

Committee meets

A 3-member committee from the York County Board of Education, will meet with the Whitchurch-Stouffville Council, Jan. 24 (tonight), to discuss plans for a future Recreation Complex, at a site near the present Secondary School on Edward Street.

John McMurray, trustee representative for the Town, will serve as Chairman. Others include - Mrs. Merna Colbourne, East Gwillimbury; and Norman Weller, Aurora.

Discussions will touch on the need for recreation-type facilities and a library. Mr. McMurray said, in a press interview. If approved, construction

would be financed through a co-operative arrangement between the Board of Education and the municipality, similar to the new swimming pool on Bayview Avenue in Markham. "Right now, it's strictly an exploratory thing," said Mr. McMurray. "The details can be worked out later". The meeting, he said, had been anticipated for December, but other matters had forced its delay.

Question: What disappointments come to mind in your first year as a member of the Board?
Answer: Being directly involved with the management of education has broadened

my outlook. I now realize there are more limitations than meet the eye but, with persistence, many things can be accomplished. "I didn't win everything, but my batting average was pretty good". Mr. McMurray looks back on the re-opening of Ballantrae School as a main accomplishment in '73. "Last May, there were those who said it couldn't be done," he recalled. "but nothing is ever done unless you try". He said excellent co-operation by the Ballantrae staff, parents and students helped to ease the teachers and pupils over a very difficult time. Mr.

McMurray is not happy with the bussing system. "It's a real headache," he said. "just when you feel everything is right, you find out it's not". "The education system, I feel, is working okay, but it's getting the children to it, that's proving the problem". He observed too, that the impasse between the Board and the teachers over a working agreement had proved most disappointing. He said relations between the two had been impaired. "It must be a situation of mutual trust," he said. "I hope this can be built up again".



Hosts honor Swiss guests at civic banquet

Councillors Cathy Joice (left) and June Button, make presentations to Theo Dolder, president of the Wallisellen Midget Hockey Club, at a civic Banquet hosted by the Town.

The gathering, a social highlight of the Swiss team's visit here, was held at Sleepy Hollow Golf and Country Club, north of Stouffville.

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\$3,155 approved for renovations

UXBRIDGE — Uxbridge Council approved the expenditure of \$3,155 to renovate the municipal offices in town.

The bid of Fred Ballinger was accepted that would see the creation of an open area at the front of the building and an office for the administrator in half of what is now the council chambers.

Administrator Ron Kester said the township staff will move into the building Feb. 4. On that

For the past 10 days, the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville has hosted a team of hockey players and their parents from Wallisellen, Switzerland.

"The response by local organizations, by local people, has been magnificent," said Mayor Gordon Ratcliff, "the friendship we have

shown, has made the visitors feel very much at home".

Mayor Ratcliff noted too, that the same kind of friendship had been returned by the guests. "The inter-change of hockey teams has made us all realize that basically, people are the same the world-over, despite differences in language and customs".

Question: Have their been many complaints re snowmobiles in Whitchurch-Stouffville?

Answer: To date, I

have received no complaints concerning snowmobiles this winter.

Question: A two-way radio tower has been erected on the south side of the Aurora Sideroad near conc. 6, Whitchurch-Stouffville. Is no permit required for structures of this kind?

Answer: The Town's present bylaw does not require that a permit be issued. Perhaps towers of this type should be included. There could be objections raised by resident.

Mayor Gordon Ratcliff

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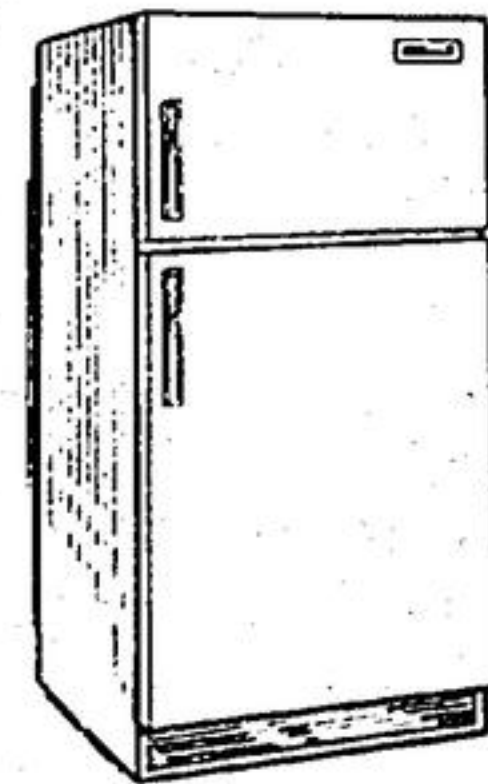
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