

At Ballantrae

Well pollution increasing

BALLANTRAE — Recent tests by the Ministry of the Environment indicate the pollution in the Ballantrae well of Sharon Powell is increasing. No further testing has been carried out on the Huskinson well to the north. Huskinsons and Powells have been warned by the ministry not to drink their water.

Mrs. Powell told The Tribune that further testing, to attempt to determine the source of the pollution, will be carried out next week by ministry officials if they finish another job they are working on.

No testing was carried out for copper, which showed a very high reading in initial testing and according to Mrs. Powell alkalinity is up and hardness is down, but is still way over the permissible level.

There has been some concern the pollution could be from the York Sanitation dump on Highway 48, but ministry officials have firmly denied this, saying the underground water flow from the dump flows to the

south. There has been some contention over this point.

Mayor Gordon Ratcliff said results of wells located adjacent to the dump site show that the pollution has not increased.

"There was some imbalance but it hasn't increased," he said, adding, "there was nothing alarming in the results."

He said tests for phenols in the Stouffville wells indicated the level is below the permissible level.

The mayor said he is not so sure of results received early this week. The counts in some of the wells are quite high he said.

He refused to speculate on the results until he has had time to have them interpreted. He

said some of the wells could be drilled inside the dump where they would go through garbage and he said this might account for the high readings.

Testing on the Ballantrae wells was begun after Mrs. Powell's baby became quite ill and a specialist suggested there might be a problem with the water.

New library funding set

STOUFFVILLE — The budget for the new library building was finalized Tuesday by council, including a guarantee of the purchase of the old library building by the town for \$35,000.

That purchase would take place only if the library board cannot sell the building by the time those funds are needed, and the town would then assume the building's title and pay for it out of the lot fee account.

Mayor Gordon Ratcliff said that if the building is to be completed by July 1, 1977, for centennial year, approval of the budget had to go forward.

The fundraising drive for the library was commenced Tuesday prior to council by six library board members donating \$100 and asking council members to match the amount. Three members responded by writing \$100 cheques.

Before final budget approval was granted, council voted to have the building moved an additional 20 feet to the north in order to allow room for an access road to the northern part of the property, if necessary.

The total budget for the building now stands at \$367,000, with \$292,767.48 in actual commitments for the construction cost.

Last term for Baker

STOUFFVILLE — Councillor Merlyn Baker announced Tuesday at council meeting that he will not be seeking re-election for his council seat.

Mayor Gordon Ratcliff commented that "We're all sorry to see you go. You've served your municipality and ward well."

Local calling rejected by town council because of increase to customers

STOUFFVILLE — Every Bell Canada subscriber — including the Town of Whitchurch Stouffville itself — is being asked to respond to a survey as to whether or not they want the proposed new extended area calling service.

Last week, council voted

against an affirmative reply in answering the town's own questionnaire.

Councillor Cathy Joice moved the town respond affirmatively, on the grounds that the town's own phone bills would be reduced since a Toronto line would no longer be required.

Under the proposed service, 640-exchange callers would be able to call Toronto toll-free, but would pay substantially greater monthly rates for the privilege.

Councillor Meryln Baker opposed the new service on the grounds that there are "a lot of people whose rates would very nearly double with it, and can't afford it." He added that "I'm sure it would be a tremendous service to many people in town."

The view of Councillor Eldred King was that "I don't think the majority of the people are being jeopardized because they don't have the Toronto calling service." He also said that the service would require huge capital expenditures in a time of tight money.

Mayor Gordon Ratcliff commented that he still favors an optional plan by the phone company. "Suppose there are 30 or 40 per cent still against (the new service)? They're the ones who are going to be hurt," he said.

Dixie Flyers play tonight

STOUFFVILLE — The Dixie Flyers, a Bluegrass group, will play tonight (Thursday) in a free concert at Latham Hall, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The concert is sponsored by the public library and free tickets are available there, with a limited number of tickets obtainable at the door.

Candidate for Liberals quits

YORK NORTH — King Mayor Margaret Britnell, who recently won the Liberal candidacy for York North in a hard fought campaign, has announced her withdrawal.

Riding president Jim Wilson told The Tribune Mrs. Britnell will seek re-election as mayor in the upcoming municipal elections.

Mr. Wilson said she would continue "to be an active member of the association" and he added that there "are no hard feelings within the riding association."

A new nomination meeting will be called in the near future.



Ron Underwood and son John were contestants in the "Chip Off the Old Block" family look-alike contest Saturday at the Markham Fair.

Although they didn't win any prizes, they were a memorable pair with their matching smiles and outfits. —Ted Wilcox

Principals may be polled about student strapping

AURORA — York Region public school trustees will be asked Monday to approve a recommendation calling for principals to assist the board in drafting a policy on corporal punishment.

The issue has already drawn mixed reaction from parents, teachers, principals and trustees the committee learned Monday night.

Ron Graham of the York County Elementary Principals' Association noted "Principals find it very hard to think of corporal punishment as an isolated thing."

While the strap should not be used "as a first line of defence," it can be effective in some cases with some youngsters, he added.

He was joined by principal

representatives from the four areas of the region in calling for a decision on the use of corporal punishment to be left with the principals.

A Thornhill Parents Council representative said any decision to administer the strap should come only after consultation with and consent of the parent.

"I don't think we want that decision left to the teacher," a council spokesman said.

Billie Hurley, president of the York County Elementary Teachers' Association of Federations (YCETAF), said the teachers' organization prepared a representative sampling on the issue.

"As teachers I don't think any of us see corporal punishment as a good teaching device," she explained.

Of 183 teachers responding to the survey, 78.7 per cent said the strap should be retained as a disciplinary measure. A total of 17.5 per cent opposed retention.

Comments of those favoring retention stressed the strap should be used only as a last resort and only after the child and circumstances are taken into consideration.

On a second question as to whether the board should establish guidelines for use of corporal punishment, 55.2 per cent said yes and 35.5 per cent said no.

Vaughan trustee Don Cameron said there's little need at the present time to establish a policy on corporal punishment.

clean up the site in view of the upcoming centennial year. Mr. Doty said "the railway would be prepared to donate the structure to the community on the understanding that it would be removed from railway property."

Mr. Doty said that CN is in the process of providing another facility for passengers in Stouffville and that the old station will soon not be needed.

He added that council might consider relocating and restoring the historic building as part of its centennial program.

Members of council showed no interest in acquiring the building, and Mayor Gordon Ratcliff said that if council is not interested in it, they could ask that it be disposed of as soon as possible.

Trustees may evaluate the board director

AURORA — Sam Chapman, York Region public school board education director, this week remains at the centre of a controversy that erupted over a closed board meeting last week.

While first reports indicated trustees narrowly defeated a motion to dismiss the education director during the secret meeting, board and trustee sources have confirmed that no such motion was put forth.

Citing trustees' oath of confidentiality, board chairman Doug Allen would discuss neither the meeting nor any motions introduced when contacted on Monday.

Other trustees, while declining to publicly disclose topics discussed during the controversial session, admit privately that the meeting focused on Mr. Chapman's performance.

The motion that sparked the discussion was not one of dismissal, however, but a resolution to form a committee to study Mr. Chapman's performance.

If the committee, which could not meet for a minimum of six months, judged the director's performance unsatisfactory, it would report its findings to a closed board meeting.

The closed session would then have to approve a dismissal by a two-thirds majority. An identical majority would be needed in an open board

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Summitview addition

Parents see sketches

STOUFFVILLE — Summitview Parent-Teacher Association members were treated Monday night to a peek at the preliminary sketch for the Summitview addition.

Association member Janet Arends said the reaction of the parents was favourable and added she was personally "very impressed."

Mrs. Arends is also a member of the Users Committee, consisting of parents and teachers who will advise the architect on what they feel is required in the general purpose room and library-resource centre that will be included in the addition.

The school has been granted an additional \$10,000 to pay for fire safety renovations, bringing the total to \$47,000. A total of \$320,000 has been allotted for the addition.

The sketches are very preliminary said Mrs. Arends. "We are very happy with it but it may not end up like that," she warned.

If the building comes in over budget she said they would "cut back on a few things" rather than delaying the project by going back to the board of education for more money.

Tender date has been tentatively set at March, with completion by September of 1977.

Old post office lease approved

STOUFFVILLE — Council has agreed to rent the old post office building on Main Street from the federal Public Works Department under a 10-year lease, for \$100 a month. The lease must still be signed by the public works minister to be finalized.

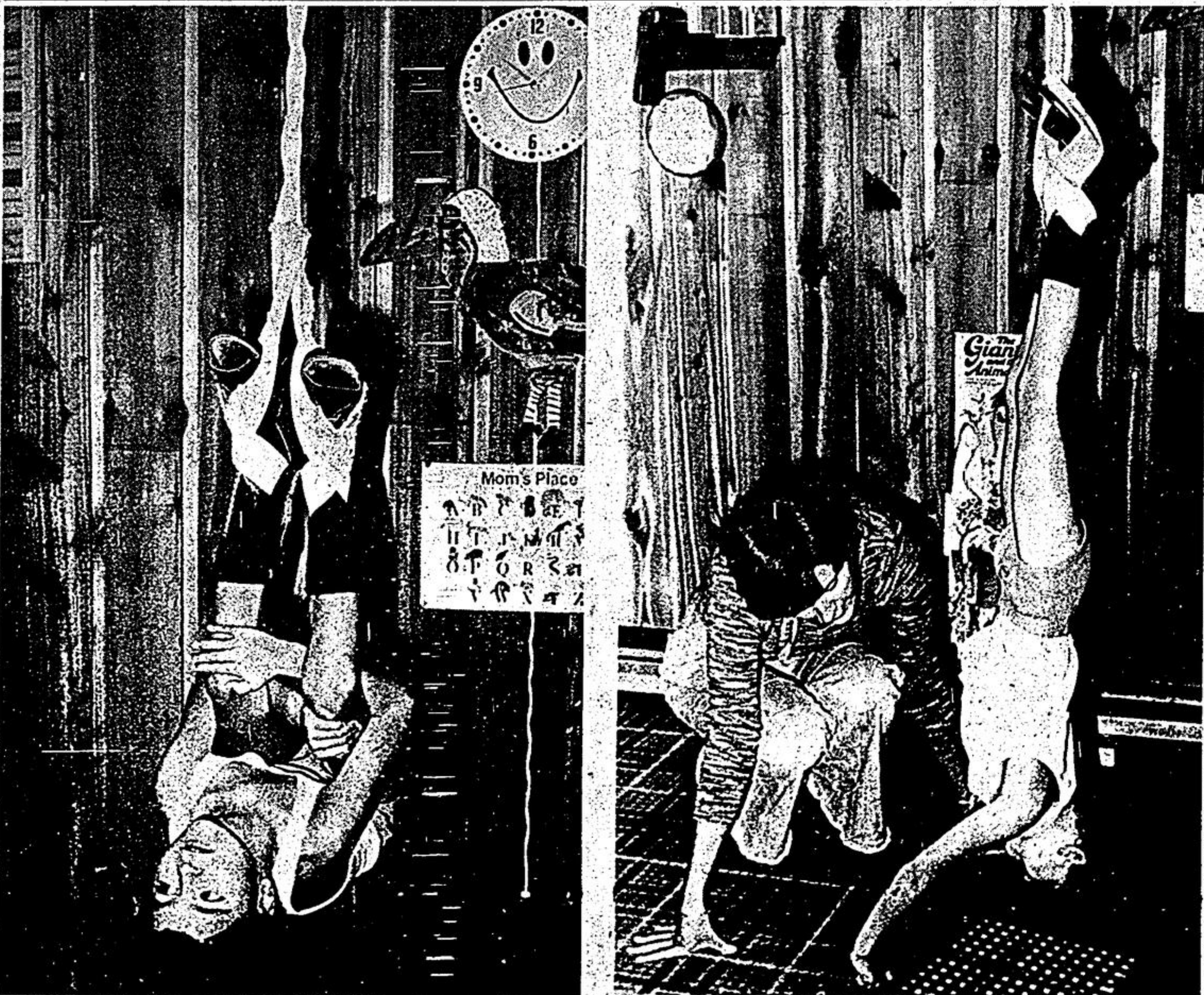
According to Mayor Gordon Ratcliff, the mechanics of how

the building will be administered have not been determined yet, but said it might fall under the jurisdiction of the Community Centre Board.

"Certainly there will be an opportunity for the old people to organize their own programs," said the mayor. "There's a need for a recreation centre for the young people in the community

who are not sports-minded. I hear that all the time. It could be used for dances or a drop-in centre where youths could drop in and discuss their problems with advisors."

Mr. Ratcliff said the programs could be arranged "with the co-operation of the service clubs and the senior citizens."



Danny Carrick, a brain injured child, spends quite a bit of time hanging upside down suspended by elastic straps, and he thoroughly enjoys it. He is suspended for five minutes at a time, five times every day as part of the patterning therapy designed by Dr. Glen Doman, a cybernetic developmentalist, to stimulate his brain. Danny loves to look at things upside down and also enjoys un-

twirling after being wound up. His mother, shown beside him, has to make certain that he is twisted only clockwise, since the direction in which he unwinds is an important part of the exercise. Just like skaters doing twirls on the ice, Danny has learned to control the speed of the spin by alternately throwing out and drawing in his arms. For more pictures and story see page 2.

—Annegret Lamure

Bank robbed

VANDORF — Royal Bank at Vandorf was robbed Monday afternoon at gunpoint by a man York Regional police have described as a "professional."

At press time, police had almost no leads as to the identity of the robber who entered the bank shortly after 2 p.m. Monday. The man spoke briefly with the manager regarding a loan, then pulled a revolver and ordered bank employees, and one customer, to lie on the floor.

The man produced a garbage bag and ordered the manager to fill it with money. About \$4,600 was stolen.

The man is believed to have netted \$74,000 in six other bank robberies during the past year.