



Members of the York County Junior Farmers are, as a project this year, distributing farm safety stickers to farmers in the region. Christine Wells (centre) presents

the sticker to Cecil Reesor, R. R. 1, Unionville. Harry Ferguson (right) a member of the York Region Farm Safety Council looks on.

—Jim Thomas

Withdraw assault charge

MARKHAM — A Markham man who has been facing charges of assault for almost a year, heard the charges against him withdrawn by the Crown last week.

Leonardo Calvetti walked across the Newmarket courtroom following the hearing and shook hands with the complainant in the case.

The assault charges were laid last June 20, after Calvetti chased a couple in a car, who he believed had stolen strawberries from him. York Regional Police charged the man after he

arrived at a local golf course; still in pursuit of the pair.

Crown Attorney G. Stortini told Judge Ian Munro that Calvetti learned afterwards that he had pursued the wrong people. "It was a matter of mistaken identity," Calvetti's counsel told the court, adding that the complainant was willing to drop the charges.

In seeking to have the charges withdrawn, the Crown Attorney warned Calvetti to call police in future if he feels he's being wronged, rather than trying to take the law into his own hands.

Mr. Calvetti then walked across the courtroom shook hands with his former adversary then said; "my eyes may have deceived me, how do you feel? I'm sorry."

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Planning meeting for Senior Citizens Week

STOUFFVILLE — With Senior Citizens Week just over a month away, preparations are underway to honor the elderly residents of Whitchurch - Stouffville.

To that end, a meeting is to be held Wednesday, May 19, 8 p.m. at Parkview Home. Interested service clubs, churches and private citizens interested in helping out should attend this meeting.

Senior Citizens Week is June 20-27.

Not at Markham High

Salinger book on course at Thornlea

YORK REGION — J. D. Salinger's book, "Nine Short Stories", is not in use at Markham District High School as was claimed by York Regional Police Staff Sergeant John Hamilton last week.

Mr. Hamilton had written a letter to the York County Board of Education in which he strenuously objected to use of the book at M.D.H.S.

However, Salinger's work is slated for use in the grade 10 English class at Thornlea Secondary School next fall.

Recently the YBCE had voted 6-7 to have the book, which Mr. Hamilton found "repugnant", placed on the approved book list.

Subsequently, the board passed a motion which would allow any parent who objected to a particular book on his child's curriculum to request a substitute text.

The curriculum committee had several reasons for recommending approval for Salinger's book.

They felt it was the best collection of J. D. Salinger's work that it would allow the students to examine the manner in which Salinger's characters confront the question of their identity and it would expose them to a range of stories by one author that they could compare with other major artists.

Jack Hamilton is encouraging people to write letters to have the book removed from the public school system.

"It's not that I think the book is obscene," he stated, "but I am concerned about the swear words. They are an irreverence to God."

Mr. Hamilton feels the schools should instill sound virtues and morals, not destroy values taught at home.

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Public invited to plan new library

STOUFFVILLE — The Library Development Committee will meet this coming Monday (May 17) to continue planning for the new library for the town.

Library board chairman Jim Sanders said that "we would like to involve the community as much as possible in the design building of the new library."

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