



Camping out can be fun. Grade 4 students from Whitchurch - Stouffville Public School took to the wilds (a field behind the school) last week to learn first-hand about survival. Shown here (left to right) on top are Laurie Shaw, Susan Newman and Brenda Crompton. On the bottom — Vicki Lloyd, Julie Hisey and Carrie Armitage. More Photos on Page 19.

—Don Bernard.

Resident voices objection to Vivian Rd. subdivision

STOUFFVILLE — Council's approval of an official plan amendment to allow an estate residential subdivision at Vivian Rd. was ratified by by-law last week.

The by-law covering the 70 acres owned by Chicamauga Investments to be developed into 27 homes, was passed without comment except that Councillor Cathy Joice said objectors will get an opportunity for a public meeting.

Earlier that evening council had been berated by Vern Morrow, a nearby landowner, who strongly objected to the proposal.

Woman killed after passing

MARKHAM — An Agincourt woman died Monday, after her car careened out of control and struck a car pulling a trailer on highway 48, near 17th Ave.

Anne Simmons, 68, was southbound and attempted to pass other southbound cars. She pulled back into her lane, the car went on the gravel shoulder then veered into the northbound lane into the path of a car driven by Terence Harris, 34, of Kirkfield.

Mrs. Simmons was dead on arrival at Scarborough Centenary Hospital.

Mr. Harris, his wife Florence, 32, and another passenger, Mary Ewart, 60, of Toronto were all taken to hospital with undetermined injuries.

The Harris car was pulling a house trailer. Damage to the vehicles totalled \$5,500.

Bicycle parade opens fair

GOODWOOD — A decorated bicycle parade will open the Second Annual Goodwood Fair to be held Saturday, June 28 at the Goodwood Community Centre.

The parade is at 1 p.m., with Pet Show slated for 2:30 p.m. There will be lucky draws on a bicycle at 4 p.m.; hand made quilt at 4:15; and an oil painting at 4:30.

The baby show will start at 1:45 with the major draw of the day on a live beef at 10:30 in the evening. The fair also includes — arts and craft exhibits, Arko the Wonder Dog, White elephant sale, horseshoe pitching exhibition and various children's exhibits.

Bake sale, historical exhibits, antiques, a midway are also part of the fair. Admission is 50 cents for the day and \$5 per couple for the dance in the

subdivide their own land. He said not a single person who originally opposed the development had signed the petition.

Councillor Becky Wedley told Mr. Morrow she was pleased to see he appreciates good agricultural land and she asked him how large a piece of property he lives on as he was objecting to two acre lots.

He accused Conroy Dowson, the company's planner, of presenting a "snow job", trivializing the concerns of the citizens and doing it so arrogantly and with so many inconsistencies "you wonder how people can be so two-faced."

He claimed the people immediately affected hadn't signed the 85 name petition submitted by Mr. Dowson at an earlier planning meeting. He said those who signed fell into three categories: friends of the Grose family, (who own the property) older residents of the area and people who hoped to

"Where do we put the people just like you who want to live in a rural area?" asked councillor Eldred King.

Mr. Morrow replied he lives on two and a quarter acres which was illegally subdivided but said he had no knowledge of this when he purchased the property.

Councillor Merlyn Baker asked Mr. Morrow to wait and give planning board a chance to look at the proposal with a view to good planning. Mr. Baker said he was presenting a very selfish opinion, and had as selfish an interest as the developers.

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Centennial committee favors library project

STOUFFVILLE — Stouffville Centennial Committee, meeting on Wednesday, has recommended a new library as a centennial project, preferably as part of a recreational complex. The Centennial Committee had been asked by the municipal council to put forward some recommendation.

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STOUFFVILLE — The Lions Club barbecue, which for 20 years featured succulent chicken, will make beef lovers happy this year.

To be held Wednesday, June 25 at Stouffville Park, the annual feed will get underway at 4:30 p.m. Four large quarters of beef will be cooking all day over a hardwood fire and four cutters will be busy dishing up the meat.

Lions ladies have baked 150 pies for dessert. The meal includes beer with salad and home made pies or fresh strawberries for dessert.

Cost is \$2.50 for adults and \$1.75 for children.

Following the meal, there will be bingo and children's games. The Stouffville Dist. Secondary School band will entertain.

Sadder but wiser after bike theft

STOUFFVILLE — Mrs. J. W. Morrison of South St. is sadder but wiser, after the theft of her daughter's 10-speed bicycle.

The bicycle, a blue CCM Targa, was parked in a bicycle rack near the Morrison house when it was taken on May 28. Fifteen year old Cheryl Morrison had worked weekends

at Houston's Pharmacy to save up the money for the racing bicycle.

She had one more payment to make on it when it was stolen.

Deputy Chief Robert Hood of York Regional Police, told The Tribune that 15,000 bicycle registration cards were distributed to schools in the region last year.

being returned to the finders, he said.

He said that more cards were distributed this year.

Mrs. Morrison's daughter failed to note the serial number on the bike, which makes it difficult to trace. She still hopes to get it back and asks anyone having information to call at 640-2530.

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New twist in dispute

Town, mayor being sued

By JOHN MONTGOMERY

STOUFFVILLE — The Cedar Valley land use dispute took a new twist last week as lawsuits were initiated against Mayor Gordon Ratcliff and the Town of Whitchurch - Stouffville.

A writ, issued on the application of Professional Syndicated Developments Ltd., owners of 86 acres in Cedar Valley which has been turned down for industrial development, alleges they relied on the municipality for the zoning of the land.

Town Solicitor Paul Mingay told The Tribune the town had never given the developers formal indication in writing of the zoning and in fact the industrial zoning they relied on had only received temporary approval from the Ontario Municipal Board.

The writ contained no mention of the amount of damages the company hopes to recover from the town but one observer estimated the developers could have lost as much as \$300,000.

Council has passed by-laws to change both the Official Plan designation and the zoning from industrial to rural.

An OMB hearing on By-law 2083, the by-law which designated the land industrial, was adjourned Monday at the request of Mr. Mingay.

He told the board the by-law "no longer has municipal support," and the by-laws passed by council to designate the land rural are now awaiting provincial approval. He asked for the adjournment pending this approval and for the automatic withdrawal of by-law 2083 after approval of the new by-laws.

Mr. Mingay said the new by-laws "may trigger a hearing of some magnitude. The owner of

the property is not — happy, is hardly the word."

Mr. Mingay mentioned the developers had made no representation at a public meeting to hear objections to the de-zoning and in fact they had sent no representatives to the OMB hearing.

Board member P. M. Brooks granted the adjournment but warned Cedar Valley residents who were present that if the developers objected to the land being returned to rural then another hearing would be required under the act.

Spokesman for the residents, Tom Marshall, expressed horror at the thought of going through another hearing. He argued the whole matter had been covered in other hearings and said he had "never heard in my life someone being bent over backwards to like this."

Town calls for parking

STOUFFVILLE — The parking problem in front of the new post office has come to the attention of council.

In a move somewhat reminiscent of closing the barn gate after the horse is gone, they last week, passed a resolution calling for the government to provide parking adjacent to the new post office.

Parking around the building was described by Councillor Cathy Joice as "a terrible situation."

They also discussed the possibility of purchasing the abandoned post office but were told by Mayor Gordon Ratcliff that no money is in this year's budget for purchasing buildings.

Beef dinners at Lions Club barbecue

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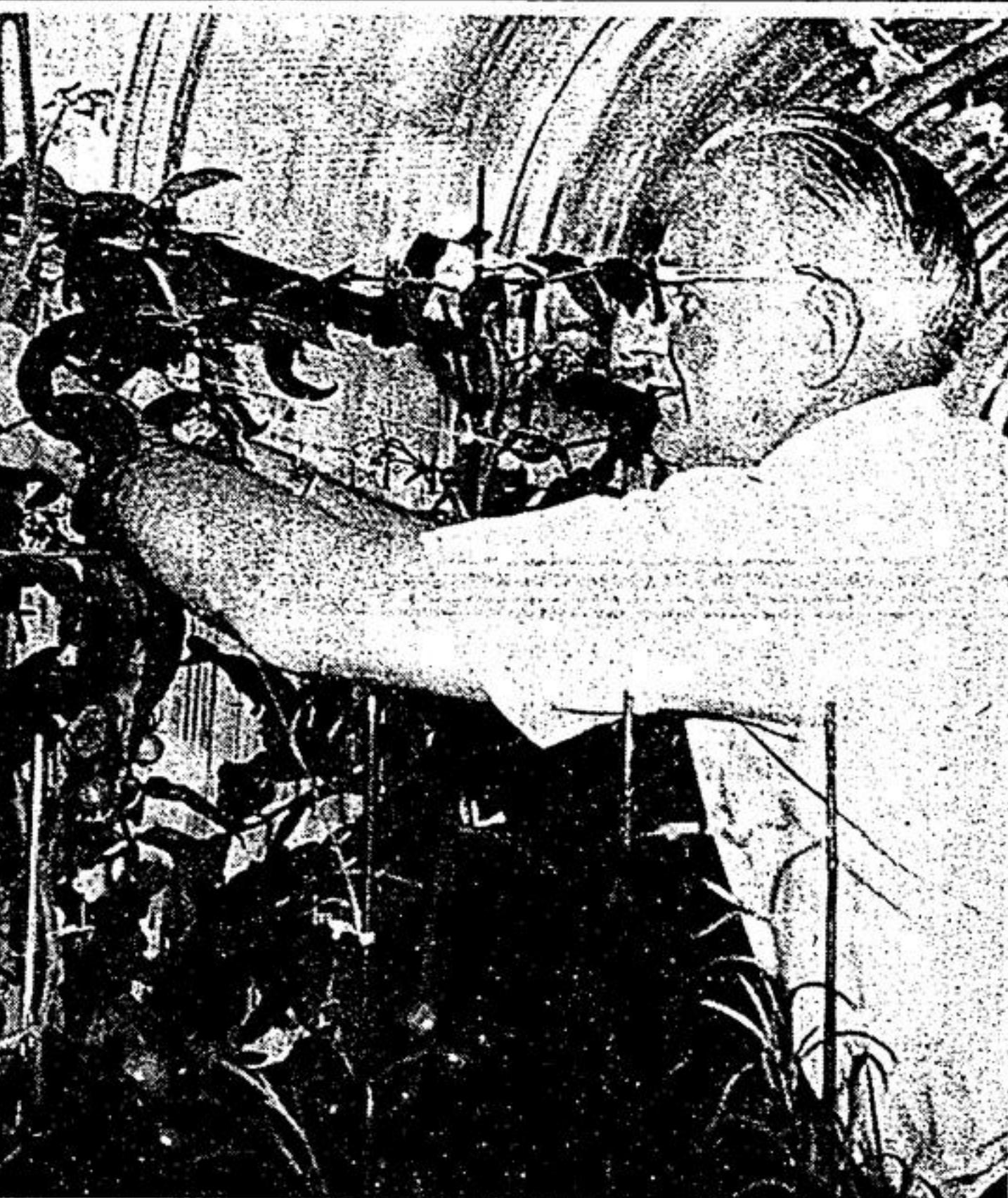
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The Parkview Apartments, which were completed earlier this year, have proved to be a pleasant and economical place for many senior citizens to live. Above, Albert Hitchen tends his tomato plants in the small greenhouse at Parkview.

Ted Wilcox.

Money, loneliness seniors' concerns

By TED WILCOX

STOUFFVILLE — How to make ends meet, the problem of loneliness and the shortage of housing were among topics discussed by several local senior citizens interviewed last week. The interviews were conducted by The Tribune to coincide with Senior Citizens' Week, currently being celebrated across Ontario.

The lot in life of those interviewed varied according to their financial resources and their family situations.

Frances Della Badgerow, 89, of Musselman's Lake was one senior citizen who has no immediate housing problem. Her frame bungalow home where she has lived for the last 22 years has been completely paid for. "When you have a home and have it all paid for, then nobody can push you around," she says.

The least pleasant part of her life now tends to be her social contacts — or rather her lack of them. "There have been weekends when it's pretty blue," she said. When the weather's bad she finds herself "sitting around walking from window to window or door to door."

Her television remains on when she is alone, "or else it's like a dead house."

A different problem is experienced by Mr. and Mrs. Norman Pellett, also of Musselman's Lake. With heating costs in their rented home climbing to \$70 or \$80 some months last winter, they are finding it increasingly hard to make ends meet.

Fortunately, the Pelletts will probably move into the Ontario Housing Corporation apartments on Elm Road soon, where residents pay a flat 20 per cent of their income for rent.

But not all senior citizens who need cheaper housing in York Region are able to get it, according to Betty Van Nostrand of the OHC. While Stouffville and Aurora are not too badly off at present, "Newmarket is the place I almost dread because there's such a backlog of applications," she says.

In ordinary private apartment buildings, senior citizens "on their set incomes" have trouble paying the escalating rents, she said. "The rents are just going out of the picture."

The case of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Aird of Robinson Street, Markham, illustrates the

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Teachers, board ratify contract

YORK CTY — High school teachers in York Region will receive increases of between 25 and 40 per cent under a new one-year contract ratified by the teachers and the York County Board of Education last week.

A teacher in the lowest category will jump from \$8,400 to \$11,800, an increase of 40 percent. At the upper limit the scale will move from \$19,000 to \$23,700.

There will be two increases. The first will come Sept. 1 when the contract takes effect, the other on Jan. 1, 1976.

The contract also calls for a cost of living adjustment to be paid in January and June and a plan for the board to pay half the dental bills for teachers and their families.

A press release from OSSTF District 11 said the negotiations have been conducted in a "co-operative manner" and the affect will be to "inspire a happy and satisfying situation" in the schools.



Frenchman's Bay in Lake Ontario. Mr. McCurdy spent 5½ years building the 36-foot tri-mar.

—Don Bernard