

Dead skunk 'found' in freezer

STOUFFVILLE—The body of a dead skunk reportedly found in a freezer at the Aurora headquarters of the Ontario Humane Society, had been proven rabid.

The animal, The Tribune has learned, was shot in Stouffville, back on Dec. 22, after it was attacked and mauled by two hunting dogs. The hounds, owned by Murray Daniels, Park Drive North, have been placed in quarantine.

Mr. Daniels has criticized the Humane Society's handling of the entire affair.

He said that immediately after the skunk was killed, an officer was despatched to pick it up. York Regional Police were also called. However, repeated calls by Mr. Daniels to authorities in Aurora, between Dec. 22 and Jan. 16, failed to reveal the results of tests. Concluding then, that the skunk was not rabid, Mr. Daniels had his dogs released from the Stouffville Veterinary Clinic.

On Jan. 16, he was told, the skunk had been relocated in an office freezer at Aurora, and the body sent on to Thornhill for inspection by the Contagious Disease Division of the Canadian Dept. of Agriculture. Results of tests showed it to be rabid.

"This is serious matter," Mr. Daniels said, "there's a lot of carelessness here."

Of even greater concern is the fact that a 4½ year old boy, known to have been in the area where the skunk was killed, may have come in contact with the animal. His parents are very concerned, Mr. Daniels said, since so much time has lapsed.

"As far as I'm concerned, they (the Humane Society) had better shape up or get out of the business," he concluded.

Admits guilt youth fined

STOUFFVILLE—An 18 year old former Stouffville youth pleaded guilty in Newmarket Provincial Court Friday, to a charge of possession of narcotics that dated back to Aug. 31, 1973.

According to evidence, York Regional Police stopped a van on Grandview Avenue, Markham. Wayne Stanley Newmarch fled the scene while police were arresting four other occupants of the vehicle. However, before making a 'run for it', Newmarch dumped a bag of marijuana in the lap of a fellow passenger.

Newmarch, now a resident of Alberta, told the Court he was visiting in Stouffville Jan. 17 and decided to turn himself in to police at 27 Division, Buttonville, accompanied by two youths jointly charged in connection with the same incident.

Newmarch, held in custody, was fined \$50 or five days. But Judge Clare Morrison was hesitant to allow the accused time to pay.

"Couldn't you're friends take up a collection for you to pay your fine today?" asked Judge Morrison.

Looking across the courtroom to four youths, Newmarch said "I wouldn't exactly call them friends."

Mediation fails walkout imminent

YORK CTY—Agreement has not been reached in negotiations between York County Board of Education and representatives of the high school teachers.

If there is no agreement before Jan. 31, then the teachers resignations, submitted in December, will be effective. A total of 667 high school teachers in the region submitted their resignations.

A spokesman for District 11 of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation told The Tribune that three meetings this month with provincial mediator Terry Mancini preceding, failed to bring about an agreement.

"It appears that mediation is at an end," the OSSTF spokesman said.

A mass meeting Wednesday (Jan. 23) was held in Newmarket of the York County high school teachers to decide the future course of action.

If the resignations stand, then 15 high schools and 14,800 students will be affected as of Feb. 1. There are 830 high school teachers in York County.



Swiss guests receive new Town crest

The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville has a new official crest, and is was appropriate, Saturday, that visitors from Wallisellen, Switzerland, should be the first to receive it as a gift. This particular crest, suitably framed, is accepted by Theo Dolder (left), club

president, from Town mayor Gordon Ratcliff, on behalf of the Mayor of Wallisellen. Presentations concluded a civic banquet at Sleepy Hollow Golf and Country Club.

— Jim Thomas

New plaza could have IGA store

STOUFFVILLE—The possibility that Stouffville I.G.A. may leave the downtown core and relocate at the east end of town was a prospect presented to Planning Board last week with plans for a 2.6 acre shopping plaza at the north-east corner of Main Street and Tenth Line.

W.T. Fraleigh of Arrowhead Construction Co., told Board members that movie theatre and bank representatives, as well as a variety of retailers, had already expressed interest in locating in the proposed plaza which could comprise 12-13 stores and 183 parking spaces.

In order to "secure a food store" for the plaza, Mr. Fraleigh said his company had negotiated with interested supermarket chains. In fairness to the local I.G.A. store which has served the community for many years, first rights of refusal of premises at the east-end site had been offered Oshawa Wholesale (I.G.A.).

To remain competitive, Mr. Fraleigh contended, "successful food companies have to be in a

shopping plaza. A and P has expanded but I.G.A. can't expand any more. The big problem is parking."

The majority of the Board, obviously concerned over the possibility of the popular local supermarket and its customers being channeled into the plaza, predicted such a move would adversely affect downtown commerce.

A plaza proposal, previously submitted for the east-end site was approved in principle last year. As a protection to existing Stouffville stores, the Board stipulated that its development be phased in two stages, with the residential growth of the town.

Since then, the property has been purchased by Arrowhead Construction.

Mr. Fraleigh anticipated that, if the company received the necessary plan approvals and was permitted to develop the plaza in one stage, construction could be completed by August.

The Arrowhead submission will be discussed further in Committee.

Uxbridge mayor salary \$7,000

UXBRIDGE—"If I'm only worth \$6,000 to this Council, I will only do that amount of work," protested Mayor Carl

Puterbaugh, at a meeting of Uxbridge Twp. Council, Jan. 17, "I can go back to my practice and make three times the amount in one-quarter the time."

Mayor Puterbaugh, a practicing dentist prior to his election, Oct. 1, was irritated to learn his salary, originally set at \$7,000, was to be reduced to \$6,000 on a recommendation by Councillor Maustyn McKnight.

The amendment was not approved, and the \$7,000 stipend was re-affirmed.

The original motion called councillors to receive \$5,000 per year; the regional councillor, \$6,000 and the mayor, \$7,000. The amendment would have left the councillor salaries the same but cut back the regional councillor and the mayor by \$1,000 each.

Councillor Eleanor Todd was not convinced the higher category was warranted. She claimed it was \$1,000 too high "all the way round". She admitted the work load had been heavy, but should level off in six or eight months.

Planning team said 'flogging dead horse'

PICKERING—The Toronto Airport Planning Team is "flogging a dead horse", claims Dr. Charles Godfrey, Chairman of P.O.P.

The target date for starting the project is 1975.

Dr. Godfrey charges that in pressing on with its plans, the Ministry of Transport is ignoring both the current fuel shortage and increasing fuel costs.

He points out that originally, expenditures related to the Airport's completion had been estimated at \$300,000,000. Now, he notes, the cost has escalated to \$1½ billion.

"The public enquiry will hear many objections," he says, "including one from the City of Toronto who are spending \$50,000 to protest the scheme."



Eleven year old Mark Miller, conc. 7, Whitchurch-Stouffville, holds the family's beautiful Samoyed 'Sonney', following its safe return.

'Sick and tired'

Mayor opposes region action on Thicketwood

STOUFFVILLE—"I'm coming to my wit's end," protested Mayor Gordon Ratcliff, at a meeting of Regional Council, Thursday, "I'm sick and tired of the way this Plan is going"

Mayor Ratcliff strongly opposed a Planning Committee's recommendation to approve only 130 of 180 lots in the Thicketwood (Booth farm) Subdivision, Main Street East. He said the Region apparently did not trust Whitchurch-Stouffville to withhold issuing building permits on the remaining 50 lots until additional sewage treatment facilities are available.

"The engineering committee passed the entire draft plan previously," complained the Mayor, "are we a part of this Region or not?"

Mr. Ratcliff explained how the developer would contribute 30 percent of the water costs, "but until we have approval of the Plan, we can't supply the service". "I suggest you put more faith in the Whitchurch-Stouffville Council and approve all 180 lots".

The Mayor was supported by Evelyn Buck, Mayor of Aurora. "Our Planning Committee is really saying that Stouffville can't be trusted," she said.

Planning Commissioner Murray Pound explained that his staff was only attempting to act "in the best interests of the regional corporation".

The 180 lot Plan was approved, "with the understanding that Whitchurch-Stouffville agree not to issue building permits for more than 130 until sufficient capacity in the sewage treatment plant is available".

Snowmobile 'crackdown' denied

YORK REGION—Deputy-Chief Wally Harkness, York Regional Police, has denied a reported 'crackdown' on snowmobile operators in the area. Rather, the inclusion of a snow machine for winter patrol is merely a means of making the force more flexible in difficult areas.

The deputy-chief said 14 charges had been laid under the Motorized Snow Vehicles Act, including six in Mt. Albert; four in Stouffville; and four in Newmarket. The most common illegal practice is allowing someone under the age of 16 years to operate such a machine. Some others do not have their licence plates properly displayed.

The majority of complaints, he said, relate to noise. "The night following any snowstorm, the police switchboard lights up like a Christmas tree," he observed.

"Utilizing a snowmobile in police work is really a public relations job," said Harkness. He said some newspapers in the region had interpreted the program wrongly.

First injury at Main St. crosswalk

STOUFFVILLE—There have been many 'near misses' at Stouffville's legalized crosswalk, Main Street and Civic Avenue. On Jan. 16, however, the first serious mishap occurred.

Mrs. Ralph Reaman, 101 Hawthorne Avenue, was injured when struck down as she attempted to make her way across the road. The car's driver was Wilmot Brown, R.R. 4, Stouffville.

Mrs. Reaman was rushed to hospital by ambulance. Her condition, at last report, was 'satisfactory'.

No charges have been laid.

'Sonney' found in forest

VIVIAN—Back on Jan. 1, 'Sonney', a beautiful Samoyed dog, belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Mike Miller and family, went missing from their home on the 7th concession, north of the Aurora Road.

He had accompanied 11 year old Mark and a companion into the nearby Vivian Forest.

The forest property was not unfamiliar to 'Sonney'. He had romped up and down the snowmobile and hiking trails on many occasions, often pulling one of the boys on a toboggan.

When 'Sonney' failed to return, New Year's Day, Mr. and Mrs. Miller were not overly concerned. They thought perhaps he had struck up an acquaintance with a lady Samoyed, and the two had purposely gone off together. However, when a week went by, they were worried. They placed a 'lost' advertisement in The Tribune, offering a reward to the finder.

On Jan. 12, their hopes were rewarded. A couple in Bay Ridges phoned to tell the Miller family that 'Sonney' was safe and sound at their home. They told how they had spotted the pet while snowmobiling in the forest, and believing him to be lost, put him in their truck. Mr. Miller drove to their residence to bring 'Sonney' back. The offer of a reward was refused by the folks who found him.

Mr. Miller admitted later, that for some people to find a dog in the bush, might seem strange. "But they need never worry about 'Sonney'. Vivian Forest is his backyard."

— Jim Thomas