



At home on the slopes

A future Nancy Greene for Stouffville? It's still too early to say for sure but if enthusiasm means anything then 6 year old Mary-Jo Sutherland is headed in that direction. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Sutherland, Lloyd Avenue, Stouffville, took out a season's membership for Mary-Jo at Dagmar this winter and the improvement, under professional instruction has been most encouraging. —Staff Photo

Queen's Park Hearing for Village reeve - clerk

STOUFFVILLE — Stouffville's position, as it may apply within the new status of regional government, was discussed by reeve Ken Laushway and clerk Ralph Corner at a meeting this week in the office of Hon. Darcy McKeough, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs.

At the conclusion, reeve Laushway would say only that the hearing was "very friendly". He declined to elaborate on what exactly was discussed or what decisions, if any, had been reached. He would say only that the discussions were of a private nature but quite informal. The appointment, arranged for 3:30 p.m., Monday, lasted about 45 minutes.

With a population of just over 4,000, it had been feared that Stouffville's status as a viable unit of lower tier government, might not be considered practical under the pending regional system. Reeve Laushway and Mr. Corner presented Mr. McKeough

with a prepared brief, outlining reasons why the village as a self-contained municipality, should be preserved.

The information in the 4-page document, touched on facilities now available plus services that could easily be expanded as required. These included good highway access to Metropolitan Toronto and adjoining towns; a C.N.R. line that could accommodate a future commuter service; a balanced growth and sound financial standing; a prosperous agricultural area; productive artesian wells to serve a population of 13,000; a sewage system designed to permit enlargement; good elementary and secondary schools; excellent commercial outlets and recreation areas.

The brief, in its conclusion, requested the Minister's assurance that the Village would be granted a further opportunity to submit recommendations in depth at a later date.

Cars crash head-on

CLAREMONT — A head-on crash between two cars on conc. 7, Uxbridge Twp., north of Balsam, Saturday, caused an estimated \$4,700 damage and sent eight persons to hospital.

Most seriously injured was 20 year old Penny Blundell, a passenger in an auto driven by Larry Norton, 19, of Claremont. She suffered a fractured skull, a fractured right leg and facial lacerations. She was rushed to Pickering-Ajax Hospital and later transferred to Toronto General.

Also hurt in the Norton vehicle was Danny Blundell, 16 and Gary Brown, 15, all of the Claremont area.

The driver, charged with failing to yield one-half the roadway, suffered lacerations to his face and a fractured rib.

The second car, a 1969 Oldsmobile, had been driven only 100 miles. The driver was Robert Miller 41, of West Rouge. Mr. Miller and three of his five passengers required hospital treatment.

A second accident, north of Altona, Sunday involved cars driven by Dennis Smith, 21, of Claremont and Ronald Mason, 18, of Stouffville, R.R. 3. Most seriously injured was 17 year old Christine McConkey of Claremont. She was rushed by Vance Ambulance to Scarborough Hospital.

Vocal scholarship

STOUFFVILLE — Fifteen year old Beverly Bell, a Grade 10 student of Stouffville Dist. Secondary School, has been awarded \$100 vocal scholarship at the recently concluded Kiwanis Music Festival, Toronto.

Beverly, who topped her class with an 87 per-

cent, also scored a first in accordion with 89 percent.

The scholarship presentation from Loblaw's Company Limited, was made Saturday evening.

In the awards' class for junior and senior choirs, St. Andrew's United Church, Markham, won \$50.

Close ones don't count

MUSSELMAN'S LAKE — Close ones don't count as the saying goes, but for five year old Tracy Jordon of Hillsdale Drive, Musselman's Lake, it was a bit too close.

While tobogganing down a hill at high speed near her home, the little lass misjudged her distance. She went crashing through a tiny basement window, landing on the cement floor five feet below — without a scratch and still sitting on her sleigh.

Stouffville centennial - 1977

STOUFFVILLE — Although 1977 is still eight years away Mr. H. J. Waite, chairman of the Public Library Board feels that the time is right to begin preparations for Stouffville's 100th anniversary of incorporation.

Addressing a meeting of council Feb. 20, Mr. Waite suggested that the library could serve as a headquarters for the accumulation of information on the history of the village. He noted that it would probably be correct to assume that a celebration would be held to mark the occasion. "We just wanted to start the ball rolling," he said.

Reeve Ken Laushway said he was pleased that the Library Board had expressed a willingness to take the initiative.

On the subject of the library building itself, Mr. Waite said that with accommodation taxed to the limit some thought would have to be given to larger quarters for the future. He said that the board had been in touch with an architect but nothing in any official way had been approved. He submitted a budget request for 1969 of \$6,000.

Reeve Laushway observed that with regional government now pending it would not be practical to proceed with a major construction project at the present time.

TOLL CHARGE REMAINS

Area extension pre-mature-Bell

STOUFFVILLE — No extension of Stouffville's present free-toll calling area is contemplated for at least two years.

This was the conclusion of village council Feb. 20, following a meeting with representatives of the Bell Telephone Company. The spokesman was Dist. Manager, Gordon B. Wansbrough.

Mr. Wansbrough said that a survey for Stouffville had been completed at the request of a group of local businessmen and following a meeting with members of the Lions Club.

He said that a similar request had been received from the council of the Twp. of Whitchurch.

Mr. Wansbrough noted that for Stouffville-subscribers to be placed in a free-call zone with Oak Ridges, Aurora, Mt. Albert and Newmarket would cost an additional 50c per month on a private line and \$2.50 for business.

For a direct connection between Stouffville and Toronto, the additional monthly cost would be \$2.75 (private) and \$12.50 (business).

Mr. Wansbrough said that the demand for the added service had to be such as to warrant the hook-up.

He pointed out that a one-month survey showed that 12.8 percent of Stouffville subscribers called Aurora, but only 8.6 percent called from Aurora to Stouffville. From Stouffville to Mt. Albert it was 15.5 percent and from Mt. Albert to Stouffville, 31.3 percent. From Stouffville to Newmarket, 21.2 percent and from Newmarket to Stouffville 8.5 percent. From Stouffville to Uxbridge, 22 percent and from Uxbridge to Stouffville, 32.4 percent. From Stouffville to Agincourt, 33.3 percent and from Agincourt to Stouffville, 6.4 percent.

He said that the 2,463 subscribers in the Stouffville exchange placed 5,446 calls to Toronto in a one-month period.

"It's not a one-way street," said Mr. Wansbrough, "you may wish an extended service to other areas, but do the other areas wish to call you?" He said that in his opinion, the expanded free-toll system was still two years away. "We would be pleased to proceed, if this is what the people want, but we wish to accommodate the majority."

Reeve Ken Laushway said that the cost of the improved service would represent an increase of close to 60 percent to the average home-owner.

Deputy-reeve Bill Parsons said he would be hesitant to force the issue.

He noted that under the present system those who use the long-distance call service are the ones who pay for the privilege.

Missing youth

STOUFFVILLE — A 16 year old Boyer Street Boy is reported missing from his home and a descriptive report has been broadcast across the Province.

Mart Jaago was last seen Feb. 21. The family moved to Stouffville only recently from Udora.

The youth is described as 5 ft. 8 inches in height; 140 pounds, blond hair and blue eyes. He was wearing a blue three-quarter wool jacket, blue jeans, dark pull-over shirt and tan boots.

Any person with information on the whereabouts of Mart Jaago is asked to contact the Stouffville Police Department at 640-1300.

Site unsightly 'hands tied' councillor

WHITCHURCH TWP. — The council of the Township of Whitchurch expressed concern, several weeks ago, over an 'industry' in the process of locating on a site near the west boundary of Stouffville, north of Highway 47 near Ringwood.

It was agreed at that time to learn what control, if any, the municipality might have over such an operation, once established.

What was feared is now a fact.

Councillor Bob Lewis informed council, Feb. 18 that, according to their solicitor, the township has no power whatever to interfere.

At Stouffville council, Feb. 20, it was agreed that a copy of the proposed Official Plan for Whitchurch should be returned without any requested change.

Reeve Ken Laushway, with obvious reference to future build-up on Stouffville's borders, said he hoped the two municipalities might endeavor to work in closer co-operation one with the other.

BOB TIMBERS PRESIDENT Ontario Plowmen's Association



Bob Timbers, R.R. 3 Mt. Albert, president of the 1969 Plowmen's Association. —Cadieux Studio

MT. ALBERT — Bob Timbers, Mt. Albert, R.R. 3, a number one plowman in a match competition has advanced to the number one position in the Ontario Association.

He was elected president at the annual meeting in Toronto Feb. 17, succeeding Cameron Mitchell of Simcoe.

The site of the 1969 International is near Paris, Ontario, in the County of Brant.

Bob has been an Ontario champion three times. In world competition he has plowed at Cobourg in 1953; Rome in 1959 and England in 1963.

Mr. and Mrs. Timbers have two sons, Barry, 19 and Gregory, 12 and one daughter, Karen, 21.

Barry is maintaining the family tradition with many awards to his credit.

Planning Board debates pending development

STOUFFVILLE — Residential development is pending on three sides of Stouffville, but the question currently before Planning Board is which area should develop first.

Reeve Ken Laushway feels that with a new public school already proposed for a site north of Elm Road, it might prove best to allow expansion in that area of the village. He suggests that further residential build-up in that section would be a boon to the Shopping Plaza and also

reduce the necessity of erecting a fourth school at a location elsewhere.

The reeve's plan was not shared by board member, Reg MacKay. He contended that regions to either the north or south should first be considered. Member Ken Wagg agreed but pointed out that both plans appeared "dead". "We can't force it," he said.

"We're jumping around too much," stated Mr. MacKay. "It's not our fault, but I feel we should establish a policy where the next stage of development should take place". He recalled how certain developers had indicated

their desire to proceed immediately, but had never followed it up. "We should tie them down and after six months, if nothing goes ahead, the agreement should be wiped out."

Clerk Ralph Corner suggested that certain areas could be placed in a residential holding plan to be dealt with later when applications are received.

Reeve Laushway noted that the servicing of lands to the north could prove costly. He said too, that the development of the Harper farm could not proceed until a proper entrance onto Main Street is finalized.

Humane Society Threatens to cancel 1969 contract

22 municipalities involved

STOUFFVILLE — The Ontario Humane Society has threatened to cancel contracts with 22 municipalities including Stouffville, if Bill 73, proposed by the Provincial Legislature is approved.

A prepared statement by Tom Hughes, Society Supt., reads in part: "The constitution of the Ontario Humane Society clearly and specifically prohibits the release of live animals from its shelters for use in scientific experimentation or research. The shelters have been built with voluntary funds given by private donors on the assurance that animals would not suffer any unnecessary pain or distress. To release animals alive for experimental use would therefore be a breach of faith imposed on the Society and its members and supporters and accepted by the officers of the Society as a trust."

In addition to Stouffville, other municipalities in that area that would be affected by a contract cancellation include: Uxbridge, Whitchurch Twp., Newmarket, Aurora, Scarborough, Whitby, Ajax, Pickering and East Gwillimbury.



Warden Frank Corcoran of the Ontario Humane Society, holds two 'refugee' pups to be put up for 'adoption' to some happy home. —Staff Photo

Tribune wins five newspaper awards

STOUFFVILLE — The Tribune, the winner of twenty-five provincial and national newspaper awards in 30 years, established an all-time record in 1968, with five of the top prizes in its class.

The presentations were made Feb. 21 at the Ontario Weekly Newspaper Association Convention in Ottawa. The paper was represented by its Publisher, C. H. Nolan.

Awards include — General Excellence, Best Graphic Design, Best Column, Best Spot News Photo and Best New Idea for 1968. In addition, Mr. Nolan

was personally recognized through the presentation of a plaque in recognition of distinguished service as a President of the Association and contribution in the weekly newspaper profession.

It is of interest to note that The Tribune won its first trophy back in 1939. It was also presented at a convention in Ottawa by Gregory Clark, still recognized as a top writer in the field of news journalism.

The Ontario Association president for 1969 is Peter Ividsten, Publisher of the Port Perry Starr.

County Council

Rejects Century City

ONTARIO CTY. — Ontario County Council, by a unanimous vote, has turned 'thumbs down' on a proposal by Revenue Properties Ltd., to establish a satellite city in the south-west corner of Uxbridge Township, adjacent to the east boundary of Stouffville.

The resolution was introduced Feb. 19. Copies will be forwarded to four government departments. Without being specific, reeve John Williams of

Pickering Twp., the sponsor of the resolution, said that there were many aspects of the development that would prove detrimental.

Reeve Williams did point out that to construct trunk mains from Lake Ontario to the city site would cost an estimated \$7,500,000. He contended that properties north and south of the proposed development would be adversely affected.