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Centennial Bed Race

Will Kins challenge firemen?

STOUFFVILLE — Will the Kinsmen, still smarting from their Mardi Gras tug-of-war contest defeat at the hands of the volunteer firemen, challenge their tormentors to a grudge-match bed race?

The possibility of such an occurrence becoming a reality now looms ahead with the announcement that a Centennial Bed Race will be one of the featured events at the "Country Fair".

Whether there is a challenge or not the race will be run May

28, in conjunction with the fair and entries will be accepted up to one week before the big event.

Registration fee is \$2 and all that is required is a five-man team, consisting of four hapless pushers and one rider, and utilization of something which at least vaguely resembles a bed.

The "bed" must have a minimum length of 66 inches and at least four wheels, although there seem to be no rules regarding the maximum number of wheels.

Body contact between

teams is forbidden and would result in disqualification.

Registrations are being accepted now. Call 640-1632 or 640-2744. Reservations for booths at the fair are also being accepted, cost \$10 and can be obtained by calling Carole Morin at 640-3716.

All proceeds from the fair will go towards the new Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library, the town centennial project. The funds will pay \$15,000 of the capital cost, plus furnishings, equipment and landscaping.

The Library Development Committee hopes to raise \$80,000. Of this amount, 74,076 has been pledged, \$14,076 through public donations, the Latham Foundation has contributed \$20,000 and \$40,000 has been verbally pledged from Wintario if that amount is

matched from privately raised funds.

The centennial committee recently passed a motion that Robert Welch, Minister of Culture and Recreation be the official person to open the library and participate in the Homecoming Parade.

Don Anderson Bantam A's reach provincial finals?

By Peter Sanderson
Today's \$64,000 question, "are Stouffville's Don Anderson Bantams in the O.M.H.A. "BB" Ontario bantam hockey final", was answered last night just after the hour of 10 at the Stouffville Arena.

If you don't know the answer because you weren't there,

shame on you. Two goaltenders, four defencemen, 11 forwards, one trainer in white pants, a very nervous manager, and a superb coach have sweat and toiled like so many others in minor hockey to bring Stouffville an Ontario hockey championship in this her centennial year.

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Region budget estimate is \$40 million - higher than expected

NEWMARKET — Budget estimates of about \$40 million for York Region mean about a 2.7 per cent increase over last year's regional taxes, treasurer John Hlynski said Monday.

Higher than anticipated cost estimates for York Regional Police and other regional departments brought the estimated tax increase up over

the one per cent predicted by the region earlier this month.

Although net regional estimates are up about 7.6 per cent over the 1976 budget of \$36 million, assessment is up by 4.9 per cent, minimizing the effect of the increase on the tax dollar, Mr. Hlynski said.

At this point a \$100,000 fluctuation in spending

estimates would have approximately one per cent effect on taxes, the regional treasurer noted.

Last week the region's engineering committee approved that department's budget of about \$19 million gross or \$14 million net, including road work of nearly \$10 million gross or \$2 million on the regional bill.

The region's health and social services committee approved \$1.75 million spending estimates last week, up over the original staff estimates to include a \$100,200 gross or \$17,600 net item for private home subsidized day care. The Board of Health approved its budget of \$1.4 million gross or \$360,859 regional cost.

The region's planning committee approved its budget last week reflecting a \$717,500 gross and \$541,500 net expenditure.

York Regional Police estimates are \$8.4 million, up over the \$8.1 million increase used in original budget planning, while the Children's Aid Society budget is estimated at \$290,000.

Engineering department expenditures are expected to be considered by council March 31, while the remainder of the budget will be discussed at a later meeting, Mr. Hlynski said. He will ask council March 31 to set a date for consideration of the remainder of the budget, but he expects it will be held until after the Ontario budget is set sometime in April.



Betty Grey is working on an original silk-screen handbag, one of the many popular handcrafted items produced by Cedars of Musselman's. An exhibition of the cottage industry's products is presently displayed at the town library. The federally funded group is designing many articles specifically for the Stouffville centennial.

Chief refutes claims against police force

NEWMARKET — The feud over police traffic enforcement measures and the deployment of officers in the York region was brought to a head last week when Police Chief Bruce Crawford accused Police Commissioner Ray Twinniey of trying "to embarrass the police force."

The incident came when Mr. Twinniey cited two examples of entrapment at a police commission meeting, even though Mr. Crawford said he would have investigated the incidents beforehand. Instead, the Newmarket commissioner chose to reveal them at the commission meeting.

The two examples were that of a 16-year-old student in Sutton who was issued a \$28 summons for walking on the wrong side of the road, and a King City man who was issued a \$5 ticket for driving 32 m.p.h. in a 30 m.p.h. zone.

Mr. Crawford's findings of

the cases revealed that the speeding ticket had been withdrawn on the day it was issued, while the "walking" ticket appeared to have been justified.

The chief said that the man was given the speeding ticket on Denison Dr. and that radar was being used at the request of King Township Council. Council had refused a request from residents there to lower the speed limit, but did ask the police to patrol it with radar.

After the ticket was issued, the officer had "second thoughts" about it and told the inspector on duty. The inspector, "tore a strip across him" for issuing such a summons and "the officer was instructed to go back to the home of the man immediately and tell him the summons wouldn't be proceeded upon," the chief said. The charges have now been dropped.

Regarding the "walking" incident, Mr. Crawford said that

he "would have done the same thing" as the officer did. The incident occurred on Feb. 22 when an officer travelling north

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get a standing ovation from them. They are all insiders in the industry," Mr. Barrie told The Tribune.

"He said he was especially surprised as he had "played the cameras rather than the audience."

The piece he recited, entitled "On Being Canadian" is recorded on Mr. Barrie's first album, "Songs of Love and Other Places."

Mr. Barrie got the only standing ovation in the entire show.

"It meant to me that what I said is in good part a solution to the problem," commented Mr. Barrie. The theme of his presentation was that rather than thinking of ourselves as Quebecois or English we should

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The above picture shows the aftermath of an accident that occurred during last Friday's snowstorm, in which a 21-year-old Newmarket girl was killed. Carolyn Bates, of 119 Patterson St. in Newmarket was a passenger in a car going north on Don Mills Rd. just below the Bloomington Sideroad when the car went out of control

and skidded into the southbound lane, striking another vehicle. The driver of the northbound car, Mikolaj Rizewski, 21, received minor injuries, as did the people in the other car, Michael and Betty Hunt. Miss Bates was taken to Sunnybrook Hospital where she died of severe head injuries.

—Keith Bolender

CN asked to reconsider rental charge for station

STOUFFVILLE — Canadian National will be asked to reconsider the \$100 per month rental charges they have set for use of the old train station as an information centre during the height of the centennial activities.

Stouffville Centennial Committee voted last week to ask council to go back to CN with the request that there be no charge for use of the building from May 1 to Oct. 31.

Originally council and the committee were under the impression that CN would make the station available for the full year and that in return for painting and maintaining the building the town would be able to use it for free.

"The committee didn't feel they should charge us for it at

all," committee member Lorne Boadway told The Tribune.

The committee felt the building would be convenient for an information centre and that by taking it over they could "paint it up and make it presentable."

Council received a letter from CN two weeks ago which stated that use of the building would be restricted to the waiting room and office, that

there would be a \$100 a month rental charge, and that the committee would still be responsible for all repairs and maintenance.

Mr. Boadway said there has been some discussion of saving the approximately 100 year old station, which CN has announced it will demolish in October, but that no plans have been developed to preserve the structure.



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Ad for industrial lots draws response from apartment searchers

STOUFFVILLE — Rental accommodation has become so scarce in the area that a recent advertisement for industrial lots brought calls from apartment seekers.

Merv Turner, owner of Merv Turner Construction Ltd., plans to build 17 industrial units of 800 square feet each on a one acre piece of property on the east side of Edward St.

Mr. Turner stressed that the

plan will only go ahead if there are enough prospective rental clients to make the development economically feasible.

He said there have been several inquiries about the lots and also some calls from people inquiring whether there would be apartments above the units.

"People are scrambling for straws," Mrs. Turner told The Tribune, "and no apartments are being built."

The property is already zoned industrial so no municipal approvals are required.

The land, known formerly as the Wagg property, now has a stucco house situated in one corner and is located south of the Gulf Oil tanks.

Home to go on auction block

STOUFFVILLE — The old custom of selling houses by auction will be revived in town April 2 when the Clarke Bunker home goes on the block.

At one time it was quite common to sell homes in this manner but this is the first such sale in Stouffville for several years.

The entire estate, including furniture and home of Clarke and Gladys Bunker will be auctioned by Norm Faulkner and Earl Gauslin.

Mr. Gauslin said there is a reserve bid and said the reason house auctions are becoming more popular is because there is a better chance of a quick sale and the auctioneers charge two per cent of the selling price, compared to a five per cent charge for sale through a realtor.

The three bedroom, four-year-old house, located at 419 Loretta Cres. North, will be auctioned at 2 p.m. and the furniture auction will be held at 11 a.m.

To buy the house, a \$5,000 certified cheque on the day of the sale is required and closing of the deal will be in 30 days.

Commerce membership drive

Plans for a Chamber of Commerce in Whitchurch-Stouffville are well under way with a meeting of the interim executive, held March 15 under the chairmanship of Jack Chambers.

Reports were received from the Membership Committee concerning the continued growth of the new organization and of the plans to proceed with the membership drive. Application forms for membership are now being mailed out and they can also be picked up at some business and from The Tribune office and the Stouffville post office. The initial fee is \$30, along with annual dues.

Also at the meeting the Nomination Committee briefed

the executive on the interest being shown by members in the various executive and committee positions that will be filled by the general membership vote towards the end of April.

Over 30 business people, store owners and citizens have already signed up and initiated the charter application, which has been sent to Ottawa for ratification.

The Chamber is set up for people who are directly or indirectly engaged or interested in trade, commerce or the economic and social welfare of the district.

The executive will meet again on Tuesday, March 29 at 8:10 p.m. at the Stouffville IGA.