

Buck repeats call for resignation

Not easy to dump chairman

YORK REGION — Under the Region of York Act it is difficult for regional council to dispose of its chairman, Mayor Evelyn Buck of Aurora said Monday.

The mayor has called for the voluntary resignation of Chairman Garfield Wright before the December municipal elections so that council may name a successor before going to the polls.

In an interview Monday, the Aurora mayor said she called for the chairman to step down because of "feelings of frustration over the last four years and a deep feeling that there has to be a change."

Mr. Wright, who was appointed regional chairman by the province at the inception of regional government, and re-elected by council last term, has declined to comment on the issue.

Following her initial attack on the chairman, Mayor Buck was blasted by Aurora Councillor Bob Roth, who charged the

mayor sought the position for herself but was afraid of being tested at the polls.

Mayor Buck refused to comment on the councillor's statements or her own political aspirations.

However, she said that anyone who would "stick his neck out" by openly seeking the spot would have to be confident of support on council.

Under the act the regional chairman is elected by council at the inaugural meeting following the municipal elections.

For a councillor to accept the election to the chair following election to a municipal seat is impossible, Mayor Buck challenged.

"There is no integrity in that," she said.

"The system perpetuates the re-election of the incumbent chairman," Mayor Buck said, explaining her actions.

Referring to the Metro Toronto system of

government, Mayor Buck noted that in 25 years any changeover has been through the resignation of the chairman during his term of office.

There were "serious misgivings" among councillors about the election of Mr. Wright in 1975, Mayor Buck remarked. And, she said, she is not alone nor by any means in the minority on council in her criticisms of the effectiveness of the chairman.

When Mayor Buck first became a regional

councillor in 1973, she said one of her first concerns was the selection of regional chairman.

At that time she called for the election of the chairman at large. However, she accepted the argument against that move.

The cost to a person seeking across-the-region support would be prohibitive, according to the mayor.

She also suggested the chairman be elected at mid-term so that it would not interfere with

the municipal elections but councillors would have a chance to see the candidates in action. That move also failed.

The mayor minimized criticisms of the pre-poll elections of a chairman who might not be re-elected in his own municipality.

Most councillors have stood the test of several elections by the time they become regional councillors, she said.

As to the mayor's own plans for December, "I am not thinking of quitting," she concluded.

Police report break-ins in vicinity of Stouffville

STOUFFVILLE — The Stouffville area has been the scene of a number of break-ins recently.

James Dunbar, of Millrace Court, Dixon's Hill, returned from vacation to find his garage had been entered. The thieves made off with a 16-foot fiberglass boat. The incident occurred between July 25-28.

Michael Kocal, of Concession 5, Stouffville, suffered a \$550 loss on July 26. Persons unknown removed two gas generators from a shed at the rear of his residence.

Some selective thieves hit the Beaver

Gas Bar, Highway 47, Stouffville, during the night of July 31 - Aug. 1. Five Beaver Gas flags and their flagpoles were stolen, and the loss was estimated at \$100.

York Regional police are also investigating an incident at the Buttonwood Golf Course, 17th Avenue, Markham. During the night of July 29-30, two padlocks were ripped off and the Pro Shop was entered. A soft-drink machine was ripped open and the money in it stolen. The cash register gave the thieves an estimated \$160, and six cartons of

cigarettes were also taken. Total loss is placed at \$230.

Police have been kept busy in investigating a rash of minor break-ins and cases of malicious damage in Markham.

The largest haul in any of the local break-ins was at the Garden Mart, Highway 7. The premises were entered during the night of July 25-26 when a rear door was kicked in. Stolen were cash and cheques to a value of \$1,000, plus five pay cheques and 65 Wintario tickets.

Thieves also broke into Green Gables Bookshop, Main St., during the night of July 28-29, by breaking a side window. A sum of \$15 was taken from the cash register.

On the same night, a break-in occurred at the BP station, Main St. and Highway 7. Nothing was stolen, but the thieves caused \$40 worth of damage.

Carol Franchino, of Coral Harbor Cres., Thornhill, reported a housebreaking on July 26. A rear window of the residence was forced open and the house ransacked. Stolen were traveller's cheques and coins totalling \$200.



The two to four year olds at the Bloomington Gospel Church Vacation Bible School performed on stage in the closing program last week. Left to right are: Jenifer Clark, Stacey Rae, Derek Lemon, Roberta Reid and Bethanie Rae.



Interest varied from rapt attention to frank boredom on the last day of Bloomington Gospel Church Bible School. The pre-primary class included from left to right: Heather Wideman, David Villers, David Greene, Beverly Rae, Debbie Rae and teachers Dorothy Wagg and Lillian MacAloney.

Bible school successful

A lively ten days of Vacation Bible School at Bloomington Gospel Church came to a close on Friday, July 30, with an evening program. The total enrollment of the school was 69, with 43 attending every day and an average attendance of 65.

The children provided the program, in song and Bible facts and verses. A display was made in the basement of work accomplished, especially of the junior and teen Departments. Points were given for memory work, Bible work and handicraft, also

cooperation, and from each department a prize winner selected. Prize winners were: Debbie Rae, pre-primary; Jonathan Clark, primary; Penny Ross and Sheldon Rae, junior; Cathy Shepherd, teens.

The Departments were taken care of by the

following: nursery — Mrs. Elva Reid, Mrs. W. Gower; pre-primary, — Miss Dorothy Wagg, Mrs. D. Bourne, Mrs. R. MacAloney; primary — Mrs. T. Widdes, Mrs. H. Rae, Mrs. C. Sorley; junior — Mrs. D. deBoer, Mrs. O. Fritchard; teens — Pastor C. W. Sorley, (who also was director).

Pianist — Mrs. D. Clarke; secretary — Mr. W. Gower; lunches — Mrs. E. Lemon, Mrs. C. Lemon, Mrs. A. Tomlinson, Mrs. E. Burnett.

Many other helped daily with transportation, donated for lunches, or contributed towards the cost of the program.

Greenwood news

Neighbors club visit zoo

By MILDRED MCTAGGART GREENWOOD — A bus load of the Good Neighbours Club enjoyed a trip to the Metro Toronto Zoo last Tuesday. Congratulations! We have a new pair of grandparents in the village.

Mrs. Janet Crawford and Susan have returned from a vacation on the west coast. They flew to Vancouver, called on Mrs. Dorothy Owen and Michael in Victoria and then went by boat north as far as Juneau, Alaska.

There will be no church service on the charge this Sunday Aug. 1, but services will alternate between Mt. Zion Aug. 8. All services will be at 11 a.m.

Mr. and Mrs. James Paddock Rd. attended the Russell family reunion at Bobcaygeon on Sun. July 25.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Morden were with Mr. and Mrs. Larry Morden in Ottawa on the weekend.

Plans to enliven conservation

YORK REGION — Local conservation areas may become a combination of Ontario Place and Disneyland.

This warning was issued by Peter Head, an official of the Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Authority. Saying that "nature isn't enough," Head pointed to declining revenues and attendance at the 14 conservation areas. The most popular has been Black Creek Pioneer Village, and even it has an operating deficit.

Larry Barretts are proud parents

By EVELYN MILSTED GORMLEY — Mr. George Barrett was in York Central Hospital, Richmond Hill last week, but was released on Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Barrett are the proud parents of a baby girl.

The Sunday evening service will be lifted on August 8 in favour of the Camp which is in session at Stayner Missionary Church campground.

Sympathy is expressed to Mrs. R. Preston in the death of her father, Mr. Earl Hisey of Barrie, and to Mr. Graeme Bales in the passing of his father, Mr. Joseph Allan Bales of Richmond Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Stiles of Markham enjoyed Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Meredith Ash.

Mrs. Delbert Baker visited her aunt, Mrs. Laura Wiggins in a Nursing Home in Coldwater, and also her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Baker and family in Orillia, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Doner visited her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Jack O'Connell at Utterson last week.

Miss Vera Brillinger holidayed this week at Kirkland Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Reigle of Ridgeway were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Winger.

Peter Brillinger enjoyed two weeks' holidays with his grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Weaver of Cobocok. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Brillinger, spent the holiday week-end at Cobocok.

A miscellaneous shower was held on Tuesday night in the Fellowship Hall of the Heise Hill Church for Mr. Leonard Beintema and Miss Elizabeth Forsyth.

A special Dedication service was held on Sunday morning at the Heise Hill Church to dedicate the newly decorated place of worship.

A number of families from the Heise Hill Church are attending Family Camp this week at Camp Kahquah near Magnetawan.

This is your invitation to attend a miscellaneous shower for Miss Sharon Bennett and Mr. Mark Cullen on Monday night, August 16, at the Victoria Square Hall.

Mr. Sam Doner is still a patient in York Central Hospital, Richmond Hill. He appreciates hearing from his friends.

Three injuries Sunday

STOUFFVILLE — Two local accidents on Sunday resulted in injury to three people.

The first occurred at about 6 a.m. on Highway 48, south of 19th Avenue. A southbound vehicle, driven by Emil Pickert, 26, left the road and plunged down an embankment off the east shoulder. The car, taking out two guardrails on its way, ended up in the river and was a complete write-off. Total damage was estimated at \$3,000.

Pickert was treated at Scarborough Centenary Hospital. He has been charged with careless driving.

The second collision took place at the intersection of Highways 47 and 48 about 4:30 p.m. A southbound car driven by Dominick Caranci, 60, and a westbound vehicle driven by Dorothy Chapman, 70, suffered total combined damage estimated at \$850. No charges have been laid in this case, and injuries were minor.

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