

Town building 'boom'

STOUFFVILLE — While the population 'explosion' in Whitchurch-Stouffville during 1973, was less than anticipated, (290), total construction in dollars reached a record high.

The figure, as of Dec. 31, was \$7,096,842.00, or more than \$2 million above the same period in '72.

Permits issued numbered 456, with permit fees totalling \$18,591.15.

In 1971, permits numbered 317. This figure tailed off in '72 to 264, but shot up to 456 last year.

Indications are that the Town is in for an even greater building boom in '74.

Board - Town co-operate

STOUFFVILLE — The first meeting between a committee of the York County Board of Education and Whitchurch-Stouffville Council, to discuss the benefits of a proposed Recreation Complex (or a first phase of one), was held in Aurora, Jan. 24. And while no definite decisions were reached, trustee John McMurray said the talks initiated a move towards closer co-operation between the Board and the municipality.

The project, if eventually approved, would see a swimming pool, a library or some other public-type facility, constructed at the site of the present High School on Edward Street. The Board, it is understood, can provide the land, but cannot share in the capital cost.

A committee, to include representatives from the Stouffville Community Centre Board and the Town Recreation Committee will be established to study the matter further.

"Right now," Mr. McMurray said, "a heated pool would seem to be the most practical. However, other Board members will want to view the site."

Mr. McMurray, the meeting's chairman, was optimistic that something beneficial to the Town would result. "If we all put our shoulders to the wheel," he said, "I'm sure we can come up with something worthwhile".

Spokesman denies claim

PICKERING — A spokesman for the federal Dept. of Transport has denied a statement, published in The Tribune (Jan. 24) and attributed to P.O.P. Chairman Dr. Charles Godfrey, that the cost of the proposed Pickering Airport has 'escalated' from \$3,000,000 to \$1.5 billion.

Nigel Dunn, an official with the Transport Department said the figure of \$350,000,000 pertained to the Airport's first phase and included up to two runways. The \$1.5 billion estimate is the cost of the completed project anticipated in the year 2,000. Mr. Dunn said the two figures had been projected earlier and had not changed. He observed, however, that it could change, when the decision by the Board of Inquiry is handed down.

IGA store will not move



JACK CHAMBERS Worked very hard

STOUFFVILLE — The I.G.A. supermarket will not be moving from its Main Street site.

Any possibility of a change in locations has been flatly denied by the business owner and manager, Jack Chambers, Loretta Crescent South.

The suggestion that the local firm could re-locate in a proposed Plaza at Main and Tenth Line North, revealed at a Planning Board meeting, Jan. 15, prompted members' concern. Spokesman for the developer, W. T. Fraleigh of Arrowhead Construction Company, indicated the I.G.A. would be given "first rights of refusal" on premises there.

Mr. Chambers told The Tribune he had not been ap-

proached by the firm, nor was he interested. "Nothing would move me out of here," he said. "Stouffville has the best downtown area I've ever been in. I wouldn't change if they offered me the site for free".

Mr. Chambers, who purchased the business here in August, 1973, said he had worked all his life to have his own store. On the subject of cost, he said the increased rent factor alone, would make such a move impractical.

With regard to the downtown area itself, the owner pointed to the close co-operation between the merchants. "We are all working together," he said, "the Christmas season was great".

Shades of the '30's and long before. The thrills of yesteryears will come to life in Stouffville, Feb. 9, when the Lions Club presents its mid-winter 'Mardi Gras' in the town park and arena. A costume skating party, a teen dance, sleigh and even cutter rides are

planned during the afternoon and evening. Here, Bob Parish, Clarke Street, takes his horse and cutter out for a spin on the former Bruce Harper farm, east of the Ninth. Bob and 'Lady' will be there, to treat the kids (and adults too) to a day they'll never forget.

Cutters-sleighs-snowmobiles

All part of Lions' Mardi Gras

STOUFFVILLE — Cutters, sleighs and snowmobiles; a teen dance at Latcham Hall and a costume skating party in the Arena; it's all part of a Lions-sponsored Mardi Gras on Saturday, Feb. 9.

Afternoon activities will begin at 2 p.m. Sleighs and cutters will 'load up' to the south of Latcham Hall. Snowmobile rides for senior citizens will be provided from an area to the north.

Roads circling the Park will be blocked off to through traffic. Sleigh and snowmobile routes will be marked out in advance. The chief organizer of the event is Ken Laushway.

The evening program in the rink begins at 8 p.m., with demonstrations of skills by members of the Stouffville Figure Skating Club. Adult skating (costumes optional) begins at 8:30, with music by the East York Concert Band. Costume judges are Marlene Streit, renowned amateur golfer; Bob MacAdorey, genial morning man on C.F.G.M.; and Eddie Luther, traffic-spotter with C.H.F.I. All reside in the area.

Costume prizes for best lady, best gentleman, best married couple, most humorous and most original, will total \$125. In addition, there will be

door prizes for both the skaters and spectators. The lucky numbers will be flashed on the arena's new, electric scoreboard.

The Master of Ceremonies throughout the evening is Don Huxtable. Admission to this event, like all other activities, is free.

The teen dance in Latcham

Hall begins at 8:30 p.m., and extends through to 11:30. Music for the occasion will be supplied by John Brunke of Stouffville.

Senior citizens wishing to attend the function during the afternoon and evening, will be transported to the Park and the Arena in the Lion's bus. Pick-up points in town will be announced.



Lucky streak

One 'win' in a lifetime is sufficient for most folks. However, 7 year old Dougie Sanderson, a member of the Kinsmen team in the Stouffville Novice House League, had a real 'streak' going for him last week. He won three prizes in three nights, including \$5 worth of gas, 6 wrenches and a pair of pliers. The draws were held in conjunction with Minor Hockey Week. Doug is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Sanderson, Markham, R. R. 2. —Jim Thomas.

Erie letter

Debate rekindled over fire needs in Ballantrae area

BALLANTRAE — A letter from Erie Manufacturing Company, rekindled debate in Council on the need for an auxiliary fire-station in the northern section of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

Kim Rogers, Erie vice president and general manager, wrote that the formation of a sub-station had not, according to a recent 'Mayor's Report' in The Tribune, been considered a priority for 1974.

In his letter, Mr. Rogers referred to properties in the Ballantrae area - the public school, Herb Simpson's barn and the Storey garage - that had been razed by fire in 1973 "primarily because of the lack of water and the length of time taken for the fire department to get there to prevent such catastrophes."

He stressed this was no reflection on the efficiency of the brigade but on the time-distance factor so important in combating fires.

The school fire, last May, precipitated lengthy discussions

between Council and Fire Department personnel over the need to establish local year-round water sources for fire-fighting and the feasibility of basing an auxiliary brigade in the Ballantrae area.

Consequently, the Erie plant offered its swimming-pool reservoir as a water supply and plans were made to connect a hydrant at Musselman's Lake, in conjunction with the Cedar Beach property.

The hydrant project was dropped because of its \$13,000 price tag, while the Erie offer was never officially acknowledged by the Town.

Although Council finally agreed in principle to the concept of an auxiliary fire-station last summer there was, apparently, no further action until the issue was reactivated by Mr. Roger's letter.

The Fire Marshall has now been requested to assess the scope of present fire-fighting facilities in the municipality.

People blamed for loose dog problem

UXBRIDGE — Recently, two dogs ravaged a herd of swine on the property of Morley Davis, lot 16, conc. 1, Uxbridge Township. Twenty-four of the animals were so badly bitten, they had to be destroyed.

"But don't blame the dogs," said Anne Barrett, Canine Control Officer, "the problem is people".

In a press interview later, Mrs. Barrett said most dog-owners refuse to believe their 'pets' could inflict such slaughter. She noted that following the attack, both dogs when picked up appeared docile and friendly. One was a German Shepherd and the other a part-Labrador.

"It's not necessary to keep a dog tied up all the time," she said, "but they should be kept under control according to the township bylaw". This particular claim, she admitted,

"could be a large one". These dogs, she said, jumped over a 4-foot fence during the early-morning hours of Jan. 22.

Lloyd Feasby, Livestock Evaluator for Durham Region, said it was not uncommon for dogs to resort to this kind of thing, once they have tasted blood. However, Mrs. Barrett noted that for dogs to attack pigs is rare. Sheep, she said, are the usual victims.

In 1973, two cows were "run to death" by a dog, she recalled. The officer explained that often, dog-owners unleash their pets at night, and that's when the damage is done.

When strays are picked up, she explained, they are taken to the pound and destroyed after five days. However, if they have a tag or some form of identification, the owners are contacted immediately.

Mayor upset over high Uxpool costs

UXBRIDGE — Uxpool is costing the taxpayers too much, Uxbridge Mayor Carl Puterbaugh charged at a council meeting Thursday.

The mayor insisted that two people he requested should be installed on the Uxbridge and Area Pool Board in order to help rectify the situation.

"This morning I signed 24 pay cheques for employees of the pool," he said. "They don't need half that number."

He said the total of salaries paid out for the pool was \$1,632 for the first two weeks of 1974.

Councillor Joe Esmonde asked, "what do 24 people do," and the mayor replied, "That's a good question."

Regional Councillor Bill Ballinger admitted that pool expenditures should be looked into, but added that there are many special programs offered at the pool, and most of the salaries go to life guards, mostly high school students.

The mayor insisted that expenditures at the pool are too high, "We cannot afford this kind of expenditure. If you have a business it should be run like a business."

The mayor asked what the total debenture was for the pool, but nobody at the meeting knew the figures.

"There has got to be a shake-up there, they are not running it in a business-like manner," Councillor Maustyn McKnight added.

The mayor maintained that,

"nobody in the municipality can get answers on the pool."

He insisted that Jack Scott and Gord Mackellar should be appointed to the pool board.

The other members of the board include—Chairman, T.E. Lennox, Dr. Ian S. Taylor, David Phillips and Charles Meyers. Councillor Ballinger is the Council representative, while mayor Puterbaugh remains an ex-officio member.

"I'll be there whether they want me or not," the mayor said. "I know what is wrong with the pool board, but I'm not going to say it in public."

Youth dies in mishap

RINGWOOD — A 17 year old Stouffville youth was killed Saturday when he walked into the path of a car on highway 48 south of Ringwood.

Robert Miller, 17 of 43 Main St. Stouffville, died when he walked in front of a southbound car driven by Robert Lapp, 44, R.R. 2 Markham. He had been walking along the road with four other youths.

Ontario Provincial Police list the next of kin as an uncle, Albert Seamont of Tamiscaming, Quebec.