



The Queen and her princesses

One of the glittering highlights of the Markham Fair is the selection of the Queen and this year's 119th addition is as lovely as her predecessors. Cathy Michaud (centre) took the title. She lives on 14th Ave., Markham R. R. 1, Milliken. The runners-up are Lois Empringham (left) of R. R. 1,

Unionville, and Kathy Mason, R. R. 1, Sunderland. The competition was held Friday evening. The fair was bigger and better than ever this year, with record attendance.

Jim Thomas.

Conservation Club

Work started on flood control park

STOUFFVILLE — The Whitchurch-Stouffville Conservation Club has initiated action on their plan to turn the conservation area north of the high school into a "community project."

Jim Doble, vice-president of the club spoke last week to an interested group of about 16 students at the high school.

It was a general information meeting to inform students of the philosophy behind the conservation area, give them a short history of the club and tell them what they can do to help.

Essentially, Mr. Doble said the area had to be maintained or it would become urbanized, it would be restricted to pedestrian use (no snowmobiles or motorcycles), and it should become a community project.

"This is an opportunity to get involved, actually do something rather than just talk," the students were told.

They were asked to help police the area and stop it from becoming a hangout and to notify the game wardens about any vandalism.

If more people are involved, less people are abusing the area," said Mr. Doble.

The club intends to put walking paths through the area which would eventually be upgraded enough they could be used by people in wheelchairs, with some encouragement they feel the area could support deer, owls, pheasants, ducks and geese.

The club is dead set against any buildings being erected in the area.

Commented Mr. Doble, "This will be a people place, rather than a money place."

The program of stocking the area with wildlife will begin Thanksgiving. Monday when pheasants will be released.

Mr. Doble informed the students they could start their own group in the school but that it is just as feasible for them to join the conservation club. For a fee of one dollar a year they would be full members with voting privileges.

Mr. Doble stressed the students help was a necessity and asked them to consider how they want to become involved.

Garage expansion coolly received

STOUFFVILLE — A proposal for expansion of a garage near Heise Hill received a cool reception at planning board last week.

The plan called for considerable alternation and expansion of the existing building on the west side of Don Mills Road north of Heise Hill. The outcome would be a facility for auto-repairs, gas sales, and a used-car dealership, and would include two spray-booths for painting cars. One booth would be inside the

existing building, and the other to the rear of it.

The matter arose when Planning Board received notice that an application was being made to amend the Minister's order, which freezes land use in that area.

After some discussion, members voted to support the application, subject to submission of a satisfactory site plan.

"If we can get some control over it, we should," observed councillor Eldred King.



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