

Choral programs highlight Good Friday observances

STOUFFVILLE — Two concerts are scheduled for Good Friday evening in Stouffville. The Emmanuel Bible College Choir will give a sacred concert at the Missionary Church, while the Stouffville Singers will present "John Stainer's 'The Crucifixion'" at Stouffville United Church.

Both concerts begin at 8 p.m.

Other Good Friday and Easter services around town include the following:

At the Memorial Christian Church, the weekend begins Thursday night at 8 p.m., when Mr. and Mrs. E. McLean and family will speak about their work among the Indians in

northern Saskatchewan. At 11 a.m. on Good Friday, a special congregational conference service will take place, with Pastor Mike Boys from Keswick ministering.

Musical items by the church choir will be offered. On Easter Sunday at 11 a.m., a special musical presentation of John W. Petersen's Easter Cantata, "Hallelujah, What a Savior!" will be given by the choir, followed by a message from Rev. David Barker.

The Memorial Christian Church's choir will again present the cantata at 7:30 p.m. at Altona Missionary Church. The local United, Presbyterian and Anglican churches will join together for a

joint service on Good Friday at 11 a.m. at the Christ Church, Anglican. The St. James Presbyterian Church pastor, Rev. Ted Creen, will be the preacher.

At Christ Church, the service will be followed by a three-hour vigil of prayer by individual members of the congregation. Holy Communion will be held 10 a.m. on Easter Day, with Rev. Canon Puxley preaching. Regular mid-week communion is Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

The regular services are planned for Easter Sunday at the Stouffville Pentecostal, Stouffville Baptist and Bethel Assembly of God churches.



Stouffville Singers, under the direction of Barbara Sibbick, present John Stainer's "The Crucifixion" Good Friday at 8 p.m. at

Stouffville United Church. The group is seen here during rehearsal Sunday for the program. —Don Bernard

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Harassment charges made by OHC tenant

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Home renewal program

Renovations made easier

STOUFFVILLE — Relief is in sight for homeowners who have insufficient funds to make necessary renovations to their homes.

The municipality has applied to the Ministry of Housing for funds under the Ontario Home Renewal Program.

This program which is to run for three years provides three dollars per capita per year to municipalities to loan out to homeowners in lower income brackets. This year the town will

receive approximately \$35,000 with a slightly higher figure in the next two years depending on the population.

The most attractive part of the scheme is that up to \$4,000 is forgivable on the maximum loan of \$7,500, the interest rates are geared to income with a maximum of eight per cent and the term of the loan is 15 years but in special cases can be extended to 20 years.

"This is really a good program and we shouldn't pass

it up," commented Councillor Becky Wedley when she introduced the resolution to apply for the program.

A Ministry of Housing official connected with the program told The Tribune the scheme is designed to bring housing up to reasonable "safety and living standards" and could not be used for anything cosmetic. The main purpose of the plan, according to the official, is to stop the loss of housing "at the other end of the scale" due to its falling into disrepair and being abandoned thus further aggravating the housing crisis.

Any homeowner making less than \$12,500 is eligible for a loan; but anybody making between \$11,000 and \$12,500 would have to repay the entire amount at the maximum interest.

Anyone earning under \$6,000 could receive up to \$4,000 forgivable (not repayable) and a family earning under \$3,000 would pay no interest at all on the loan portion.

The plan is to be administered by the municipality which would hold a mortgage on

the home which would come due if the house was sold. The town building inspector would estimate the cost of renovations and contractors would then bid on the job. The contractor closest to the estimate gets the job.

Trustee pushes hard for needed renovations

STOUFFVILLE — Trustee Colin Barrett is continuing his fight to have major renovations approved for Summitview Public School.

To that end he has appeared before the York County Board of Education's planning and building committee in order to get some action.

He told the committee that the capital expenditure granted

by the provincial government was inadequate. The total grant is \$698,000, only 20 per cent of what the board felt was needed for capital expenditures in 1975.

The board had asked for \$3,872,000. He also told the committee that the Summitview renovations should be given top priority. The committee is to approach the Ministry of Education on the points raised by Mr. Barrett.

Women charged in OHS inspection

GORMLEY — Two Gormley women have been charged with cruelty to animals after an Ontario Humane Society inspector found a dead pony in the same stall with two other small horses.

According to York Regional Police Inspector Lew Lawtins went to the farm on the northeast side of Don Mills Rd., just north of the Aurora Sideroad. He found one dead pony, which had been left in the same stall with two live ones. Thirteen other horses and one pig were found to be suffering from malnutrition.

The next day Mr. Lawtins returned with a veterinarian and the animals were taken to the Humane Society pound. The two women were served with summonses on March 21.

Charged are Elaine Jessie Maxwell, 24, and Wilma M.E. Fisher, 29, both of R.R. 1, Gormley. They will appear in Newmarket provincial court April 15.

Bounty Hunters?

\$10 proposed for dog kills

UXBRIDGE — Bounty hunters in Uxbridge Township?

The possibility of this seemed to bother some councillors at the last township council meeting when they discussed a proposed bylaw

connected with dog control. The bylaw would pay compensation of \$10 — which councillors were careful to say was not a bounty — to anyone who killed a dog molesting or interfering with livestock. Councillor Maustyn

McKnight supported the measure.

"A farmer sits up half the night sometimes, trying to protect his livestock," he said. "It's to his advantage and to our advantage if he can be compensated for this."

Some of the councillors were troubled by the wording, which seemed to indicate that anybody could shoot a dog in such circumstances and collect the money. There were suggestions that it be restricted to a farmer or his employees.

"You can't shoot a dog on somebody else's property," said Mayor Dr. Carl Puterbaugh. "You can do so on your own land, but not on your neighbour's farm."

Councillor Eleanor Todd was worried that the compensation might have the effect of encouraging people to shoot dogs.

"This would mean people could shoot a poor little chihuahua that strayed onto their property," she said. "The dog might just be lost, and it couldn't do any harm to sheep."

Planners reject low-cost proposal

STOUFFVILLE — Area Services Branch has turned thumbs down on a proposal by Clay Clouter and Gino Testa to build a rural-residential subdivision, to consist of one-third low cost housing.

The proposed development

of 75 homes was to be located on 94 acres, the major portion of the Testa family farm, on the north side of Given Rd. about 2,500 feet west of Highway 48.

Planning Board received the report and deferred comment until the next Planning Board meeting.

Councillor Cathy Joice noted one inaccuracy in the report. The report stated a communal water supply was proposed for the subdivision but the intention had been to service it with individual wells.

The report notes the subdivision would provide "much needed low cost housing" but still recommends it not be approved.

According to the report, it does not implement the official plan, the compatibility of proposed residential and surrounding agricultural uses would have to be established and the soils on the property have a Class 1 rating for agricultural crop purposes.

The report also states "a municipal piped water system would appear necessary" and the plan would require inclusion of a new land use category within the official plan, which could encourage a furtherance of this type of development in the Stouffville area."

Clouter and Testa had introduced a resolution to have the town solicitor so warn those parties.

"It is for our own protection that we send a reminder," remarked Mr. Baker.

The resolution further states: "The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville expects that our by-law will be honored and upheld by all parties."

Smythson claims, "has stayed all night for the past 14 days," which is against building policy.

Rev. Woodbury, who is age 78, denies it saying the young man has stayed only on those nights he has been feeling poorly. Mr. Woodbury is being treated for a heart ailment.

Lee Terry, community relations officer of the Ontario Housing Corporation which operates the building, said that "certainly (Mr. Woodbury's) tenancy isn't in jeopardy. It's a personality thing... if he wants to live in a fashion that we think is wrong there is nothing we can do about it."

Mr. Terry is beginning to investigate the affair.

Mr. Woodbury says a few tenants are making rumors to the effect that he and the young men are doing "something immoral" when they meet. "We're not up here for bad purposes; we're up here because we love this," says Mr. Woodbury, holding up his Bible. "That's our issue."

The church-going young men that he meets with Mr. Woodbury added, "we've been harassed about the building rules by the caretaker and his wife. Whenever his visitors park their cars, even momentarily, in front of the building, in the 'tenants only' area, the caretaker immediately informs them, he said.

Caretaker Smythson, however, says his enforcement of building rules is evenhanded.

Mr. Woodbury replies that on a sleepless night he personally viewed three visitors' cars that weren't forced to move from the "tenants only" places. "One didn't get out until 3 a.m. and the other didn't go out until 7:30 a.m.," he said.

Mr. Smythson admits he keeps closer tabs on Mr. Woodbury's guests than most tenants because with the others "he doesn't have to... He's the only one."

"He knows he's breaking the rules and I haven't mentioned it to him," said Mr. Smythson.

According to Mr. Woodbury, the caretaker has informed him repeatedly about minor offenses.

The great majority of tenants fully approve of his activities, he said. One night, though, he opened his apartment door to find "Woodbury is a murderer" painted across it, he said.

At other times, his apartment door has been opened to find eavesdroppers outside, he said.

Mr. Woodbury said he has contacted his MPP and his lawyer about the alleged harassment.

Police not told, charges withdrawn

STOUFFVILLE — Recent charges laid by the York Regional Police on two Stouffville youths may be due to ignorance of the law — on the part of the police.

According to Fred Lewis of Altona Feed and Supply, who has sold over 200 of the new "mo-ped" vehicles, two of his recent customers had charges wrongly laid and later withdrawn because of a misunderstanding on the part of the police.

Recent provincial legislation provides that the half-pedaling, half-motorized

vehicles no longer require insurance, licence plates, helmets, or driver's licences, and can be driven by youths at age 14 and older.

A Stouffville youth on Mill Street was one of those apprehended and charged on all five of the recently-changed counts, Mr. Lewis said.

York Regional Police Deputy Chief Bob Hood told The Tribune that "I don't know of any such charges."

He then added that "we've never been provided with the (provincial) amendment. We're just going on what we hear."

In each case, Mr. Lewis said, the charges were withdrawn by the police as soon as they were apprised of the recent legislation on mo-peds.

Vivian site abandoned

STOUFFVILLE — The proposed garbage site at the corner of Highway 48 and the Vivian Sideroad has been abandoned.

In a briefly-worded resolution, council this week voted to discontinue its examination of the site. The town had been investigating the property with a view to using it for a municipal dump, but the site was rejected without debate.

Maple syrup demonstration

BORGARTTOWN — A maple syrup demonstration will take place at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum on March 29-31 and April 5-6 from noon to 5 p.m. Pancakes and coffee will be served.

School groups may come through the week by appointment.

Man dies as car hits bridge

WEST HILL — A Stouffville father of three died and one of his sons is in satisfactory condition in hospital after their car hit a bridge and rolled over an embankment early Friday morning.

Robert Ormsby Meakes, 50, of Manitoba St. was a passenger in the car driven by his son John, 20. The car was northbound on Meadowvale Ave. about 3:30 a.m. when it struck the side of a bridge over the Rouge River, north of Finch Ave, and rolled over the embankment into the river.

The car was discovered nearly 30 minutes later by a Metro policeman who was on routine patrol.

Robert Meakes was dead on arrival at Scarboro Centenary Hospital. John Meakes was

in intensive care with a number of broken bones, but is in satisfactory condition this week.

Besides his son John, Mr. Meakes is survived by his wife Margaret Anderson and sons James and William. He also left behind a brother Victor of Vancouver B.C. and was predeceased by a brother Ralph.

Funeral service was at O'Neill's Funeral Home Monday with Spring burial in Stouffville Cemetery.

This past week was a black one for the people of Stouffville as a number of well-known members of the community died. Mill Storey, former town druggist, died Friday evening. A story on his life appears on Page 14. For obituary notices on Thomas Rae, Jeannette Waite, Ed Nigh, Orval Drewery and Reginald Rennie see the "What's going on" column on Page 6.