

Prov. grants cut budget \$307,000

Scrap Regional \$53,400 dental program

YORK REGION - The Region has finally accepted and made public a budget - one which contains some surprises. Overall expenditures will be \$307,000 less for the Region than for York County in 1970.

This reduction was achieved in spite of new responsibilities assumed by the Region, especially the task of policing. The main item accounting for the drop was the total of conditional grants, up almost \$3 million over 1970.

Administrator John Rettie explained that staff members had recommended cuts in various areas to comply with a request made by Minister of Municipal Affairs Dalton Bales. The minister asked that \$300,000 be chopped from this year's budget.

Reductions were made in the area of salaries. This category was sliced by \$19,000 for the Clerk's and Treasurer's Departments. The police budget was cut by \$23,000.

Other major reductions in-

cluded - \$20,000 from Information expenses, over \$33,000 from the Children's Aid Society, and \$110,000 from interest payments.

Dr. Burrows described the program as 'an important measure' and said it would deal with a serious problem in the Region. The program, which would examine teeth of public-school students, would find the 'hard core' of children who do not have access to a dentist, he said.

Some council members sympathized with his point of view, although Mayor Ken Laushway supported the cancellation. Mr. Rettie pointed out that the money was originally intended for a full year's program, but it had not been initiated because of budget problems.

Dr. Burrows introduced a motion to supply \$7,500 to initiate the dental care plan. It was approved with Mayor Ken Laushway and Aurora Mayor Dick Illingworth opposed.

Theft loss - \$4,000

BLOOMINGTON - The value of property removed from a new home near Bloomington on the weekend has been estimated at close to \$4,000, according to the Whitchurch Detachment, York Regional Police.

The break-in occurred at the residence of Donald William Mathews, Ninth Line North. Mr. Mathews still lives at Gormley, R.R. 2, since the house is not yet finished.

Articles taken included a \$1,200 refrigerator, an automatic washer, still crated, an electric stove and a quantity of power tools belonging to the builder.

The robbery was discovered late Saturday night.

Bear cub stolen

MARKHAM - Officials of the Dept. of Lands and Forests are on the 'hunt' for a small bear cub, believed stolen from a residence Tuesday.

The pet was originally found in the wilds of Northern Ontario and brought to the area by its keeper.

The strap around its neck had been cut, an officer said. It is not known for certain if the incident is a case of theft or merely a prank.

It is illegal for unauthorized persons to keep a wild animal in captivity.

Town of Markham

Rural residents oppose hunting ban

MARKHAM - Rural residents, particularly farmers, are strongly opposed to any bylaw that would prohibit hunting in the new Town of Markham.

This was the feeling expressed by members of a delegation in attendance at a committee meeting of council, Tuesday.

While none spoke publicly, they made their opinions known later.

Council has yet to make a decision on the matter.

Sidney Dorland, an official of the Dept. of Lands and Forests, spoke against a hunting ban, but suggested non-resident licence sales could be cut back to 200.

Councillor Murray Henderson agreed that, from his information, it was the non-resident hunter that posed the problem.

Mr. Dorland said the former Township of Markham had operated under a regulated hunting program since 1938 and he could see no reason why the system should be changed.

One farmer told The Tribune that a petition circulated across two concessions had found 99 percent opposed to the ban. In addition to keeping the rodent population down to a normal level and reducing crop damage, it also aided in the prevention of a rabies epidemic, he said.

Another admitted that hunting was also a form of recreation, popular with many rural folk.

Lions Club

donates \$10,800

STOUFFVILLE - In the Lions Club year just concluded (1970-71), a total of \$10,888.90 was spent on projects and programs within the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

The figure, that does not include \$4,000 held in reserve for an addition to the Community Swimming Pool, was revealed in a financial statement prepared this week by Treasurer, John McDermott. The president was Ivan Harris.

A breakdown includes - Bike-a-Thon payments, \$5,792.90; sports and recreation, \$2,339.63; civic improvement, \$1,563.97; health and welfare, \$1,035.11 and sight conservation, \$158.00.

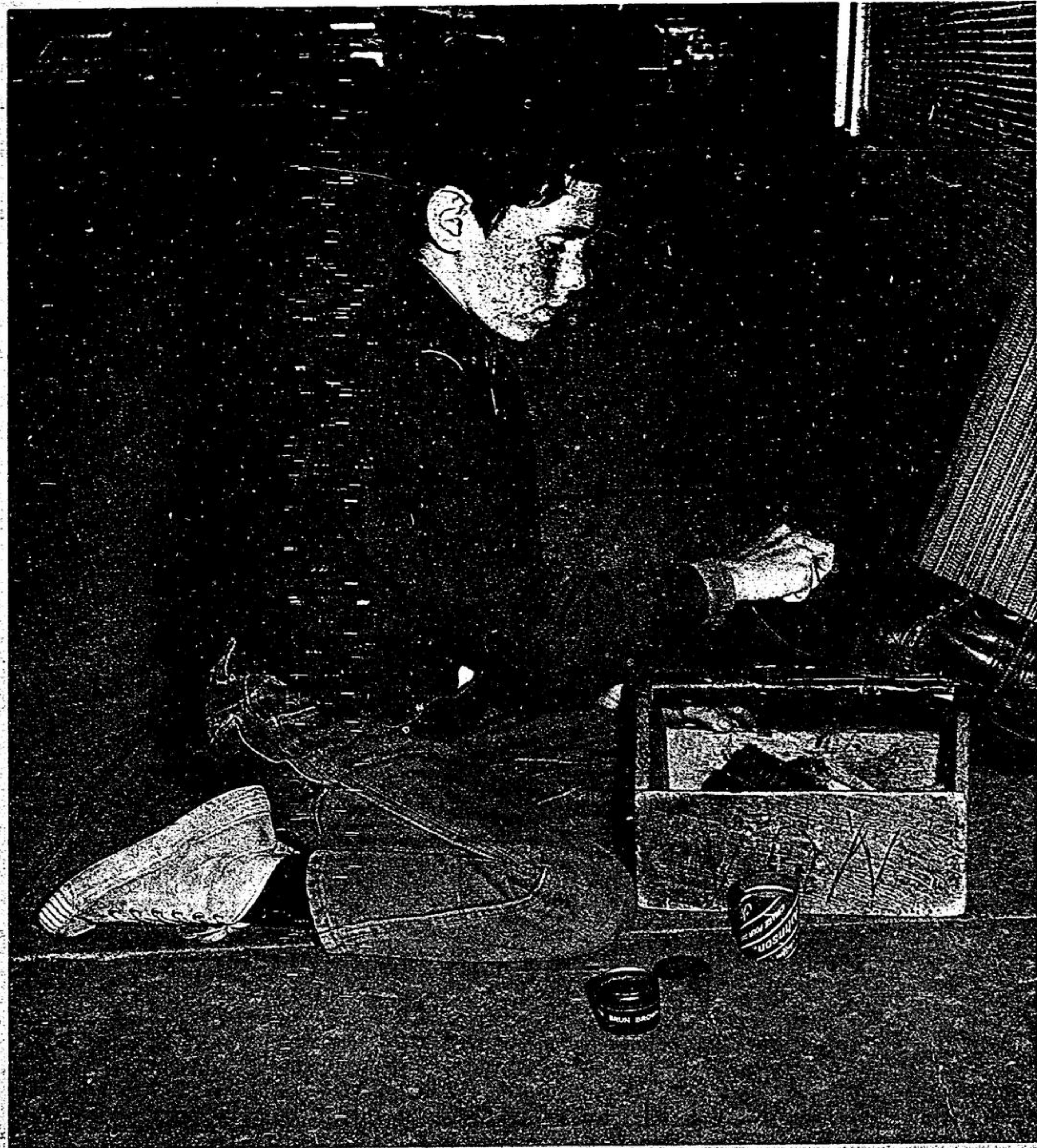
The biggest money-maker was the Bike-a-Thon at \$11,584.34; barbecue and draw, \$385.79; golf tournament, \$66.70 and Trade Fair, \$12.25.

Salesman shoots self in hand

MARKHAM - Some days, it doesn't pay to get out of bed.

While demonstrating the effectiveness of a .22 calibre Ramset gun, the man shot himself in the left hand.

The accident occurred at a construction site near the intersection of Hwys. 48 and 7.



Shoe shine boy is 'bright spot' on Main Street

"Shine, mister?" The voice has become a familiar on Main Street in Stouffville. The ambitious young lad is 11 year old Van Carter, William Street. Self-employed, Van operates the only business of its kind in Town, accepting such fees as customers feel the service is worth.

-Jas. Thomas.

Second apartment nearly filled

STOUFFVILLE - The demand for apartment accommodation continues in Stouffville.

Gerry Meharg, whose firm is responsible for the leasing of suites at Parklane Place in The Ponderosa, reports only three available out of fifty-one. One suite, in fact, was leased two weeks before construction was started and half were spoken for, a month prior to completion.

The Meharg Office is located in the Stouffville Plaza.

The majority of tenants are young married couples, Mr. Meharg said. Retired folk also find apartment living to their liking.

Each suite includes a stove and refrigerator. Rent covers heat, hydro and water. The building contains a laundromat, recreation room and sauna.

Mr. Meharg points to a definite need for this kind of accommodation in the community. He would like to see the authorities recognize this potential.

"In spite of Darcy McKeough's stand on the

Toronto-Centred Region Plan, it looks like people still want to come to Stouffville", he said.

Mr. Meharg retains one worry. "If the demand keeps up, where are people going to go?"

Will install traffic lights

STOUFFVILLE - The controversial intersection at Hwy. 48 and the Bloomington Road, will soon be protected by automatic traffic lights.

Mayor Ken Laushway made the announcement at a meeting of York Regional Council, Aug. 26.

The information, he said, had been phoned to him personally by an official in the Dept. of Transport.

Installation, Mr. Laushway said, would be completed when work at the corner is completed, likely this month.

Dazed by blow

STOUFFVILLE - A Stouffville man was found Tuesday, lying on the ground in a dazed condition near the north entrance to the high school on Edward Street.

Allan Goudie, Church Street, was bleeding from a gash on the side of his head. His right arm was cut and bruised. It was believed he had suffered a fall, but the location of the accident was not immediately known.

Antique Exhibition

MARKHAM - The 8th annual Antique Exhibition, sponsored by St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, will be held in the Markham Arena, Sept. 10 and 11.

In addition to dealer displays, exhibits of collectors' items of unusual interest have been acquired. A fashion show will be featured during the evening dinner hour.

Cyclist killed

MARKHAM - An 18 year old cyclist was killed Saturday, on Hwy. 7, a half-mile east of Hwy. 48 in Markham, when struck by a pickup truck.

John Karton, 18, of 4 Watford Ave., Toronto, was pronounced dead on arrival at York Central Hospital, Richmond Hill.

The truck driver was 16 year old Scott Boyington, Houghton Blvd., Markham. No charges have been laid.

Freak tractor accidents injure two operators

STOUFFVILLE - Two separate tractor accidents, thirty minutes apart, on the properties of two brothers, sent two persons to hospital, Aug. 25.

The first occurred at 6 p.m., on the farm of Ted Barry, Ninth Line North.

Sixteen year old Sandy Rasmussen of Stouffville suffered chest injuries when a wheel of the diesel machine passed over his body.

Police said the boy lost control of the tractor on leaving the field and tried unsuccessfully to jump clear. The unit, without its driver, continued on through a cabbage patch for a distance of 600 feet, crossed the road and came to a stop in a deep ditch.

A half-hour later, on the property of Bill Barry Welding, Main Street West, Albert Carey, 64, R.R.2, Stouffville, suffered a broken left leg, head and face cuts.

According to police, Mr. Carey was using a tractor to haul a heavy metal form across the lot when the load struck a steel post, flipping the machine over on the driver. A tow truck was required to free the operator.

Constable Ron Lowcock of Vandonf, investigated both mishaps.

Family escape bedroom blaze

UXBRIDGE TWP. - Five children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Burns had gone to bed for the night when fire broke out in an upstairs room at the former Dickinson family residence, conc. 4, Uxbridge Twp.

It was 3 year old Stephen who first noticed the blaze. He aroused his sister, Susan, 12 who spread the alarm.

Firemen from Claremont were on the scene in minutes and kept the flames from spreading.

Sixteen year old Debbie Burns, in whose bedroom the fire started, lost everything, including all her clothes. Others in the family include - Susan's twin sister, Sandra, 12, Robbie, 14, Allan, 10 and Barbie, 8.

The blaze has been attributed to a short-circuit, caused by a mouse eating through the insulation of an electric wire.

Mrs. Burns described the response by friends and neighbors as 'wonderful'. Immediate aid was also provided by the Pickering Red Cross and the Markham Clothing Centre.

Until repairs can be completed, the family will sleep in improvised bedrooms downstairs.

Hint no tax increase in '71

STOUFFVILLE - Seeing will be believing when Whitchurch-Stouffville Council reveals its belated budget figures for 1971, but indications are - no tax increase for town residents.

Mayor Ken Laushway hinted at a "hold-the-line estimate" prior to attending a Regional meeting in Newmarket, Aug. 26.

The Whitchurch-Stouffville budget will be handed down this month, possibly Sept. 14.

The town's Home Shelter Grant, a bonus from the Province, has been increased to \$73.

P.M. to address Pickering students

PICKERING - Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau will address an assembly of students in the auditorium of Pickering Dist. High School, Friday, Sept. 10.

Word of the visit has been confirmed by Liberal Party organizers in the area.

It's one of several stop-off points for the Prime Minister during a whirlwind tour of three County Ridings.

His arrival at the high school is scheduled for 10 a.m.

Hospital first - Board

MARKHAM - If sewerage services to the site of the proposed Markham-York hospital cannot be included as part of Markham's residential build-up plan, then the hospital project should come first.

This is what the Board recommended to Markham Town Council, meeting in committee, Tuesday.

The Board's action follows rejection of a building permit for Participation House, planned for a section of the same property. Officials were told that the sewage plant capacity was inadequate to serve the site.

The Ontario Water Resources Commission, however, has agreed that if sufficient cut-backs are made in subdivision plans, it will approve the hookup.

Lachlan Cattanaich, spokesman for the Board, said the Participation House project must proceed immediately or wait until 1972.

Mayor Tony Roman has promised a decision Sept. 7.

Wm. Hodgson survey

63% favor wage - price controls

YORK NORTH - A wide majority (63.8 percent) favor government action in implementing a form of wage and price control.

This is the result to date of an opinion poll, conducted by M.P.P. Wm. Hodgson, York North.

However, only 6 percent of the 19,000 questionnaires, sent out through the Riding by Mr. Hodgson, have been returned.

Results as tabulated follow:

(1). Should government take a more effective role in controlling wages and prices? - Yes - 63.8 percent; No - 15 percent; Undecided - 1.5 percent.

(2). Do you favor extension of

public support for Separate Schools to Grade 13? - Yes - 15.3 percent; No - 60 percent; Undecided - 1.06 percent.

(3). Would you favor government support to Private Schools for Ontario residents? - Yes - 13.7 percent; No - 70.2 percent; Undecided - 2.8 percent.

(4). Would you favor increased personal income taxes to help lower the present hospital and OHSIP premiums? - Yes - 16.3 percent; No - 64.3 percent; Undecided - 5.6 percent.

(5). Should off-track pari-mutual betting be a government operation? - Yes - 51.8 percent;

No - 19.4 percent; Undecided - 11.5 percent.

(6). Do you favor the reduction of age of majority to 18 years? - Yes - 51.8 percent; No - 18.8 percent; Undecided - 11.5 percent.

(7). Do you use the rail commuter system to Toronto? - Regularly - 17.7 percent; Occasionally - 51.3 percent; Never - 17.7 percent.

(8). Is the present Transit Bus Service to Toronto sufficient? - Yes - 25.3 percent; No - 32.1 percent; Undecided - 26 percent.

Mr. Hodgson points out, and as can be seen by the figures some of the questions were not answered.