



Bill and Rhonda Lee of Fairview Ave. were two of the over 360 participants that have signed up for the Lion's Bike-a-thon. The marathon bicycle tour begins Saturday from 8 to 11 a.m. at Latham Hall. Those who wish to take part can still sign up for the Bike-a-thon. — Ted Wilcox

360 hit the open road

STOUFFVILLE — Over 360 riders have signed up for the Stouffville Lion's Bike-a-thon on Saturday. According to the Lion's Jack McDermott, registrations for the event will continue to be accepted right up to the starting time.

The Bike-a-thon participants will leave Latham Hall at the town park any time from 8 to 11 a.m. as they set out on the 30-mile route. They will travel the same route as last year, first heading straight east out of Stouffville to the town line, then going south to 17th Avenue where they turn west and travel past Highway 48 to the

5th Concession. On the 5th, they navigate north to the Bloomington sideroad where they turn east again until reaching the 9th concession. At the final leg of the journey they will coast and pedal down the 9th into Stouffville to return to the town park.

Bike-a-thon riders solicit sponsors for each mile they travel. Half of the proceeds go to a charity of the rider's choosing, while the other half is filtered back to the community through the Lion's Club.

Last year, about \$14,000 was raised by the approximately 480 riders that took part.

'Adventure playground'

Unique play area planned

BALLANTRAE — The schoolyard at Ballantrae Public School will soon be the site of an inventive adventure playground.

Ballantrae Home and School Association have been given approval in principle from the school board to go ahead with the project.

The board will include the project in their requests for grants from the province's Experience '75 Program, a scheme whereby the government grants money to the board to be used for labor for summer projects involving students.

Whitchurch-Stouffville Trustee Colin Barrett told The Tribune he thought it unlikely any of the money would filter down to the Ballantrae group as adventure playgrounds are a third priority item in the allocation of Experience '75 funds.

There was some talk during the board meeting that money might be made available from the maintenance budget and Mr. Barrett agreed there is a possibility but not this year. He said the board is "closely watching all expenses."

Home and school President Ann Griffiths said the group are now going ahead with the first phase of the playground. She said they will build a log enclosed sand area, erect hanging tires for swinging and spring tires which are tires with car springs mounted under them for bouncing up and down.

Mrs. Griffiths said the labor and material for the first phase have all been volunteered. Barrel horses made from 45 gallon drums suspended from uprights are also ready for construction.

The group has collected about \$450 and Mrs. Griffiths is confident another \$100 "can easily be raised" which will be enough to purchase the logs for an elaborate suspension bridge. Other parts such as nuts, bolts and chains have been donated either free or at half price.

The association held a meeting Tuesday night to discuss hiring one man to supervise volunteers on the building of the bridge.

Future stages of the playground could include a fiberglass tunnel, 30 foot spring logs and a climbing trestle.

The association has abandoned plans to build the playground partially on school property and partially on the adjoining Ballantrae Community Centre yard. It will now be built entirely on school property to avoid possible complications.

Woman burned trying to extinguish fire

DICKSON'S HILL — A woman was burned last week after garbage burning in a trash barrel went out of control and started a grass fire.

Elizabeth Hazel was burning trash on her property on 19th Ave., just west of Highway 48 when the grass caught fire. She received burns to her face, hands, feet and legs when she attempted to put out the fire.

She was taken to hospital. Stouffville firefighters managed to extinguish the blaze without further damage.

In another fire, portions of a large wood were threatened when some brush caught fire on the property of Brian Tinker on the 6th Conc, south of the Aurora Rd.

Both fires took place Wednesday, April 31.

Teachers unhappy with budget limit

YORK CTY — Secondary School teachers are "very disappointed" in the 15.5 per cent increase budgeted for their salaries in the proposed York County Board of Education 1975 estimates.

Chief negotiator for the teachers, Don Nixon said that he was disappointed, adding that the budget needs to be revised a great deal.

The high school teachers are currently negotiating a new contract with the York County board.

An increase of 35 per cent can be predicted on the basis of settlements around the province, board finance committee chairman Colin Barrett said recently.

"They may be asking for much more than that" he added.

Mr. Barrett said that he is worried about the effects on the budget of a settlement with the teachers.

"If the teachers ask for any reasonable salary it will pierce the ceilings," he said. "The board can then adjust or close the schools."

He blames the administration for the problem.

He said it was "no way to run a business" by looking at their own support services and administration and then allocating the rest to instruction.

"We have to decide what kind of teachers we want," Mr. Barrett said.

SDSS bands second

STOUFFVILLE — Stouffville Dist. Secondary School bands picked up two second place awards in recently completed Lions Club Music Festival in Newmarket.

The senior band took second in its class with 88 points in the overture "Ruyblas" by Mendelssohn and picked up a \$50 scholarship from the Regional Municipality of York.

The junior band was also second with 87 points playing "Stratford Overture" Shirley Aiken, a member of the SDSS senior band, captured first place in the open contest for flute earning 88 points.



These three young ladies were honored by their classmates at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School on Friday night as the Prom Queen and her court. From left to right are second runner-up Zlatka Roman, queen Barb Bowdway and first runner-up Joanne Taylor. — Ted Wilcox

Judge won't order dogs destroyed

BALLANTRAE — Judge Clare Morrison refused to order four dogs put to death, after a Ballantrae woman testified that she was attacked when she canvassed last year's municipal elections.

The judge called the Vicious Dog Act "ridiculous" and dismissed the case against Henry Walsh of Ballantrae.

Bernice Goff told the court that she was attacked by the four German Shepherd dogs when she approached the house. The animals, she said, ran up to her when she knocked on the front door of the residence.

She turned her back to dogs and said that she was clawed from behind. Mrs. Goff showed the court a leather coat bearing claw marks and the hole which she claims was made when one of the dogs bit her.

She quoted Mr. Walsh as saying, "My God, I didn't know anyone was here, they would have eaten you."

Mrs. Goff said she queried the man as to what might have happened if a child had been there. He reportedly replied "They know better than to come on my property."

The woman told the court, the dogs seemed free to run and there are no fences around the place.

Mr. Walsh's attorney said the woman's clothing and not the woman herself was bitten and pointed out Mrs. Goff was

not injured as a result of the incident.

"It would be a miscarriage of justice to order the destruction of four dogs when the witness does not know which one attacked her," defense counsel maintained.

"All the authority I have (under the Vicious Dog Act) is to order a dog put to death," Judge Morrison said. "If anyone thinks I'll order four dogs out to death, it's ridiculous."

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Stockpiled at dump site

Car parts used as earth

STOUFFVILLE — Donald Hindson, attorney for neighbors of the York Sanitation dump, revealed to the Environmental Hearing Board that shredded

car parts were being used to cover each day's dumping instead of earth as required by the Ministry of the Environment's Control Order.

Mr. Hindson said he had been on the site the previous weekend and had seen a huge stockpile of the shredded car material and that Frank Rovers of Hydrology Consultants Limited had admitted they had been using the material for the past week and a half.

After six months

Dump site hearing is finally finished

STOUFFVILLE — The environmental hearing into the Highway 48 landfill site reached the six-month mark, and concluded Monday.

The hearings were held last week and one afternoon session was held Monday to allow Murray Chusid, solicitor for York Sanitation, to complete his rebuttal of the arguments given by the four attorneys opposing the dump.

The lawyers representing the town and various citizens or groups all called for the dump to be closed and if that weren't done that it not be allowed to expand from 300 tons per day to the 1,500 tons York Sanitation has requested. They also called for strong controls and comprehensive testing of the site.

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On hearing Mr. Hindson's statement last week, The Tribune contacted Senior Environmental Officer Paul Isles for comment. Mr. Isles said he was unaware shredded car parts were being used as fill and said they would "have a look at it."

This information was revealed during Mr. Hindson's summation last Wednesday and no comment was made on it by any York Sanitation official until Monday when York's attorney Murray Chusid brought the matter up in his rebuttal.

Mr. Chusid said there are a couple of weeks in the spring when most sites find they can't get clay out and they adopt an "alternative method" and then go back to using earth.

He said Mr. Hindson had "jumped on that immediately" and he insisted it is a "standard procedure."

Mr. Isles was telephoned Monday and he said the site had been inspected Friday and at that time several loads of earth had been brought in and the working face was nearly covered.

"There is nothing we can do about it," Mr. Isles told The Tribune, "if we had known about it earlier we could have done something." Mr. Isles said action would have been taken but he wouldn't specify what.

Mr. Isles emphasized the car material is "not approved by us for daily cover" and he said the site had last been inspected about two weeks earlier and at that time no shredded material was being used as fill.

Gruelling budget sessions fail

Board orders major cuts

YORK CTY — York County Board, at a special meeting last week, ordered its administrative staff to chop \$695,605 from the proposed 1975 budget.

The budget came in at \$56,367,398. The original estimate had been \$60 million. The motion passed sets a ceiling on salary increases at 15 per cent an 8 per cent limit on increases in other expenses over the 1974 actual budget.

Finance Committee Chairman, Colin Barrett said in a statement that he is "very concerned about the size of the increase in the 1975 budget."

"I feel that we have a duty to the taxpayers of York County to consider what they can afford," the trustee from Whitchurch-Stouffville said at the special meeting.

"The standing committee chairman have worked long and diligently to come to grips with the increases, but in my own view have not produced the desired cuts in expenditures

which our committee thought would be forthcoming," he said.

The board has been split on where and how the budget should be cut. At recent committee meetings, Mr. Barrett complained of trustees not willing to make significant cuts in the budget presented by the staff.

Up to last week's special meeting the budget had been relatively untouched despite a series of gruelling meetings called to trim the budget.

Previously the estimates had been handled in four sections by the four standing committees. After seven hours of line-by-line juggling of the budget the planning committee had managed to cut only \$175,000 from its portion of the budget.

Mr. Barrett had insisted that the guidelines set by the finance committee should be adhered to by the rest of the committees.

The board's finance committee had proposed com-

mittees keep their increases to a maximum of 8 per cent and "it's up to the standing committees to do their job on it," Mr. Barrett said.

The board motion passed last week has the affect of ordering the cuts.

"Trustees are being influenced by strong stands on what (staff) feel are priorities," he said. "I feel strongly it should be the trustees who are setting the ground rules."

MPP speaks on airport

STOUFFVILLE — York North MPP William Hodgson will attend a public meeting called by the Save Stouffville Committee for this coming Sunday afternoon.

It will get underway at 2 p.m. with a progress report on the efforts thus far to stop the proposed Pickering airport.

Mr. Hodgson will be on hand to answer questions and lend his support to the SSC campaign.

1,600 trees set to be planted

STOUFFVILLE — They've got the trees — 1,600 of them. Now all they need are Stouffville residents to help plant them.

On Saturday at 10 a.m., the big tree planting day gets underway at the flood control site north of Stouffville Dist. Secondary School. The area is administered by the Whitchurch Conservation Club and will be used for "passive recreational" purposes.

Any residents wishing to help are asked to bring a sharp shovel and a pail with them. Those helping will meet on top of the flood control dam.

A full story on a planning meeting Monday and related matters is found on page 13 of this week's Tribune.