

New town Post Office by 1974

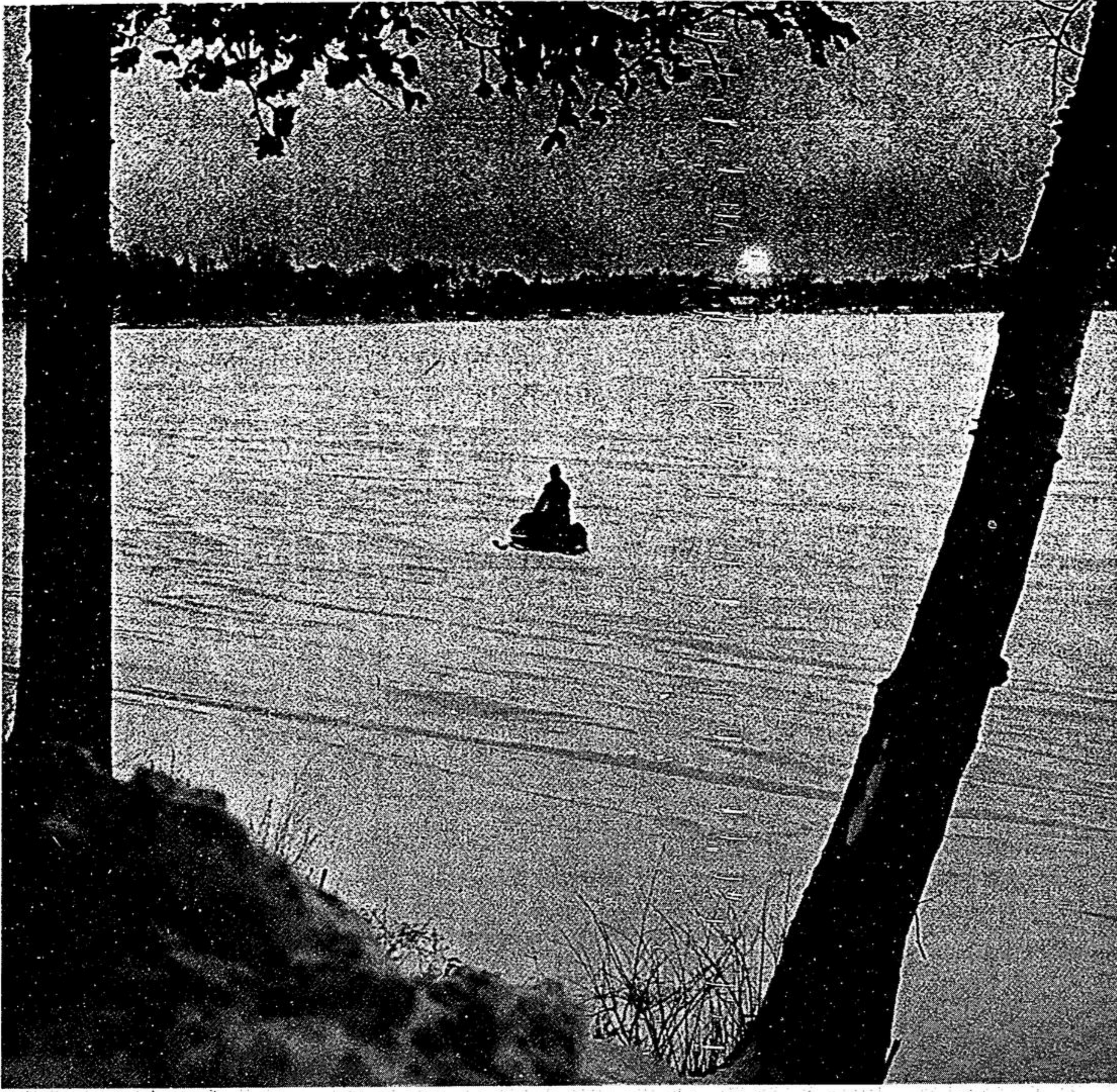
STOUFFVILLE - The federal government has included \$360,000 in its two-year budget estimates, to build a new Post Office in Stouffville, the work to be completed in 1974.

Word of the planned project was telephoned to The Tribune by John Roberts, M. P., York-Simcoe, from his office in Ottawa.

A start on construction is scheduled for early in 1973. The site location was not revealed.

Mr. Roberts said the present building would likely be sold by tender or demolished.

It is anticipated that carrier service will not be inaugurated in town until after the structure is finished.



Lake scenes change with a change in seasons

A lone snowmobile was the only sign of activity on the frozen surface of Musselman's Lake when a Tribune cameraman happened by late Saturday afternoon. In five months time, however, the season will have changed, and likewise, the scenery.

Save horses from fire

STOUFFVILLE - Sixteen horses were led to safety when fire, of unknown origin, threatened a barn on the property of Bayview Farms, conc. 7 and the Stouffville-Gormley Road, Feb. 23.

Mrs. Ben Ewen, wife of the owner, said the blaze started in a pump house. "It just seemed to explode," she said.

Many valuable horses are stabled at Bayview, the former Arthur Paisley farm. None of the animals was injured.

New library building anticipated by 1974

STOUFFVILLE - A sum of \$125,000 has been established in Whitchurch-Stouffville's 5-year debenture forecast, for a new Public Library.

A start on the project is anticipated by 1974.

Commenting on the item, Feb. 22, Mayor Ken Laushway said the same figure had appeared in previous forecasts but nothing had ever been done. He admitted that an immediate decision was difficult and suggested that the direction council should take should be

much clearer in two years' time. Estimated expenditures over this 5-year period total \$825,000. Included, in addition to the library are the following - parks and recreation, \$150,000; roads, \$200,000; sanitary sewers and waterworks, \$200,000; general upgrading of Town facilities, \$150,000.

All figures are subject to change, it was pointed out. Clerk Ralph Corner said it was highly unlikely the municipality would need to issue debentures for the full amount.

Uxbridge man killed on way to funeral

UXBRIDGE - On Thursday afternoon, Norman Smalley, Beach Street, Uxbridge, was to serve as a pallbearer at a funeral for a friend in Markham. But fate intervened, while completing the turn at the Roseville intersection. His 1968 model car was hit broadside by a transport truck, killing the motorist almost instantly.

Norman Smalley was well-known in rural Uxbridge, operating a farm at Sideroad 35 and the 4th concession until his retirement to town, 3 years ago.

He was a member of Sandford United Church.

Surviving, besides his wife, the former Evelyn Cain, is one son, Allan, a student attending Carleton University in Ottawa. A sister, Nellie (Mrs. Nelson Oliver) resides on East Street in Uxbridge.

Rev. Eric Warren of Sandford conducted the service, Sunday, from the Funeral Home of Low and Low, Uxbridge. Hundreds of friends and neighbors called to pay their respects. The floral tributes were beautiful.

Pickering says 'no' to proposed airport

PICKERING TWP. - The Twp. of Pickering wants no part of any federal plan that would locate a jumbo jet airport in the municipality.

Council made this plain, Monday, following a daily press story that indicated the site could be in an area bounded by Hwy. 7, the Brock Road and the C. P. R. line.

Members' stand was supported by a delegation of residents, the majority from the township's rural section.

Councillor Don Kitchen presented a notice of motion,

rejecting any airport site proposal for Pickering, with the recommendation that Ottawa clarify its intent as soon as possible.

The council also turned down a request from the Dept. of Lands and Forests for a 3-day deer hunt in Pickering this fall.

A delegation, headed by Jim Murray, Clarendon, R. R. 3, spoke in opposition to the hunt, claiming the damage caused by trespassers would be far in excess of the problems created by the deer.

From France to India

6,000 mile bike trip

Leaves Paris
April 1

STOUFFVILLE - Six thousand miles by bicycle! Quite an undertaking, for even the most ambitious of pedal-pushers. But not for 20 year old Paul Hamilton, son of Rev. and Mrs. John Hamilton, Baker Avenue, Stouffville. He's looking forward to the trip.

Paul and his travelling companion, Jon Jantzen of Kansas, will leave Paris, France on April 1, and will cycle through parts of Italy, Yugoslavia, Turkey, Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan and India.

For Paul, Mussoorie, India is almost like 'home', since he attended school there as a boy. His parents served on the mission field in that area for several years.

Paul and Jon anticipate few problems, with the exception of completing a border crossing from Pakistan into India. "I'm hoping the tension between the two countries will have eased somewhat by the time we arrive," he said.

Paul has set aside \$2,500, and this includes his air fare to Europe and the purchase of a new bike. He saved the money, working as a library technician at the University of Toronto. The idea first came to him as a student in Grade 9, when he talked to a rider who had just completed a trip from Berlin to Calcutta. He decided to make the 'dream' a reality in 1971.

Paul and Jon will travel light. Even their tent weighs only 2½ pounds. They hope to get by on \$2 expense money each, per day.

What of the future? Paul will return to

Paul Hamilton, Baker Avenue, Stouffville, leaves April 1 on a 6,000 mile bicycle ride that will take him from Paris, France to Mussoorie, India. —Jas. Thomas.

Stouffville in the summer of 1973 - unless, of course, he happens to meet up with some pretty little Afghanistanian, along the way.



Pickering farm assessment 'ghastly mess'

Enforce market valuation reject test case formula

PICKERING TWP. - A 'ghastly mess', is the term used by a Federation of Agriculture official to describe the handling of farm land assessment appeals in the Twp. of Pickering.

The problem, dating back to 1968, deals with the insistence of valuating farms on a basis of market sales, rather than productivity.

In York, Halton and Peel, however, a test case, involving the now famous Cyril Clarke appeal, resulted in a court victory for the farmers. The Clarke formula was then applied, following an agreement with local township councils.

But in Pickering, this procedure has not been accepted.

According to the Federation, Clerk D. J. Plitz explains Pickering's position this way: "Council feels that present farm assessment is fair. They want the Ontario Municipal Board to make a decision on our assessment here, rather than use the Clarke decision for us".

Underlying the township's concern, is the fact that re-assessment of farm properties, according to productivity, would reduce taxes on farms by approximately \$500,000 a year.

Arthur Richardson, a member of the Assessment Review Court, heard the farmers' appeals, Feb. 16 through 23. He denied most of them.

According to Edward Aldridge, farm valuation manager, at the Ontario Assessment Office, Whitby, the farmers who have had their appeals denied, will receive official notices within 14 days of the hearings.

"These farmers can then appeal to a County Court Judge," Aldridge said, "they should write to Miller Harbinson, Regional Registrar of the Assessment Review Court at Newmarket, within 14 days of mailing of the denial notice, stating they would like to appeal the decision of the review court to a County Judge."

Gordon Hill, President of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, has urged farmers to pursue their appeals until they obtain a satisfactory decision. "It is totally unfair that a farmer, earning his living from the sale of farm products, should pay for the actions of speculators. Increased value doesn't mean he grows more corn or raises more cattle. At present, it's just an increased cost, that he can ill afford".

Hill says the Provincial Assessment Branch is prepared to recommend average assessment reductions of at least 25 percent on farm land presently under appeal.

\$39 million for education

YORK REGION - York Region's education budget for 1972 has been finalized at \$39,640,000 - up 8 percent over last year.

The figure remains within the expenditure limit, set by the province. More restrictive ceilings are anticipated in 1973.

The student-teacher ratio in York remains unchanged.

Canadian Tire Store

Wins council approval despite protest

STOUFFVILLE - Council has decided to ignore objections to the proposed Canadian Tire Store on Main St., West.

During the meeting Feb. 22, it was revealed that two objections had been received, containing a total of 12 signatures from local garage operators and businessmen. Mayor Ken Laushway said these objections had been considered, but the zoning bylaw in question was passed after considerable negotiation over a site plan. A motion was put forward to authorize Clerk Ralph Corner to apply for Ontario Municipal Board approval of the bylaw, stating that council "believes that development of these lands is in the best interests of the municipality".

Councillor Tom Lonergan, Chairman of the Planning Committee, said the previous zoning envisioned some development like this, and agreed that it would be in the best interest of the people to allow it to proceed.

"Everybody has a right to

object", observed councillor Gordon Ratcliff, adding "I don't think this (development) will be harmful".

Mayor Laushway said the objections were based on a fear of losing business, but suggested the Canadian Tire Store might, in fact, attract even more business to town. The motion carried unanimously.

At the same time, The Tribune has learned that another possible difficulty has arisen over the Canadian Tire proposal. Officials say that the O.W.R.C. has refused to approve any more sewer construction in town. Since the store was to be serviced by sewers from the Ninth Line, it would be directly affected by this ruling.

It was pointed out, however, that the O.W.R.C.'s position may be altered as a result of Council's recent action in asking York Region to proceed with an extension to the sewage plant.

"This whole thing will probably be settled before Canadian Tire starts to build", said a spokesman.

Boy under blankets

Spared from killer

CLAREMONT - Blackpool's Victorian Hospital in England, is a long way from Clarendon, but the massacre there, that took the lives of three small children, has resulted in shock waves, felt thousands of miles across the sea.

Two little boys and a girl died in their beds, victims of an intruder's knife.

However, 3 year old Stephen Holland survived because,

according to a staff nurse, he had a habit of sleeping with his head under the blankets. Stephen is the great grandson of Mrs. Eliza Hartley, Clarendon, R.R.2.

The killer failed to see the little lad in the dimly-lit room or, hospital officials say, he would have died like the rest.

A man, said to be a former hospital physician, was later arrested by police.