

Country Fair may become annual event

By JOHN MONTGOMERY
STOUFFVILLE — Bed races, 25c hamburgers, a beer hall with live entertainment, perfect weather and a multitude of other activities combined to make the town's first Country Fair a roaring success.

The day went so well, in fact, that there has been considerable talk, especially among members of the Chamber of Commerce, of turning the one day event into an annual feature.

The Betz Pools entry beat all others in the bed race but disgruntled second place winner Ken "Zappy" Zampaloni and his Claremont team have called for a grudge match.

Mr. Zampaloni was unhappy that the final winner was chosen on time rather than by competing directly. A demolition derby driver, Mr. Zampaloni admitted to having some difficulty in restraining himself from ramming his opponents — purely out of habit.

Prizes were donated by Carling O'Keefe breweries and included trophies for the best looking bed, which went to the entry of 2001 Variety.

In spite of considerable opposition the beer hall proved to be a great success, both in terms of money raised toward the new library, and in a good time had by all.

Around \$1,800 was raised by the hall through beer sales and an estimated \$4,500 was raised in total although the final figures are not yet in. The beanbag game earned a respectable \$50, \$420 was collected for rental of the booths, over \$400 at the celebrity auction and \$252 was raised when the hat was passed at the baseball game between local players and CHUM's alleged "Super Stars".

There was live entertainment almost continuously from early afternoon to early morning. During the afternoon Susan Cogan, David Rea, Vicki Harris and a complement of other musicians from Irene's Good Night put on an impromptu show that generated considerable enthusiasm from the crowd.

Stouffville Stompers and Nipissing County Boys played at the outside stage and later the Stompers brought their Dixieland music inside. Although a dance had been scheduled Latcham Hall became so jammed with people it had to be cancelled.

Chamber of Commerce's 25c hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks proved so popular that those manning the booth were literally run off their feet.

Huge lineups had formed by 10 a.m. and hardly slacked off at all until they closed down around 10 p.m. Hungry visitors wolfed down about 800 pounds of hamburger and 5,600 food tickets were sold.

It is not expected the booth will show a profit. "We just wanted to do something for the public," Commerce member Vic Orchard told The Tribune.

Mr. Orchard did yeoman duty on the grill from beginning to end and estimates that with four barbecues going the club churned out between 300 and 400 burgers per hour.

This left many helpers

exhausted and according to Mr. Orchard it gave him night-mares. "All I could see was layers and layers of hamburgers to be turned and falling through the grill."

Fair chairman Bob Lewis estimates that between 7 and 8,000 visitors dropped down to the park sometime throughout the day.

Mr. Lewis said a large crew of volunteers were dispatched to the park Sunday and that every scrap of litter was cleaned up. He felt this a very important gesture considering the large scale clean up held a few weeks ago.



Top hat and tails

This baby black squirrel didn't mind at all when someone crowned him with a spray can top, in fact, he seemed quite at home under the strange headgear. The animal is one of eight orphaned squirrels adopted by a Stouffville family.

Squirrels find new home family adopts two litters

By ANNEGRET LAMURE

STOUFFVILLE — For years Bertha and Albert Landrey and their six children have taken delight in the squirrels making their home in the surrounding trees, but they never dreamed that one day eight of the little creatures would share a house with them.

However, one week in May that's exactly what happened. Previously everything had been quite normal. The Landreys saw several pregnant squirrels in the area and noted that one family had again taken up residence in the large birdhouse at the back of the property.

The Landreys always knew when the babies arrived because the mothers would get quite aggressive. "When they had the babies, the mothers chased the cats away from their tree," said Mr. Landrey, "they used to chase Ginger right up to the porch and over the railing."

Then one day tragedy struck. A neighbour found two dead females floating in his pool and the children discovered one dead and one injured squirrel baby at the base of their tree. All had been shot with a pellet gun.

The Landreys decided they'd better check on the rest of the brood and one of the sons climbed up to the birdhouse. He discovered not one, but two litters of cold and hungry baby squirrels. Apparently two mothers had decided to establish a co-operative and

were raising their families together.

"We knew they were not strong enough to survive," said Mrs. Landrey, so we took apart the birdhouse and brought the squirrels into the house. "She estimates that the babies, who had all their fur and fully opened eyes, were about three weeks old."

At first the squirrels had to be fed every four hours and the Landrey girls nursed them with a long-spouted mustard bottle that held enough milk for all of them. They also fed the youngsters pablum and nuts. When they got a little older vegetables and fruit were added to their diet.

The Landreys were delighted with the lively little fellows, but their cat, Ginger, took rather a dim view of the invasion, especially after she

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Regional budget is finalized

NEWMARKET — York Region has proposed to spend \$197.07 on each of its residents next year.

That's what the \$40-million budget, representing both projected programs and debts, works out to.

The nice part — if there can be a nice part among the miles of statistics and millions of dollars being tossed about — is that it will only cost the region \$57.89 per person for the projects.

The difference between the figures is the amount paid by provincial subsidies, revenues raised by the region and the amount returned by the Board of Education and area municipalities on whose behalf some of the regional dollars will be spent.

Much of the work in deciding how much each regional department needed and which projects it could afford to finance has been done over the past months.

Each department drew up a draft budget, which was considered and approved by the appropriate standing committee of council.

When council met in committee Monday, it was presented with the toll of each department's budget, a list of additional expenses to be met — payments on debts, for example

and a list of money that will be coming in over the year in the form of subsidies and revenue.

After considering each budget submission separately, the committee screened presentations from the Board of Health, the Board of Commissioners of Police and the Land Division Committee, all of

Two hold clerk at gunpoint

An armed robbery at Mac's Milk Store, 2 Felcher Blvd., Ballantrae late Thurs. May 26 netted two thieves \$376.30, York Regional Police said.

The two suspects entered the shop about 10 p.m., and while one held the clerk at gunpoint, a second man dismantled the telephone and scooped cash from the till into a brown paper bag. The two then left the store and were last seen running east on the plaza lot. The suspects are described as white, between 18-19 years old. One is described as slightly built, with acne and dirty blonde hair below shoulder length, blue jeans and worn tweed sports jacket; the second one has a dark complexion, hair and eyes, blue jeans and dark clothing believed corduroy.

The uniform division and the detective branch at 19 Division is investigating.

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The Betz Pools team were winners in Saturday's bed race. The final winner was judged on time as there were two final heats. The Claremont "Zappymobile" came in second and team captain Ken "Zappy" Zampaloni issued a public challenge to the Betz team to

hold a grudge match. The match has not yet been finalized. "Out in Claremont we hate to lose," commented Zappy. For more Country Fair pictures see page 11.

John Montgomery

Ratepayers awarded 30 day delay to fight Kennedy Road widening issue

NEWMARKET — Kennedy Road residents have won a 30-day delay from York Region in its plan to widen the road and in the process, expropriate several acres of land and uproot at least two homes.

The delay was awarded Thursday when two spokesmen for the residents told regional council they needed more time to study the proposal, and to retain counsel to help them fight the decision.

About 30 of the residents had appeared the week before at a regional engineering committee meeting and described in emotional terms the damage the road widening would cause to the rural environment.

At that time, the engineering committee decided that planners had made all possible concessions to homeowners when the road's new route was drawn and that the widening should proceed.

The plan calls for the immediate reconstruction and repaving of Kennedy Road between 16th Avenue and Gormley Road.

Residents are angry about a further plan to purchase enough

land for the eventual widening of the road to a four-lane highway, sometime within the next 20 years.

Regional staff claim that the widening will eventually be necessary, and that land should be purchased now to allow for any work that needs done in the future.

Regional engineer Bob Hodgson has repeatedly stressed that the only work to be done on the road now is the repaving operation. That work will not begin until next year at the earliest, following completion of negotiations for the additional land.

But the fact that the land will be taken, and that the road will eventually become a four-lane highway, has angered area residents.

They claim that they have not had sufficient opportunity to

examine the plan, and that notice of meetings to discuss it has not been sufficiently well advertised.

And they insist that widening is not necessary.

Margaret Gerrow, one of the Kennedy Road residents, spoke about the loss of privacy the widening would mean for her. "The levelling of a tall cedar hedge would expose her home to traffic on the road. Claiming that she came to the area 10 years ago to live in a rural setting," Mrs. Gerrow said the region was "trying to make us urban."

Anita Bates, who appeared before council last week, earlier spoke about the region's plan to move her 140-year-old roadhouse. The historic building, which serves as both her home and antique shop, must be

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Working women discussed by provincial candidates

NEWMARKET — Working women were given the first mention in local provincial campaigning as the three candidates met in debate last week.

Ian Scott, New Democratic Party hopeful, criticized the Conservative government for grouping both working and youth as part of the "secondary" work force in the spring budget.

The move ignores the fact that for many working women, their job is the sole means of support and not a matter of choice, Mr. Scott said.

Neither Liberal candidate Jim Wilson or Progressive Conservative incumbent Bill Hodgson commented on Mr. Scott's criticism.

Other issues raised during the debate at the Community Centre have been the main focus of previous speech — making by the candidates.

Mr. Hodgson began the evening with a talk that defended the calling of the election, promised jobs for

youth and a solution to Newmarket's hydro problems.

He said the election was forced on the government and is necessary to ensure a strong Conservative government that can both stimulate investment in Ontario and deal forcefully with Quebec.

Through the Davis Charter both short-term summer jobs and long-term make-work programs will be available to youth.

government operated car insurance programs were a failure in British Columbia and

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Speed limit lowered

BALLANTRAE — In accordance with a February resolution by council, the Ontario Ministry of Transport has granted Stouffville's request for a lower speed limit in Ballantrae.

The speed limit will be reduced from 45 to 40 mph.

Biker falls 50 ft in death plunge

An 18-year-old Scarborough man was dead on arrival at hospital Saturday evening, after the Suzuki dirt bike he was riding on private property east of Claremont went off a cliff and he fell to the valley 50 feet below.

Durham Regional Police said John Collingwood, of Lawrence Avenue E., Scarborough, had gone to the property at Valley Farm Road and the 3rd Conc. of Pickering with two friends. They said the motorcycles were brought in on a truck, and the owner of the property had not given permission to ride there.

Town won't purchase bank lot

STOUFFVILLE — The town has decided not to buy or lease the property behind the new Bank of Commerce on Market Street.

The bank offered them the 129 foot by 90 foot lot for a total price of \$24,300. Councillor Bill Kamps suggested that council speak to

the Chamber of Commerce and see if they want to purchase it.

"It has lots of extra parking in the centre of town, which is exactly what they asked for," said Mr. Kamps. "It could be ideal."

The town had originally asked the bank about the possibility of leasing the lot.



Andrew Glazin heaves while Chief Librarian Terry Verity and library board member Bud Sanderson shove Sunday during the library's transfer into the new building. Volunteers dropped in to help throughout the day and by late afternoon everything had been moved and some progress had been made toward putting the library back together. Mr. Verity and two volunteers brought

half ton trucks, greatly facilitating the effort. The library was closed the early part of the week but is now fully operational in the new premises. The walkway in has been completed, the front parking lot paved and plans are going ahead to complete a sodded berm bearing the library sign out on Main St.