



### Parents concerned for children's safety in 'no stop' highway zones

Provincial legislation that forbids school bus operators to utilize 'stop' flashers in 35 mile speed zones, has aroused concern among parents in the area of Don Mills Road, Markham and trustees on the York County Board of Education. Such a location (shown here), lies within the hamlet of Victoria Square where children must get on and off the bus and face hazards of traffic proceeding in two directions. One parent, Mrs. Joanne McLaren is circulating a petition to have the law changed. Markham Mayor Anthony Roman has indicated his whole-hearted support.

—Jas. Thomas.

### First class constable — \$10,250

## New wage contract approved for police

**YORK REGION** - In record time, the 1971 wage contract for the York Regional Police Force was approved by the Police Commission, Feb. 9.

At exactly 11.00 a.m., the negotiating team from the Police Association disappeared into a closed session with the Commission. Forty-five minutes later, they emerged with a contract that will give the majority of police officers pay increases of almost 10 percent.

Under the new wage contract, 1st class constables will receive an annual salary of \$10,250. Second, third and fourth class constables will receive \$9,855, \$9,460 and \$9,040 per annum respectively.

Substantial pay increases for the higher ranks have been agreed upon as well. Patrol sergeants and detectives will now earn \$12,680 annually, sergeants and detective sergeants \$13,109 and inspectors \$13,906.

George Hepple, president of the 200 member Police Association and head of the 4-man bargaining team, told The Tribune he was 'very pleased

with the outcome.

"Things went over smoothly", he said: "It was a pleasure to negotiate with the Commission and I feel we have a good working relationship."

Wage increases in the 1971 contract are retroactive to Jan. 1. In response to questions from reporters, Mr. Hepple said that the one year contract had been ratified unanimously by the Association membership before it was approved by the Commission.

The only group to be excluded from a share in the general prosperity are the acting chiefs. "The Police Association doesn't bargain for acting chiefs", Mr. Hepple said. "They discuss their salary requirements in private."

But for the majority of policemen, the 1971 wage agreement represents substantial pay increases.

Last year before reorganization of the forces took place under Regional Government, the Police Association negotiated with 13 different municipalities. As a result there were many disparities in wages throughout the county.

At the low end of the 1970 pay scale was the Town of Woodbridge where a first class constable was paid at the rate of \$7,300 annually. At the high end was the Town of Richmond Hill where an officer with the same qualifications could expect to earn \$9,484.

### May organize ratepayers

**STOUFFVILLE** - A ratepayer's association may be established in the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, if residents feel such an organization could benefit the Area.

A 'feeler' on the subject is contained in a 'Letter to the Editor' published on Page 3 of this issue. It is signed jointly by Mrs. Ellen Winter, Mrs. Dorothy Card and Mrs. Vera Heyd, all of Gormley, R.R.1.

Such an organization, the letter states, could do much to assist in good government for and by the people.

### Stouffer St. development hits unexpected snag

**STOUFFVILLE** - Plans to develop the former Stouffer Street wrecking yard site hit an unexpected snag at a meeting of Planning Board, March 2, when developers and councillors failed to agree on the number of homes that should be constructed on the property.

The latest plan, to give the area a badly needed face-lift, has been put forward by Ar-Jel Developments Ltd. They want permission to construct 'seven homes.'

While councillors are anxious to see the area 'cleaned up' they were critical of the number of lots to be developed.

"Seven", interrupted Mayor Laushway. "we thought you wanted five. I don't see how we can approve seven."

"Five homes would be economically unfeasible", developers told the Board. They argued that seven lots would give each home a sufficient frontage of 295 feet.

But representatives were temporarily silenced by the following comeback made by Mayor Laushway. "Since you made so much money when you sold your property on the north side of the street, surely you can afford to live on the south side", he suggested.

## Humane Society seize Markham beef herd; nine animals dead

### Stock found frozen

**MARKHAM** - Acting on a private complaint, officials of the Ontario Humane Society, moved onto the farm property of Harold Knobbs, conc. 7, Markham, and seized the entire herd of 30 beef cattle, located there.

Nine other animals, including eight cattle and a pig were found dead, some in the barn and some outside. The ones on the ground were frozen.

Death has been attributed to emaciation and undernourishment.

An investigation was in charge of Humane Society Inspector, R.J. Parry, Aurora, assisted by constable Terry Hill, Markham Branch, York Regional Police Department.

Veterinarian, Dr. D.V. Way of Markham also attended.

Since charges are pending against the farmer, Inspector Parry declined to go into detail on the case. He said however, that the live animals had been removed to a barn near Stouffville where they would be properly fed and watered.

The seizure was conducted at 5.35 p.m., Wednesday, March 3.

### Neighbor fined \$100

## Shot pet poodle with pellet gun

**GORMLEY** - A Willowdale man was fined \$100 and ordered to make restitution of \$90 in veterinary bills to a Gormley family, following conviction, Tuesday, of wounding their miniature poodle with a pellet gun.

Mary Ann Guinane, R.R.2, Gormley, told the court of finding the pet 'covered with blood'. Later, she said, a neighbor, John Isaac admitted shooting the animal 'because it growled at him'.

Mr. Isaac, in his own defence, told how the poodle and a larger Belgian Shepherd had 'attacked him' in his orchard. He said he had attempted to drive them away and when this failed, he took the gun from his car and shot the smallest one.

Dr. John Mollard of Richmond Hill said he removed a lead pellet from the dog's intestine. He described the animal as 'in shock' and 'bleeding profusely' from its flank.

Counsel for the accused argued that his client was within his rights to protect himself any way he could. He asked that the case be dismissed on the grounds that the dog should not have been allowed to run at large in the first place.

Judge Russell Pearse ruled however, that once the accused had reached his vehicle, he should have left and reported the matter to proper authorities.

In addition to the fine, Isaac was placed on a probation order to keep the peace for one year and to abstain from using firearms.

## Tragic accident takes life of young father

**MUSSELMAN'S LAKE** - A 26 year old father of two was killed early Saturday morning in a tragic crash involving a car and a transport, north of Orillia.

Charles Robert Blacklock, Valley Road, Musselman's Lake, was returning home after several days' work in the Sudbury area when the collision occurred. The deceased was employed as a truck driver.

Mr. Blacklock was well known, enjoying a wide circle of friends. He was a devoted husband who took great pride in his children, a son, Wally, age 5

and a daughter, Sandra, 3. His wife is the former Connie Baker of Stouffville.

Surviving also is his mother, Hilda (Mrs. Roy Graham), four brothers, Glen, Ronnie and Andrew, all of Stouffville, Leonard of Owen Sound and a sister, Linda (Mrs. A. Bell), Musselman's Lake.

Rev. Fred Miller, Christ Anglican Church, Stouffville, conducted the service, Tuesday, from the O'Neill Funeral Home with interment; Stouffville Cemetery.

### 'Century City' promoters

## Meet with ministers

**UXBRIDGE TWP.** - A meeting has been arranged,

possibly next week, between committee members supporting 'Century City' and two Ministers of the Davis Cabinet, including Hon. Darcy McKeough.

The acting liaison in setting up the date, has been Provincial members, Dr. Mathew Dymond and William G. Newman.

The personal approach was agreed on following discussions held at Dr. Dymond's home in Port Perry, March 2. In attendance was the committee chairman, George Harvie with executive directors, Fred Lewis, Earl Dowsell, Jim Bailey and Wm. Thompson.

Issues discussed included - the benefits that could be derived from a satellite city as proposed; the adverse affect on the municipality if the project does not proceed as planned; the availability of services such as water, sewerage, rail lines and roads.

A spokesman for the committee said Dr. Dymond had come out strongly in favor of the 'City' concept and wished this stand made public.

To add strength to the committee's presentation, the executive is asking all concerned residents in the immediate area to submit letters of support. The secretary is Fred Lewis, Claremont, R.R.3.

### It's a girl

## Baby is born at Medical Centre

**STOUFFVILLE** - Baby's don't always arrive on schedule.

Sometimes they're early. Sometimes they're late.

For parents Tony and Patricia Kuhn, Church Street, it was certainly too early and almost too late.

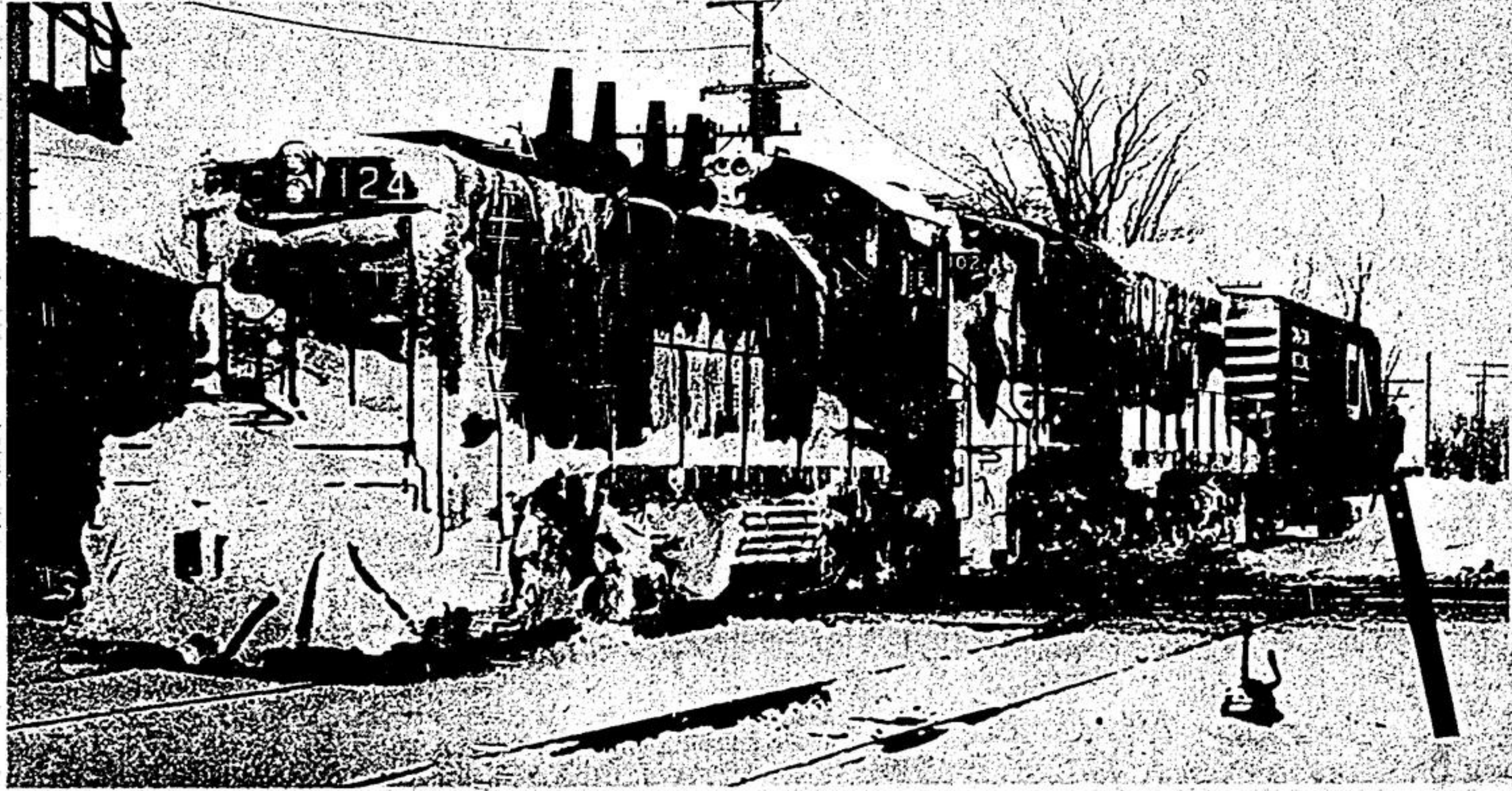
Jennifer Lynn, tipping the scales at just over 7 pounds, was born in the office of the Stouffville Medical Centre.

It all happened Thursday - one of the worst driving days of the year.

Mr. and Mrs. Kuhn had started out from Stouffville, en route to Scarboro Centenary Hospital. About two miles south of Ringwood, things started to happen, so Tony turned the car around and headed back. As luck would have it, Dr. Donald Petrie, the family's physician was on duty. Ten minutes later, Jennifer Lynn was born.

"Sure I was worried," Mr. Kuhn admitted later, "it was impossible to drive over 30 miles per hour. But storm or not, I couldn't have made it"

Mrs. Kuhn and baby were released from hospital, Tuesday. The couple have one other daughter, Christine, three years old in April.



### The 'joys' of winter! Don't tell it to the trainman

This has been the longest, coldest, snowiest and iciest winter in years. And no one knows it better than the C.N.R. trainmen that complete freight runs daily along the Toronto-Lindsay line. This

twin-diesel is pictured here as it pulled into the Stouffville station, Monday afternoon. A similar one was derailed at the Ninth Line level crossing, south of town, Tuesday night. Jas. Thomas.