

## School sale is approved

LEMONTVILLE - The former Lemontville Public School, conc. 7, Whitchurch-Stouffville, will be retained as a Community Centre.

The sale, for a purchase price of \$19,000, was approved by the York County Board of Education, Monday.

While the offer, according to campaign chairman Reginald Fairbanks, was below the price anticipated by the negotiating committee, "it was as high as we would go".

At a public auction, Oct. 30, the top bid was \$15,000.

Mr. Fairbanks told The Tribune he had already been in touch with Mayor Ken Laushway. "The next step is up to Council", he said.

## Ask additional senior citizens' accommodation

STOUFFVILLE - By resolution, Whitchurch-Stouffville council has requested the Ontario Housing Corporation to proceed with construction of 11 additional units of senior citizens' accommodation.

But Town Mayor, Ken Laushway is far from happy. He feels the survey, conducted by O. H.C., does not accurately indicate the current need. Mr. Laushway has been a prime promoter of such projects, including the completed apartment on Elm Road.

"I know there are some folks who didn't get an application in", said the Mayor, "I want to investigate this matter further".

A check of those who did apply showed some to be ineligible while some others later reconsidered.

## Protest costs

BROUGHAM - An important meeting of North Pickering area ratepayers, will be held in the township hall at Brougham, Thursday, Dec. 30 at 8 p.m.

An invitation has been extended to all members of Council to attend.

The main subject of discussion concerns the assessing of service costs across the entire municipality for which rural residents gain little benefit.

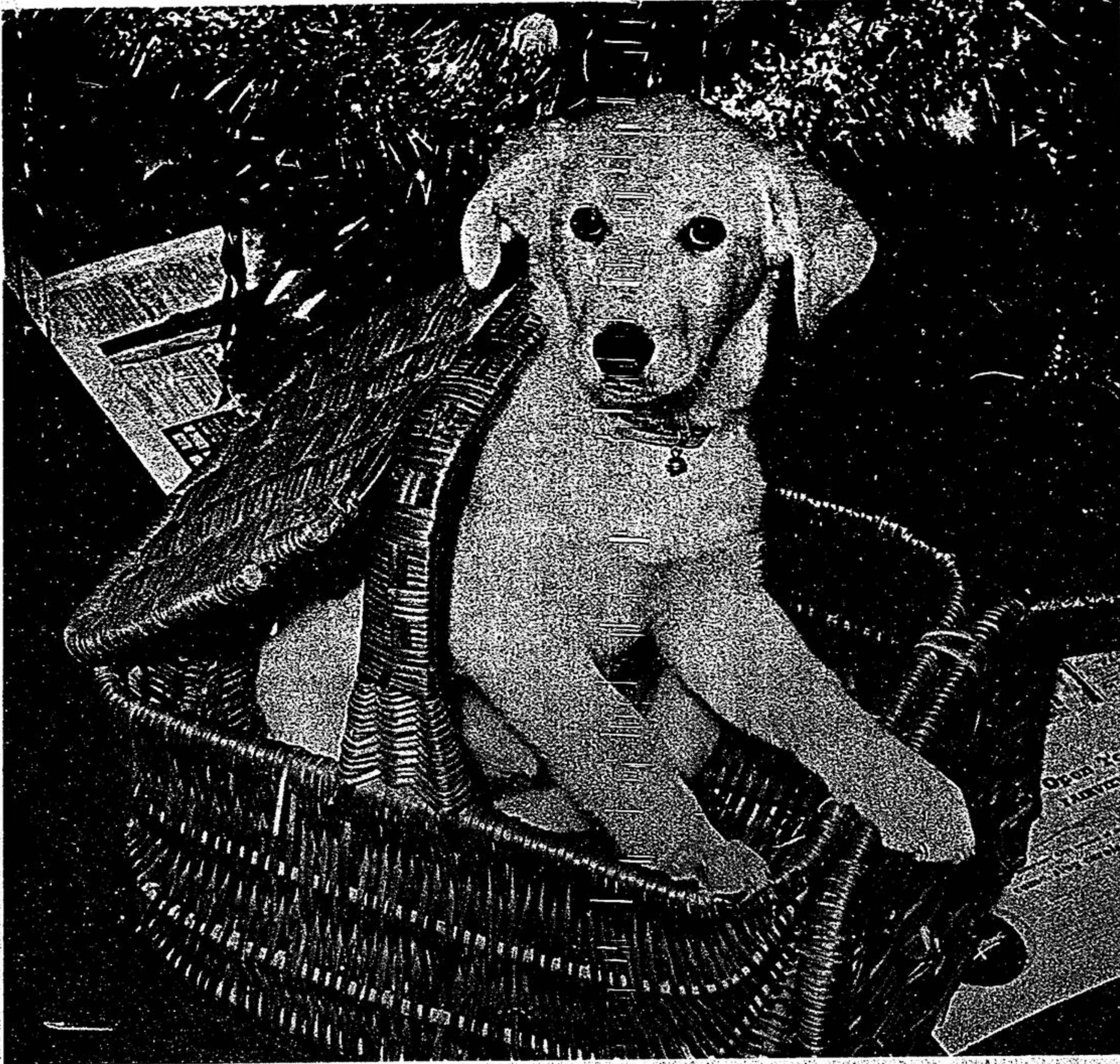
## Receive 103 fire calls

STOUFFVILLE - The Stouffville Fire Brigade responded to 103 calls in the year ending Dec. 15, 1971.

This is an increase of 15 over the same period in 1970.

A breakdown follows: Whitchurch-Stouffville, 75; Town of Markham, 11; Twp. of Uxbridge, 15; Twp. of Pickering, 2. There were 41 fire calls in the former Village of Stouffville and 34 in Whitchurch.

Brigade officers are unchanged for 1972, with Walter Smith, the Chief and Fred Castle, the Deputy-Chief. Volunteer personnel numbers sixteen.



Some gifts can't wait until Christmas

While Dec. 25 is the customary gift-giving day, some items can't wait that long. One of these is 'Tasha', an adorable Golden Labrador pup, purchased by Brian Irvine, 523 Rupert Ave., Stouffville, for his

wife, Sharon. The cute little 'girl' is one of eleven born to 'Goldie', owned by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Goudie, Church Street. —Jas. Thomas

## Town apartment area an 'unsightly mess'

STOUFFVILLE - A Victoria Street resident has termed the area surrounding Stouffville's newest apartment building 'an unsightly mess'.

In a letter to Council, Dec. 14, Robert Sanderson referred to the work as 'inconsiderate action' and criticized the spread of mud on both Albert Street, where the site is located and Sunset Boulevard to the west. He demanded the road be restored to its original condition at once.

Mr. Sanderson charged that more than just his property was affected. He alleged that no consideration had been given to drainage problems before the dumping began. He noted too, that children walking to Orchard Park School had been

forced to find a new route and the Walter Pipher residence was 'surrounded by mud'.

"I don't object to progress", Mr. Sanderson concluded, "but I feel the residents have been ignored and treated as second-class citizens".

Mayor Ken Laushway readily admitted that Mr. Sanderson was justified in registering his complaint. He called the matter 'a deplorable situation'. He termed the problem as a typical example of not formulating definite plans before work is started. "I hope we can avoid this kind of thing in the future", he said.

Mr. Laushway said there had been some improvement in recent days, but predicted that much of the cleanup would have

to be done by the Town.

In reply to a question from councillor Tom Lonergan on whether the cost would be charged back to the developer, the Mayor said he didn't really

know. "We must do what we can now", he said.

During the discussion, it was revealed that on one occasion, a 25-ton bulldozer was found parked overtop the Victoria Street pumping station.

## Farm workers injured

WOODVILLE - A freak accident, Monday, on the farm of Clarence Baker, near Woodville, injured two persons, including Mr. Baker's son.

Edgar Evans, formerly of Claremont and Allan Baker were working near the barn, when a heavy door suddenly fell, pinning the two men beneath. Mr. Evans is in Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay

with two crushed vertebrae and bruised ribs. Allan suffered a broken left wrist.

For Mr. Evans, the latest injury is one of a series of accidents to place him under doctor's care. In the fall, a calf kicked him, injuring his elbow and later, while administering a vaccination, the needle slipped, penetrating his face, close to the eye.

## No-flasher zones

## Council acknowledges hazard

BETHESDA - If at first you don't succeed, try, try again.

This has been the motto practiced by Mrs. Wm. McGregor, Bethesda Sideroad, R.R.1, Gormley. And her determination has paid off, not only for the parents of school-aged children in her neighborhood, but perhaps for all communities in Whitchurch-Stouffville, facing a similar problem.

That problem is - a provincial law that makes it illegal for school bus drivers to operate 'stop flashers' in speed zones less than 40 miles per hour.

Town council, Dec. 14, agreed

to consider a bylaw that would raise the speed limit to 40, not only on the fifth concession, but on other roads in the municipality.

Initially, council felt the change should come from the provincial level and requested the co-operation of M.P.P. Bill Hodgson to bring this about. Mr. Hodgson agreed and promised to lend his support when the issue was introduced for discussion at a Party caucus. However, all hope for a change in legislation was dashed on receipt of a letter from Hon. Charles McNaughton, Minister of Transport. He maintained

that any law that would require all motorists to stop in under-40 mile zones would, in his words, "create unwarranted congestion".

The replies failed to satisfy council. Mayor Ken Laushway suggested the speed limit be raised to 40 and predicted, that under Regional jurisdiction, it could possibly go to 50.

When Mrs. McGregor re-emphasized her concern, councillor Merlyn Baker introduced a resolution, calling for a survey of other Town roads and the preparation of a bylaw for consideration, Dec. 28. Support was unanimous.



A little bit of heaven

Candlelight services were held in many churches, Sunday, including St. James Presbyterian, Stouffville. Sharing in the magic of the moment is pretty 4 year old Heather Nicholson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Craig Nicholson, Stouffville, R. R. 4. —Jas. Thomas

## Blame Christmas lights

# Family escapes Goodwood fire from window

### Damage estimate \$12,000

GOODWOOD - Dick and Sharon Burgis, R. R. 1, Goodwood, were looking forward to a wonderful family Christmas. Gaily wrapped gifts had already been placed under a lighted basement tree. Mrs. Burgis' parents were coming out from Toronto to spend the day.

But all this is now changed, the result of a flash fire, early Sunday morning that caused an estimated \$12,000 damage to their cozy third concession home.

Mr. and Mrs. Burgis and daughter Kimberley, 3, were lucky to get out alive, so quickly did the smoke and flames spread through the house. They escaped by jumping from a second storey bedroom window. Mrs. Burgis suffered a sprained ankle and frost bite when she ran through the snow to a neigh-

bor's to summon aid. The cause of the blaze has been attributed to faulty wiring in the Christmas tree.

Dick Burgis and his family moved to the Goodwood area in August. He is a graduate from the University of Guelph and employed with the Ontario Department of Agriculture. The contents of the home is covered by insurance.

From the road, the residence still looks much the same, located at the end of a tree-lined lane. Closer inspection, however, reveals the extent of the damage within.

While the interior can be repaired, the work will take many weeks - perhaps months. In the meantime, the family are living with her parents in Toronto.

## 'A gift'

# New \$12,000 tanker

STOUFFVILLE - It's going to take a large-size stocking to hold the Christmas gift, Fire Chief Walt Smith is expecting, Dec. 25. It's a \$12,000 water tank truck, acquired by Whitchurch-Stouffville in an agreement with the developers of the V. L. A. Subdivision at Ballantrae.

The 1972 Dodge, equipped with a 2,000 gallon tank, will be retained in the Stouffville firehall and made available when needed throughout the area served by the local brigade.

Fire committee chairman, councillor Gordon Ratcliff doesn't look on the truck as an outright 'gift', since the Town agreed to perform certain road construction works within the development. The vehicle is being accepted in lieu of payment on this job. However, he feels the municipality will benefit, since the old truck has outlived its usefulness. "I only hope it gets here soon", he said.

With Christmas only two days away, Chief Smith isn't banking too heavily on its arrival, Saturday, or even by New Year's. Besides, he's hopeful none of the units, old or new, will be needed.

## Driver charged

STOUFFVILLE - Eric Hunsberger, 18, of R. R. 2, Markham, has been charged by York Regional Police with criminal negligence causing death.

The accusation follows an accident near Ringwood, Dec. 11 in which George Martin, 34, of R. R. 4, Stouffville, was killed. Four other persons required hospital treatment. No trial date has been set.

## Trees stolen

UXBRIDGE TWP. - The Spademan property on the sixth concession of Uxbridge Township, has some of the finest Christmas trees in the area - so good, in fact, families have come from miles around to cut their own.

But callers of another kind visited the site recently - after hours. They smashed the lock on the gate and stole not one, but an entire truckload of trees.

The theft loss has been estimated at \$150.

## Told to obtain glasses young driver 'takes off'

STOUFFVILLE - When an officer of the Whitby Detachment, Ontario Provincial Police, stopped 20 year old Patrick O'Connor of R. R. 3, Stouffville, and checked his licence, he discovered that the permit was valid only when the motorist was wearing glasses. The constable instructed the youth to obtain a pair within half an hour or his car would be towed off the road. Instead of complying with the request, the officer testified, O'Connor sped away. The constable gave chase.

In Provincial Court, Whitby, Dec. 14, the accused was convicted of dangerous driving. He was ordered to pay a \$200 fine and his licence was suspended for 12 months.

The incident started on Main Street East in Stouffville and ended on a County Road in Pickering. Speeds reached 100 miles per hour, the officer said.

When the auto was finally stopped, the constable continued, the driver grabbed a case of beer from the vehicle and again attempted to leave. A scuffle followed and, with the help of another officer, O'Connor was forced into a cruiser.

## Level pits or else!

STOUFFVILLE - Legislation will likely be approved by the Cabinet this week, to establish a gravel pit improvement program, effective Jan. 1, 1972.

This is the latest word from M.P.P. Bill Hodgson (York-North), in a telephone conversation with The Tribune, Monday. However, the plan, that would charge 2 cents per ton to be placed in a site rehabilitation fund, will not be effective immediately in Whitchurch-Stouffville, he said. But he anticipates that, in time, the law will eventually cover the entire province. "This type of mineral is essential", he said, "but its operation must be controlled".