

By Ontario Supreme Court

Seizure appeal granted

TORONTO — Ethel Bledow, whose 31 dogs were seized by the Ontario Humane Society Sept. 9, has been successful in obtaining an appeal hearing.

Monday her lawyer, Don Kimura of Stouffville, convinced the Ontario Supreme Court to order the Animal Care Review Board to listen to the appeal.

Sept. 22 the board had ruled it could not hear the appeal as the appeal request had been filed one day after the statutory five day time period.

Chief Inspector Don Hepworth of the humane society had refused to agree to the appeal hearing because Miss Bledow was "out of time" in requesting it.

A hearing date has been set for this Thursday, 12:30 p.m. at 25 Grosvenor St. in Toronto. The board is part of the Ministry of Agriculture and is chaired by Dr. Alan Secord of Goodwood.

Miss Bledow was to have made a court appearance Monday, Oct. 3, on criminal charges of neglect, that were laid by the society. A remand was requested.

A number of the animals, (28), according to the Toronto Star, have been adopted or destroyed. Mr. Hepworth denied 28 had been disposed of but refused to say anything further. He complained about being "pilloried by the press."

The review board has the authority to rule as to whether the seizure was justified. If the seizure was ruled necessary then Miss Bledow will have no redress as the society was within its legal rights to dispose of the animals.

However, if the seizure is ruled unjustified, then the society could be ordered to return the remainder of the animals and to pay restitution for those destroyed or adopted out.

Take out restaurant to open on Main St.

STOUFFVILLE — Within a few months the town will have another take out restaurant gracing Main St.

Chris Giofos, who owned the Stouffville Restaurant and Tavern until the end of August, has purchased the former Grant Ford Mercury building which was owned by Grant Hamilton.

The building, which housed the now defunct Ford dealership is located on the south side of Main St., directly opposite the Stouffville Plaza.

Mr. Giofos plans major changes, including a new roof and brick facade. At some unspecified time in the future the restaurateur plans to add banquet facilities for up to 200 people at the back of the take-out restaurant. A private entrance will be provided.

The proposal needs no approvals from the town as the property already is zoned to allow a restaurant.

Mr. Giofos had been before council several times during the past few years with a proposal to build a steak house and tavern in

the west end but he said he abandoned these plans because he doesn't believe Stouffville is big enough to support that type of operation.

In spite of the large number of take-out type establishments already in town Mr. Giofos sees no problem about attracting enough business.

"There are a lot of people coming through town," he commented.

Mr. Giofos owned the Stouffville Restaurant for nine years and before that ran a restaurant in Toronto.

Anne Simons-Clarion Baker

Album honours centennial

STOUFFVILLE — The Centennial Song, written expressly for Stouffville's centennial by Grace Foote Powell, has now been immortalized in vinyl.

Anne Simons, of Mill St., and Clarion Baker, of R.R. 2,

Whitchurch - Stouffville, have cut a record entitled A Salute to Stouffville's Centennial.

First cut on the A side is The Centennial Song.

Mrs. Simons, who is well known for her singing engagements throughout the area, does the vocals, with accompaniment on piano and organ by Mr. Baker. Mr. Baker also performs frequently at churches, musical events and at Deer Park Inn.

The album, produced by Tip Top Records of Newmarket, should be available by Nov. 1 and will be sold for \$5, exclusively at John Lord's Books. Mrs. Simons has ordered an initial 500 records and if sales warrant more can be obtained.

Mrs. Simons said she

recorded several singles before her marriage but this is the first long play album. The album also includes Danny Boy, Climb Every Mountain, Christopher Robin and other selections.

The singer paid the entire costs of producing the album and hopes sales will cover the costs. "It's something I've wanted to do for a long time," she said, adding that the centennial year gave her the impetus.

The front cover will have a black and white photograph of the clock tower, the town centennial symbol.

Carole Watson, a teacher at the high school, is responsible for the photograph.

"I did it to gratify myself," commented Mrs. Simons, "we just enjoyed doing it together."

Carl Timbers takes Ontario plowing title

Stouffville's own Carl Timbers has won the 1977 Ontario plowing match championship last week in Kingston.

Mr. Timbers, 40, a construction worker, plowed through a sea of mud to take five special awards. He placed first in one of the divisional competitions and did very well in the others.

At the match Durham came in first and York second in the inter-county competitions. Lorne Britton of Claremont and Robert Baird of Sunderland represented Durham and Eric Timbers and Ken Wells, both from Whitchurch-Stouffville, represented York.

Other divisional titles went to Don Dunkeld of Zephyr and Lorne Britton of Stouffville. Mr. Britton came home with \$500 in prize money.

Mr. Timbers now goes on to represent Ontario at the Canadian championship match to be held in Alberta next year. If he places first or second at the Canadian contest he will then get the opportunity to go to the world championship.

He has represented Canada once before, at the 1974 plowing match in Finland and he took second place. He also came second in Ontario in 1972 and in Canada in 1973.

This year's world plowing match is presently taking place in Holland. Canada is being represented by Ken Brown of Richmond Hill and Ivan DeGeer of Mount Albert. Lloyd Doner of Stouffville is planning to make the trip over and watch the competition.

Rubber boots in demand

Last week's steady rain turned the International Plowing Match, held near Kingston last week, into a sea of mud.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lewis of Altona, who attended the match Tuesday, realized on the way down that they had forgotten to purchase rubber boots for the occasion.

They attempted several times to buy boots in Kingston and surrounding towns but were unsuccessful. Mrs. Lewis said they got the same story everywhere "rubber boots were not to be had."

They decided to brave the mud without boots but to their surprise when they got to the plowing match entrance there was a man there selling boots. The strange twist to the story is that the man at the gate was none other than Randy Forsyth, a former Stouffville man.

"And you certainly needed them," commented Mrs. Lewis, "You never saw anything like it. It was up over your boots."

Mrs. Lewis said many of the events had to be cancelled because of the mud. She said there was no problem at all at Markham Fair by comparison.



Far and away the biggest hit of the Markham Fair, as far as the small fry were concerned was Big Bird, here played by Doug Gardhim. Even clowns, Ernie and Bert, and the cookie monster himself paled besides the big feathered friend.

MARKHAM — Last week's attendance figures proved that it takes more than buckets of rain to dampen the enthusiasm of fairgoers — more than 50,000 of them turned out for the Markham Fair last week, despite the miserable weekend weather.

The 122 year old fair, held for the first time at its new location on the corner of 7th line and 18th Ave. this year, was judged by many as better than ever despite various setbacks.

The fair's troubles were not only confined to the weather. On Friday night the hydro went off in all the buildings for about an hour when a generator blew out.

The blackout occurred just as the 'gong' show was starting in the women's building. The contestants, game to the last, had to carry on as best they could without benefit of microphone, music or lights. There was emergency lighting in the corners of the hall, but, as one photographer put it, "there wasn't enough light to focus by." However, despite these difficulties the audience seemed to enjoy the event.

Outside people in darkened booths continued cooking and serving hamburgers, as if nothing had happened. Only the occasional match flared as someone attempted to find the relish.

The children were relieved to find that the power failure did not extend to the midway and many flocked there to wait out the black out, but a surprising number of people strolled around the barns admiring the animals in the gloom. The quarter horse races took place on Thursday and Friday, but had to be cancelled Saturday and Sunday because of the rain, but many other activities went on as scheduled, although a lot of them were moved inside the new buildings.

The rubber boot kicking contest was won by Jim Sutton. (See Many, page 9)

Council approves traps

STOUFFVILLE — The humanitarians were pitched against the pragmatists at a council meeting last week when the issue of trapping came up.

Apparently the municipality has to give permission before any individual holding a trapping licence can trap on town lands, and Councillor Bill Kamps, (proving that the biggest heart resides in the biggest body), was unequivocally opposed to any such thing.

"I can't see trapping at all," he announced, and explained that most trappers in the area only do it on weekends and are not there every day to see to their lines.

"If I'm going to kill an animal, I'd kill it then and there," said Kamps, "not leave it for a week in a trap."

He then challenged Councillor Jim Doble, a member of the Conservation Club, as to his commitment to conservation.

"There is a difference between conservation and preservation," replied Doble,

"We just couldn't leave all the muskrats with all the dams we have around here."

He explained that muskrats are very destructive and tended to undermine the dams.

However, he didn't convince Kamps who wanted to know "who came first, anyway?"

Most of council favoured allowing trapping in a limited

way after Doble said that the Ministry of Natural Resources supervises trapping and checks on the methods used and the type and number of animals taken. "Most of the traps used now are the quick-kill type," said Doble, "The only place the leg hold trap is still used is on private property, and we have no way of controlling that."

Fire department has Open House

STOUFFVILLE — Just as there are railway fans there are fire department aficionados and these will get an opportunity to indulge themselves at two open houses to be held next week at the fire hall.

Stouffville volunteer fire department's equipment will all be on display next Wednesday

and Thursday evenings between 7 and 9 p.m.

Come and meet the firemen and see demonstrations of how to use air packs and other fire fighting equipment.

A home fire prevention film will be shown.

The open houses are in honor of Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 9 to 15.



Markham's old Fair grounds on Highway 7 at Rougecrest Drive will be holding eastern Canada's first indoor skateboard park by the end of the month, and you can see action like above at it.

The facilities are being built by Ontario Skateboard Park Ltd. and they are now offering a club membership for anyone interested. Membership is on a first come first serve basis and the membership card will give special privileges at the Park and any other parks in southern Ontario for one year. Membership includes a free t-shirt with official logo on it, discounts on all pro-shop merchandise, organized tournaments and free teaching clinics for beginners.

The fee is \$15 and there will be a guarantee that the fee will not be raised for three years for charter members.

Encouraging news on station

STOUFFVILLE — Some tangible progress has now been made toward preserving the 96 year old CN station which was slated for demolition at the end of October.

A definite site has been approved, a commitment has been made to form a chartered organization for the purpose of moving and restoring the building and there is a possibility CN will aid the move.

About 15 people turned out to a second save the station meeting held last Wednesday in the municipal building. Denis Sainsbury, who initiated the move to save the building, had good news for those who attended. He had

visited the conservation area that day with a Metro Toronto Conservation Authority official who told him the building would be allowed on a small piece of property south of the flood plain dam.

A small group of interested people had met the previous week and had decided at that time the property south of the dam would be ideal as it is only 300 yards from the present site of the station and would be more readily accessible.

The spot approved by the authority is east of the railway tracks and directly south of Stouffer's Lane which runs off Church St.

Dulverton subdivision is built a right of way can be obtained to get access from the proposed extension of Millard Ave.

At last week's meeting the group voted to go ahead and form a chartered organization. Local lawyer Gordon Ness is now making the legal arrangements to accomplish this.

Ivan Harris has been named temporary chairman, Denis Sainsbury was elected general manager for the time being and Frances Sainsbury will act as secretary-treasurer.

Don Robertson undertook to contact CN to see what kind of (See Station, page 19)



The baby show was just one of the highlights at the Markham fair last Saturday, and the winner of the boys six to nine months was Michael Colangelo, shown here with his mother, Veronica.

Michael lives in Stouffville and it was probably his endearing smile that won the judges' over. —Keith Bolender