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MARKHAM — UXBRIDGE — WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1972

## York Police radio system is inadequate

YORK REGION - The communications equipment acquired by York Regional Police when the force was created in January, 1971, is inadequate.

The decision was outlined in a letter presented to York Regional Council by the York Regional Board of Commissioners of Police, Dec. 14.

The equipment was obtained from the former municipalities of the County of York and combined to develop a radio communications system to be used by the entire York Regional Police force.

But according to the letter, it has broken down on 10 occasions.

Councillor Ray Twinney defended the new installation. "Just this week, Mr. Chairman, our system was out of operation for eight hours and with a region of this size we cannot afford this kind of problem."

The system accepted by the Board will cost an estimated \$296,499.

Council accepted the Board's request to apply for a grant for the total estimated cost from the Province of Ontario.

## Motorist beaten - robbed

YORK REGION - A Scarborough man was severely beaten and later robbed of \$250, after attempting to play the role of the 'Good Samaritan' and give five people a ride home.

Police said John Wesley Waugh picked up five persons, then noticed a car following close behind. When he stopped, two men approached the vehicle, opened the door and pulled him out.

After striking the driver repeatedly, they forced him to reveal where he kept his money.

The five passengers then joined up with the two accomplices and left.

Wanted for questioning in connection with the incident, is one man from Stouffville and another from Markham.

## Make own news

MARKHAM - Doren News Limited of Markham, has been making as much news as it dispenses.

On Dec. 7, the firm, along with an employee, Dora Victoria Welch of Toronto, were jointly charged with possession of obscene literature for the purpose of distribution.

A police search of the premises, recently, has resulted in the arrest of still another staff member, Roger Robert Goudreau, 39, of Lakeshore Boulevard.

The charges are the same.

## Town to pay councillors' pension

MARKHAM - Markham Town councillors will receive a pension through the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System and the Corporation of the Town of Markham will pay for it.

Council voted on the pension issue Dec. 19, after they rejected a contributory plan whereby councillors would pay 50 percent and the corporation pay 50 percent.

But with the accepted plan, the corporation pays the full 100 percent.

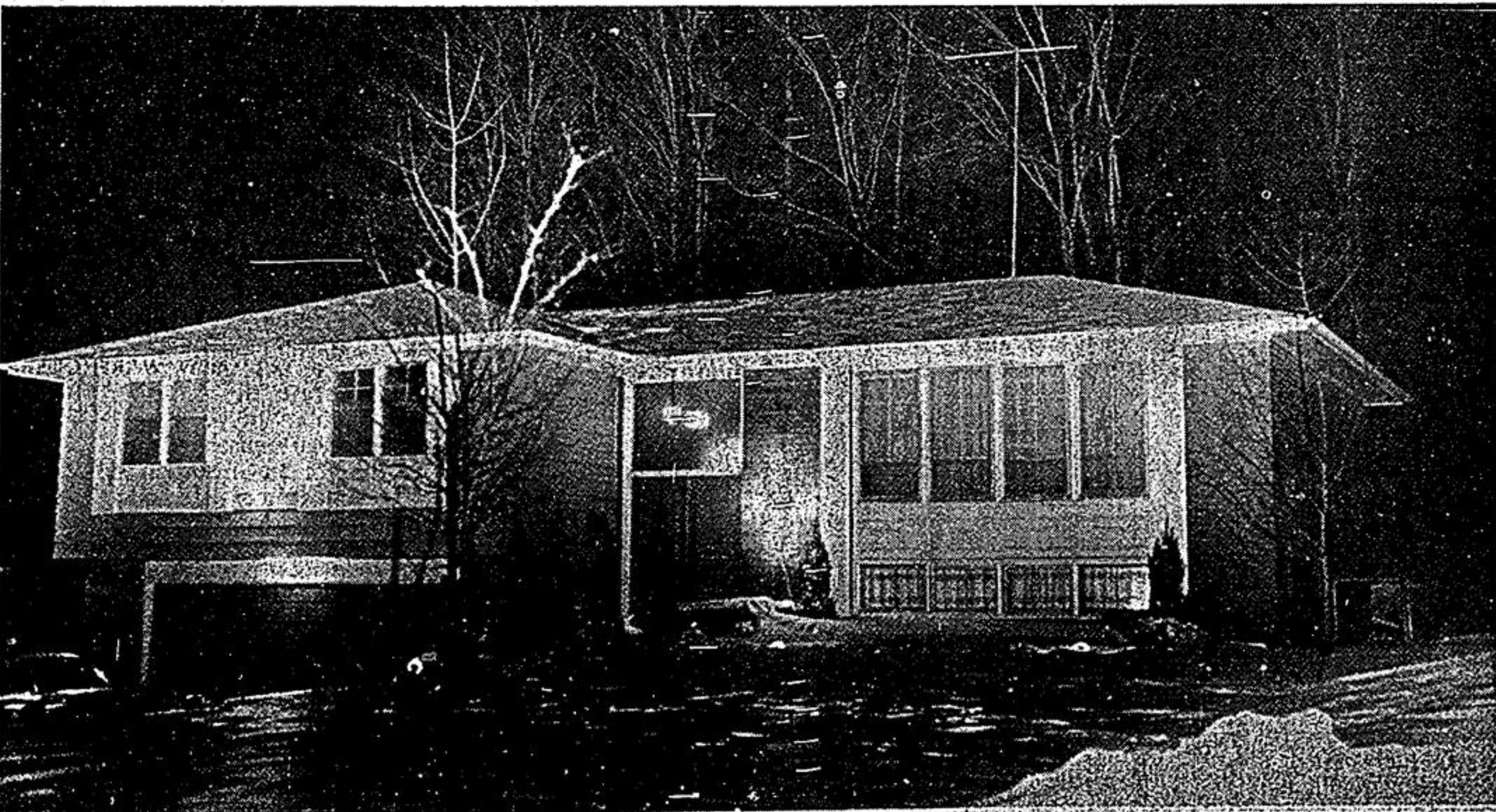
Prior to the voting, councillor Roy Muldrew said "All we're doing is benefitting five councillors who are not coming back in the New Year".

The plan will be retroactive.

## Winter wonderland of lights



Almost like magic, the approach of Christmas transforms Town of Markham subdivision areas into a lighted fairy land. The majority of homes are 'dressed up' for the holiday occasion, including the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Henry, 3 Sherwood Forest Drive. —Jim Thomas.



All aglow this Christmas is the lovely home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Toby, 33 Christman Court, Markham. Many families set aside one evening this time of year, to tour the streets and see the sights. —Jim Thomas.

## Budget \$46 million for Cedarwood land

PICKERING - A forty-six million dollar budget was approved by the Ontario Legislature, Dec. 13, for land purchase to develop the Province's Cedarwood community, south of the proposed Pickering Airport.

It is reported that about 75 percent of the total cost will be covered by the federal government, even though its plans for the airport site are in doubt.

Claude Bennett, minister without portfolio, in charge of the development, indicated that initial housing projects would be started by 1977. The site is expected to accommodate up to

200,000 people. A further \$79 million will be spent on land acquisition.

If the airport plan is shelved, Mr. Bennett affirms the community development will continue. However, it would mean a delay of 15 years in reaching the

maximum population. Already, 3,500 acres have been acquired for over \$20 million.

Donald Deacon, Liberal Member, York Centre, stated that the community should have been developed as far east of Metro as Cobourg, where land

prices had not been subjected to the speculation that had occurred near Toronto. He quoted the Town Planning Institute's belief that the project would "contravene every sound basic principle of good planning".

## A year gone by

## Community Centre not complete

LEMONVILLE - It was back in December of 1971 that the former Lemonville Public School was acquired by the Town of Whitchurch - Stouffville, for the sum of \$19,000.

Following a campaign that raised \$4,000, Art Latham of Stouffville donated the entire amount required, leaving the committee free to repair and remodel the interior.

The original plan was to utilize the property for a Community Centre.

That was one year ago.

On Dec. 14, George Hirsch, R. 4, Stouffville, told a meeting of the Whitchurch - Stouffville Recreation Committee, that after all this time, the contract had not been completed, and, in fact, the building was being used very little by anyone.

The 16 year old Grade 11

student, attended the meeting only out of interest, but was drawn into the discussion by members who wished some up-to-date information on how the

project was coming along.

Mr. Hirsch said the contractor seemed to be working on the job on a hit-and-miss basis. He said initially, the project was expected to take only a few weeks, but had since extended into months.

The speaker stressed the need for a Centre, to serve as a focal point for community activities.

"As it is now, most people don't know we exist," he said.

Councillor June Button noted that while the problem was not the concern of the Recreation Committee, she would contact councillor Merlyn Baker, a second Town appointee on the Board, to try and speed up completion of the contract.

Committee Chairman, Ed Grimshaw commended Mr. Hirsch on his interest and presentation.

## Color tour

MARKHAM - The Good Neighbor's Club of Markham, were treated to a 'color tour' of town, Tuesday, courtesy members of Markham Kiwanis.

The trip, that took over an hour, included the beautifully lighted subdivision areas, as well as Main Street. Refreshments were served at the conclusion.

The tour, sponsored annually by the Kiwanis, is much appreciated by the community's senior citizens.

## Airport site - Cedarwood a municipality

MARKHAM - The proposed Pickering airport site and community lands to the south (Cedarwood), will form one of the 9 new municipalities to be established, by the provincial government through its proposal to regionalize a 1,168 square mile area, east of Markham.

The airport property, according to the proposal, is being incorporated into one unit to 'avoid any jurisdictional problems' and the established airport boundaries, defining the new municipality, push the Town's adjacent border back to their western limits.

The proposal for regionalization, which was unveiled by Ontario Treasurer Charles S. MacNaughton and his parliamentary assistant, Donald R. Irvine, predicts heavy growth pressures for the community area within the 'airport' municipality. It refers to this section as a 'unique' development which the

Government is assessing in relation to its administrative structure.

While the Town of Markham has lost part of its eastern definition to the new municipality, the Region of York, will be expanded through the addition of Scott Township to East Gwillimbury as one unit.

It is also proposed that the communities of Brock, Thorah, Beaverton and Cannington amalgamate to create an area municipality, that the extreme corners of Uxbridge Twp. (south-west) and Pickering Twp. (north-west) be annexed into Whitchurch - Stouffville and York Region.

East Gwillimbury and Scott would establish a community of 11,500 persons and there would be no change in representation on regional council. The amalgamation of the other four would encompass 7,227 persons and the head of council would become the regional representative.

## Region Plan greeted by hoots and jeers

ONT. CTY. - There were hoots and jeers at the conclusion of a presentation, by Ontario Treasurer Charles S. MacNaughton, of the government's proposal to regionalize an area, bounded on the south by Lake Ontario, including Lake Scugog and Reach Twp. in its northern boundaries and stretching from Metro Toronto eastward past Coburg.

An audience of administrative representatives, from areas affected, jammed Eastdale Collegiate, Oshawa, Dec. 18, and many present were obviously upset by the proposed restructuring of municipalities.

Mr. MacNaughton assured the audience full opportunity would be given to consider the recommendations, written submissions from interested parties would be accepted until the last day of February, 1973.

and his parliamentary secretary and staff would meet with all municipalities to discuss their concerns.

His comment that the Ministry would look forward to response and constructive criticism was greeted with shouts of "You'll get them - don't worry", and rose to a crescendo of derision when he referred to the proposed set-up as a 'dynamic new municipal system that will provide you with the kind of local government you need to chart your future'.

Although losing his 'cool' momentarily to chide the audience, he finalized his speech by wishing everyone Merry Christmas.

The meeting terminated amid a mixture of catcalls and applause as the Minister and his assistant quickly left the stage.

## Markham opposed to land 'bite'

MARKHAM Mayor Tony Roman, contacted after the release of provincial proposals for the regionalization of a large land tract east of Markham, commented emphatically on the information that 20 percent of the Town's acreage would be annexed in order to incorporate the 'airport' and 'Cedarwood' community sites into one of 9 municipalities proposed for the new region.

Though conceding that the airport area should be unified under one administration, the Mayor stated that he had hoped it would come under York Region.

He indicated that a formal brief, setting out full objections to the proposed land and economic 'bite' to be exacted on the Town, would be presented to Ontario Treasurer Charles S. MacNaughton as soon as possible.

## Threatened

MARKHAM - While completing night caretaking duties on the premises of Chesebrough Pond's (Canada) Ltd., around 5 a.m., Dec. 15, Ronald Thompson was confronted by two men, one of them holding a rifle.

The intruder held the gun on Mr. Thompson momentarily, then both fled out a side door.

A check of the building found nothing missing.

The identity of the suspects is believed known to police.

## A novel gift idea

MARKHAM - For the last minute shopper, John Lunau, curator of the Markham Museum, has the solution.

The gift idea is a book, entitled 'Fun Was Where We Made It', by Fred W. Dixon, one-time resident of North Markham (Mount Joy), and now of Guelph.

Mr. Dixon, a native of Unionville, moved to Markham following the death of his parents. He lived with his grandparents, Aretus and Judith Army and his aunt and uncle, Albert and Lavinia Army. He later was a teacher on the staff of Markham High School.

Fred Dixon tells of life in Mount Joy as he knew it as a boy. The 90 pages make humorous and interesting reading.

John Lunau, Markham's respected historian, sums up the contents as follows: "You are sure to have many laughs from the escapades of youngsters as they are portrayed between these covers and you will be fascinated and intrigued as you find yourself recalling thousands of memories you had forgotten. It will bring back many reflections on your own childhood."

The Markham Museum is open Dec. 21 (today), Dec. 22 and 23, from 1 to 5 p.m.