



Wow — I'm thirsty!

Gentlemen prefer blondes, as the saying goes. However, when brunettes come as pretty as 16 year old Nancy Yakeley of R.R. 1, Goodwood, it can attract the attention of the most discerning girl-watcher. And all the better, says 4 year old Craig

Thompson of Rupert Avenue, when she agrees to share her drink. Nancy played the lead role in the Stouffville Figure Skating Club's performance of 'Mary Poppins'. Craig served as a handsome soldier. — Jim Thomas.

100 attend meeting

Oppose industrial park

BALLANTRAE — Like the old woman in the shoe, Planning Board ran into accommodation problems at its April 2 meeting when close to 100 residents from the Ballantrae area spilled into the Council Chamber and overflowed into anti-rooms. Once again it was Ballantrae's zone of contention — the Schickendanz industrial acreage — that generated the unprecedented attendance and another verbal clash between local planners and Whitchurch-Stouffville Ratepayers' Association.

President Tom Wood, backed by the surge of members, voiced the delegation's disillusionment over the Town's planning procedures which, he said, disregarded the rights of people versus bureaucracy. Why, he asked, had com-

mercial developments at Cedar Valley and Ballantrae been approved despite strong opposition from area residents and ratepayers? Why had the developer's staging of lots for initial development at the Schickendanz site been accepted over the alternative preferred by residents in Ballantrae? When the official Plan states that the old Whitchurch area should remain rural in character and that industry should be located near existing municipal water sewage facilities, why, questioned Mr. Wood, disregard your own Official Plan?

Councillor Cathy Joice walked into the first jab of the conflict when she contended that Council had no alternative but to approve the Schickendanz plan because the site was already zoned industrial. "There's nothing we or you can do about that," she told the group. "Council can control the type of industry on the property but that is all."

There seemed to be no explanation for the inconsistency in the Official Plan which urged location of industry within reasonable proximity of existing services, yet designated industrial parcels remote from water-sewage facilities. The mayor rationalized that the industries which would be permitted on the rural sites would be ones which did not create excess sewage or use major amounts of water. The vulnerability of Ballantrae's school, with over 500 pupils, and community centre again appeared as primary concerns to the residents. Mrs. Eileen Gayton submitted that "no one in his right mind" would consider locking these community institutions into an industrially active area. "Why can't you see," she asked the Board in exasperation, "that children and industry are incompatible?"

After two years - man released

STOUFFVILLE — Edward Dion, charged with the break and enter at Stouffville's Eaton's Order Office in 1972 has been released from jail. Mr. Dion appeared before Judge Russell Pearce in Newmarket Provincial Court following a request from his lawyer that the case be dismissed due to an unnecessary two year delay. Mr. Dion has been recharged three separate times for the offence over the two year period. Judge Pearce issued a "stay of proceedings" and the case has been discontinued.

Special program marks anniversary

STOUFFVILLE — This year, the Stouffville Horticultural Society celebrates the 50th anniversary of its founding. To mark the occasion, a special program is planned for Monday, April 15 in the main auditorium of St. James Presbyterian Church. The time is 8 p.m.

Invited guests for this evening will be the Markham 'Melody Makers' a famed singing group under the direction of Mrs. Doris Pilkey. Society officers for 1974 include: President, Mrs. Alex Ratcliff; Vice-President, Win Timbers; Secretary, Charles James; and Treasurer, Mrs. Frank Burkholder.

Two Stouffville youths charged

STOUFFVILLE — Two Stouffville brothers and a Thornhill man have been charged with abduction, following an investigation by York Regional Police. It is alleged that David Sweet, 22 and Daniel Sweet, 18, of R.R. 2, Stouffville, along with Robert Palmer of Thornhill, drove their car up beside another containing 18 year old Kathleen Wayne of Thornhill and a male companion. Miss Wayne's police said, was pulled from her boyfriend's vehicle and the three with the young lady, sped off. The suspects were later arrested at the Mansion House Hotel in Sutton.

Caretakers approve strike

STOUFFVILLE — Unless settlement is reached by a deadline date of April 22, the 280 caretakers at York County's elementary and secondary schools, will pack up their gear and walk out. This is the current crisis facing harried Board members following a breakdown in negotiations last month. The custodians have been working without an agreement since Dec. 31, 1973. The decision to strike followed a meeting, Sunday, at Dr. G. W. Williams Secondary School Aurora. Out of the 218 employees present, 87 per cent voted "Yes". Len Henderson of Markham, chairman of the negotiating committee (CUPE Local 1196) said salary and job security were major points separating the two sides. In actual money,

he said the Board's offer amounted to an increase of about 5.2 per cent. The caretakers are asking something like 23 per cent. "We could be miles apart," he said. Mr. Henderson said the wage rate in York was considerably less than in areas close by. The committee is also opposed to the hiring of caretakers by contract, a policy already in practice in one or two schools, "but not working out too well," he said. Mr. Henderson admitted that most schools could possibly carry on for a time, but would be forced to shut down if the strike continued. He said the workers had received promises of support from both elementary and secondary school teachers. He said he wasn't sure what form the teachers' support would take.

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No equipment 'on hand'

Urge Ballantrae brigade

BALLANTRAE — "I can only tell you of the frustration I felt," as a former firefighter, standing in front of that house with no equipment on hand to be of help. Jim Wong informed Council after requesting that the Town immediately establish a volunteer brigade in Ballantrae, purchase and equip a tanker truck, and acquire land for the erection of a temporary firehall. Referring to the fire which broke out in the Vern Campbell residence in Ballantrae, April 1, and the resultant fatality, Mr. Wong said he spotted the flames while on his way home at 10:30 p.m. "I know how long I was there before the brigade arrived," he said. It was not a criticism of the unit which probably arrived as soon as humanly possible after the alarm sounded in Stouffville, he continued, but an illustration of how crucial the distance

factor is in reaching a fire shortly after it erupts. Councillor Cathy Joice, who was leaving Latham Hall when the alarm sounded, confirmed that the local brigade had reacted promptly and was on its way by the time she reached Main Street. Mr. Wong's year-long efforts to establish an auxiliary brigade in the hamlet were precipitated by the disastrous Ballantrae School fire last spring. From recent discussions with local Fire Chief, Walt Smith, and the Fire Marshall, Mr. Wong said he understood that while a permanent firehall was premature, a temporary building with a tanker, located in Ballantrae, "would be an overall benefit" to the municipality. "I have been asked in Committee what is preferable for Ballantrae — a hydrant or a firehall. I have stated time and time again, give us a piece of fire-fighting equipment," commented the councillor. "What we wish," he reaffirmed, "is minimal equipment. Facilities, elaborate or minimal, still required a price tag before Council could make an assessment; fellow members agreed. The motion to authorize Mr. Wong's request was tabled for a period of two weeks to permit further discussion and study of cost estimates. "It's a very difficult situation," commented councillor Art Starr. "How do you equate life with dollars?"

Truck 'run time' 12 minutes: chief

STOUFFVILLE — Twelve minutes. That was the run time for firemen, from Stouffville to Ballantrae, April 1. That night, a blaze destroyed the home of Vern Campbell and took the life of his wife, Elsie Pearl. "Ordinarily, we can make it in nine minutes," said Chief Walter Smith, "but the pavement was slippery and we had to slow down a little. There's no use ending up with the truck in the ditch." The Chief said that regardless of distance or speed, there was no means of preventing the tragedy. "The truck could have been parked across the road," he said, "it wouldn't have mattered."

Jim Wong

Insists his ward 'politically active'

BALLANTRAE — Although he admits to missing five council meetings so far this year, Councillor Jim Wong insists that he has not let his Ward 2 constituents down. "I don't feel particularly guilty about it, or that I am letting my constituents down," he told The Tribune. He said that illness had prevented him from attending two meetings and he had to attend the parents' night at the

school where he teaches on another occasion. He added that there have been times when he has looked at the agenda and knew which way the vote would go. "The more meetings you go to at council, the less you are in touch with the ratepayers," he added. The councillor insists that there must be a balance so that a councillor knows what the ratepayers want. "My record of achievement in getting people involved and active speaks for itself," Mr. Wong said. He said that before his tenure "nobody knew who or what Ward 2 was," but now "it is one of the most politically active wards." Personal problems, including death and illness in the family, have also contributed to his absence. "Things seemed to happen in clusters," he maintained. "If the same things happened again in the same period of time, I would do the same thing."

Dump site cause for concern

STOUFFVILLE — The use of a site east of Hwy. 48 and south of Ballantrae as a dumping area for Metro garbage is again causing concern. This fact is pointed up this week by former Stouffville councillor Bob Lewis of Bloomington, a leader against this practice, several years ago. The property in question has since changed owners, but the operation continues. Mr. Lewis says that every morning, as he travels to work between 7 and 7:30 a.m., he meets up to ten fully-loaded garbage trucks, all headed north, presumably into Whitchurch-Stouffville. "I wonder how much Metro garbage has been contracted to be dumped in our town?" he asks. Mr. Lewis' concern is also voiced by Mayor Gordon Ratcliff and members of Council. A meeting with Provincial authorities was held in Stouffville Tuesday to learn of future government plans for this site. Mayor Ratcliff has promised a full report when the facts are known.



The syrup season's in full swing

Bruce Mills' Conservation Area is a favorite themselves. Such a location is O'Brien Avenue as syrup-making site every spring. Some Stouffville indicated here by 11 year old Melissa Paterson. folks, however, don't go to see it — they do it. — Jim Thomas.