

Channelization project could start next year

Approved by Region if Town pays 50%

STOUFFVILLE — A \$750,000 channelization project through Stouffville from the conservation dam to the sewage plant, has been approved by York Regional Council.

It will recommend to the Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Authority that the project be included in its 1974 budget, "subject to the Town committing itself to the

payment of the regional share (50 per cent) of the cost by Nov. 30."

Mayor Gordon Ratcliff said this week that payment of the Town's share will be a condition for development of the Dulverton properties north of Stouffville.

The storm sewer outfall for the 500 lot, 134-acre Dulverton Holdings subdivision will be located at Duffin Creek below the existing dam and reservoir constructed by the Conservation Authority a few years ago.

The developer has indicated he would like to proceed as soon as possible.

Mayor Ratcliff said Dulverton will be asked to place a bond to cover the cost of the channelization whenever it occurs.

He said he thought the Conservation Authority could begin the project next summer but it would be a long time before completion.

Possibly property will be purchased and buildings relocated to provide for proper channelization and a green belt along the flood plain of the Creek.

Library sounds S.O.S.

STOUFFVILLE — A meeting of the Library Development Committee, classified as "critical" is set for Thursday, (to-night), in the Town municipal building, Civic Avenue. A full attendance is urged.

The agenda will include reports from Dr. Blair Mitchell (finance), Jim Sanders (discussions with Council), John Langley (Post Office site), Norma Card (publicity), Steve Kettle (presentation to lions), and Joan Stanford (research).

Bird-counting cost placed at \$253,000

STOUFFVILLE — Several weeks ago, two Stouffville students were questioned by police, after an officer found them standing in a cornfield about 2 a.m., south of Sunset Boulevard.

The youths admitted quite frankly they were working for the federal government. Their job, they explained, was "counting the birds flying past the moon."

A check with government authorities supported their claim. The chore was related to the proposed location of an International Airport in Pickering and the hazard that birds might pose to jet passenger planes.

M.P. Sinclair Stevens (York-Simcoe), took the matter several steps further. He wanted to know how long it took employees to count such birds, what was the cost of the program, and what was the result.

In a reply this week from Transport Minister Jean Marchand, the following information was revealed: The Study was started in September, 1972 and will conclude in December, 1973. It will detail nesting habits, flight patterns and migration statistics.

The cost has been placed at about \$253,000. The result to date, according to the Marchand report is that "no undue hazards will be presented". However, the Study will go on as scheduled, to gather all possible information over a full migration period.

Blackboard jungle concept rejected

BALLANTRAE — "This school is not the hell-hole you make it out to be," Ballantrae Public School Principal Ted Woodger told a group of parents recently.

The residents from 21 households had signed a petition mentioning a wide range of problems at the school and were invited to meet with teachers, Oct. 23.

Mr. Woodger said many of the difficulties were the result of dislocation after the fire and would disappear now that all grades are under one roof and the yard size has returned to normal.

He also argued that parents who think Ballantrae is a kind of "blackboard jungle" do not have an accurate impression. Some of the 17 parents at the meeting complained that lunches are being stolen and wanted to know why lockers cannot be provided.

Supt. George Billings explained that provincial grants are not large enough to pay for wider halls, lockers and lunch rooms.

Parents reported that gangs of holligans have been

beating up kids. Mr. Woodger said he was not aware of this happening on school property.

Don Buchanan asked if maybe disciplinary measures are too liberal. Mr. Woodger said he doesn't have a recipe for responding to every kind of offense but judges each case on its own.

Gail Buchanan complained that language and sing-songs on buses "wouldn't be heard in a bar room" and kids aren't afraid to tell adults "where to go."

It was suggested that the fights and foul language which occur at bus stops could be suppressed if parent volunteers supervised loading and unloading.

Mr. Woodger summarized saying that Ballantrae was no better or worse than other schools and that the "bad apples" are in the minority.

The only difference is they are generally more boisterous and rough. Collectively they can be a pain in the tail, but individually the kids are not tough. In fact they're pretty nice.

Messages by balloon

STOUFFVILLE — A boy's curiosity led to an unexpected discovery, Saturday, on the property of Harvey Spang, R.R. 3, Claremont.

Graham Fretz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norm Fretz, William St., Stouffville, spotted what seemed like a pair of balloons in the field. He decided to take a closer look.

They were balloons alright, tied together with separate notes attached. One was signed

by David Beito and the other by Gary Brown, both students in Grade 12 at Mankato East High School, 2600 Hoffman Road, Mankato, Minnesota.

Mankato is thought to be about 1,000 miles from the place where the balloons landed.

They had been sent aloft during Homecoming Activities, sponsored by the Distributive Education Club of Mankato, Minn.

School Chariothon enlivens Main St.

STOUFFVILLE — "The finest display of enthusiasm and school spirit ever seen in Stouffville."

That was the way one bystander described the March of Dimes Chariothon, Friday.

Dozens of student participants and hundreds of student spectators lined a section of Main Street, from Park Drive to Edward, as the

procession of home-made chariots wended its way from the Arena to the school.

Each float was emblazoned with names of local business firms and singular supporters, resulting in receipts expected to approach \$1,000.

An entry by members of the teaching staff bordered on the professional, and caught the imagination of the curbside crowd. Handling the reins were Judy Bacall and Sue Kaufman. Their steeds included Carole Sarynuik, John Roberts, John Lindop, Jim Rehill, Dan Volman and Gary Harding, with Bill Sanders and Bob Tooker bringing up the rear.

In the races that followed, none could match the pace set by Don Reesor, Wayne Peasby, Rick Briggs, Jude and James Alty. Their chariot rider was Kim Lewis.

A two-wheeled brass bed, improvised by Salvador Bevan, Kevin Burch, Bruce Johnston, Barb Weber, and Karen Joyce, was selected as most original and placed second in the race.

The Burton chariot was third. The booby prize was awarded to a mobile "outhouse" that lost its mobility halfway around the first lap.

Judges were Mayor Gordon Ratcliff, Principal Desmond McCartney, staff teacher John Marshall and Tribune editor, Jim Thomas.

The real winners in the afternoon event were the crippled civilians, who benefit through the March of Dimes Foundation Fund. Bill Oakes, Director of Fund-Raising, praised the co-operation his organization had received.

"When you get the students, the teachers and the business people all working together, you have a total community effort," he said.

It was the first campaign of its kind ever organized here.



"Be prepared" says motorist

Len Buckland, Main Street East in Stouffville, doesn't pretend to be a pessimist, but with all the talk of fuel shortages and price hikes, he went searching through some keepsakes of yesteryears.

And he found it—an A-A category gas ration coupon book, dated 1945-46. Len never really expects to use it, but he has no plans to discard it either—just in case.

—Jim Thomas

Two persons jailed following drug trial

STOUFFVILLE — Two Stouffville area young people have been sentenced to jail, after pleading guilty to charges of trafficking in a restricted drug.

Brian David Grainge, 20, received two years less a day definite and one year in determinate.

Jutta Gina Manthau, 18, was given an indeterminate period, not to exceed six months.

The two were arrested, evidence revealed, following the death of 18-year-old Lois Wallace of Ballantrae. Three hundred capsules of M.D.A. were found by police in the Manthau residence, conc. 6, Whitchurch-Stouffville. Traces of the drug were found in the victim's body. Crown Attorney David Scott said:

Ross Grainge, father of the one accused, said his son could never communicate with the

rest of the family. He said that when they moved from Stouffville to Niagara Falls, David wanted to stay "because of all the friends he'd met."

Defense counsel for Grainge explained it as an age when teenagers are getting "mixed up" in drugs and "don't know what they're doing." He referred to the case as "a common North American tragedy."

However, Justice O'Connell did not entirely agree. "This is a common teenage tragedy, not North American," he noted. He observed that a pre-sentence report on Grainge showed he had used "chemical" drugs since the age of 16. "The real tragedy is that a son couldn't confide or communicate with his parents," he continued. He charged that the youth's motive was to make "quick" money to repay a \$500 debt.

Mrs. Heinz Manthau, Judy's mother, said she had no prior knowledge her daughter was involved with drugs. She and her husband were on vacation in Europe when the arrest was made.

The Justice, before passing sentence on the accused, summarized: "To-day," he said, "we've heard about values, generation gaps and lack of communication, but whether or not your parents failed to 'prepare' you for maturity, or your infatuation with Grainge led you into this serious crime, I do not know. But I'm satisfied that you were a victim of Grainge. However, there is no obligation to relieve me from sending you to jail. I hope this will give you time to think about your future. These crimes must stop."

"All susceptible"

STOUFFVILLE — Under normal circumstances, Judy Manthau would be attending classes at Seneca College where she was enrolled in the Executive Secretary course. But, for the 18-year-old, ex-S.D.S.S. student, circumstances are far from normal. Convicted of possession of drugs for the purpose of trafficking, she is now serving a six-month indeterminate term in Don Jail.

Citizens concerned over the infiltration of drugs into the municipality, may read this without sympathy, remembering the M.D.A. was located in her home after another local girl died following a "bad trip." Judy, then seventeen, was arrested with two others, on Jan. 16.

In the summation before sentencing last week, it was pointed out that Judy was a "victim" who had been influenced into accepting the situation. Although not a principal in the trafficking activity, it was judged that she was aware of what was taking place.

Mr. and Mrs. Heinz Manthau were visiting in Europe when the arrests were made. They, along with others who knew their daughter as a quiet, retiring person, were shocked by her involvement.

Although ready to rationalize in their daughter's defence, like most parents, Mr. and Mrs. Manthau have faced up to the facts of the case as well as the consequences. They are anxious that others do the same, that young people thoughtlessly involved in the fringes of the drug scene recognize that in trafficking they are peddling in potential disaster.

Judy, her mother says, has accepted this; the events of the past ten months have given her a new awareness and approach to life.

"Trafficking is inexcusable. If only we could stamp out the big suppliers at the top maybe we could stop drugs from becoming available to the young people here," Mrs. Manthau adds, attempting to place the problem in proper perspective.

"I'm beginning to think that almost any one of our children can become involved. I suppose it depends on their strength and our influence as parents."



The Students of Stouffville Dist. Secondary School participated in their first Chariotoon, Friday, for the March of Dimes Rehabilitation Fund. However, the teachers refused to sit and watch the proceedings from the sidelines. Shown here are drivers.

Judy Bacall (left) and Sue Kaufman along with Gary Harding, Jim Rehill, Dan Volman, Carol Sarynuik, John Roberts and John Lindop.

—Jim Thomas