed officials. The report, prepared by York's finance commissioner and treasurer showed chairman Eldred King earned \$87,247 last year, while each council member earned \$22,194 plus expenses, which ranged between \$217 and \$2,380.

## Swap will cost residents

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will be responsible for Yonge St (\$34 million), Hwy 7 (\$34.3 million), Hwy 48 from Steeles Ave to Markham Village (\$3 million), Hwy 27 from Steeles to Hwy 7 (\$1.5 million), and Hwy 47, east of Hwy 48 (\$2 million).

Regional chief administrative officer Bob Forhan projects it will take 13 years before York stops losing money in the proposed road/welfare swap.

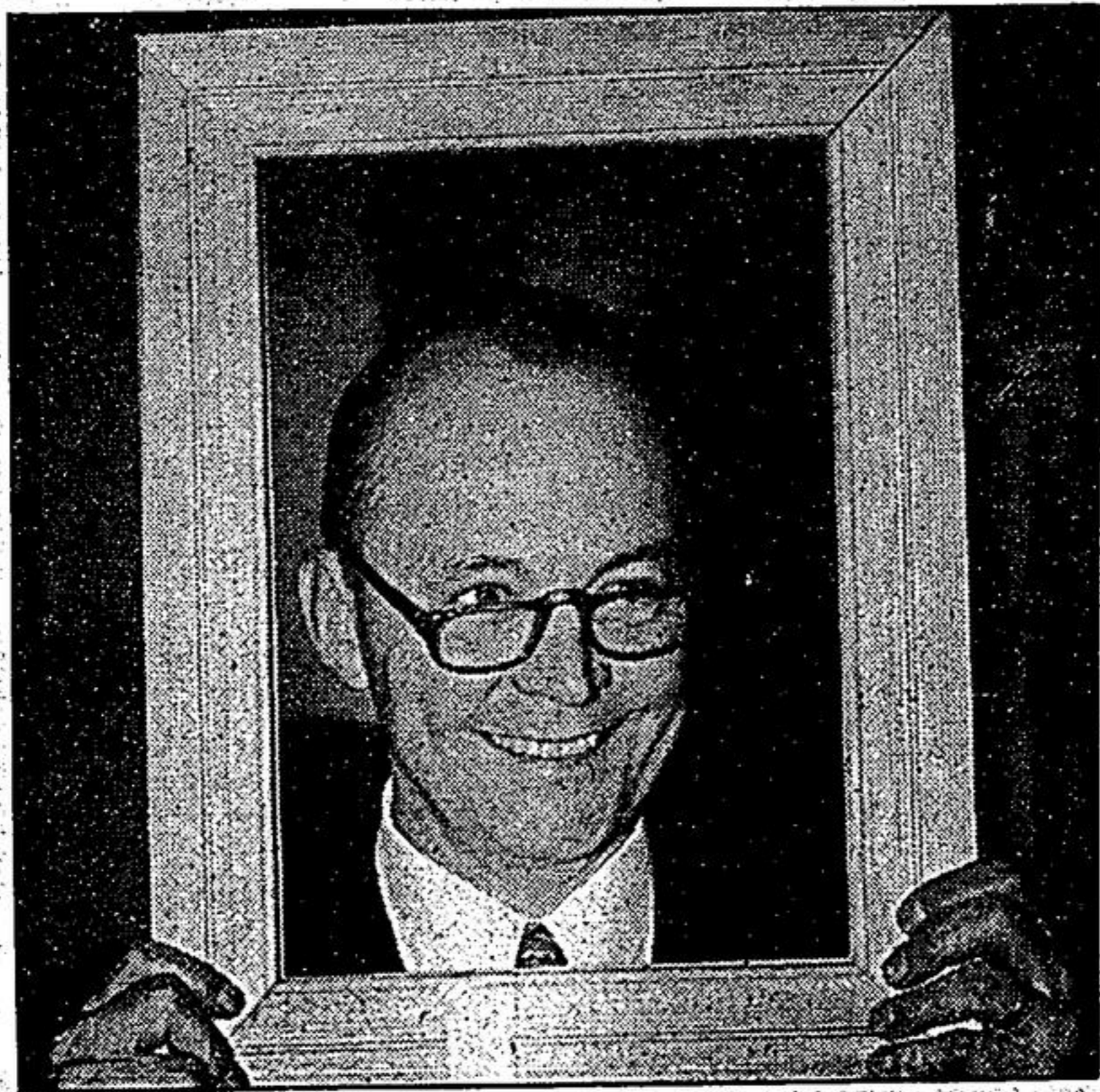
York is asking that Queen's Park offset the additional costs with an unconditional grant next year of \$15.6 million or scrap the plan altogether.

York's tax hike this year is being proposed at 7.4 per cent, with the new headquarters, policing and welfare being pegged as the highest expense areas and main reasons for the increase.

## He's been framed

Gordon Ness holds up a picture frame for the crowd at Friday night's Rotary Auction at the Rec Centre. Auction items included Marcel Bossi's town crier services, ads in *The Tribune*, wine, balloon rides and much more. The annual auction benefitted Community Awareness Bureau, Good Neighbors and Joanne Turcotte trust fund.

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## Evening of Song for everyone, says organizer

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forward to performing there," he said. "We formed a committee and we're working hard to promote this show. We hope to fill the theatre."

Committee members Jim Green, Lana Burchett, Jim Rehill, Linda Hamilton, John Pettitt, Bob Pfaff and Franklin himself are in the process of contacting churches across the region and inviting them to attend the performance.

"No matter what their denomination, this is an evening for everyone to enjoy," Franklin noted. It's also a great opportunity to celebrate the end of winter, and usher in the the season leading up to Easter, he added.

Franklin, his wife Hope and their three chil-

dren have been actively involved in Christ Church since they came to Stouffville in the fall of 1987 from Pennsylvania.

As well as providing them with a place of worship, the church has given them a warm and happy social life and a true sense of community. "Who says Christians have to be dull?" concluded Franklin cheerfully.

Tickets for A Special Evening of Song, on Saturday, March 13 at 8 p.m., are available from the Markham Theatre Box Office at 171 Town Centre Blvd., or can be ordered by calling 479-0201. Tickets are \$18.50 each or \$15.50 each for groups of ten or more.

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