

# Police in village to walk foot patrol indefinitely

STOUFFVILLE — The trial program of putting policemen back on the beat in Stouffville has been "extended indefinitely."



Volunteer fireman Jim Rennie appeared to be missing an essential part of his uniform when he showed up for a truck fire at Bethesda Saturday afternoon. To tell the truth Jim wasn't really in that much of a hurry. It was just that he was taking advantage of the warm day and was wearing short pants.

The program, according to Police Chief Bruce Crawford still has a few "technical problems" that have to be worked out. He said he preferred not to specify what the technical problems were.

Policemen were assigned to walk a beat for an experimental two week period to determine if it is feasible to put policemen back on the street in other areas of York Region. The day and evening shifts were assigned to walk Main St.

The chief told The Tribune he is "not dissatisfied but not entirely satisfied" with the way the foot patrols have worked out.

One problem has been that the officers have had to leave the cruisers unattended while they walk the street. There was one incident where the cruiser was pelted with eggs.

Mr. Crawford said the "local rounders present no

problem" and that vandalism to the cars can be controlled.

"We are trying to establish whether we can take a man and make him iramobile and still serve the community," the chief explained. He said he is worried about the response time to calls when the officer has to walk back to his car.

He said there has been quite a bit of mail to the police commission and it has been overwhelmingly in favor of keeping officers on foot patrol. There have been letters from other towns urging the police to institute the program in those communities.

"They like the idea but I'm not so sure they'll think so highly of it if there is a delay when they want a policeman," Chief Crawford warned.

He felt it would be pointless to continue if the officer is called back to his car "every 15 minutes."

## Junior kindergarten

### Underway this fall

STOUFFVILLE — A kindergarten for four-year-olds opens for the first time at St. Mark's separate school this fall.

According to principal Robert Girard, the program is for five-year olds as well as four-year-olds with birthdays prior to Dec. 31. A total of 15 have signed up for the class so far.

This is the second year junior kindergarten has been offered by the York separate school board, but it is the first year transportation for it has also been offered, Mr. Girard said.

The junior class, taught by Victoria Rolfe of Elm Rd., will run 9-11:30 a.m., while senior kindergarten will occur 1-3:30 p.m. daily.

"Meaningful, organized play," will be the chief activity in the junior kindergarten, Mr. Girard said. "They're learning something from it."

Both the junior and senior kindergarten's at St. Mark's will have a staggered start system to help the children break into

their routines more easily. This means that five children will come the first day, with five more added the second and so on, until the whole class is there.

The parents will accompany their children on their first day in the new environment as well, said Mr. Girard. "It's the most humane way of bringing them in."

Separate school supporters may still sign up their children for the junior program, according to Mr. Girard, with the maximum for the class set at 20.

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Fred Tapscott, a retired native of Milliken, dropped in to the Markham Museum recently to display down east style fiddling. Mr. Tapscott will be on hand at the museum's Heritage Festival this

Saturday. There will be displays of old-time arts, crafts and trades, with many Stouffville area residents participating.

John Montgomery

## Local girl is mentioned in essay contest

STOUFFVILLE — Sharon Tranmer, RR2, Stouffville, received an honourable mention for the essay she submitted to the Canadian Community Newspaper Association's "Hometown Paper" competition.

The association received 500 essays, from across Canada, telling why the readers liked their local weekly paper.

The prize of \$400 went to Geoff Tagg of Foremost, Alberta.

Miss Tranmer's honourable mention is quite an achievement as out of the 500 entries there was only one winner and 10 honourable mentions given.

## Former town resident killed in plane crash

Wesley James, a former Stouffville man, was one of 10 people killed when a plane crashed into hydro lines in heavy fog about 60 miles north of Cochrane.

Mr. James, 53, was the Manager of Energy and Environment for Ontario Hydro, the company he had worked for as an engineer for 25 years.

As a member of the Royal Commission on Electrical Power Planning he, together with 11 other members, was participating in hearings in northern communities.

The fatal crash occurred on the last leg of a trip between Moosonee and Timmins, Saturday. The plane was flying under a low ceiling when it entangled with hydro transmission wires and crashed.

Spokesmen for Ontario Hydro said the plane, which failed to break the wires, would have received a three-phase burst of high voltage current that carried a total of 132,000 volts.

There has been some speculation the electricity could have touched off an explosion in the plane that would have killed the passengers instantly.

Large sections of the wings of the DHC-3 Otter were found intact but much of the fuselage was completely destroyed.

Mr. James is survived by his wife, Helen, of Mississauga; two children, Brian and Randa; his mother, Nettie James of Stouffville; and two brothers, Wallace of Brampton and Ronald of Stouffville.

Funeral will be from Turner and Porter Funeral Home of Port Credit, with interment at Port Credit.

## Penitentiary not a "fact" — mayor

UXBRIDGE — A penitentiary reception centre in Uxbridge is not "an accomplished fact," said Mayor Carl Paterbough, at last week's meeting here of the Uxbridge-Canadian Penitentiary Service Information Committee.

"I want to make that loud and clear...in the minds of many people this is already an accomplished fact, and they're wondering what we're messing around for," the mayor said.

The final decision, he explained, would be made by "somebody in Ottawa." Council has made their decision (in favor of the centre) but we don't have the final say.

Some members of the U.C.I.C. expressed the view that

it is the federal ministry's approach at present not to put the centre anywhere it's not wanted.

Councillor Bill Ballinger said he believed the centre "is an accomplished fact subject to a site plan agreement."

The committee last week also discussed the public reaction so far to the education program concerning the centre.

According to Des Connor of Connor Development Services, a postcard questionnaire program showed that, of the seven or eight per cent who responded, "one third were for the centre, one third were against the centre for specific reasons, and one third rejected it outright."

"The \$64 question is 'Is this

true for the rest of the township population?'"

Of the 256 who sent back their questionnaires, the biggest concern among them was concerning security at the proposed institution. Half of them didn't want any additional information, and of those who do, they mostly wanted to know more about the location and employment opportunities connected with the centre.

Mr. Connor said "we owe factual replies to all those who responded to the questionnaires."

Commenting on the open houses held recently to inform people about the proposed centre, Councillor Bill Ballinger commented he was "disap-

pointed in the calibre of the people who attended...It totally surprised me who did show up. I think the people who supposedly wanted more information didn't want any information at all."

Of the three open houses, in Zephyr, Uxbridge and Goodwood, a total of only 225 residents attended.

## Highway road work will begin

STOUFFVILLE — Work on the reconstruction of Highway 47 from Main St. to the former village boundary, just south of the Stouffville Sales Barn, could be underway this fall.

The government had previously delayed the \$300,000 project due to lack of funds, but the town last week received notification from the Ministry of Transportation and Communications that the work will go ahead "at the earliest date" (See Reconstruction Pg. 6)

## Weekend calendar

STOUFFVILLE — A busy weekend lies ahead for area residents as no less than five major events are planned in and around Stouffville.

### Baseball tournaments

Both the boys and girls house league ball teams are having their final tournaments on Saturday and Sunday in various area parks and will finish the season with a corn roast and the presentation of awards in the town park on Sunday night.

### Mongolia Open

The popular Mongolia Open golf tournament will again be held by the Stouffville Lions Club at the Mill Run golf course. The "fun" tourney will feature a shot-gun start, to ensure no waiting, and many prizes and special events. Tickets can still be reserved by calling Tom Wood at 640-5680.

### Heritage Festival

The annual Markham Heritage Festival takes place on Saturday Sept. 11 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The public will be able to watch old-fashioned craft demonstrations, such as spinning, weaving, blacksmithing, tanning, and printing, as well as old engines and machinery at work.

There will also be some down-east fiddling, and for those who enjoy something more concrete, a craft and antique display. Admission is 50 cents for adults, children under 12, 25 cents.

### History in Action

"History in Action" is again being featured by the Pickering Museum in Brougham on Sept. 11-12 from 12-5 p.m.

All the old pioneer skills will be demonstrated to the public. There will be butter churning, wood-splitting, chair-caning, threshing, rug-hooking, wood carving, watch-making, quilting, and many others, to illustrate the various aspects of pioneer life.

For the youngsters there are also steam engines, ancient tractors and a miniature locomotive on display.

### Uxbridge Fair

Uxbridge Fair will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The fair features many agricultural exhibits, a dog show, midway and children's competitions.

## Markham Fair

### Pioneer contest could be revived

MARKHAM — The coming Markham Fair, Sept. 30 - Oct. 3, has left Markham Museum curator John Lunau with a 60 pound problem to solve.

For eight months now he has been delving into the history of some mysterious round stones in an effort to find out if they were used in contests at the Fair over 50 years ago.

It is said that the local blacksmiths used to hurl the thirty pound, 12 inch diameter rocks in a shot-put event, and were awarded a trophy that might possibly still be in existence today.

The Fair directors would like to see the event revived, if they can find out how it was staged.

Unfortunately, no one has been able to supply any more information about the stones, which were donated to the Markham Fair Board by Harry Rolph.

Mr. Rolph, a long-time Markham resident, had kept the stones in his garage for almost 50 years and finally put them in his rock garden, where they were much admired for their roundness.

The stones had been given to him by Robert Campbell, who in turn had received them from Mrs. Campbell. Mrs. Campbell had had an uncle, John Jerman, who was a pioneer blacksmith in the area, and the stones apparently originated from him.

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## Plowman to world contest

STOUFFVILLE — Donald Dunkeld, the Canadian plowing champion, will be leaving for Sweden on Sept. 14 in order to compete in the world championships to be held at Vara on the 25, and 26.

Coach Floyd Forsythe, who is in charge of the Canadian team, said that they were going early in order to get used to the new equipment and the soil of the area.

Shirley Dunkeld, the champ's wife and Jean White, his aunt, will accompany the men on the trip.

## Environment lawyer

### Advice sought on legal rights by protesters

was a large, powerful man, so it is conceivable that he was able to hurl those heavy stones," conceded Mr. Lunau.

However, he was rather doubtful about reviving the contest for this year's fair.

He doesn't think there are enough men around who can hurl heavy weight like that. "Not one-handed, anyway," he said.

## Advice sought on legal rights by protesters

The opposition to continued use of the York Sanitation dump on Highway 48 is continuing as members of Preserve Our Water Resources and some councillors were to meet today with an environmental lawyer.

POWR chairman Frances Sainsbury said the group "would probably retain him" if the Ministry of the Environment approves the dump for an additional five years of use as recommended by senior environmental officer Paul Isles.

Mrs. Sainsbury vowed the group would appeal any decision favorable to the dump operators. She said there is an environmental appeals board although it was previously accepted as fact that there is no appeal to a decision by the Environmental Hearing Board.

Now that POWR members are back after the summer she said they would shortly apply to the Ombudsman's office to have the matter investigated.

Mrs. Sainsbury said the meeting with the environmental lawyer is to familiarize the group with their rights and their probable chances of overturning an unfavourable decision.

The dump is located 6,000 feet north of the Stouffville well and there is fear that chemicals dumped at the landfill site could migrate into the town water supply. The main aquifer is believed to flow beneath the dump itself.



Stephen Le Mottee was escorted into Summitview school Tuesday morning, by his mother Diane, for his very first day of school. Young Stephen doesn't appear too unhappy about this

turn of events and in fact none of the kindergarten students were upset about being left at school. A large throng of mothers, younger children and dogs were on hand for the opening of school.