

Too many cars too few roads

BALLANTRAE - "We've run out of roads", commented a harried Ontario Provincial Police constable, Sunday, as Toronto-bound traffic, the heaviest ever, for this time of year, was backed up solid for several miles in several directions.

The congestion occurred around 3 p.m., as families departed for home after spending a few hours at various Christmas tree farms, near Ballantrae, Vivian and Uxbridge.

Some vehicles without snow tires, plus a few minor collisions, added to the mayhem, particularly on the Vivian, Aurora and Bloomington Roads.

"There's just nowhere to go", replied a York Regional Police officer, when questioned concerning the hold-up. Much of the overflow was finally directed west onto Don Mills Road, and south to Toronto.

In Stouffville, on Saturday, the traffic exceeded anything seen last summer. Deputy Fire Chief Fred Castle said it took him 20 minutes to travel from the Ninth Line to the firehall, in response to an alarm.

Swiss trip fan support

STOUFFVILLE - Stouffville's Bantam hockey club, including 20 players, will leave next month, to participate in a series of exhibition games in Switzerland.

The boys will have plenty of fan support, with 56 spectators, including team management, making the trip.

Personnel are: Mr. and Mrs. Art Latham, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Watson, Miss Sharon Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Grimshaw, Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Acton, Mr. and Mrs. Wil Morley and Michelle, Mrs. June Button, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Wes Oswald (President of the O.M.H.A.), Mr. and Mrs. Jack Campkin, Mrs. Edith Milne, Mr. and Mrs. Bryant, Mr. Bill Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Merv Turner, Mr. Larry Malone, Mr. Dave Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Tomisto, Mrs. Diane Morgan, Mrs. Nancy Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Hamm, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hamilton, Mr. Peter Hamilton, Mrs. Revea Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Feasby, Mary Haines, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Wagg, Mr. Gary Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Whitehead, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Whitehead, Mr. Bill Barry, Mr. Les Todd, Lee Turner, Dana Turner, Jill Turner and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barkey.

Car - a 'weapon'

STOUFFVILLE - A Stouffville man, alleged to have used his car in the form of a 'weapon', has been charged with assault by York Regional Police.

It is reported that on Dec. 15, Thomas Yip, Main Street, became involved in an argument with Lloyd Myles of Caledon East, and began fighting on Newkirk Drive, Richmond Hill.

Following the skirmish, police said Mr. Yip got into his car and



A gift at Christmas that lasts all year long

Golden Retriever pups, every boy's dream of a perfect Christmas gift. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mason, R.R.3, Stouffville, north of Altona, have not just three, but ten of the cuddly little pets, now 7 weeks old.

The sizeable family is a first litter for 'Ginger', the mother. The pups, or most of them, are for sale.

—Jim Thomas.

Staff Inspector Wally Harkness

No proof of arson in golf clubhouse blaze

STOUFFVILLE - Staff Inspector Wally Harkness of York Regional Police, claims there is no proof whatsoever, that the \$250,000 blaze, early Saturday morning, that levelled the lavish clubhouse at Sleepy Hollow Golf Course, north of Stouffville, was the work of an arsonist.

Mr. Harkness noted that while the property is close to sites of other unexplained fires, investigations by his Department and the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office, had uncovered no

evidence that the blaze was purposely set.

He said he wished to allay fears among residents in the Whitchurch-Stouffville community that every blaze in the past three weeks was attributable to some kind of maniac or 'fire bug'. He observed, however, that his Office was anxious to work closely with the people in the district, and all information would be welcomed.

The Sleepy Hollow fire was first spotted by a York Regional constable around 2 a.m. Although the Stouffville brigade responded quickly, the structure was a mass of flames by the time they arrived. Nothing was saved.

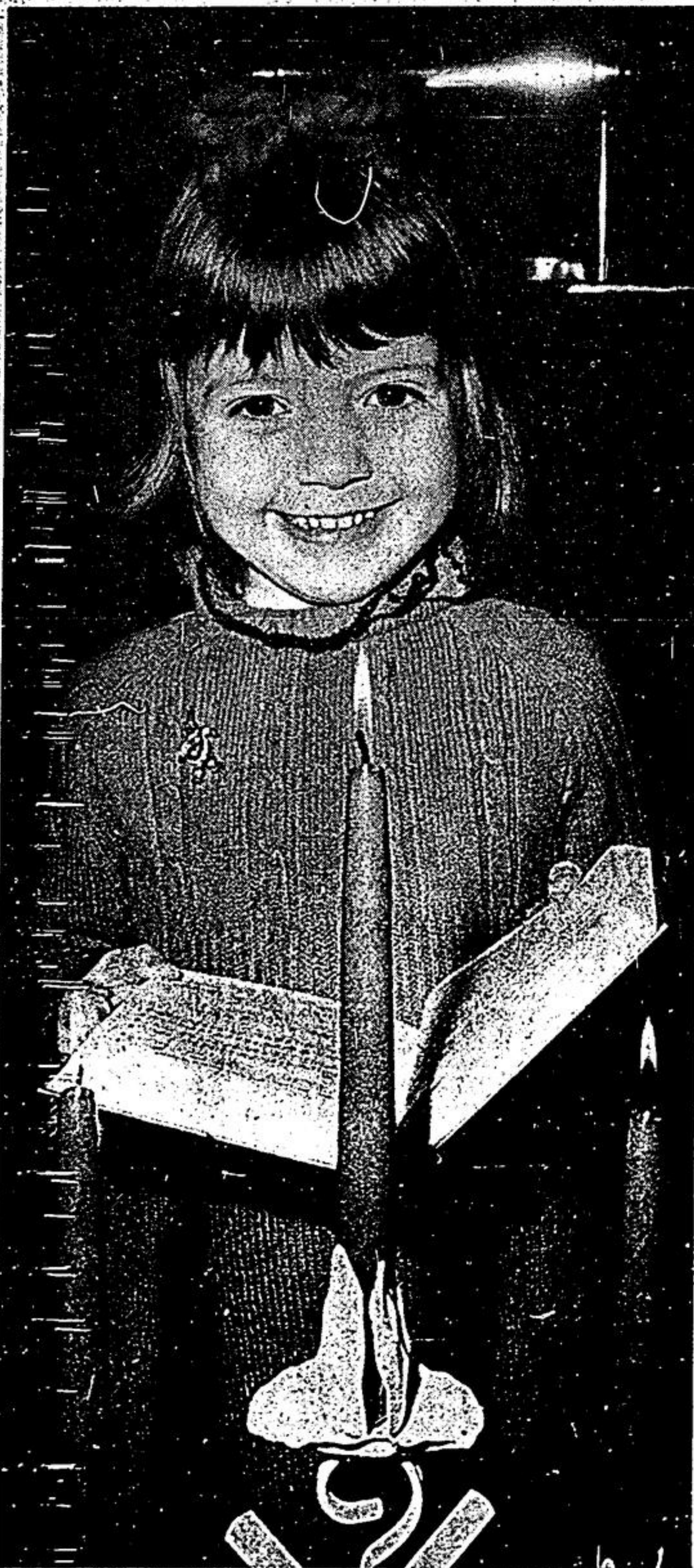
Club manager, Gunther Murk said a wedding reception had been held at the site earlier in the evening. He said he left the building about 1:30 a.m. Less than 30 minutes later, flames were shooting out the sides and through the roof. He termed it "unbelievable" that a fire could spread so fast.

Bert Turcotte of Toronto is a principal owner. He also operates clubs at Buttonville and Peterboro.

On Sunday, several members visited the fire scene, hoping to salvage at least a portion of their belongings. While the steel lockers remained intact, the contents inside were lost. One golfer, stood among the ashes, holding only the cleats from a new pair of golf shoes.

The Stouffville Kinsmen Club also lost some equipment. The clubhouse had been their regular meeting place.

Mr. Murk said the banquet hall had been booked solid throughout the Christmas and New Year's period. He said the majority of companies had submitted deposits in advance.



Angel by candlelight

Candlelight services were held in many area churches during the past week, including St. James Presbyterian, in Stouffville. Looking every bit the part of an 'angel on earth' is pretty 4 year old Michelle Lacarte, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lacarte, Altona.

Give and take for Town in boundary shift

York Region enlarged

STOUFFVILLE - Whitchurch-Stouffville will lose a small portion of land at its south-eastern corner to a new municipality which will comprise sites for the planned airport and its attendant North Pickering community of 200,000 persons.

Conversely, the Town will annex areas in Uxbridge and Pickering Townships - the extreme south-west and north-west corners, respectively - which do not form part of the airport zone.

These new boundary alignments were revealed, Dec. 18, when Ontario Treasurer Chas. S. MacNaughton and his parliamentary assistant, Donald R. Irvine, M.P.P. for Grenville-Dundas, unveiled a provincial proposal to establish regional government, directly east of Metropolitan Toronto.

The proposal covers 1,168 square miles, a population of

236,000; restructures 22 existing municipalities into 9 and includes the urban centres of Oshawa, Whitby, Uxbridge, Ajax, Bowmanville, Newcastle, Port Hope, Cobourg and Port Perry.

At Whitchurch-Stouffville's easterly boundary, an amalgamation of Uxbridge Twp., Town of Uxbridge and part of Pickering Twp., north of the 7th conc., which is excluded from the airport lands, will form one of the 9 municipalities. This configuration, along with the airport municipality to the south, leaves Whitchurch-Stouffville with a small, square appendage of land at its south-east corner.

The rationale for this alignment of the adjacent boundaries, as explained in the proposal, is to incorporate all land directly associated with the airport, to avoid jurisdictional problems in the future.

High pollution risk at pit-dump site

STOUFFVILLE - An application received by Whitchurch-Stouffville Planning Committee, over a month ago, to permit disposal of 'clean industrial waste' in the former Roberts' gravel pit, Bloomington Road, received comment in a letter from the Ministry of Environment, Dec. 15.

The site, the Ministry observes, is 2,000 feet upgradient from wells which supply the Town's water, and the potential to pollute is extremely high.

"Clean industrial waste" is a vague description and though the deposition of inert fill, such as bricks or broken concrete, would not degrade the ground water quality, soluble wastes could find their way into the site.

The Ministry concludes that policing of wastes arriving at the site would be impractical, if not impossible, and recommends the proposal be rejected.

The letter also referred to the Water Quality Branch's stand following unauthorized dumping that took place on the site in April, when it urged the practice

be stopped and that consideration be given to removing any wastes in the pit.

Child hurt

STOUFFVILLE - A 4 year old Lemonville girl is a patient in Toronto Sick Children's Hospital, but still hopes to make it home in time for Christmas, following an accident on Main Street, Stouffville, Dec. 15.

Heidi Hirsch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hans Hirsch, Stouffville, R.R.4, suffered a fractured skull, when she ran into the path of a car driven by James Stanley Brown, Watson Drive, Stouffville.

The victim was taken first to York County Hospital at Newmarket, and later transferred to Toronto, when the seriousness of her injury was learned.

York Regional Police constable Graham Morris conducted the investigation. No charges were laid.

Student walkathon raises over \$4,500

UXBRIDGE - If all pledges are honored, the 10-mile walkathon, sponsored by the staff and students of Uxbridge Secondary School, Dec. 14, will raise \$4,500.

More than 600 young people, Grades 9 through 13, took part, along with 14 teachers.

Proceeds will go to the Canadian Save the Children Fund.

Thursday's trek marked the fifth year of the project. Since 1968, the school has raised \$15,614, exclusive of this year's walk. The route is changed each time.

Principal Peter Bernhardt said that of the 600 plus participants who started out, only three or four failed to finish. Some were on horseback, and these counted as long as those who pledged were made aware of the mode of travel.

Mr. Bernhardt said no problems were encountered and entries were accorded generous support. The route was patrolled by both the O.P.P. and Uxbridge Police, as well as private volunteers.

Arson attempt

STOUFFVILLE - Attempted arson is suspected after an unidentified person hurled a burning ball of paper into a barn on the property of Wayne Tyson, R.R.2, Stouffville.

Fortunately, the blaze burned itself out, without igniting the contents of the structure.

York Regional Police were called.

Farm residents in the Whitchurch-Stouffville area are uneasy due to the rash of fires in barns during the past three weeks. A 'fire bug' is believed responsible, but no arrest has yet been made.

Not milk

STOUFFVILLE - A Stouffville youth, found drinking beer in the Stouffville Plaza, Dec. 14, has been charged by York Regional Police with consuming as a minor.

In a completed report on the incident, the lad's age was listed as 10.

Students prepare 'super' show

STOUFFVILLE - If enthusiasm filtering down through the ranks of students, given a preview of the Secondary School's Variety Show last week, is a prelude to the performance to be presented tonight (Dec.21) then the entertainment we can expect will be anywhere from 'neat' to 'super'.

The show, originating with the school's Drama Club, augmented by Glee Club singers and individual talents, will feature musical numbers and skits written by the students.

Mrs. Dianne Stuart, English teacher, and co-ordinator, speaks highly of the 50 per-

formers and 150 'helpers' involved and, particularly, of director Jim Brodie's efforts in practically every phase of the production.

This is the second 'charity' variety show presented by the students. Proceeds from the previous one went to victims of the fire which razed the Ratcliff Block in 1971.

Through sale of tickets - Adults \$1.25; Under 12's, 50 cents; Students (with activity cards) 75 cents; Students (without) \$1 - the scholars hope to aid Crippled Children, Student Activities and supply craft material to Green Gables Manor.

Mrs. Stuart explains that

interest in the Manor's craft program was sparked through the beautiful rug-hooking work done there by an elderly gentleman. To help promote this skilled work and occupational therapy, proceeds will subsidize his material outlay.

A rug has already been acquired by the student body, and donated to the library.

Last year a near capacity audience turned out to support the Fire Fund concert.

The theme of this Thursday's show, which starts at 8:30 p.m. in the school auditorium, is 'Youth' and the youthful student troupe once again deserves full support for its charitable efforts.