

Classroom mascot at Summitview School

Meet 'Iggy', the iguana, a classroom conversation piece at Summitview School. While a bit of a fierce looking fellow, he's really quite harmless if handled properly - preferably with gloves. 'Iggy's' mainly a vegetarian, says it's owner, Science master teacher, Gordon Penrose of Scarborough. At least no pupils are reported missing. —Jas. Thomas.

Emerson Electric Canada Ltd.

Shift in operations —management threat

MARKHAM - Emerson Electric will be unable to construct a proposed \$400,000 addition to its Markham plant and may have to cut back drastically on its present operations unless some method of servicing the area with water and sewage facilities can be agreed on, Vice-President John Saundercok told Planning Committee Feb. 18.

Mr. Saundercok's ultimatum was delivered after the Engineering Department handed down a report recommending the company be asked to assume \$170,000 of the \$100,000 cost of extending services from 16th Avenue to Emerson's property line in the Mount Joy Industrial Area.

Planning Committee was told that if the Town was not prepared to service the land at a "more reasonable cost", Emerson would repeat a request for a change in zoning bylaw to permit the construction of an algae lagoon and spray irrigation.

"We must advise the Town that we are not prepared to make an outlay of \$170,000 at this time", he said, "if this Town is unable to service the land or in the alternative refuses to amend the bylaw, we know of no other alternative but to substantially reduce our Markham work force by moving the bulk of our operations elsewhere."

Lot levy — \$700

STOUFFVILLE - Despite opposition from councillors, Gordon Ratcliff and Herbert Simpson, the Committee of Adjustment will be required to impose a lot levy of \$700.00 on each new home as a general purpose grant to the municipality.

"I'm all for keeping the price of housing down", said councillor Ratcliff in an unsuccessful attempt to reduce the figure to \$500.

But his argument failed to convince the rest of Planning Board that lower lot levies would decrease the price of

Mr. Saundercok predicted that unless the company was allowed to construct a lagoon or reached an agreement on the cost of installing sanitary sewers with the Town, the Provincial Government would close the plant this summer. Forty thousand dollars is the maximum the company feels it should be asked to pay towards the project at this time.

He later told The Tribune that since septic tanks have been barred by the Ontario Water Resources Commission from most of the Mount Joy area, other companies in the vicinity would soon face a similar problem. "The results of this discussion will illustrate how much Markham wants to encourage the growth of industry", Mr. Saundercok said.

Trucks stripped

STOUFFVILLE - Loss has been estimated in excess of \$3,600 in the theft of tires and wheels from three trucks on the lot of John Roe Ford Sales, Main Street West.

The one vehicle, a tandem gravel truck, is the property of Peters and Sheldon Haulage, Scarborough. The value of parts taken from this unit alone is \$3,580.00.

The other two were 1971 model pickups.

housing.

"Lot levies in Whitchurch-Stouffville are the lowest in the area", said Mayor Ken Laushway. He felt that even if a lower levy was imposed, the costs of a home would remain the same.

"We aren't bleeding anybody", added councillor Tom Lonergan. "The levy will be used for the benefit of all homeowners in the area."

Committee of Adjustment will also be required to issue stricter requirements for road widening and floor space in single-family dwellings.

School fire damage —\$40,000

MT. ALBERT - Fire engulfed a portable classroom at Mount Albert Public School, shortly after classes were dismissed, Monday afternoon.

Walter Wilms, Superintendent of Area 1, told the Board of Education he "had no idea how the blaze started." He said the alarm was turned in by the caretaker 20 minutes after the Grade 7 pupils and their teacher had left for the day.

The Ontario Fire Marshal's Office is investigating the cause. Damage is estimated at \$40,000.

Spiralling costs

Time to take a stand — mayor

WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE - Brace yourself - a sizeable tax increase is coming. That is, unless municipal representatives at both the regional and local level 'put the brakes on' in spending estimates for 1971.

This is the rather gloomy forecast by Mayor Ken Laushway in a personal interview with The Tribune this

week. And he's far from happy over the spiralling trend.

His report in full is published under the heading 'The way I see it' on Page 3.

"Sooner or later, someone must take a stand," he said, "not that all these programs aren't beneficial - they are, but we simply cannot afford them. It's up to us - we the elected officials, to work

collectively to curb cost increases. For a municipality to try it alone - it won't work."

Mayor Laushway rejects the suggestion that the change to a regional type government is to blame. He points out that the majority of departments where increases are anticipated, were established under the old County system, prior to 1971.

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Same goal — different approach

Uxbridge committee formed in support of 'Century City'

Wedding day to remember

ASHBURN - The 'big blow' of Feb. 13, is a date most folks would rather forget.

But for newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Batten of Ashburn, it was a day they'll never forget. And if they do, the husband or wife can always refer to a story in The Stouffville Tribune as a gentle reminder.

Margaret had planned everything perfectly. The 127 guests had received their invitations well in advance. The minister, Rev. Wm. Black of Port Perry would preside. The bridesmaids were beautiful, the groom's attendants, immaculate.

The ceremony was set for 4.30 with the reception to follow.

But one thing went wrong. The weatherman, while not invited, came along. And he made his presence felt.

By eight o'clock, when all were ready to leave, they found they could go nowhere. Roads in every direction were blocked. There was nothing to do but stay anywhere.

The groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Batten welcomed as many as they could crowd inside the door - including the bride and groom. Other nearby residents did the same.

"We made the best of it," said Mrs. Alfred Fisher, the bride's mother, "we slept in shifts - glad to crawl into any corner."

But what of Mr. and Mrs. Batten Jr? By Monday, they were on their way to the Isle of Martinique, a honeymoon trip delayed by only a single day.

Urge Queen's Pk. action

UXBRIDGE TWP. - A committee in support of 'Century City' has been organized in Uxbridge Township. And while its approach is different from that of the association established earlier this month, the ultimate goal is exactly the same, a spokesman told The Tribune.

Rather than commence legal proceedings against the developers, this committee, headed by ex-councillor George Harvie, hopes to bring pressure to bear on Queen's Park and have the project approved.

The executive agrees with a statement by Louis Devor of Century City Developments Limited, that the promoters were indeed 'betrayed' by the Provincial Government when Ministers indicated at least verbal approval of the scheme, then designated the area for agriculture, open space and park land use.

"It is our opinion that the present state of the 6,000 acres, purchased for 'Century City', can be tolerated no longer," a prepared statement read, "mortgage payments have been in arrears since May 1970, taxes are in arrears and buildings are deteriorating. The fact is, the report went on, these properties are fast becoming a slum area."

In addition to chairman Harvie, the executive includes - Fred Lewis, secretary-treasurer and members, Earl Dowswell, Jim Bailey and William Thompson.

"This committee will leave no stone unturned in an effort to obtain a satisfactory government explanation," the report concluded.

A spokesman denied that the new organization was established to counter the efforts of the original group. "We would welcome their support. We feel our approach is right," he said.

Snowmobiles banned on county roads

ONT. CTY. - Snowmobiles have been banned from all Ontario County roads, following passage of a bylaw by Council, Feb. 17.

A court conviction carries fines ranging from \$20 to \$100.

A snowmobile driver can still cross a County road at right angles, but cannot drive along it, including the shoulders or ditches.

County engineer Wm. Twelvetrees pointed to the dangers of operating a snow vehicle away from the travelled portion of the road. He said stumps and steel posts, sometimes partly hidden, posed a real hazard.

Threaten strike action

MARKHAM - Outside employees, have issued an ultimatum to the bargaining committee, Town of Markham, to enter into negotiations by a deadline date of March 2 or face the possibility of strike action. A spokesman for the workers, who asked that his name not be revealed, said approximately 60 persons were involved.

He said discussions had taken place with the inside staff, but nothing resolved. An approved 5 percent wage increase in 1971 and a guaranteed 3 percent increase next year, had been turned down, he said.

"They haven't even got time to talk to us", he went on.

The caller explained that most employees were receiving take-home pays of less than \$100 a week. "Everybody wants a raise and everybody wants more benefits", he said.

Sanitary land-fill hearing

PICKERING TWP. - The Planning Board of Pickering Township has called a Public Hearing for Feb. 25 at eight o'clock to receive submissions, pro and con, on the future use of pit and quarry zones for sanitary land-fill sites.

To permit this, would require an amendment to the present Zoning By-law.

A second application concerns the use of one particular gravel pit property by Metropolitan Toronto for deposits of land-fill refuse.

Pickering is anxious to hear opinions on both these issues before an application is submitted to the Ontario Municipal Board.

50-year jewel

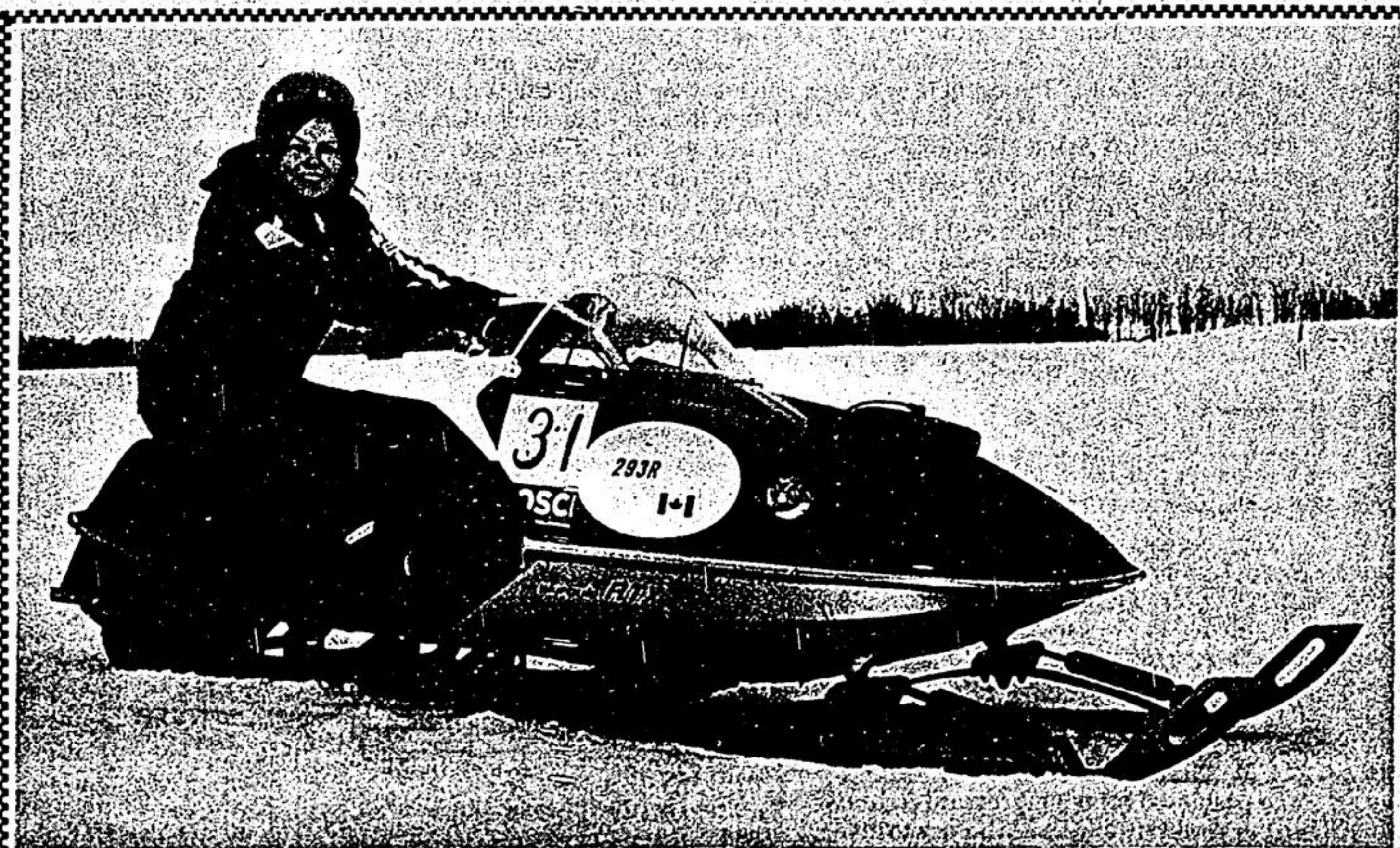
STOUFFVILLE - Oliver T. Harding, Ninth Line North, Stouffville, was honored recently at a meeting of Richardson Masonic Lodge.

He was presented with his 50 year jewel by Past Master Robt. Sanderson.

Ratio unchanged

YORK CTY. - The student-teacher ratio in York will not be changed in 1971, Board of Education members were told, Monday.

In secondary schools, it will remain at 17.8 and in public schools, at 25.5.



A 'powder-puff' in class but not in performance

Fifteen year old Bonnie VanDyke, Stouffville, R.R.4, was an entry in the Powder-Puff class of the Kinsmen-sponsored snowmobile races, Sunday. And she came away with two

trophies. She's shown here at the controls of her powerful Skiroule ATX, almost as pretty as its driver. —Jas. Thomas.