

Day care meeting

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Senior citizens in the Ballantrae area were treated to a Christmas party Saturday evening. A total of 75 turned out to the Community Centre. The festivities included a meal, carol singing and films, as well as entertainment by members of the Ballantrae Youth Club. Here, Jean Doble

(left) presents gifts to the oldest man and oldest woman at the party. Mrs. John Gibbons was the oldest woman at 95 years of age and Richard Vertolli was the oldest man at 80. Paul Hope (right) was one of the organizers of the program. —Don Bernard.

Christmas present for teachers

YORK REGION — The teachers of York region will be getting a Christmas present: something in the area of two-thirds of a million dollars.

This was decided at the land Board of Education meeting when trustees discussed a report from chairman Merna Colbourne. Mrs. Colbourne and two trustees met with a group of teachers representing the OSSTF. The Federation had requested

the meeting to discuss the cost-of-living allowance clause of their contract.

The chairman pointed out that Metro Toronto has already agreed to pay teachers half of their cost-of-living allowance — \$150 — thus setting a precedent. She suggested that trustees consider paying the full allowance of \$300 before the end of this year.

Trustee Warren Bailie asked whether the Board's surplus funds would cover this

payment. Director of Education Sam Chapman said that the money could be paid from the surplus without breaking the expenditure ceilings.

He added his estimate that a payment of \$300 to each teacher would amount to \$630,000.

In addition, the board would lose the interest on that money for six months, an irrecoverable loss which he estimated at \$31,000.

Chapman later qualified these figures, pointing out that not every teacher would receive the full \$300, due to resignations, recent hirings, and so on.

Bailie felt that other employees would demand similar treatment. Other trustees shared this view, which was discussed at considerable length.

Goodwood library to open

GOODWOOD — The Goodwood branch of the Uxbridge Public Library will open for business Thursday Dec. 12 (today) from 2-9 p.m.

It is located in the former municipal offices at Highway 47 and the 3rd Conc. The library will be open three days a week. It will operate Tuesdays and Saturdays from 2-5 p.m. and Thursdays, 2-9 p.m.

Librarians on hand will be Mrs. Gail Peers and Mrs. Francis Sommerville.

Crash outs youth in hospital

STOUFFVILLE — A 13-year-old Stouffville youth is in Scarborough Centenary Hospital following a two-car collision Friday evening at Locust Hill.

The accident occurred on Highway 7, east of the railway tracks when Ernst Gunther of Hillsdale Dr. was eastbound through Locust Hill.

Peter Stoikos of Toronto was westbound and when the eastbound car made a left turn off the highway, collided with the Gunther car.

Both men were taken to Scarborough Centenary Hospital, treated and released. Paul Gunther, 13, remains in hospital. Total damage is estimated at \$2,500.

Doctor reports theft

STOUFFVILLE — A Stouffville chiropractor reported the theft of valuable personal belongings, last week.

According to York Regional Police, Dr. Jerome S. DeLaurier reported that he left his Main St. home about noon, Dec. 4 and returned at 5 p.m. to find the items missing. A guest in his home had also left.

Stolen items included credit cards, diamond ring, emerald ring, diamond tie tack, some American currency and a number of Centennial dollars.

A C.F.C. message was sent out by YRP and at 9 p.m. that night a man was arrested by Metro Police. Several of the stolen items were seized.

Charged with fraud, forgery, uttering, personation and theft over \$200 is Alfred Kent, 34, of Toronto.

Land division committee Tardy decisions the main criticism

NEWMARKET — The York Regional Land Division committee has been beset with problems this year, occasionally piling up a backlog of unprocessed applications.

So when committee chairman Roy McAfee expressed his personal support for returning to a local system of land division during a Nov. 25 meeting of King Township Council, some regional council members were prompted to wonder if Mr. McAfee shouldn't resign.

The issue came to a head at a special meeting of regional council on Dec. 5.

At that meeting Whitchurch, Stouffville representative on the land division committee, Richard Preston, said he thought the committee was beginning to solve the problems and called the controversy "a tempest in a teapot."

Mr. Preston who is vice-chairman, served as chairman at 24 of the 32 land division committee meetings between Aug. 27 and Nov. 28, when Mr. McAfee was absent.

"We were fully aware of the problem long before this was being known publicly," Mr. Preston told the council. "We were doing everything we could about it."

As for Mr. McAfee, he reinforced his position before regional council that he would support any move to return the land severance function to local committees of adjustment.

The creation of a

regional land division committee was "a tragic mistake," he said, and the operation worked "much better...at the local level."

That prompted Newmarket Councillor Ray Twinney to charge: "I think that any member (of the committee) who doesn't want to make it work should resign."

Mr. McAfee also told council that he had been opposed to the concept of regional government from its outset.

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Sculptured head of first director

YORK REGION — The Board of Education has given Sam Chapman's head — but not on a platter.

The gift was discussed at the board's last meeting, when retiring Markham trustee John Honsberger stated that sculptor Kenneth Jarvis has completed a "portrait in bronze" of the Director of Education.

Pointing out that Chapman has been Director for six years, Honsberger moved that the gift be accepted. He explained that Jarvis is one of Canada's leading sculptors, and referred to the "historical value" of the bust. It was not revealed who commissioned the work, except for a reference to "the friends of Mr. Chapman."

After a brief discussion, members voted to accept the gift. The bust will be displayed in the board's new Administrative Centre, once the building is completed.

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