



The sap's running—slowly!

The sap's running on the site of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum, west of Don Mills Road. Every weekend, to the end of the season, pancakes and maple syrup are on the menu. It's a first-time event at this location and residents are welcome to attend. One sap-sampler, Saturday, was 5 year old Richard Ellis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Ellis, Fairview Avenue, Stouffville.

Jim Thomas

Trustee admits

Morale a problem

STOUFFVILLE — Teacher morale, more than anything else, was a hidden factor in the strike that virtually shut down all secondary schools in York for two months, trustee John Mc-

Murray of Whitchurch-Stouffville said this week. While hesitant to mention names, he admitted to a clash of personalities and said other Board members were well aware of the problem.

"Morale was a main issue, but not negotiable," he said, "an open line of communication is needed between the teachers and the trustees."

Mr. McMurray said most teachers he had talked to seemed glad to get back. "The majority never thought the strike would last so long, maybe two or three days at the most, and the same goes for the Board," he noted.

He said the Board had met in committee, Thursday, to make sure the teachers' return was carried out as smoothly as possible.

Mr. McMurray admitted the system, as presently constituted, was not too satisfactory. He pointed out that Area 2, including Stouffville, extended as far west as King with office quarters in Aurora. He noted that in some instances, there was a toll charge to get through by phone.

He observed too, that students as well as teachers and trustees should be part of a closer communications program. "Some are reluctant to take part," he said, "they seem to think it's a futile thing, but it's not."

An effort will be made, he said, to contact students and find out if any of them are not planning to return.

Mr. McCartney also indicated there would be no special remedial programs but instead the regular courses would continue.

"These are programs the students feel they can cope with," he said.

"The teachers will work at getting the most important aspects of the courses in," the principal said, "especially the continuing courses such as Mathematics."

Not Broadway but

City scouts like rural life

WHITCHURCH — "It isn't Broadway," commented one of 55 visiting Boy Scouts as he wended his way through the "maternity ward" of Murray Wideman's high class pig farm, Saturday. "It's wonderful!"

The guest was speaking for himself and his companions, all from New York City and Ft. Hamilton, Manhattan. The lads and their leaders spent the weekend here, as hosts of Lemonville Scouts and their leaders.

A busy schedule had been arranged for the boys by Cubmaster Mrs. Beryl Bonnar, Group Committee Chairman Michael Ogden and Hugh McGinn. They were welcomed officially Friday evening by Mayor Gordon Ratcliff of Whitchurch-Stouffville and representatives from district Scout headquarters.

The program included a swim at Slater's Pool, Vandorf, a pancake breakfast at Keith Horton's Tree Farm, cross-country skiing and snow shoeing, a trip to the Science Centre, visits to the properties of Theo. VanderBurg, Gordon Bolender and Murray Wideman and an open-air worship service

Sunday at Woodlands Trails Camp on the 6th concession.

Sleeping accommodation Friday night was provided at the Lemonville Community Centre. On Saturday evening, the boys were billeted out in homes throughout the community.

Mrs. Bonnar described cooperation from local residents as "out of this world." In ten years of Scouting, "I've never experienced anything more rewarding," she said. She noted that many of the American boys had never seen a cow or a pig before.

"Some of the parents were a little reluctant to have their sons stay out in strange homes," Mrs. Bonnar said, "but by the time they arrived, the boys were looking forward to it."

The service, Sunday, was conducted by Dr. Raymond Christie of Philadelphia, assisted by Mrs. Bonnar.

The visitors left for home immediately after. It was in November of last year that Scouts from Lemonville travelled to New York. The return trip was tentatively arranged at that time.



An open-air church service at Woodlands Trails Camp, Sunday, concluded a weekend of activities for Boy Scouts from Lemonville and New York City. It was the return trip for the American boys and

their leaders. Lemonville lads visited New York in November. The worship was in charge of Dr. Raymond Christie of Philadelphia, assisted by Mrs. Beryl Bonnar, Stouffville, R.R. 4. Jim Thomas.

Airport: Cause for alarm

STOUFFVILLE — The people of Stouffville have just cause to be very seriously alarmed.

This is the warning to residents and the tone of a prepared Brief to be presented April 8, on behalf of Whitchurch-Stouffville, before the Airport Inquiry Commission, meeting in Pickering.

Heading up the Study is Andrew S. Harris, a supervisory consultant with the firm of Bolt Beranek and Newman Incorporated, Cambridge, Massachusetts. Mr. Harris is a specialist in the field of environmental noise. He spoke with The Tribune, Thursday.

In commenting on the proposed location of the Airport in relation to Stouffville, Mr. Harris suggested townfolk may

have been lulled into a false sense of security by the shape of the noise cones, spanning out from the runway sites. These drawings, he said, had been prepared by the Dept. of Transport, but did not necessarily present a true picture as to what the effect would be.

Mr. Harris observed that planes, following take-off, do not always continue in a straight line, but often veer sharply to the right and left. "If the planes turn, the noise contours also turn and the sound increases a great deal," he said.

The speaker stressed the importance of anticipated noise levels, because Stouffville is "an extremely quiet town." He said readings taken at various locations showed virtually no

noise nuisance at all. "The natural reaction by citizens would be to complain to Council but what's the use, after the port is built?"

Mr. Harris admitted that runway sites were still tentative, "but the impact is as low as possible." He said any change would be minimal as far as noise is concerned. He noted that the impact would effect not only Stouffville but a large portion of the former township and the region.

"There's just cause for alarm," he repeated, "this is a very serious problem."

Town solicitor Paul W. Mingay said it was not the intent of the firm to deal in hysterics, but the company was asked for a report and this is what they've done.

Caretakers next?

YORK CITY — First the teachers, now the caretakers.

Three hundred custodians of elementary and secondary schools in York County will take a strike vote April 7.

The decision follows a meeting, March 25, when it was learned conciliations had broken down.

A spokesman for Local 1196 of the Canadian Union of Public Employees reported a wage differential of up to 18 percent between caretakers in York and some other areas.

"We're not asking parity," he said, "but we want to come close."

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Innocent at first

Homes ordered removed

STOUFFVILLE — It all started innocently enough when tractor-trailers transporting sections of modular homes wheeled into Stouffville and parked in the westend plaza, March 19.

The mayor, passing by around noon, presumed the drivers had stopped for lunch. It wasn't till Planning Board meeting that evening that he, and most councillors, learned the modular homes were being assembled and had settled in the plaza for a 10-day stopover.

Mayor says Brief is last resort

STOUFFVILLE — "I don't believe in wasting money, but it's our last recourse," Mayor Gordon Ratcliff said this week.

He was speaking in support of Council's decision to have a Brief prepared for presentation at the Airport Inquiry Commission, April 8.

The cost to the municipality will be \$9,000.

Mr. Ratcliff said no other level of government had agreed to assist the Town in this regard.

"We have lived in an area where there is no noise. With the coming of an Airport, there will be noise. If it means present-day residents will be forced to move out, then I'm against it."

The Mayor said he would be attending the Inquiry in Pickering, next month, and would likely be subject to cross-examination.

The units, had been brought to town by Bill Corcoran who, for two years, has persistently attempted to gain Council support for the 97-acre mobile home park he wishes to develop on the east side of Don Mills Road, north of Stouffville Road.

Mr. Corcoran's plaza suites proved to be the last straw for the Town representatives, lately incensed over an impermanent chalet erected without authorization on the property of Stouffville Trailer Sales, south of Ringwood.

Eldred King was supported by a majority when he moved for legal action against Mr. Corcoran's company and Stouffville Trailer Sales for erecting their buildings, an action which, in one case, contravenes the zoning By-law and in the other, the Minister's Order as it applies to the airport freeze zone.

Councillor June Button took a more charitable view of the impromptu appearance of modular units in the plaza than her colleagues. "I'm sure no one's trying to put anything over on us," she said in condemning the Town's move against the display as a "police state" tactic.

Mrs. Button remained the only contrary member and, on Council's instructions, the By-law Enforcement Officer moved into action the following day. The homes were immediately closed to the public and it was made clear that they were to be removed as soon as transportation could be arranged.

"I got the OK of the plaza owners. I didn't think I would need the Town's permission," Mr. Corcoran, a Richmond Hill

councillor told The Tribune after the closure. He said there had been no problem when he had followed the same procedure in setting up the display in Richmond Hill plaza.

Mr. Corcoran denied that his purpose was to sell modular homes. "I just want people to see what they look like. The two in Stouffville are typical of units that could be established at Gormley Park," he added. "We brought them there because people have a misconception about mobile home living."

Mr. Corcoran said he had made no secret of the fact that he was bringing the display to Stouffville. It had been widely publicized on Ch. 10 television. He also claimed that, before receiving instructions from Council, the By-law officer who inspected the plaza display could not foresee any problems.

Now that he was aware of the regulatory by-law prohibiting the erection of his

buildings, what was his reaction as a councillor to the Town's enforcement proceedings, Mr. Corcoran was asked.

"Sometimes you (officialdom) have to bend a little," he suggested. "I certainly don't want to create any ill-feelings over this."

A spokesman for Southwick Investments, the firm which owns the plaza, added that Mr. Corcoran had been given the company's permission to display the homes at no charge, providing he got all necessary permits from the Town. That provision, it was stressed, had been written into a letter of confirmation.

Meanwhile, despite the by-law infraction, a large sign inviting everyone to visit the mobile home display remained beside the highway over the weekend and the curious public who turned up to look around continued to twiddle knobs in surprise when confronted with locked doors.

Two town teams in Ontario finals

STOUFFVILLE — Stouffville's well-organized minor hockey program is producing teams of championship calibre. For the second straight year, the town has advanced clubs to the Ontario finals.

The O.M.H.A. Juveniles, fresh from a sweep over Unionville, will meet either Aylmer or London for the title.

The O.M.H.A. Midgets knocked off Woodbridge in five games. They await the winner of the Petrolia Listowel series.

The schedule, when finalized, will be posted on the I.G.A. bulletin board.

Checks yield results

STOUFFVILLE — Spot checks by police are continuing in Stouffville and elsewhere across York Region.

Undoubtedly, many local drivers have been stopped. There's a reason.

In 1973, fifty-three traffic fatalities were recorded in the area, up 47 percent over the previous year. Almost half of these involved alcohol.

The solution? Nab the drinking driver and get him off the road.

The program is working, says Deputy Chief Wally Harkness. There hasn't been a single traffic fatality in York since Dec. 14. He describes the record as "fantastic." If people know they are going to be checked, they're not so likely to drive while impaired, he said.

The program is placing no additional burden on York taxpayers, the deputy chief points out, since no additional officers have been assigned to carry out this work.

"If it stops one drinking driver, it's worth it," concluded Harkness.