

## Court clears Markham constable of assault charge witnesses testify to alleged 'deal' by lawyer

### Rabies clinic

STOUFFVILLE - Free rabies vaccination clinics, sponsored by the Health and Animals Branch, Canada Dept. of Agriculture, will be held in Stouffville, Markham and Thornhill, Feb. 3 (today). Pet-owners are urged to take advantage of the service.

In Markham, the clinic is at the Arena from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; in Thornhill at the Farmer's Market from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and in Stouffville, at the Fire Hall from 2 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

All dogs should be kept on a leash, officials urge and cats should be properly restrained.

### Medical award

STOUFFVILLE - Stouffville physician, Dr. Donald Petrie, has been honored through the presentation of the Upjohn Study Award, one of six scholarships granted in Ontario each year.

The bursary comes from the College of Family Physicians of Canada (Ontario Division), of which Dr. Petrie is a member. It affords doctors an opportunity to do post-graduate work in a field of their choice. The value of the prize is \$500.

Dr. Petrie has held a membership in the College since entering practice. The organization promotes the upgrading of professional qualifications, supports research and aims at maintaining a high standard among its associates.

Dr. Petrie, a resident on Edward Street and a staff physician at the Stouffville Medical Centre, will use the award to study with a learned doctor in Toronto.

### Home burns

MUSS LAKE - Using a blowtorch to thaw out frozen water pipes has been blamed for a blaze, Sunday, that destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Casimiri and family, Mitchell Drive, Musselman's Lake.

Stouffville firemen responded to the call but the rear section of the structure was already engulfed by flames. The fire soon spread into the main section of the house.

Mr. and Mrs. Casimiri had occupied the residence for about three years. No one was injured. The family is now staying with relatives in Markham.

### Truck - car crash

LEMONVILLE - In any match between a compact Chevy II 'Nova' and full-sized Ford 9000 tractor-trailer, the transport generally wins.

The result of such an encounter, Tuesday, resulted in the disappearance of the Chevy's rear deck. But the



Lions president displays parental pride

The senior winner in the Lions-sponsored oratorical competition, is usually accorded the customary handshake by the Club president. There are exceptions to every rule, however. Here, president John

Foulds passes up the handshake procedure to plant an affectionate kiss on the cheek of his charming daughter, Pauline. —Jas. Thomas.

## Horses edge snowmobiles from Markham race meet

driver, Robert Syme, R. R. 4, Stouffville, although admitted to hospital for treatment, suffered only minor injuries.

The collision occurred at the intersection of conc. 7, Whitchurch-Stouffville and the Bloomington Road.

The truck, owned and driven by J. T. Francis of West Hill, was carrying a full load of gravel at the time. Although the trailer was ripped loose and overturned, the cab remained upright.

Constable Ronald Newton, York Regional Police, conducted the investigation.

MARKHAM - In this mechanized world, horses can hardly compete with snowmobiles when it comes to winter race meets.

But at Markham, the nags were the favorites when the issue came up for discussion at the Fair Board's annual meeting, Jan. 26.

Two organizations, wishing to use the track for snowmobile races, were turned down, when directors learned the facilities were utilized by the jockeys every weekend, all winter long.

The initial application was received from the Markham-Unionville Lions Club. Suggested race dates were Feb. 12, 19 and 26.

The second came from the Markham Softball Association. Board president, Gerald Mann said a resolution was already on the books, outlawing snowmobile activity on the grounds. Signs to this effect have been erected.

The president pointed out, however, that the Lions were a responsible organization, contributing much to the good of the community. For this reason, he said, the request deserved some consideration. He noted too, that while horses occupied the barns and used the track, they were

doing so without a contract. "They just moved back in after the Fair was over", he said.

Past president Bert Paisley said snowmobile race promoters could be having second thoughts now, after the meet held Jan. 23 at the C.N.E. He termed it a "complete flop".

Director, Mrs. Mary Wilson said a decision on the matter had already been made. "She said she could see no reason to change it."

Vice-president Ellis Britton said the horses were already accommodated there. "I don't see how we can put them out, just for two or three days of snowmobile racing."

The meeting agreed that the motion, already written into the books, should stand.

### Simpson or Sampson?

STOUFFVILLE - Councillor Herb Simpson, whose extremely high forehead, has all the shine of a 500 watt bulb, startled members at a Town Planning Committee meeting, Tuesday, when he entered the room wearing a flaming red wig.

### Better late . . .

MARKHAM - The Markham Agricultural Society (Markham Fair), had its beginning 117 years ago. The date was 1855.

At the annual meeting of the Board, Jan. 26, Bill Reid of Ashburn returned a silver trophy to the executive. It had been won by John Miller Sr., for his entry in the class 'Best Bull of Any Age'.

Engraved on the cup was the year - 1873.

Alan Wall, Agricultural Representative, York Region, presented the trophy to Bert Paisley with the comment: "It may be a little late but . . ."

### Allegations serious - Judge

MARKHAM - A charge of assault, filed by a 25 year old man, against a former Markham Twp. police constable, almost one year ago, was dismissed, Tuesday, following a 5-hour hearing before Judge Clare Morrison in Newmarket Provincial Court.

Peter David Scott, now serving a 2-year reformatory sentence said he was shot at by an officer he identified as P.C. Robert McCausland, and later, in the Buttonville station, was punched, kicked and struck over the head with a nightstick.

The arrest of Scott, it was learned, occurred Jan. 5, 1970, after constable McCausland entered the property of Knob Hill Farms Market, Hwy. 7 and Don Mills Road, to investigate a suspected break-in.

With respect to the alleged beating, Dr. C.A. Bhaba of Toronto, who examined the complainant two days later, said he observed numerous bruises, abrasions and swellings on the man's body.

Scott's lawyer, Phillip Spencer, Toronto, said that on two occasions his client had attempted to lay the charge, but had been turned down by Justice of the Peace, Archie Campbell. Later, he said, this decision was overruled by the Attorney General's Department.

Under cross examination, Scott admitted his motive in laying the charge, was to get police to reduce their charge of breaking and entering, to one of malicious damage.

During the course of evidence, Detective Bruce Findlay, Security Officer, Wm. McMullen and Constable McCausland testified they heard lawyer Anthony Bazos of Toronto tell the accused at Richmond Hill Court, Oct. 19, 1971, that if the officer refused to reduce the charge against Scott, then the officer himself, would be charged with assault.

"I said I wouldn't be a part of that, and I reported the conversation to the Crown Attorney", constable McCausland said. The officer vehemently denied assaulting Scott at any time. He earlier admitted shouting a warning to the accused and a companion to stop as they ran from the supermarket, and then firing one shot in the air.

Constable Ronald Reesor said he accompanied the two men to the station following the offense. He said he saw no one struck or kicked.

Former Markham Police Chief Harvey Cox said at no time did Scott complain to him of any mistreatment.

Detective Bob Burbidge, who fingerprinted Scott, said the accused never complained to him, nor was there any sign of injury.

Defense Counsel David Humphrey said, in his opinion, Scott had concocted the story in an attempt to have the charge reduced. He argued that the man's injuries were there before his arrest. He termed it "unfortunate" that constable McCausland had been forced to go through such an ordeal. He suggested too, that it was regrettable that the administration of justice should have ever allowed the case to come to trial.

Special Crown Attorney J.M. Dillon of London, said rather, that it was a credit to the administration that the case had been aired in open Court, in order to prove to the public that nothing was withheld or hidden.

In acquitting the constable, Judge Morrison observed that certain "serious allegations" had been made against members of the Bar which, he said "I don't feel I should comment on".

### CNR would close station

STOUFFVILLE - An application to close down Stouffville's railway station, has been made by the C.N.R. to the federal board of transport commissioners.

The Department has asked for an opinion from Town Council on the request.

Mayor Ken Laushway said he had no objection to the closing providing an alternative service was provided for freight handling and commuter train passengers. He also suggested that commuter tickets be sold locally rather than only at the Union Station, Toronto.

## Ask government aid to retain plant

UXBRIDGE - The impending shutdown of Comco's three plants, the largest of which is located in Uxbridge, has produced appeals to both provincial and federal authorities.

A group, headed by Oshawa M.P.P., Dr. Charles McIlveen and including municipal officials, provincial members and United Auto Workers Union leaders, met with Alan Grossman, Minister of Trade and Development, Jan. 31.

In addition, federal members, Norm Cafik (Ontario) and Ed Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby)

are attempting to arrange a similar meeting with Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, Jean-Luc Pepin. This discussion, they hope, will take place next week.

The closing of Comco will mean a loss of 225 jobs in Uxbridge.

In a late development, The Tribune has learned of a recommendation put forward by Mr. Cafik, that would amalgamate the three existing plants 'under one roof', with the centralized operation to carry on from the present location in Uxbridge.

## Stand on own feet York trustees told

YORK REGION - Too great a dependency on directives from the Dept. of Education and too little self-motivation on the part of the local Board, has been criticized by Ross Jolliffe, Chairman for 1972.

He addressed the trustees, Jan. 24, following election to the post. He succeeds Arthur Starr, Gormley, R.R.1.

Chairman Jolliffe challenged the Board to deal specifically with programs and philosophy rather than spending time on what he termed 'housekeeping matters'. He praised the leadership

provided by Board Director, Sam Chapman.

Mr. Jolliffe said there was a tendency on the part of York trustees to blame any shortcomings on ceilings established by the Department. Rather than "being led", he recommended the Board "take the lead" in its association with Queen's Park. To accomplish this, he urged everyone, including teachers and staff to display "a greater spirit of co-operation and understanding".

A motion, supporting the Chairman's remarks, was carried unanimously.

## Hodgson's election account is triple rivals' expenses

YORK NORTH - It pays to advertise - at least it would seem that way when total votes are compared with expenses in the recent York North election campaign.

Bill Hodgson, successful Conservative candidate, retained the Riding with a 7,513 vote majority over his closest rival, Bob Lewis of the N. D. P.

He also spent over three times as much money as Candidate Lewis. In fact, campaign ex-

penses for both New Democrat Lewis and George Timpson of the Liberals combined, did not equal the figure expended by Mr. Hodgson.

The totals for each were released this week by returning officer, Leslie Hagell, Gormley, R. R. 1.

The breakdown follows: Bill Hodgson - Contributions, \$16,333.16; Expenses, \$16,333.16; Bob Lewis - Contributions, \$4,016.48; Expenses, \$5,320.33;

George Timpson - Contributions, \$1,294.00; Expenses, \$5,648.31.

If the figures are accurate, it would mean that Mr. Hodgson's contributions were sufficient to meet all costs. Such was not the case for the other two. Bob Lewis had to dip into his own pocket for \$1,303.85 while Geo. Timpson used \$1,354.31 from personal funds.

In final ballot tabulations, Conservative Hodgson, polled 15,556 votes to 8,043 for Lewis and 6,094 for Timpson.