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Derek Petri was pretending to be an airplane during the Pre-schoolers skating class at Stouffville arena last week. Unfortunately this aircraft crash landed as this series of pictures by Tribune

photographer John Montgomery shows. The class, with 60 youngsters of kindergarten age and younger, is operated by the Stouffville Figure Skating Club. For more action pictures of the children see Page 11.

SDSS Variety Night

Student talent in music, comedy show

STOUFFVILLE — This coming Thursday and Friday (Dec. 11 and 12), are big days for the students of Stouffville Dist. Secondary School.

The annual Variety Night, written, produced and performed by the students, features skits, music, dancing, as well as music by the school band. Over 100 students are involved in the program.

Each year the proceeds go to local charity. This year half the proceeds will go to "Christmas Wish" program to provide hampers for needy families, while the rest will go

toward buying new stage curtains for the SDSS auditorium.

Co-masters of ceremony this year will be Maryanne Hulshof and Russell Davidson. The program is 2½ hours long.

According to a flyer advertising the event, "there are acts to warm your heart, make you roll in the aisles with laughter or bring tears to your eyes."

Admissions is \$2 for adults, \$1.25 for students and 75 cents for children under 12. Curtain time for both performances is 8 p.m.

Councillor worried

'No cause for alarm', Lake pollution possible

MUSSELMAN'S LAKE — The possibility that Musselman's Lake could be polluted has council worried. Mayor Gordon Ratcliff brought the subject up at

Planning Board last week when he said "there could be problems with the water."

York Regional Health Unit carried out tests on the lake during the summer and as the summer progressed the amount of fecal bacteria fluctuated wildly.

This could be because of summers faulty septic tank systems.

South Lake Simcoe Conservation Authority Resources Manager Gordon Pyzer told The Tribune the lake "possibly could be polluted but there may be no cause for alarm."

Mr. Pyzer said the method and frequency of testing made it "impossible to form any conclusions" until continuous testing has been conducted.

He said that according to the tests already carried out the lake was "almost to the point of closing down for swimmers on one day."

The tests show that the lake was not too bad in June but that by August the fecal bacteria was quite high and exceeded the levels set by the Ministry of the Environment.

Mr. Pyzer noted if the pollution registered "is continuous then there would be an area for concern." The tests taken to date have been too infrequent to ascertain this.

"The lake must be thoroughly tested next summer," commented Mr. Ratcliff, "and the number of transient users may have to be limited."

The testing will be carried out either by the conservation authority or by the Ministry of the Environment.

"There is no reason why this inflation can't be controlled," Mr. Ratcliff told Planning Board, "we as a council should go by these guidelines and get back to a more sensible way."

Councillor Art Starr suggested the Community Centre Boards could be kept on the same budget as last year and Councillor June Button topped this by calling for a reduction in their budgets.

The mayor also said that although the rest of the economy are allowed a maximum 10 per cent increase the municipalities are restricted to a five or six per cent increase because of "over-payment" this year.

Mr. Ratcliff said this was a result of a larger provincial deficit than was expected.

Chairman Eldred King termed the limited increase in provincial subsidies "most inappropriate."

Mr. King warned that "inflation overtook us" and that there could be a budget deficit in 1975 of \$2,000.

Man hurt in dozer accident

STOUFFVILLE — A local man miraculously escaped death last week after being dragged under a bulldozer.

Ernest Culverhouse, 9th conc., was standing at the back of Chris Boncheff's fruit stand when his pant leg got caught in the left track of a bulldozer working there.

Mr. Culverhouse was pulled under the right track and the machine ran over top of him.

He escaped with a broken jaw and several fractured ribs and was hospitalized for these injuries.

"If the ground had been frozen hard he would have been dead," Inspector William Smythe told The Tribune.

Tree service offer refused by council

STOUFFVILLE — Council last week turned down an offer to have some trees trimmed and fertilized — at half price.

Public Works Chairman Merlyn Baker explained that Harold Van Dyke of Richmond Hill Tree Service had offered a half price deal for servicing trees.

He could offer this saving because senior students from the forestry course at Humber College would come out and do the work.

A total of \$2,000 had been budgeted for this year but the special offer would have cost \$3,000 and then no money would have to be budgeted for next year. Ordinarily money is budgeted every year for this work.

The work to be done was for the railway tracks to the 9th conc. on Main St., on O'Brien Ave. and on Church St.

Mayor Gordon Ratcliff suggested the money could be taken out of the budget for street lighting as some of the allocated money had not been used.

Councillor Eldred King said he opposed the suggestion at Public Works Committee and that he was still against it.

"I think we are amiss in spending money that wasn't budgeted for," he said, "and warned that they had already dipped into the surplus con-

AURORA — Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville was frustrated again last week in their efforts to take legal action against the operation of the York Sanitation dump.

Council passed a bylaw, effective April 1, prohibiting dumping anywhere in the town and charges were laid against York Sanitation on April 21.

The court case was adjourned twice and was being heard last Thursday when Justice of the Peace George Barker announced he had "no jurisdiction" as the service was not in order.

The surprise decision was made part way through the hearing. Town Clerk Administrator Ralph Corner had already given evidence and the officer who had laid the

Gravel case trial adjourns

BLOOMINGTON — William Popovitch appeared in court at Aurora last week on charges of violating the town's zoning bylaw, but the case wasn't heard.

Mr. Popovitch told the Justice of the Peace that his lawyer could not be present that day and he requested an adjournment.

The request was granted and the case will now be heard on December 17.

siderably to hold the mill rate for this year.

"I realize it's a good service," he added, "I am sure the same offer will be available another year and we can take advantage of it then."

Councillor Cathy Joice disagreed, saying that Mr. Van Dyke had "made it very clear he could not guarantee students another year."

She termed Mr. King's statement "misleading", which he hotly denied.

"It will just cost us twice as much to get our trees trimmed," was Mr. Baker's philosophical comment.

Secondary plan ready

BALLANTRAE — The long awaited Secondary Plan for Ballantrae and the Musselman's Lake area is now nearing completion.

Much of the preliminary work has been done and it is expected it will have progressed enough to allow for public hearings by about the middle of January.

The hearings will give local residents a chance to have some say as to how their communities will be developed.

Town frustrated again

Dump charges dismissed

charges was in the process of testifying when Justice Barker asked him to stand down.

Justice Barker explained that the summons did not specify whether Mel McCaffrey, who was served with it, was an officer of the company or not. Mr. McCaffrey was identified in the summons as the manager and director of the operation but not as an officer.

Justice Barker said that although Mr. McCaffrey has been identified as vice-president there was some doubt as to whether that position would make him an officer of the company.

"Perhaps Mr. Chusid could help us?" he asked.

Murray Chusid, attorney for York Sanitation, replied, "I don't know of my own knowledge if Mr. McCaffrey is an officer of the corporation. I shouldn't say anymore."

Dennis Starzynski, of Mingay and Associates, the firm representing the town, asked for an adjournment in order to bring proof that Mr. McCaffrey is qualified to represent the corporation in court.

"I have already ruled no jurisdiction on the physical evidence in front of me," said Justice Barker in refusing the adjournment.

Mr. Starzynski later commented that it is common

knowledge that Mr. McCaffrey is an officer and that he holds the position of secretary.

Although the matter had come up in court twice previously the service had never been read.

A new service cannot be issued on the original charges as more than six months have elapsed since the date of the offence and according to law charges must be laid within that time.

Town solicitor Paul Mingay has recommended that council approve the laying of charges on new information.

The case is expected to go to County Court and there is a

possibility it may go to the Supreme Court of Canada.

According to Mr. Mingay the Ministry of the Environment cannot issue a certificate of approval to the dump as long as the town's anti-dumping bylaw is in place.

He said this would require another environmental hearing but that until now the ministry has simply ignored the bylaw.

The dump, according to Mr. Mingay, could continue indefinitely with the control order under which it now operates. The bylaw will be included as part of the brief to be submitted to the Ministry of the Environment.

Another armed theft on Woodbine Ave.

MARKHAM — Woodbine Ave., south of Hwy. 7, has been the scene of another armed robbery.

Two weeks ago an 18 year old gas station attendant was shot in the chest by an armed robber and this past weekend the Woodbine Truck Centre was robbed, early Sunday morning.

A man pulled into the station and asked the attendant to check the oil. While complying with this request, the driver came up

behind and stuck a small calibre rifle in the attendant's back.

The robber, who wore a balaclava, demanded money and the employee handed over \$350. The man was then ordered into a storage room in the garage where he was tied hand and foot with wire.

The suspect was in the process of tying up the attendant when he came across an envelope containing more than \$650 in cash.



'Occupied' house demolished

This house on concession 8, Pickering was demolished Friday as one of about 20 houses on airport property, being levelled by the federal government to prevent vandalism and thievery. Ironically, the home was the very same one occupied last summer by two protesters on the day

the federal government announced the halt to the airport. The house had been partially destroyed at that time — while the two young men were inside. Destruction of airport houses that cannot be economically rented out had been requested by Pickering council. — Ted Wilcox

Two charged in extortion attempt

STOUFFVILLE — Two men have been charged in Toronto with attempted extortion, after a Whitchurch-Stouffville man was almost bilked out of \$23,000.

Metro Police said that charges have been laid against Morris Rosenstein and William David Prentice of Etobicoke. The local man who was almost the victim was Ian Munroe, R.R. 4, Stouffville.

Mr. Munroe put in a complaint and intensive investigation by Metro Police resulted in the charges. Police said that the incident has sparked a full-scale police investigation of bank managers referring customers to loan sharks.

Mr. Prentice is a bank manager.