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Stouffville firefighters' quick action last Thursday prevented further destruction from a \$40,000 blaze that hit Schell Lumber Co. A storage shed full of lumber was gutted. Arson is suspected in the fire. — Jim Thomas.

Estimate \$40,000 damage

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Commuter usage up in three years

STOUFFVILLE — After three years of operation the Stouffville-Toronto commuter has seen a significant increase in passengers using the morning and evening service.

CNR officials said recently that originally one unit was used which could carry an average of 80 people. The train hauls three cars and up to 200 passengers at the present time.

It leaves Stouffville every morning at 7:10 a.m. and arrives in Toronto at 8:05. In the evening, it starts the 28-mile trip to Stouffville at 5:20 p.m. and arrives in the village at 6:15.

A spokesman for the CNR said that the success of the train is attributed to high cost of city parking, traffic congestion on the roads, and increases in gasoline prices.

A group in Lindsay and Uxbridge have made application to the Canadian Transportation Commission to have the service extended to those two municipalities but no date has been set for a hearing.

STOUFFVILLE — Arson is suspected in a \$40,000 fire that ripped through a storage shed at Schell Lumber Co. July 4.

Quick action by Stouffville firefighters managed to contain the blaze. The shed, containing lumber stacked to the roof, remained standing following the fire.

The call was turned in by Roy Ward, Albert Street.

Percy Schell, co-owner of the company, said he could see no reason for the fire starting, since there was no evidence of lightning, no hydro installations in the shed and some kind of kindling would have been required to ignite the lumber.

When asked if he had any

ideas on how the fire started, Fire Chief Walt Smith said, "Not at the present time," and added that it is being investigated by the Fire Marshall.

Chief Smith said he stayed at the scene until 2 a.m. to extinguish the fire. The fight was aided by a couple of fire hoses on the premises, which were trained on the north side of the building.

"So far we've been able to get along without a gate," Mr. Schell commented, "but with the area changing and what not we may have to gate it."

A police spokesman said a vehicle was seen parked in the vicinity before the blaze.

Planning board approves 50-acre industrial park

STOUFFVILLE — A 50-acre industrial park at Ballantrae was approved by planning board on July 2. The next step for the developer is to gain approval from the province.

In speaking for Shickedanz Developments, Vernon Singer told the board that the developer was willing to cooperate in extending publicly owned land. Specifically, they would donate land to increase the community center's holding, and if a fire hall was built would "take whatever share of it is deemed appropriate."

Councillor Eldred King moved to allow the developer to proceed in developing 50 acres "with no further contemplation of other lands at this point." The motion passed unanimously.

The developer's wishes for the total acreage included some 50 industrial acres, 40 holding industrial acres, and 60 residential acres. "If we could walk out of here and develop the

whole 150 acres, we would leave very quickly," Mr. Singer said.

When contacted later, Whitchurch Stouffville Ratepayers' President Tom Wood said that Mr. Shickedanz "has made some promises that would be very compatible with that area. If he would do that, then we're quite in favor of it."

He added that "I don't think anyone would be in favor of any more than 50 acres."

Mr. Singer argued to the board that the Area Services Branch Ballantrae study was "less than definitive" about industrial development at Ballantrae. One alternative recommended in the plan, he said, was to proceed with industrial development in planned stages — if it was proven there is proper drainage and water supply.

From a financial point of view, Mr. Singer continued, the development couldn't be much smaller than 50 acres.

Councillor Cathy Joice agreed. "I don't personally see how we can contain it any smaller than 50 acres," she said.

Councillor Art Starr said he "would certainly like to see some development started." However, he didn't want the motion to appear to be an endorsement for developing the whole 150 acres, he said.

Mayor Gordon Ratcliff pointed out that allowing industrial development at Ballantrae would require an amendment of the proposed comprehensive zoning by-law for the municipality, 72-7.

The Shickedanz company owns a total of 400 acres in Ballantrae, with plans to develop 150 of them. The remainder are marked "vacant land" on their plans.

Councillor Jim Wong of Ballantrae was absent from the meeting.

Tax hike 15 mills in former Scott

UXBRIDGE — Regional government was supposed to cost the Durham Region taxpayers more money. The changeover has been eased somewhat by increased provincial grants.

Despite that taxpayers in Uxbridge Township face healthy increases when they receive their tax bills this year.

Taxes will be up 7-15 mills in the township, with former Scott Township having the largest bite. Taxes in that area for a house assessed at \$6,000 will be up \$90 over the 1973 level.

According to Uxbridge Administrator, Ron Kester, the 15-mill increase can be divided into two parts. Eight mills of the increase can be accounted for by the loss of education grants, while the other seven mills will go for municipal spending.

Former Uxbridge Township and the town will have tax increases of about seven mills, which is \$40 on a house assessed at \$6,000.

S.S. board changes name

RICHMOND HILL — One school board recognizes that York County ceased to exist when York Region was formed in 1971.

The York County Roman Catholic Separate School Board decided at its meeting June 18 to change its name to the York Region Roman Catholic Separate School Board.

A press release from the board said the new name will conform to the new designation of the area from county to region. The change is subject to approval by the Ministry of Education.



Something new on Highway 48 tells people they are entering Whitchurch-Stouffville. The sign was erected some time ago and is located just north of Dickson Hill, announcing to all who enter the town where they are. — Don Bernard.

Election '74 results

MARKHAM — Despite an expensive campaign and a determined effort to reach the voters of York North Riding, Stephen Roman of Gormley was soundly defeated by incumbent, Barney Banson.

The north part of the riding, however proved the only area where Mr. Roman seemed to have a significant support. The totals show Mr. Danson with 34,094, Mr. Roman at 26,216, Jim Reid counting 7,733 and social credit candidate 361.

The turnout in the riding which has 87,000 eligible voters was a stunning 78 per cent.

Two polls covered the area below the Gormley Road between Stouffville and Gormley. Voters in those polls numbered 113 and 114 favored Mr. Roman, the margin was 30 votes over Mr. Danson for the two polls. The NDP hopeful picked up 30 votes there.

Two polls reported from the Dickson Hill area. Mr. Roman picked up 172 votes, Mr. Danson managed 144 and Mr. Reid received 46.

Polls 115 and 116, in the Victoria Square area saw Mr. Roman receive 220 votes, Mr. Danson, 158 and Mr. Reid 29. It was in his own poll, 120 that

Mr. Roman trailed Mr. Danson. The Liberal managed 105 votes and the Tory received 84. The people in that polling subdivision voted at Buttonville.

Sinclair Stevens receives a congratulatory hug from his secretary, Rhonea St. John, after he was declared the winner in York Simcoe Riding, handily defeating Liberal Mike Willinsky.

York Simcoe voters buck national trend



Ontario results are inconclusive

CLAREMONT — Norm Cafik decisively defeated Joyce Bowerman in Ontario Riding Monday, but for the people in north Pickering and south Uxbridge, the results were inconclusive.

The totals for the riding show Liberal 20,109; Progressive Conservative, 15,551 and NDP, 6,725.

In the northeast section of Pickering, voters went heavily for Mrs. Bowerman. She picked up 117 votes against Mr. Cafik's 91 in poll 117.

In Greenwood, she managed 115 votes against Mr. Cafik's 87. NDP hopeful Bill Lishman picked up 45 votes in those two polls combined.

Brougham voters favored Mr. Cafik as he managed 80 votes, while the Tory garnered 63. Mr. Lishman picked up 23 votes in that hamlet. Poll 130, located between Brougham and Claremont

saw Mrs. Bowerman claim 67 votes, Mr. Cafik, 46 and Mr. Lishman 14.

In Claremont Mr. Cafik overwhelmed Mrs. Bowerman 232-164. Mr. Lishman garnered 52 votes in his home area. The other north Pickering poll, 131, favored the Conservative by almost 20 votes.

The lack of consistent pattern continued in Uxbridge Township. The southwest corner (poll 158) saw Mr. Cafik with 79 and Mrs. Bowerman at 71. The NDP managed 17. Poll 159 results saw Mrs. Bowerman with slight lead, 88-76. Mr. Lishman managed 27 votes in that poll.

In Goodwood, the vote was again split. South Goodwood favored Mr. Cafik by a narrow margin. The other poll in the hamlet was split into two parts. The A part strongly favored the Liberal and the B part was heavily Conservative.

STOUFFVILLE — Despite the Liberal sweep of Metropolitan Toronto and area ridings, York-Simcoe voters returned incumbent Progressive Conservative, Sinclair Stevens by a healthy margin.

Mr. Stevens picked up a total of 24,417 votes, against 18,808 for Liberal Mike Willinsky and 7,629 for NDP hopeful Wally Gustar.

The results from Whitchurch-Stouffville show that Mr. Stevens won every poll in the town, most by large margins. In the former village of Stouffville, Mr. Stevens out polled Dr. Willinsky 1448-985. Mr. Gustar garnered 284 votes in the village.

In the rural areas, Mr. Stevens was almost as dominant. He picked up 1247 votes and Dr. Willinsky managed 805, while Mr. Gustar made a better showing with 433.

The total for Whitchurch-Stouffville shows the Conservative at 2695; Liberal counting 1790 and NDP managing 717.

Tribune asks the people

Results satisfy many

By TED WILCOX, Tribune Reporter

STOUFFVILLE — "Well, I'm glad they got a majority rather than just half of one," said Pearl Brownsberger of R. R. 2 Markham. She was one of eight local residents we phoned on Tuesday to gather their views on the federal election.

Mrs. Brownsberger added that "I don't think anyone expected quite that much of a majority."

Neil Armstrong of O'Brien Ave. agreed on the value of a majority. "If they have anything to do, they'll do it this time; they won't have any more excuses. With the minority split, they weren't going for policy, just for power."

As for Mrs. Ron Arends of Manitoba St., she "wasn't pleased" with the election's outcome. "I was very very surprised. I thought if the Liberals won it would be very close. The thing that scared everyone away from the Tories was the wage and price controls," she said.

As for the future, Mrs. Arends feels the Conservatives "are going to have to get a new candidate. Mr. Stanfield doesn't come across to the public."

Peggy Biggerstaff of Main St. E. was disappointed in the result as well, but thought "it was more or less sure" since Trudeau is "just a very popular man."

Another PC supporter was Mrs. Anderson Duckett of R.R. 4 Stouffville, who was "quite pleased that my local Conservative member got in." She said she would "rather see a majority government than a minority one." "I didn't really think the Liberals would get in

until just this week," she concluded.

Susanne Carter of Victoria St. is glad about the outcome and the majority government, but she "was thinking that the conservatives would win."

By contrast, an unidentified member of the Foulds residence, Second Ave., said she "thought the Liberals would win; they did win; and I'm glad they won." She was not surprised by the size of the majority, but thought it reflected Canadians' recognition that "life here is better off than a lot of other places."

Toronto man badly injured

STOUFFVILLE — A Toronto man suffered a broken neck and collar bone when he was struck by a dump truck on a construction site on the Bloomington Road.

Michael Boretski, 55, a construction worker is listed in satisfactory condition in York County Hospital.

"His head was struck by the rear wheel of a truck and according to police reports his safety helmet was completely smashed."

A hospital spokesman said there is no indication whether Mr. Boretski has been permanently injured.