

Stouffville hero returns from grueling Arabian trip

By ANNEGRET LAMURE
STOUFFVILLE — Most of us get enough excitement just trying to cross Main Street on a busy Saturday afternoon, but Gary T. Smith, who always appears to be just a little larger than life, is made of sterner stuff.

Montreal, to raise money for Muscular Dystrophy. He and a friend completed the trip in record time despite six foot waves, blinding fog and strong head winds.

This year he embarked on a different adventure — Gary hired himself out to a company in Saudi Arabia that needed skilled Canadian workmen to

show them how to assemble prefab houses.

"I'm a jack-of-all-trades — I sort of faked my way into it," laughed Gary, who previously worked as foreman at Standard Pressure Pipes in Stouffville. He had tried his hand at quite a few enterprises previously — the last was hauling and selling stones for landscaping. His former exploits had left him in top physical and mental shape and he thought he could handle anything Saudi Arabia had to offer.

He left Canada on May 28 on a six month work assignment and landed in Dahrán, the first stop in Saudi Arabia.

The heat was phenomenal, but cultural difficulties caused Gary even greater problems.

"There is no such thing as a lineup in Saudi Arabia," he stated. "Everyone is just like cattle, they push and shove. I was just standing there expecting my turn to be next and two guys would shove in front of me. It took me four hours to travel the 19 feet to the wicket to get my passport stamped."

His next problem was getting through customs. Saudi Arabia is a strict Moslem country and magazines that show women in bathing suits are not allowed. Gary thought he had nothing to worry about since he only carried several Time

magazines, but they aroused the ire of the censors because of a fashion article and were confiscated.

After this encounter he reached Riyadh, his final destination, without further incident, and was taken to the work site by a white Datsun pick-up truck.

Gary explained that white Datsun Pickups are a very common sight over there because the King had bought about 50,000 of them all exactly the same model and colour at a very good price. He got an excellent deal because the trucks came without heaters, defrosters, or windshield wipers, and passed the savings on to his subjects. "It only rains about two or three times a year," said Gary, "so they don't need all that stuff. While I was there, it rained just once, for 10 minutes."

In Riyadh the workmen were housed 12 to a room, dormitory style. "I went on the night shift and worked from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. seven days a week", Gary explained nonchalantly, that this was according to the terms of the contract. However, this schedule left him very little time for sight-seeing, so on his fifth day there he decided to sacrifice his day's sleep and go exploring.

"And that's when I found out (See Visitor page 3)



Get a load of him!!

Little Shannon Smith and her older sister Kelly-Jo are having a great time making fun of their dad, Gary T. Smith and his remarkable headdress. All his assurances that the red bur-noose he is wearing is considered standard dress

in Saudi Arabia, haven't much of an impression on his disrespectful offspring. Gary just recently returned, gaunt and emaciated, from a three month work stint in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

—Annegret Lamure

Group formed to save station

STOUFFVILLE — There is a possibility that the old Stouffville CN station may yet be saved, council learned last Tuesday.

For almost a year now the possibility of saving the structure had been discussed and then rejected by almost every group in town, and the CN had slated the building for removal and demolition at the end of October.

The price of moving and repairing the building had discouraged would be supporters.

However, the Whitchurch-Stouffville Conservation Club has broached a tentative plan to council that might be feasible.

De- is Sainsbury proposed moving the building to the Whitchurch - Stouffville Conservation area, where it could be used as a combination natural history museum, club headquarters and display area.

Mr. Sainsbury said the club would canvass local service clubs for support to repair and maintain the facility. He asked that the town endorse the club's request to the authority for permission to allow the building to be placed on conservation property. Council agreed to do so and at the request of Councillor Becky Wedley also plans to send a letter to CN to "inform them of events and perhaps delay demolition."

Private day care

NEWMARKET — York is about to turn 30 homes across the region into mini day care centres.

It's called the private home day care program, and it's designed to be more flexible than centre care in both its hours of service and in the age of children eligible.

It's better suited to those children for whom a large-centre-type setting is not comfortable.

And it's cheaper than centre care — about half the cost to both the region and the province, which funds 50 per cent of the capital costs and 80 per cent of the operating costs of municipal centres.

The idea is to provide day care service by contracting the service of someone in a private home. She provides appropriate care for the children; the taxpayer saves the cost of building and maintaining a centre.

How, and why, is the service being started?

It's part of a province-wide move to expand day care delivery beyond service through municipal centres, which have become expensive both to build and operate.

York approved the program last year and Sandra Bowles, the region's private home day care supervisor, has been at work since spring organizing it.

Word was spread months ago through the network of social service agencies about the program, what kind of providers and homes were suitable, and what kind of screening process the providers would be put through.

Signs were posted in the region's four day care centres.

As calls were received offering service — there have been about 35 to date for the maximum of 30 homes the region has agreed to fund — Mrs. Bowles began the lengthy job of interviewing applicants.

A visit is made to each home to determine why the provider is interested in the program; her interest in children of previous experience with them; her willingness to learn about organizing routines and programs or about child

development; and to physically examine her home and play equipment.

Other impressions are gathered during the interview: the kind of neighbourhood, the woman's attitude toward the job, possible problems from her own children.

Some of the other requirements of providers are: a safety inspection of the home by local fire officials; a medical examination and chest x-ray; and a safety check of the home (See Attitudes page 21)

Centennial calendar

Ballantrae planning big birthday bash

By Becky Wedley

Saturday September 10, residents of Ballantrae are throwing a gigantic birthday party for Stouffville residents in honour of their 100th birthday. The beef barbecue supper will include top prime beef barbecue all day long in the park over apple wood coals by Herb Peach, Don Taber, Marvin Clark and their committee. The meal will be complemented by a variety of salads and relishes provided by the Ladies' Auxiliary, and topped off with coffee and a delicious birthday cake.

During the day a full program has been planned by the Community Center Board under the leadership of Merv Degeer. Ball games between the Ballantrae teams (see schedule) and Stouffville will be running all day with the winners of each team sharing a "victory cake". The soccer league will be running a "showdown" competition all day with a trophy being presented to the winner. Free hayrides for the children have been organized — (not just

around the park — but through neighboring corn fields and trails). Games for the children will be available, as well as horse shoes for adults. All in all it looks like a fun day followed by a super meal. Tickets are available at Card's Hardware and Morgan Jewellers and Ballantrae Real Estate and it might be wise to purchase them ahead of time as only 500 dinner tickets will be sold. In the evening an Old Time Dance with orchestra and refreshments will be held in the community center (\$5.00 per couple) and tickets are still available at Card's Hardware, Morgans and Ballantrae Real Estate for this event as well.

The mayor may get a chance to once again show the daring adventurous side of his character — Ernie Lee has arranged for a hot air balloon to be present that day and Gord instead of falling into the wet blue yonder, may get a chance to fly up into the wide blue yonder — Becky has offered to accompany him on the trip, and who knows maybe Wild Bill Kamps will go along to give the balloon a little extra weight.

Schedule of events as follows:

2 p.m. Barb Zwier's Ballantrae Squirt Girls Team vs Lee Eidl's Stouffville 2 Squirt Girls.

2 p.m. Kirk Sullivan's Squirt Boys of Ballantrae vs Gordon Dale's Stouffville 2 Squirt Boys.

3 p.m. Soccer Showdown — all Soccer league members participating.

Hay Rides through trails and fields of Ballantrae.

Bob Arbuckle's Pee Wee Girls of Ballantrae vs Stouffville Pee Wee Girls with Coach Ken Henderson.

Scott McManningwell's Pee Wee Boys, Ballantrae vs Bill Sanderson's Stouffville Pee Wee Boys.

4 p.m. Soccer Showdown continues.

Doug Bradshaw's Bantam Girls Ballantrae vs Roy Kerswill's Stouffville 2 Bantam Girls.

Ron Robb's Bantam Boys of Ballantrae vs Jim Hargrave's Stouffville Bantam Boys.

HOT AIR BALLOON — Mayor Ratcliff, Councillor Wedley, Councillor Kamps.

5:00 p.m. — Dinner served until 6:30.

9:00 p.m. — OLD FASHIONED DANCE in hall.

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Lila Campbell gave an amusing reading at the Silver Jubilee Club's fun night last Tuesday. She told the story of a woman who became somewhat possessed while holding a garage sale. The show, by all accounts a successful evening, was the first of its kind to be produced by the seniors.

—John Montgomery

Anti-noise bylaw not finalized by Uxbridge council

UXBRIDGE — Although citizens of Goodwood have been complaining long and loud that something should be done about what they allege is excessive noise generated by Goodwood Kartways and the Scarboro Rod and Gun Club, Uxbridge council has so far not finalized any anti-noise bylaws.

"We wanted further direction and input on noise pollution from the Ministry of the Environment," explained John Paxton, the councillor from Goodwood.

Council had drafted an amendment to the bylaw governing the operation of go-kart tracks which had been sent to the ministry for comment earlier this year. However, the ministry said that an extensive noise study would be necessary before they could make an adequate comment on the karts.

The bylaw would have defined the differences between concession and racing karts and extended the track's operating hours.

"We wanted to wait until the assessment of the ministry on the bylaw was in," explained Mr. Paxton, "but we will now have to go independently."

The councillor commented that unfortunately the lack of progress made council look 'like a turtle in a race,' but explained that "In a way we have been duped by the Ministry of the Environment."

Mr. Paxton said that council wanted to make sure that the bylaw would stand up legally in court since there was the possibility of a lawsuit between the track owner and a Goodwood citizen, although he would not name anyone specifically.

Packed hall for seniors' show

STOUFFVILLE — A capacity crowd turned out last Tuesday night for the Silver Jubilee Club's Fun and Variety Night.

The evening's entertainment, held at Latham Hall, included songs, bluegrass music, a recitation and a debate. The show was free and refreshments were served afterwards.

Lila Campbell, in a very expressive voice, read a short story about a lady who goes slightly berserk while holding a garage sale, much to the amusement of the audience, who were obviously all garage sale veterans.

The bluegrass music was provided by "half the Wintersteins" and a couple of other musicians who had joined them for the evening.

Soloists were Judy Brillinger and Becky Herbert, who were accompanied on piano by Clarion Baker.

The major production of the evening was a debate on the theme that life was better 100 years ago than it is today. Supporting this argument were Edna Luther and Ed Chillman, while the opposite position was taken by Carole Brodie and Gord Ness.

Mr. Ness was introduced by Master of Ceremonies Eddie Luther as "that well known liar, Gord Ness."

"That's lawyer," Mr. Ness corrected him.

Ed Chillman, who punctuated his remarks by taking

vicious swats with a fly-swatter, was the first to speak.

Mr. Chillman argued the old days were better because people worked together, no airports in our back yards, no canned goods, reprocessed food or pollution.

A perhaps more debatable point he made was that there was no women's lib and taking a job at his opponents "you didn't have to pay expensive lawyers and real estate agents and there were no doctors out on the golf course and not making house calls."

Mrs. Brodie was of the opinion that today is "a challenging time to live" and requiring "as much courage if not more" than that shown by the pioneers.

She said that people are caught up in sentimentality about the past and pointed to the tremendous power of communication we have today. She said that life expectancy has risen from 42 years in 1877 to 72 years today.

She concluded by saying that today she can have a "tv supper on the table in five minutes."

"I don't deny progress has some merits," was Edna Luther's opening remark. "With television we can sit around together in silence."

She argued that in the old days a family had the ability to communicate, through music and conversation.

She said in the present a man's goal "is to make money

and women have no set role."

Women, she said, often have to be a housewife and breadwinner at the same time. As a result, she said, they "often look like a man."

"Food was pure and simple," commented Mrs. Luther, adding that food was all homecooked. "Do you really think a tv dinner could smell like that?"

She said in the old days men didn't read "girlie magazines" and "a glimpse of stocking was something shocking."

She concluded by men- (See Debate, page 9)



This picture from one of the Stouffville Peewee soccer team games over the weekend has the appearance more of a relay race than a soccer match. During the weekend 24 teams were hosted for

a three day tournament that wound up Monday. Stouffville's three teams were singularly unsuccessful, although this is to be expected as the league only started this year.