

Train service to be disrupted

STOUFFVILLE — The familiar notes of the train whistle of the Stouffville-Toronto commuter service will not be heard for 10 weeks, a CNR spokesman said this week.

Due to construction of an overpass in Agincourt, the train will be discontinued starting July 28. Buses will be used during the 10-week period.

They will leave at the same time as the train, that is 7:07 a.m. from Stouffville and will depart Union Station to return at the usual hour.

Stouffville stop for steam train

STOUFFVILLE — Residents of Stouffville will be able to see "Bullet-nosed Betty", Canadian National Railways last steam engine, when it stops in Stouffville Saturday on its way to Peterboro.

The special excursion has been organized by the Peterboro Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the 150th anniversary of the arrival of the first Irish settlers in Canada.

The excursion leaves Toronto about 8 a.m. and should be in Stouffville about 8:45 with arrival in Peterboro set for 12:40 p.m. The train will return in the evening.

A CNR spokesman said that the excursion is sold out.

Wind saves wheat field

GORMLEY — Southwest wind saved 150 acres of tinner-dry wheat Friday when the hot exhaust pipe from a pick-up truck started the grain on fire.

The fire occurred at the Walter Brillinger farm on Don Mills Rd., north of the Stouffville Rd. The wheat was being harvested when the fire started.

Dies in crash, 'knew everybody'

STOUFFVILLE — Sandy Barker loved things mechanical, especially airplanes. Thursday night he was killed on Leslie St. when he swerved to avoid a cyclist.

Police said that the car, driven by Sandy, was southbound on Leslie St., just north of 19th Ave. when he lost control of the car trying to miss the cyclist. The car skidded into a culvert and rolled over ending up on its roof.

He was dead on arrival at York Central Hospital. A passenger in the car, David Parsons, was also taken to hospital.

Sandford Newell Barker would have been 18 years old on Sept. 21, the oldest son of Gordon and Frances Barker of Main St. E.

He was born in Ajax and the family moved to Stouffville seven years ago, and he attended Summitview Public School and Stouffville Dist. Secondary School. He was to begin a course in aviation at Seneca College in September. An outgoing individual,

"Sandy knew everybody in town" according to his mother. "As far as he was concerned, there was no other place like Stouffville," she said.

At the age of 10, he started working part-time at the Markham Airport and started his flight training at the early age of 12. At 16 he received his flying license and at the time of his death owned his own aircraft.

Cars were another interest and he enjoyed playing football with his friends.

Besides his parents, he is

survived by brothers Gordie and Teddy and sisters Joy, Barbara, Wendy and Nancy.

Funeral service was Sunday at Stouffville Missionary Church, with Rev. John Hamilton officiating. Pallbearers included: Tim Dickinson, Nick Beelik, Steve Tsapotis, John Bolender, Doug Wagg and Bradley Harrington. Honorary pallbearers were Frank Ryfa, Dave Foster, Steve MacFarlane, Jim Elson, Larry Vandyk and Raymond Holmes.

Cremation followed the funeral.

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Board members can decide

New election is possible

By JOHN MONTGOMERY
YORK CTY. — Trustees of the board of education have the power to decide whether Witchurch-Stouffville Trustee Colin Barrett's replacement will be appointed or elected.

The Tribune was told last week by a board employee that according to board regulations Mr. Barrett's successor must be appointed.

Board of education Associate Director John Kippen

refuted this saying, "As I interpret the (Municipal Election) Act the choice is clearly the boards to make an appointment or call an election."

Mr. Kippen explained that one clause of the act specifies the replacement must be appointed but he further pointed out that another clause, which supercedes the first, leaves the decision in the hands of the remaining trustees.

The trustees are required to take action, either way, at the first meeting after the vacancy has occurred.

Mr. Barrett, who will resign his post as he has been transferred to the Guarantee Trust office in Leamington, has not yet tendered his resignation and has stated he has no intention of resigning immediately.

He said he will not resign until some issues now before the board have been dealt with. The item of business he is most

concerned with is implementation of the Ross Report on administrative and trustee reorganization. He also pledged to attack the division within the board.

He dismissed as "unlikely" the possibility of his resignation until after the next full meeting of the board Aug. 18.

Mr. Barrett has the right to retain his seat as long as he continues to be a property owner in Witchurch-Stouffville and he has indicated he is not in a rush to sell his home.

The trustee has said on more than one occasion he wishes to see his post filled through election rather than by appointment. "I think it proper for the people of Stouffville to have a say rather than the board," he commented.

Former town trustee John McMurray, has indicated his willingness to accept the position if it is offered. Mr. McMurray said he always intended on returning to the board.

If an appointment is made Mr. McMurray would be a logical appointee, but also a very controversial one.

Mr. McMurray is commonly regarded as part of the old guard, whose members were largely defeated at the last election. Of the 20 board members fully half lost their seats that election and Mr. McMurray lost to Mr. Barrett by an overwhelming margin. Mr. Barrett polled nearly 100 per cent more votes with a standing of 1,409 to 735, which may make Mr. McMurray unacceptable to many trustees and ratepayers.

King Trustee Margaret Coburn is reported to have contacted the Ballantrae Home and School Association and requested their input.

Members of that association have expressed concern to The Tribune that their opinions would not be representative as they are the only home and school association in the municipality.

Any parties interested in serving as trustee or wishing to express an opinion as to how the successor should be chosen are invited to write The Tribune where editorial space will be made available as a public forum.



They take them young these days. Here nine-month old Timmy Lavell takes part in the Tots and Moms swimming course offered at the Stouffville Pool. He and his mother Loretta appear to be enjoying it. For story and pictures see Page 9. —John Montgomery

This businessman is "browned off"

STOUFFVILLE — At least one Stouffville businessman is not happy with the cost of garbage collection.

Service station owner, Mickey Hunt told the Tribune he is "totally browned off with my garbage, my bill and the whole thing."

He said that the total cost of garbage pick-up for his home and garage was \$124 in 1974. Recently he received a bill of \$300 for garbage pick-up for three months.

He said that a bin had been placed at his garage, but found that during the night people would put garbage in it and the bin would be full.

"If it continued on this scale for the whole year, it would cost \$1,200," Mr. Hunt said.

Mayor Gordon Ratcliff replied that businesses are charged according to the amount of garbage they generate and the number of pick-ups.

Part of the reason for Mr. Hunt's high bill was that empty cartons thrown into the bin were not squashed down enough, the mayor said.

"We haven't had very many complaints," the mayor said. "But we are willing to discuss it."

Mayor Ratcliff said that whatever Mr. Hunt (or other businessmen) pay in taxes for garbage collection will be deducted from the charges for the boxes, so they are not assessed twice for garbage collection.

"We won't let anybody pay exorbitant rates," the mayor added.

'Outsiders' target of petition

MUSS LAKE — A petition calling for restrictions on motor boats from outside the municipality using Musselman's Lake is being circulated by one cottage owner.

Carl Kirk, an avid water skier himself, hopes to have 500 signatures on a petition calling for a ban on boats from outside Witchurch-Stouffville.

Mr. Kirk maintains that the main problem on the lake comes from weekend boaters, who have little or no regard for the safety and enjoyment of the cottagers.

On a busy weekend, Mr. Kirk says there are as many as 20 boats on the lake, owned by people who come from outside the area.

The local boaters, he claims, are quite considerate of swimmers and others using the lake for quiet enjoyment.

"I know it would work," he said, "and would prevent crowding."

All boats on the lake would be registered and alien craft would be identified and the owners fined, according to Mr. Kirk's suggestion.

"It would only take one summer for the word to get around," he added.

Mr. Kirk also said that Councillor Becky Wedley favors the approach, rather than banning motorboats from the lake completely.

Council considers motor boat bylaw

MUSS LAKE — This summer might be the last season motor boats are allowed on Musselman's Lake.

Town planning consultant Max Sherman appeared before planning board last week to discuss the Official Plan amendment he has drawn up to deal with Musselman's and Preston Lakes.

Mr. Sherman was questioned as to what action could be taken against motor boats.

He told the board they could licence or prohibit motor boats on the lake and they wouldn't have to do it under zoning or official plan amendments.

"You can pass a bylaw prohibiting motor boats even if it has been on the lake for two years," he told the board, adding, "You can stop them even if they already have boats as long as the bylaw is approved by the Ontario Municipal Board."

Mr. Sherman explained there are enough precedences of

this nature set that there would likely be little objection from the OMB.

Planning Board Chairman Eldred King commented that, "people are being made more and more aware of water safety." He speculated that, "before next boating season comes around we can enact" a prohibiting bylaw.

No objections to banning motor boats were raised by any members of the board although Councillor Becky Wedley, representative of that ward, was absent on holiday.

WHITCHURCH — A former Whitchurch-Stouffville couple narrowly escaped death last week, when their car went out of control and crashed, then burst into flames.

Murray and Brunhilde

Car burns in crash

Miller recently moved to a new farm in Wallenstein, near Elmira. Their cattle however remained at their old farm on the 6th Conc. north of the Stouffville Rd.

The cattle were to be moved July 18. The couple were on their way from their new farm to tend the cattle on July 14.

Mrs. Miller was driving. Soon after leaving Wallenstein she saw children playing on the road, and applied the brakes very hard. The car went out of control, struck a culvert and rolled over.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller escaped from the car just before it burst into flames. The vehicle was completely destroyed.

Showers ease water shortage

STOUFFVILLE — Although the threat of a water shortage in Stouffville seems to be over there is still some concern over what action should be taken to prevent future occurrences.

Planning Board Chairman Eldred King last week spoke in favor of tightening up the watering bylaw which restricts householders to watering their lawns and gardens three days a week.

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Taking the money home, Neil showed it to his mother, Pat Davis, who phoned the police. Neil was issued a receipt for the cash and would have been owner of it in three months if it had not been claimed.

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to the rest as being "poured out over the ground."

Mr. King estimated 300 gallons of water had been used per person per day and he called this "insane."

It was also revealed at the meeting that a construction company working on the North-down subdivision, had left three hydrants running during the dry spell.

No action was taken on introducing fines for violations.

Mayor Gordon Ratcliff told The Tribune later in the week that the water level was dropping again but the heavy rains over the weekend have brought the level back up.

Works Superintendent Ron Gibson said the drop last week was only a minor one of about two feet and presented no problem.



Neil Davis of Rupert Ave. should go far in the world. He is both frugal and honest. Last week he found \$95 and it was turned into York Regional Police. The money was later claimed and Neil received a \$10 reward. —Ted Wilcox

\$10 reward after lad finds, returns \$95

STOUFFVILLE — When it comes to money, honesty and frugality have paid off for Neil Davis, 12, of Rupert Ave. On July 16, he found \$95 in cash lying on the ground and promptly turned it in to York Regional Police.

The next day, the money was claimed by its owner, Iris Johnson of William Street, and Neil was presented a \$10 reward.

Neil's ability to collect money had been demonstrated in another way last summer, when he travelled to England to visit his grandparents. The entire \$246 plane bill was paid with money saved from Neil's morning paper route.

Neil had spotted the missing cash on Wednesday morning while walking in the parking lot behind the Mansion House Hotel on Main Street. The money, folded in half, included three 20's, three 10's and one five dollar bill.

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Man killed as car hits CN locomotive

GORMLEY — A car-train collision early Monday at an unsignaled CNR crossing on Leslie St., south of the Stouffville Rd. killed one man and seriously injured a second.

York Regional Police said Bruce Cram, 22, Maple and his passenger Walter Baker, 25, Thornhill, were northbound on Leslie St. at 6:50 a.m. Their Volkswagen struck the engine of the Toronto-bound passenger train about 12 feet back from the front of the engine.

The car was dragged about 30 feet. The train, which had stopped at the Gormley station, was just picking up speed, travelling about 30 m.p.h.

Walter Baker was pronounced dead on arrival at York Central Hospital. Bruce Cram remains in intensive care with severe head and chest injuries.