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## Move to take over roads sparks council controversy

### Draw cancelled

STOUFFVILLE - A special share-the-wealth draw, scheduled for Dec. 18, has been cancelled because of poor response. Jim McKellar, who had been organizing the event on behalf of the Lions' Club, revealed that ticket sales have been very low. Profits from the draw were to go towards the Stouffville Fire Fund.

Mr. McKellar has assured all those who purchased tickets that their money will be refunded.

According to Treasurer Graham Hudson, the Fire Fund presently stands at \$9,000.

### Search for leak in police exam report

YORK REGION - The recent exams, held at Seneca College for officers of the York Regional Force, resulted in a failure rate of over 80 percent. The unauthorized "leaking" of this news has led to a manhunt within the Police Department itself.

It is understood that 61 officers wrote the test, and only 9 or 10 passed. Chief Bruce Crawford has refused to comment on the reports. The Chief has said that the results of these exams would be used to decide on promotion.

A special meeting of the deputy-chiefs was held Dec. 10 to discuss the leak. Chief Crawford was reported to be considering disciplinary action against the person who released the news.

YORK REGION - A massive report on the status and future of Regional Roads inspired wide-ranging debate at a meeting of Regional Council Dec. 9.

The report is basically a 10-year projection (to 1979) of the requirements of these roads. The Region has recently moved to take over more roads throughout the area. One focus of contention was a map showing priorities for construction work on the various roads to be assumed.

One such road is the 9th Line North, from Stouffville to the Ballantrae Road. The map shows an immediate need for work on the section north of Bloomington, but no need at all for work south of that. Mayor Ken Laushway felt that the study was not realistic.

"I don't think this traffic count is too reliable", he said. "Each year some of these roads go to pieces".

Councillor Jim Jongeneel supported this view. "The traffic study was made in 1968", he pointed out. "There have been fantastic changes in some areas in the last three years".

He demanded to know if approval of the report would mean accepting the priorities laid down. Administrator Jack Rennie said it would, but emphasized that these were primarily technical considerations.

"We have to establish some kind of projection, it's required by the Province", said Mr. Rennie. He predicted there would be "adjustments" in the future, and added, "The 1972 road-work schedule should be before Council by February at the very latest".

Discussion on roads in almost every municipality in York Region consumed almost half an hour. Mayor Tony Roman, of Markham, indicated that Council still retains considerable authority even after the report is approved.

"Financing has to be ap-

proved each year", he told Council. "As soon as this report is approved, we will begin updating it".

Other Councillors accepted this point of view.

"We have to supply some sort of program to the Department of Transportation and Communications", said Mayor Laushway.

The report was approved and referred for Committee study.

### Local roads to become Regional

STOUFFVILLE - In this area, a lot of road mileage is due to be taken over by the Region.

Those scheduled for Regional status include the 9th Line North as far as the Ballantrae Road; the 6th Concession for its entire length; and the 5th and 7th Concessions between Steeles Avenue and the Bloomington Road.

On most of these roads, a recent report recommends immediate construction. All the north-south roads, with the exception of the 9th, carry an "immediate" priority, although not for their whole length. The Bloomington Road, already Regional, carries the same designation.

A notable exception is the Gormley Road, from Ringwood to Don Mills Road. According to the report, work should be done on this in one to five years. Also the 9th from Stouffville to Bloomington is marked as "no construction needs".

The entire length of Kennedy Rd., also carries a "immediate" status. On maps accompanying the report, no Unionville bypass is shown.

### Diver missing

STOUFFVILLE - Archie Forfar, 39, has been reported missing on a deep water dive near Andros Island, and is feared dead.

Mr. Forfar, son of Mrs. Anna Forfar of Ballantrae, is a diver of international standing. In the past he has worked with some of the world's leading authorities, including Jacques-Yves Cousteau.

While details of the mishap are sketchy, it is reported that Mr. Forfar was practicing for a record dive. He went down, Dec. 11, with two companions, and only one of the three regained the surface. No bodies have been found.

His family has invited friends to attend a memorial service Dec. 19 at 2 p.m. The service will be held in Churchill Church, on the 9th Line north of the Aurora Sideroad. Lunch will be served.

Andros Island is in the Bahama group, a few miles from Nassau.

### Bremner site under attack

STOUFFVILLE - Bremner's Dump, which raised considerable controversy at the Dec. 7 meeting of Whitchurch-Stouffville Planning Committee, aroused even more during the Council meeting of Dec. 14.

The fireworks began when a delegation, led by Bob Lewis, submitted a brief. The brief asked that Council refuse to consider dumping at the Bremner site "on the grounds that the activities may directly or indirectly result in... pollution". Procedures at the site were sharply attacked. Mr. Lewis claimed liquid wastes were still being disposed of there, and said he wasn't aware of any household garbage which comes in 45-gallon drums.

The Bremner site is no longer licenced to dispose of liquid wastes.

Mayor Ken Laushway, appearing to be on the defensive, demanded proof of these claims. Mr. Lewis replied that such proof is hard to get.

Heated argument went on for almost an hour. At one point, Mayor Laushway reacted to criticism of Council for failing to control the operation.

"You were on Whitchurch Council yourself", he said to Mr. Lewis. "What did you ever do about it?"

Councillor Merlyn Baker, who had vigorously opposed last week's motion seeking a quote from the Bremner operation, felt Mr. Lewis' criticisms were justified.

"People at the Department level could have enforced the regulations, and this Council could have seen there were frequent inspections", he said. "Both these bodies have fallen short of their responsibilities. I say we have been irresponsible, and I accept the blame along with the rest", he concluded.

Keith Hutchinson objected to the way Council was reacting to the delegation.

"I feel we have been belittled", he said. "These are honest men. We've been pushed around here tonight".

Mayor Laushway promised to examine the site personally, in company with the Bylaw Enforcement Officer, Marshall Miller.

### Winter works

STOUFFVILLE - The Town has decided to seek an extra \$5,000 under the province's Municipal Incentive Program.

Participation in this project was authorized at a meeting of the Planning Committee Dec. 7. Stouffville's allotment this year is \$9,900, and it is felt that the Town can produce more programs if the people are available.



### Historic elm comes down

Mongolia's famous elm tree, located on 18th Avenue, west of conc. 10, Markham, begins its earthward plunge. While its age had been estimated at 200 years, it took less than 45

minutes to cut it down. The once-stately elm served as a flagstaff during the Mackenzie Rebellion of 1837.

—Jas. Thomas.

## Garbage — burning question

UXBRIDGE TWP. - It appears that the Department of Environment will temper its official ban on burning of waste in open fires with some flexible regulations, within the next few months.

The proposed regulations state, basically, that it is not necessary to obtain permission for an open fire as long as it is well tended and its smoke density causes no discomfort to people.

Mr. Bev. Beach, who has the contract for garbage disposal in Uxbridge Township and Stouffville Village, said the regulations were only tentative and this, added to meetings he has had already with representatives of the Air Management and Waste Management Branches of the

Department of Environment, has left him thoroughly confused about the official stand on garbage disposal. Air Management says "Burn". Waste Management says "Don't Burn". As a matter of fact, they would like the municipality to buy machinery and take over its own garbage disposal operations, rather than have it operated by a private individual", he said.

Mr. Beach stated that it was difficult to negotiate new contracts when there were uncertainties over what methods of disposal would be officially accepted. However, he and Council agreed upon a further short contract and Uxbridge Township garbage will continue to go up in unobtrusive smoke for the next six months.

## Residents fighting Hydro line

STOUFFVILLE - An eloquent protest against the route of a hydro line in the northern part of Whitchurch-Stouffville was presented to Council Dec. 14.

Bob Jones, whose property will be surrounded on two sides by the line, presented his case. He produced a number of letters in support of his contention that residents have not received a fair shake. One of the letters was from Whitchurch Township, saying another meeting to consider the matter would be held. This letter was sent after the meeting of March 1970; no further meetings were held, and Mr. Jones says he received no further information.

He claimed that the value of properties near the line would drop by 40 percent. Hydro, he pointed out, has flatly refused to pay any compensation except for the properties over which the wires will actually run.

Mr. Jones sharply criticized Council for not insisting on a public meeting before a resolution was passed Nov. 23 approving the route. Mayor Ken Laushway defended the action, and again attacked reports carried by The Tribune.

Councillor Betty vanNostrand suggested that the documents submitted by Mr. Jones put a new light on the matter. Other councillors agreed. A meeting will be sought between Council and Ontario Hydro, to discuss the possibility of a public meeting in future.

## Trailer camp opposed

STOUFFVILLE - An attempt to open a 100-unit trailer camp near Ballantrae ran into opposition at a Planning Committee meeting.

At its meeting Dec. 7, the Committee received a letter from a firm of solicitors. The proposal included not only the camp, but also a trailer sales office; the operation would be located in lot 17. Accompanying the letter was a cheque for \$25, as payment of a licence fee required by the Town.

Councillor Betty vanNostrand said she had discussed this matter with Mr. Shaver, the solicitor involved. She felt that such a camp would require a zoning change and an amendment to the Town's Official Plan. This should be handled like any other request for a zoning change, she said, and the cheque should be returned.

Other councillors were agreed. It was revealed that one of the company's principals, Mr.

Nils Hansen of Willowdale, is the owner of the land; the other principal is William J. Corcoran of Gormley.

"This is pretty low-lying land", observed Councillor Gordon Ratcliff, Chairman Tom Lonergan suggested that the proposal be turned over to the Regional Planning Dept. for study. Mrs. vanNostrand's motion was passed, and the cheque will be returned.

### Santa is here Dec. 18, 22 & 23

STOUFFVILLE - Santa Claus will be in his Chalet in the municipal square on Saturday this week, 10 to 12 a.m., and 1 to 5 p.m. In addition the jolly fellow will make his final appearances on Dec. 22 and 23 at 6:30 p.m., to 8:30 p.m.

## One killed, 5 injured in auto smash

STOUFFVILLE - One man was killed and 5 people were taken to hospital as the result of an automobile accident early Saturday morning.

Dead is George Martin, 34, of the 7th Concession, Stouffville. Mr. Martin was a passenger in a car, driven by Eric Hunsberger, 18, 8th Concession, Markham. Mr. Hunsberger and a third passenger, Marie Wideman, 16, were taken to Scarborough Centenary Hospital.

All the occupants of the second car, driven by Dale Rennie, 18 of Markham, were also taken to Centenary. They were Vladimir Smirnov, 18, 9th Conc., Stouffville, and Judy Taylor, 16.

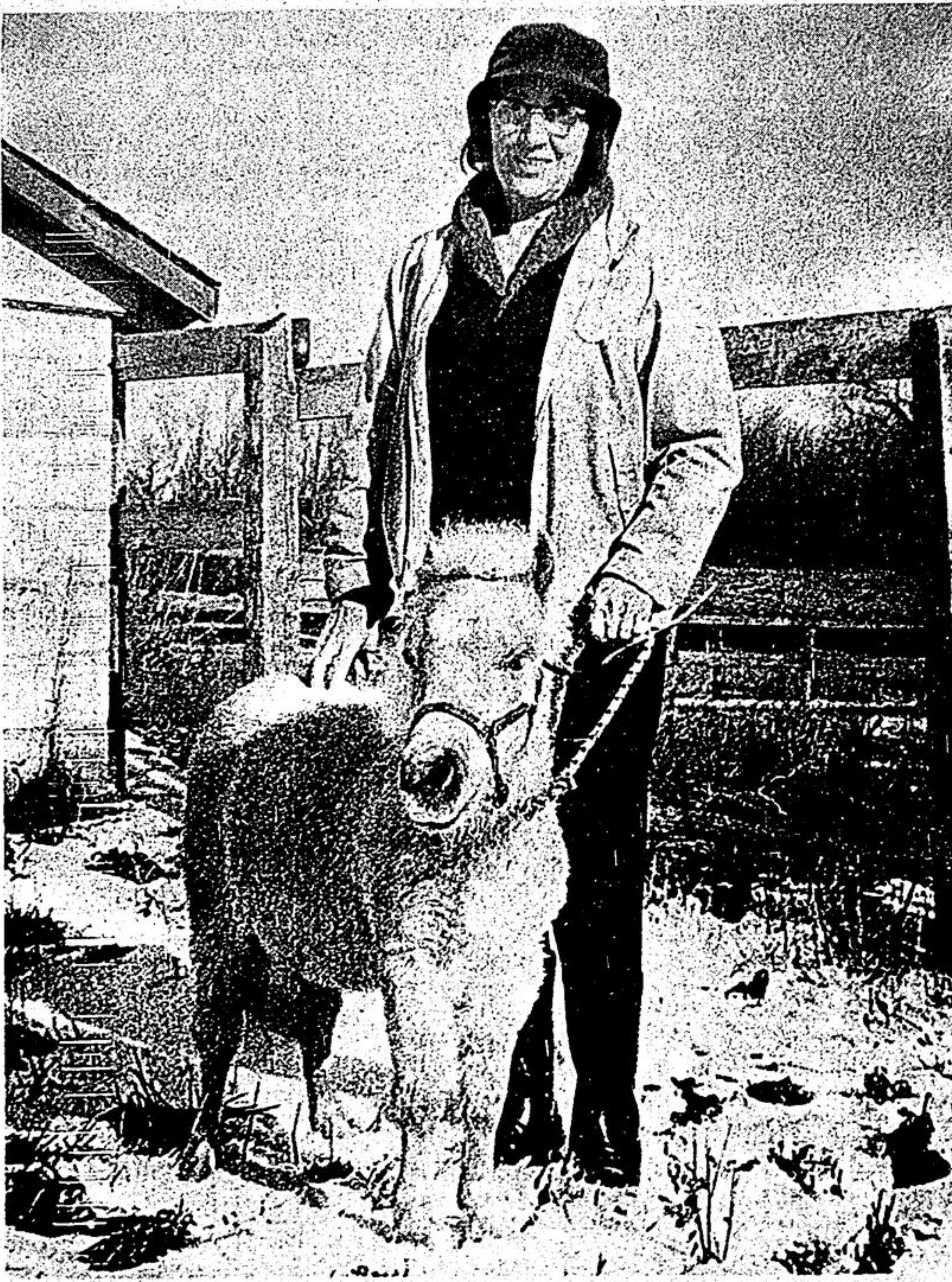
According to York Regional Police, Mr. Rennie's car was eastbound on the townline, approaching Ringwood. The car driven by Hunsberger was westbound, and a collision occurred as this car was turning south into a driveway.

### Phony card sales

STOUFFVILLE - The York Regional Police have issued a warning to local residents concerning door-to-door Christmas card sales.

The warning follows several complaints from the Richmond Hill area. Apparently a young woman has been taking orders for cards and obtaining a deposit. It is reported that no cards have been delivered.

Police advise all citizens to refuse to pay a deposit in such cases. Anyone approached is asked to contact the police at 887-5877.



### Horse flies to Rio

"Monty", a miniature horse raised on the farm of Miss Alma King, 17th Avenue, Markham, has been purchased by a man living in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. He was transported by station

wagon to Miami, then by aircraft to Rio. "Monty", 6 months old, stands 24 inches high. Miss King, shown here, wishes him "bon voyage" before the start of his journey.

—Mark Niblett.