



Sixteen dead sheep, part of the dog-ravaged flock on the property of Harvey Brown, Hwy. 48 and 18th Avenue, Markham. Forty-three others were damaged in a loss estimated in excess of \$2,000. Livestock valuator, Donald Boynton of Victoria Square described the

remains as 'the worst mess he'd ever seen'. The dogs gained entry to the pen by pushing aside a barricade and vaulting a four foot horizontal gate. —Jas. Thomas.

## Loss exceeds \$2,000

# Sheep flock ravaged in pen; one dog shot

## Second dog captured

MARKHAM - Members of Markham Town Council, department employees and neighbors stood in silence, Sunday, as one by one, fifteen sheep were removed from a pen on the farm property of Harvey Brown, Hwy. 48 at 18th Avenue.

All were dead, horribly mutilated by dogs, in the most destructive slaughter of livestock witnessed in the Markham area in years.

Three others, still alive, but badly torn, had to be destroyed. Forty-three were injured.

The loss, estimated in excess of \$2,000, cannot be fully determined since all the ewes were in lamb. The flock totalled 175.

The grizzly discovery was made by Mr. Brown himself, in a routine check of the enclosure after returning home from church. One dog, a German Shepherd, was still in the pen. Mr. Brown ran to the house for a gun and killed it with a single shot. A second was traced across the fields and captured by canine control officer, Jas. Ryan. Chunks of wool were still in its mouth.

Mr. Brown said the sheep

were so terrorized by the dogs' attack, they were piled one on top of the other, six feet deep. "I tried to pull them apart to keep them from suffocating," he said. His Sunday suit, covered with blood, was completely ruined.

The sheep considered worth saving were stitched up and injected with an antibiotic to reduce the chance of infection. Veterinarian, Dr. David Harris of Stouffville was assisted by Harvey's brother, Gordon; Howard Stiver and Bill Shearn of Unionville and Markham livestock valuator, Donald Boynton of Victoria Square. Mr. Boynton described it as 'the worst mess he had ever seen'. Also on hand were councillors Bud Bonner and Norm Tyndall and deputy-clerk Neil Brodie.

In spite of the setback, Mr. Brown is determined to remain in the sheep business. The entrance to the enclosure was barricaded, the owner said, but the dogs pushed it aside and vaulted a horizontal gate.

A prominently placed sign near the door of the pen read 'No trespassing without permission'.

## Youth charged with robbery

STOUFFVILLE - An 18 year old youth has been charged with robbery in connection with an alleged assault on the caretaker at the Stouffville Sales Barn, earlier this month.

William John Punch was arrested by officers of the Ontario Provincial Police near Kenora.

Following the incident here, Steven Lancaster, required medical treatment for cuts and abrasions to his head, face and chest.

Rather than bring the accused here, a distance of over 1,100 miles, the case will likely be heard in Kenora.

The initial investigation work was done by the Whitchurch Branch, York Regional Police.

## Snowmobile driver hurt

STOUFFVILLE - A 47 year old Stouffville area man suffered a 24-stitch gash to his face when the snowmobile he was operating collided with a wire fence.

Mathew John Kennedy, Hwy. 47, has been charged with failing to report a collision involving injury, under a section of the Motorized Snow Vehicles Act.

The accident occurred in a field north of Harold Avenue.

## Request gas bar approval

STOUFFVILLE - The 3-acre site at the intersection of Tenth Line North and Main Street, is back before Planning Board again.

The applicants, Tweedledee Investments Limited, want the property re-zoned from industrial to commercial to accommodate a combination gas bar and restaurant.

The firm has an option on the land, owned by Fred Castle.

Spokesman for the company told the Board, at a meeting, Jan. 19, that a service station at this particular site would prove more beneficial to the town than industry. "There is no conceivable reason why spot zoning should not be permitted," he argued.

The Board reserved its decision, pending the receipt of a site plan.

## Flu bug empties town schools

STOUFFVILLE - Absenteeism in Stouffville's public and separate schools was reported at 198, Monday morning.

And it's all due to a nasty little 'flu bug' complicated by throat infection.

While The Tribune's figures pertain only to elementary schools, Dr. John Button of the Stouffville Medical Centre said the High School had also been hard hit.

Dr. Button advises a patient to 'live with it a couple of days' and then, if there's no improvement, he'll prescribe an anti-biotic. He said the fever often lasts up to 3½ days.

A breakdown of the absentee list follows: St. Mark's, 50 out of 209; Orchard Park, 68 out of 414; Summitview, 50 out of 364 and the High School (Gr. 7 and 8), thirty out of 250.

## Suffers collapse

STOUFFVILLE - A 43 year old Stouffville man was rushed by Vance Ambulance to Scarborough Centenary Hospital, Tuesday, after he was found unconscious in the snow near the home of Mrs. Fran Tindall, Lloyd Avenue.

Kenneth Halsted, Stouffville Street, was first believed to have suffered a heart attack, but a medical check proved this untrue.

He was released the same day following a period of treatment and observation.

## Plan 838 new homes

MARKHAM - Draft plans for three subdivision sites, Ninth Line, south of Hwy. 7, have been approved by the Markham Planning Committee.

When completed, the 838 homes will accommodate approximately 3,000 persons.

In discussing the issue at a meeting, Jan. 20, Murray Henderson, councillor, Ward 5 warned against 'making the same error as occurred in Sherwood Heights'. He asked for a guarantee that the homes in the new area would have a minimum floor space of 2,000 square feet. He argued that 1,200 and 1,300 square feet, as allowed in Sherwood Heights, failed to produce sufficient assessment and represented only a 'tax burden' on the rest of the town.

## Buses cancelled

STOUFFVILLE - Only 196 students out of an enrollment of over 700, attended classes at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School (Gr. 9-13), Wednesday morning.

## Request clinics Student pregnancy rate on increase

YORK REGION - The pregnancy rate among students in the secondary school level of education is increasing and the incidence of venereal disease has reached such epidemic proportions that teachers of District 11, Ontario Secondary School Federation have called for the creation of birth control information centres and clinics, beginning in the first year of high school or earlier.

The recommendation, in the form of a motion, was approved at a meeting, Jan. 21, in Aurora. It will now be passed to the Provincial Annual Assembly in Toronto, in March.

Lin Jones, staff teacher at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School is a past president and executive councillor in the organization. The president for 1971 is Douglas Booth of Richmond Hill.

No buses were able to get through due to snow-clogged rural roads and poor visibility.

A second motion has called for an amendment to existing legislation so as to allow teachers to stand for election to the Board of Education, for which they work.

Three hundred secondary school teachers attended the meeting.

The guest speaker was Daryl R. Hodgins, executive officer, Provincial executive, Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation.

## Set salaries

GOODWOOD - A salary figure has been established by Uxbridge Township council for its clerk-treasurer, Donald S. Kennedy, who assumes office, Feb. 1.

Mr. Kennedy will receive \$8,000 wages plus \$1,500 expenses.

Deputy-clerk Walter Taylor will be paid \$6,250 wages and \$750 expenses.

An increase has also been approved for Welfare Officer, Harry Noble. His retainer, effective Jan. 1, is \$250 plus \$2.50 per hour and 12 cents per mile while on official township business.

## Probation order

UXBRIDGE TWP. - Wm. Cammack, formerly of R.R. 3, Stouffville and charged by his wife with threatening, was convicted in Provincial Court last week and placed on probation.

The case came to light after Mrs. Cammack fled the property and later complained to police. A loaded .22 calibre rifle was seized.

Mr. Cammack told The Tribune he planned to appeal.

In the initial story of Jan. 21, describing the plight of the family, it was indicated that the couple were on welfare. This information has been denied by Harry Noble, Uxbridge welfare officer.

## Traffic survey

STOUFFVILLE - If you are stopped on the Main Street of Stouffville and questioned as to your reason for being there, don't be alarmed.

It's all part of a traffic survey that will be conducted here, likely this spring.

Suggested times are Friday from 1 to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 9 to 12 a.m.

Questions will include - where are you from? What is your destination? Why are you here?

The project will be arranged by the Administrator of York Region, A.J. Rettie.

## Rabies warning

STOUFFVILLE - Skunks are the most prevalent carriers of rabies, and the winter period is the most dangerous season of the year. Dr. Terence O'Connor, Stouffville Veterinary Clinic told The Tribune this week.

He said one such case had been reported at Goodwood and two dogs had subsequently been placed under quarantine. The animal was killed.

Dr. O'Connor's information supports a recent appeal by the Ontario Dept. of Lands and Forests, urging parents to warn their children against contact with any wildlife that may

appear friendly or extremely aggressive. Check out any reports about the new 'kitty' or 'doggy' in the front yard, the report goes on, remember a rabid animal's bite can cause illness and even death.

Rabies in foxes is just as prevalent as in skunks, the Department points out, but foxes usually are restricted to more rural areas. If you have reason to believe an animal is infected, call the nearest office of the Canada Department of Agriculture or the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests for further directions, the report concludes.

## Snowmobile bylaw

## Uxbridge rejects \$25 licence fee

GOODWOOD - A \$25 municipal licence fee for all snowmobile owners in Uxbridge Township?

No, replied members of council, at a meeting, Monday. While council agreed that some controls were necessary and had instructed their solicitor to prepare such a bylaw, they felt an additional permit was much too costly and restrictive.

The bylaw further recommended that no snowmobiles be allowed to operate between the hours of 12 midnight and 8 a.m. and that no owner of a private park, country club or ski resort should allow such vehicles to operate at any time.

Bylaw Enforcement Officer, Stuart Copping agreed that the suggested regulations were not satisfactory.

## Drug charge

STOUFFVILLE - A 19 year old Market Street youth has been charged with possession of hashish, following an investigation by officers of the Brechin Detachment, Ontario Provincial Police and constable David Hadden of Stouffville.

Robert Gallamore fled from an upstairs room when police entered a residence on Main Street West. He was apprehended two blocks away.

An O.P.P. constable suffered lacerations to his hand when he put his arm through a glass panel of a door.

The original investigation was prompted by police looking for stolen property.



## Mush!

The command 'mush' is not part of Al Christie's canine vocabulary. His Alaskan Malamutes require no urging to go. The team, 'Bandit' and 'Sumo' are instead more difficult to stop. Mr. Christie, a resident at 484 Rupert

Avenue, Stouffville, is a favorite with the children in Ponderosa Park. And one thing is certain, whenever he takes his sled for a spin, a host of young passengers are always on hand. —Jas. Thomas.