

# New wells needed for Ballantrae

**BALLANTRAE** — Following a meeting last week with Minister of Transportation and Communications James Snow several Ballantrae residents are confident of government assistance to replace their salt contaminated wells.

As a result of Highway 48 reconstruction in Ballantrae salt drained from the highway has seeped into several wells and last year caused the newborn baby of Al and Sharon Powell to become seriously ill.

Ministry of the Environment investigated wells in the area and recently released a report stating the highway is the source of the salt contamination.

Members of four families from Ballantrae, the Powells, Mr. and Mrs. Al Huskisson, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Giasson and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Stone met last Tuesday with the minister and asked that the provincial authority pay for the cost of drilling new deeper wells that will tap the main aquifer and be free of salt.

The minister, according to Mrs. Powell, appeared "interested and concerned" but would make no commitment. He promised to consult his legal advisers and get back to the families with a decision.

The meeting was arranged by MPP Bill Hodgson (PC) who, Mrs. Powell reports, strongly

supported the residents request that the government pay for the wells.

"They have got to do something, they just can't get away with it," commented Mr. Powell.

"We are not going to give up even if they say no," added Mrs. Powell. The Powells were accompanied to the meeting by

a lawyer specializing in environmental cases.

Mr. Snow has promised to have a decision within a few weeks. According to Mrs. Powell the minister admitted there have been problems with highway salt in other areas and he said the ministry is concerned that by paying compensation they will be setting an expensive precedent.

Salt apparently has damaged fruit trees in the Niagara Peninsula.

The Powells, whose well showed the highest degree of salt contamination, have been hauling in all their drinking water.

The ministry has promised to regrade the faulty ditches which allowed the salt to seep into the water table but it is

expected to be sometime before it drops to an acceptable level.

The maximum acceptable level for salt is 250 parts per million (ppm) and the last reading of the Powell well was at 974 ppm.

The Powells maintain the problem is the result of negligence on the part of the ministry when the highway was reconstructed two years ago.



It's not spring fever, but a case of Music Mania — Jane Hachey and Jim Brazier are having a great time as they rehearse the barn raising number of this year's edition of Music Mania. The show is slated for April 28, 29 and 30, at the SDSS. Annegret Lamure.

## One Canada group in preliminary stage

**STOUFFVILLE** — A group that is concerning itself with keeping Canada unified may be locating a branch office in Stouffville.

### Council sticks to no-beer decision

**STOUFFVILLE** — One of the first official acts of the newly formed Stouffville Chamber of Commerce was to approach council and ask them to reconsider their decision not to allow the library board to have a beer garden in connection with their Country Fair Day. The library fund-raising committee also pressed council to change their minds, but their appeals were in vain. Council was obdurate and would not even bring the matter to a vote.

Councillor Bill Kamps was the only dissenter and spoke strongly in favour of the open air beer garden.

### Fire alarms not installed

**STOUFFVILLE** — It appears that a few essentials were overlooked when the Ballantrae Community Centre was built, council learned last week, and the town will have to come up with another \$4,914.61 to complete the building.

The main expense will be for fire alarms, which were overlooked when the centre was built.

Recreation committee Chairman Eldred King said that the additional money was for items not covered by the initial contract. Recreation Committee member Beckey Wedley confirmed this. She explained that on completion of a building there are always some things that crop up which are customarily taken care of through a contingency fund. The fund usually amounts to 10 percent of the original cost, according to Mrs. Wedley.

Mr. King said the alarms were overlooked because the architect thought the electrician should design the system. "It wasn't totally the responsibility of either the contractor or the architect," he said.

At the time the plans for the centre were approved by council, fire alarms were not required, but the town building code now calls for them.

Fire Chief Walt Smith says that as far as the Fire Marshall's regulations were concerned, alarms did not have to be installed in order for the building to conform to safety regulations.

One Canada is the name of the organization that was set up following the Parti Quebecois victory in the Quebec provincial election. The group has offices in Toronto and Markham and is now in the preliminary stages in Stouffville.

Sybil Houston, of 66 Glengall Lane, is helping to put the Stouffville branch together for the purpose of "getting the average person interested. They have to realize that it (separation) can happen and we want to get people to think about just what this means."

One way Mrs. Houston suggests people can get involved is to write to their Members of Parliament and tell them how they feel about the separation question.

"Our main concern is to keep this country together," Mrs. Houston said. "We've got to make people aware of the situation: There's too much non-committal feelings on the matter. I just came back from out west and their attitude was that they couldn't care less if Quebec leaves or not. That's a terrible attitude."

Mrs. Houston is hoping to get council behind the group, along with support from the town's service clubs. There will also be buttons and bumper stickers saying "Canadians do it better together" for anyone who is interested.

## 4-year-old wins third

**STOUFFVILLE** — Green chicks and pink Easter lilies caught the eyes of the judges and four year old Terri Ann Moore of Goodwood is now \$10 richer. The little tyke won third prize in The Tribune Easter colouring contest for her imaginative effort.

Shannon Clarke, 9, of R.R.4 Stouffville, won the \$25 first prize for her beautifully coloured picture and five year old Robert Janiga of R.R.1 Ashburn was awarded the second prize of \$15 for his superbly finished effort.

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James Ryan, who runs the Tara Kennels on the Gormley sideroad, is keeping a tight hold on one of his two donkeys he has at the kennels. This one, called "Neddy" was found walking aimlessly on the Bloomington sideroad when Mr. Ryan picked her up. The other Donkey, Benjamin was given to Mr. Ryan to keep Neddy company. For story and further picture see page 12.

### For drop in centre

## Seniors get LIP grant

**STOUFFVILLE** — The Centennial Senior Citizen's Club has been awarded a Local Initiatives grant of \$19,000 for the purpose of equipping their drop-in centre, located in the old post office.

The grant is some \$700 short of what they asked for, but club president Walter Pipher was quite happy with the amount.

"Now we can get going," he said. Although the money has been allocated to the club, the seniors have not yet received it.

This has not stopped them from starting on the renovations, however, several members were already hard at work painting and plumbing before they knew that their application for the grant had been approved. "We thought we'd take a chance," said Mr. Pipher.

The club plans to buy a pool table, movie projector, furnishings, a shuffleboard, and other equipment with the money as well as using some for renovations. The only thing the funds cannot be used for is operating costs.

Members will pay the modest sum of \$3 a year club dues, and a nominal sum at

card parties and other events to cover the costs of coffee or other light refreshments.

### Main St. Magic coming this week

**STOUFFVILLE** — It's carnival time again and daisies and go-go girls will star in "Main St. Magic" at the Stouffville arena.

The Stouffville Figure Skating Club will be celebrating not only the Centennial but also the club's 25th anniversary. Showtime is this Friday and Saturday evening at 8 p.m. There will also be a Saturday afternoon matinee at 2 p.m. Tickets may be obtained from members of the club executive as well as at the door.

### Name change

**NEWMARKET** — Wellington St. E. will become Aurora Rd. through Whitchurch-Stouffville.

York Regional Council approved the name change Thursday after a recommendation of its engineering committee.

The change will be effective on the section of Regional Rd. 15 from the east limit to the west limit of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

## Family Life Centre saved

**STOUFFVILLE** — The Stouffville Branch of the Markham Family Life Centre has a new lease on life, thanks to the Stouffville Lions Club.

Last week Lions president Paul Roney presented Anita Waite, the Chairman of the Advisory Committee, with a \$1,000 cheque which will allow the centre to continue its

operations until the end of May.

At the end of that time Dr. Evelyn Wolf, a medical doctor with special training in counselling, will join the present therapist Larry Nissenbaum, B.A., M.Ed., to form a co-counselling team and funding will no longer be needed since billing will go through OHIP. Overhead for the branch is low

since the Stouffville Credit Union has donated an attractive set of upstairs rooms for the centre, and all office and support staff is volunteer.

Anita Waite is very excited over the prospect of co-counselling, which she says is a first for the region in a family life setting.

Mr. Nissenbaum has worked as a team with Dr. Wolf before and feels the technique has much to offer. Especially in cases of family conflict and marriage counselling. Also with the addition of another staff member, service to residents will substantially increase. At the moment the Family Life Centre is only open on Wednesdays from 2 to 10 p.m., but it will likely operate two days per week in the future. While the Stouffville branch, less than six months old, is expanding and flourishing, the parent branch in Markham, which has been in business over a decade continues to exist only precariously and may fold in two months. The Markham centre was until

### SDSS wins public speaking

**STOUFFVILLE** — Two grade 13 students from SDSS won top honours in public speaking recently.

Maryanne Hulshof and Ted Powers, both representing the Stouffville Lions Club, finished in first place at the District A 16 Effective Speaking Competition held in Cannington.

They triumphed over competition from Lindsay, Cannington, Beaverton, and Omeme.

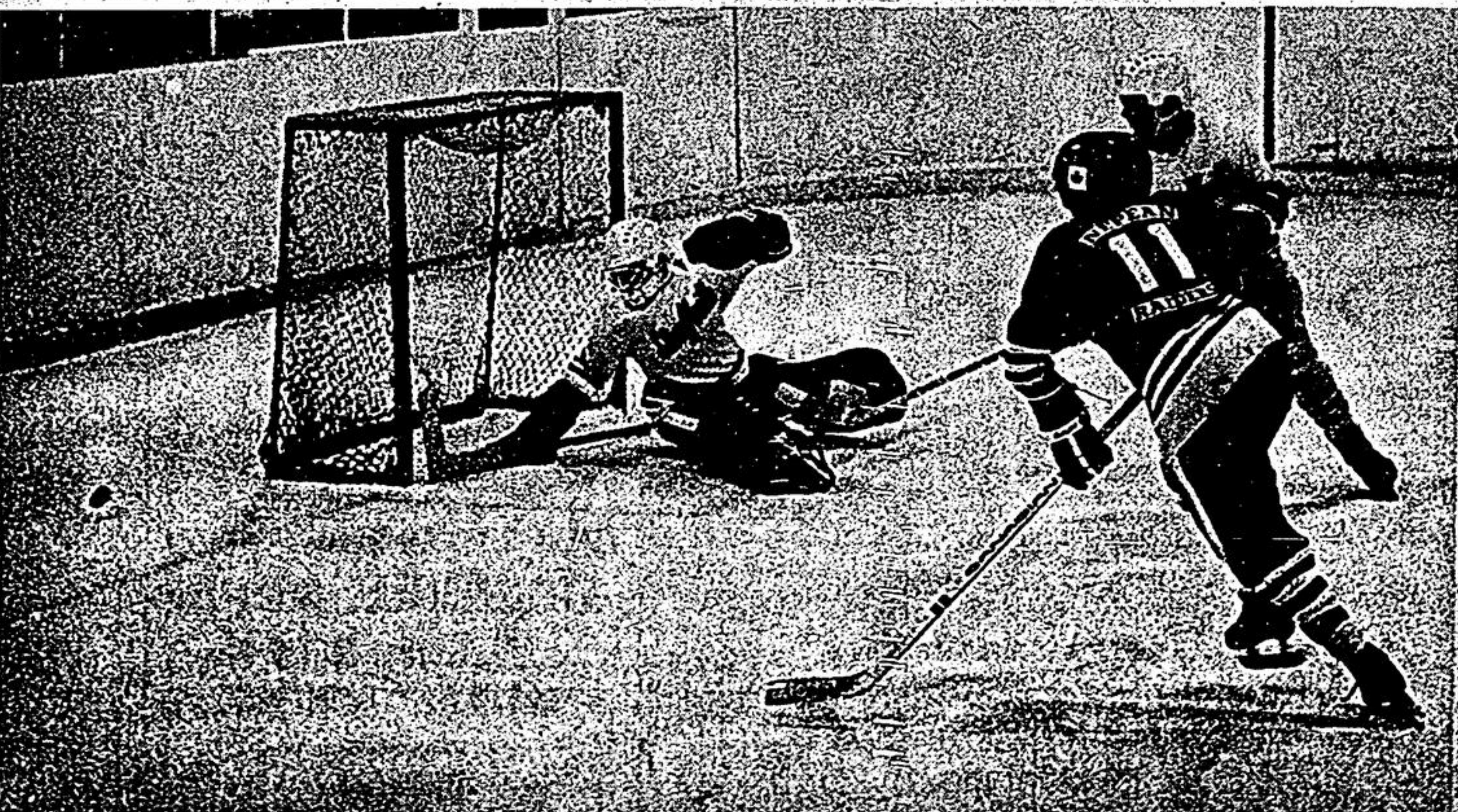
Maryanne was awarded the girl's prize for her prepared speech on "Nutritional Foods" and her impromptu speech about "The world's greatest

invention — The pencil". Ted won the boy's prize with his prepared talk on "Television Communications" and his impromptu lecture on "Highways of the Future".

The grade 13 students were coached by Carol Stamatou, who teaches English and Theatre Arts at the high school.

Maryanne and Ted will now go on to the Lions District A finals which will be held in Peterborough on Saturday, May 7.

This final stage of the competition will feature contestants from most of Ontario and Quebec.



The Don Anderson Bantam team played their final game of the season last week, losing to the visiting Ottawa Nepean team by a lopsided 10-3 score. The picture shows one shot that didn't get by the

Stouffville goalie, as he was able to knock it to the side of the net in time. For story see page 10. —Keith Bolender