



"Come to our Carnival," says pretty 14 year old Georgina Kemp of R. R. 1, Stouffville. The 24th annual Ice Revue, presented by the Stouffville Figure Skating Club, opens Friday at 8 p.m., with two shows; Saturday, including a matinee at 2 p.m., and an evening performance at eight. The theme is 'Mary Poppins'.

—Jim Thomas.



Dress rehearsals like the show itself are important, and each skater wants to do (and look) her best. Thirteen year old Shelly Smith is no exception.

—Jim Thomas.

Ice show revived

STOUFFVILLE — Revival of the good things in life, is the theme of '74. In Stouffville, the return of the Skating Club's Springtime Ice Revue is classed as one of the good things to happen here. The show is all set to go this week with performances Friday at 8 p.m. and Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m.

The Carnival convenor is Barbara Summerfeldt. The Club president is Peggy Topping. The program will feature the story of 'Mary Poppins' with talented Nancy Yakeley playing the lead role. All age groups are included, from tiny pre-schoolers to accomplished intermediates and seniors.

The Master of Ceremonies is Keith Sutherland. Several solo numbers are featured, including Stouffville's incomparable Peter Mellon, a competitor this year in the Eastern Divisional Championships. Club professionals are Jacquie Armitage, Jean Barclay and Kathy Szabel.

Tax relief plan

Issue remains unresolved

STOUFFVILLE — A proposal to grant property tax relief to senior citizens in Whitchurch-Stouffville remained unresolved last week when a by-law to launch the municipal scheme was nullified by a split vote in Council.

With Jim Wong missing from the roster, Cathy Joice voiced exasperation over the stalemate which could have been avoided had a full complement of Council been in attendance. Although she observed that there was "no guarantee all seven of us will be

here," her request to have the by-law re-presented at Council's next meeting was approved. Preceding the inconclusive vote, the intent of the by-law to provide a \$100 annual tax reduction to property owners, 70 years of age and over, was severely criticized by councillor Merlyn Baker who contended that senior citizens already received monetary concessions from the government which put many of them in a less crucial financial position than younger home owners in the municipality struggling to

Fire-death-illness can't keep her down

CLAREMONT — In February, 1973, little over one year ago, the Charles Cooper Ltd. store in Claremont was destroyed by fire. Destroyed too, was a second storey apartment, the home of Betty Jean Poley. Betty Jean escaped from the building, then returned to rescue her pet poodle 'Pepe'. That was all she saved. Her misfortune didn't end there, however. Several months ago, her mother died from cancer and she was also given up for dead. When first stricken, Betty Jean was rushed to

Sunnybrook Hospital. Her illness was diagnosed as muscular dystrophy, but later attributed to a virus in the central nervous system. She went unconscious, had difficulty breathing with no discernible pulse. Her condition was considered hopeless. Staff doctors and nurses refused to give up, however. Using every modern medical device and round the clock surveillance, they slowly brought her back to life. Now Betty Jean can talk, and she's learning to walk.

support families and pay off mortgages. Mayor Gordon Ratcliff and Finance Chairman June Button disapproved the by-law's intention to include persons ineligible for the Guaranteed Income Supplement in the rebate plan.

"Blanket coverage" of all senior property owners, Mrs. Button speculated, might only result in a tax increase that would "take money out of one pocket and put in in another."

The mayor added that he regarded such tax-relief schemes as a provincial-federal responsibility. In a district where the "working poor" were earning an average of \$8,760 a year, a municipal rebate on property would be unfair, he concluded.

Speaking in defence of the by-law, Eldred King reiterated viewpoints accepted by the majority of Council when he originally presented the proposal for a non-discriminative grant to elderly property owners.

The Town, he pointed out, conscientiously promoted rental accommodation for its senior citizens but gave no incentive to those retaining and living in their own homes. These residents worked hard and been the backbone of the municipality, he argued, adding that this factor, and not financial status, should be the basis for approving the by-law.

Councillor Jim Wong

Attendance "a joke"

STOUFFVILLE — The attendance record of Ward 2 councillor Jim Wong, at both regular and committee meetings, has become a subject of joking comment among members, particularly in the current year.

However, Mayor Gordon Ratcliff sees little humor in it, particularly when issues of major importance have originated from that area of Town. When pressed for comment by The Tribune, he called it "disastrous".

Minutes show that in eleven meetings since Jan. 1, councillor Wong has missed five. No check-back was requested for 1973.

"Yes, I'm concerned," he said, "I feel decisions should represent the thinking of the Council as a whole." He noted that while Ward representation is important, members are also expected to consider issues that affect other sections of Town. While admitting that Mr. Wong may have been sick on occasions, "I feel all councillors should, when possible, make a determined effort to attend."

The Mayor said he disliked being drawn into controversy of this kind, but readily admitted the councillor's absence was no secret to persons attending meetings regularly.

Goodwood plan 'suspended'

UXBRIDGE — What ever happened to the 'dream plan' for Goodwood, once envisioned as a kind of Eutopia within the Twp. of Uxbridge?

It's not 'buried', commented councillor Eleanor Todd when contacted by The Tribune this week.

The proposal is presently in a state of 'suspended animation' at Queen's Park, but it's release is expected soon. Mrs. Todd said that with the change to regional government, all aspects of it would be subject to review by the new Council.

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Rescue efforts fail— Ballantrae woman dies

BALLANTRAE — A 69 year old Ballantrae woman burned to death Monday night, despite feverish efforts by her husband and neighbors to save her.

Elsie Pearl Campbell, RR 2 Stouffville, had no chance to escape. Her husband Vern is in satisfactory condition in York County Hospital.

Philip Copeman, the next door neighbor, said Mr. Campbell ran to their back door yelling that there was a fire. That was 10:30 p.m. Monday during a severe thunderstorm.

Mrs. Copeman ran for the telephone and Mr. Copeman hurried to try and save Mrs. Campbell. Police report that Mr. Campbell had tried to extinguish the fire himself before running to the neighbors.

The living room was a mass of flames, Mrs. Copeman said.

"I opened the back door, but there was no way to get in," Mrs. Copeman added. "I knocked in the front door and flames just shot out."

The Campbells had lived in the white frame house for the past 22 years. It is located on Aurora Rd. just west of Highway 48.

Mrs. Copeman added that the flames were moving along the east wall of the house near the living room.

Volunteer firefighters fought the blaze for four hours and managed to save the shell of the dwelling. The interior was completely gutted and half-burned mattresses and furniture on the front lawn were mute testimony.

Whitchurch-Stouffville Fire Chief Walt Smith would not comment on the cause of the

fire. It is under investigation by the Ontario Fire Marshal's office and York Regional Police.

A police spokesman said that the victim apparently had been smoking in bed

Council insists-- mobile homes go

STOUFFVILLE — Two mobile homes, erected at the westend Plaza were ordered removed, despite a plea from Richmond Hill councillor, Bill Corcoran that the display should be allowed to stay. Council made the decision at the March 26 meeting.

Two days later trucks arrived and the homes were taken out.

Councillor Merlyn Baker reminded Mr. Corcoran that the units, which had already been ordered removed by Town authority, contravened the Zoning By-law.

"We have," he added, "passed a resolution that legal action be taken. As far as I am concerned these homes should have been removed before this and we should proceed with laying charges."

The importance of upholding the by-law was also stressed by Eldred King who felt a concession in Mr. Corcoran's case would entitle others to similar consideration.

June Button, referring to by-law enforcement in this instance, "unreasonable," attempted to implement Mr. Corcoran's request but her move to delay eviction of the

mobile homes failed when Cathy Joice was the only other councillor to lend her support.

Tennis courts Lions project

STOUFFVILLE — Work will begin soon on the construction of two regulation size tennis courts in the parkette at Rupert Avenue and Westlawn Crescent, Stouffville.

The project, costing just over \$9,500, has been approved by the Lions Club, with completion expected by June 15 of this year. The Helmer firm of Whitchurch has the contract. Lights will not be installed immediately but may be considered for '75.

The location, selected by the Stouffville Community Centre Board is south of Elm Road.

Other Lions' projects in Town include permanent benches along the west side of the Stouffville Pool costing \$900, a \$200 sound system for the Centennial Centre at Ballantrae and a backstop for the ball diamond also at Ballantrae.

Board greets new librarian

STOUFFVILLE — Whitchurch-Stouffville has a new librarian.

She is Lynne C. Robbins and comes to this area from Sun Prairie, Wisconsin, a city of 12,000, where she was Director of the Public Library.

Prior to that she worked in libraries in Jamaica, England and Massachusetts.

According to library board chairman Jim Sanders, one of her most important responsibilities will involve building of a new library.

"The board feels confident that Miss Robbins will be very effective in taking the library to the community and developing a library program which will be appreciated by everyone," Mr. Sanders added.

Fashions say better days ahead

STOUFFVILLE — Outside Latcham Hall, Monday, it didn't feel much like Spring. But inside, it was summer. Eight pretty models, all members of the Stouffville Kinette Club, sported summery fashions, even to an abbreviated bikini.

It's (or she) drew an appreciative whistle from a lone male spectator, while ladies in the audience applauded.

Maris Anderson served as commentator. Other participants included Carol Baston, Neala Donn, Carol Rae, Barbara Pollard, Denny Patrick, Clara Harman, Sylvia English and Donna Sanders.



A Kinette Donna Sanders, Rupert Avenue, Stouffville, looked lovely in this outfit, modelled at a fashion show in Latcham Hall. Eight ladies participated. The commentator was Maris Anderson.

—Jim Thomas

Break-in case remanded again

STOUFFVILLE — The court case involving a break-in at a Stouffville store two years ago, was prolonged further after a decision by Judge Russell Pearse last week.

A defense motion for a dismissal was based on a claim that there had been unnecessary delay in the case, which followed a break-in at the Eaton's Order Office on Main St. in 1972, when two color televisions were stolen.

Edward Dion, 22, of the Mansion House, Stouffville, was charged in 1972. Those charges were withdrawn and further charges laid more than a year later. Those charges were subsequently dropped and new charges laid again early this year.

The defense claimed the information on the case be quashed as "abuse of process".

Mr. Dion had been serving time on other charges, but has been kept in custody even though his sentence had expired. The accused man had not been able to raise the bail money.

The case has gone through eight or ten remands, the defense attorney added.

Crown Attorney, Ian Cun-

ningham, agreed with the defense submission, but insisted, that "this case should be brought to trial as quickly as possible."

Judge Pearse said that he had never dismissed a case on that basis and, "I can't make a decision without looking into the matter."

He ordered the transcripts of Mr. Dion's previous appearances be made available. The case will be heard again in Newmarket Court, April 5.

Construction to start on Post Office

STOUFFVILLE — Construction will start soon on a new Post Office in Stouffville. The site is on the south side of Main Street, the location of the former Anglican Church and an adjacent home. Both have been demolished.

The contract at \$257,800, has been awarded to Terra Construction Company of Toronto. It was the lowest of ten tenders. The high bid was \$317,000.

The one-storey structure will replace the present facility at Market and Main. It will provide 8,000 square feet of space for facilities such as lock box lobbies and sorting areas. The exterior will be textured concrete block. The interior will be painted light-weight concrete blocks.