

Latcham Hall gambler's paradise



Bernie Tunney, Montréal St., won \$72.50 in the share the wealth draw held during the main event elimination draw. Even though he collected comparatively small winnings Mr. Tunney appears more enthusiastic over his

luck than the big money winners. Handing over the cash is Lion Ivan Harris. On microphone is Don Huxtable and Dr. Bill Murphy is at right.

STOUFFVILLE — Latcham Hall was a gambler's paradise last Friday night during the Lions Club Elimination draw.

While the draw numbers were being called tickets for a second Share the Wealth Draw were being sold and ticketholders amused themselves by eating, drinking and, naturally, playing cards.

The conclusion of the lengthy drawing proved quite suspenseful as two of the final three ticket holders were present.

When it came down to the last three numbers the holders were asked if they wanted to split the proceeds but no deal could be made as only two of the ticket holders were present.

The third from last number was drawn and it belonged to the absent person. After that it took no time at all for John Middleton of Second St. and Herb Cope of Scarborough to agree on a split.

Approximately 600 of the 700 tickets printed were sold and Lion Ed MacAloney sold 192 of these all by himself.



John Middleton (left) of Second St., Stouffville and Herb Cope of Scarborough decided to play it safe and split the \$3,000 first prize money in the Lions Elimination draw held last Friday.

Pickering airport lands Development may be allowed

People owning property on the fringes of the land frozen for the now stalled Pickering airport may soon be able to develop their holdings.

Municipal councils in the area have received a letter from P.G. Rimmington, Director of the Ministry of Housing's operations and development control branch, stating that the ministry will allow development on some lands that have been designated as being inside the airport noise contours.

Until now the ministry has set a policy of allowing no building on property rated at 28 NEF (Noise Exposure Forecast) or higher.

The ministry now proposes to allow building, without restrictions, on property rated between 28 and 30 NEF. Lands determined to have an NEF rating of between 30 and 35 can be developed for residential use if noise reduction features are incorporated into building design.

Mr. Rimmington advised that officials from the ministry will

meet with staff to discuss the establishment of procedures and the types of noise control features to be required.

Mark Heitsch, manager of the ministry's development control section, said the new criteria are based on updated technical analysis.

The new rules will

affect land all around the perimeter of the airport noise zone, including property east of Dickson Hill and some lands in Whitchurch - Stouffville.

The property has been frozen since 1971 when the airport was first announced and both Stouffville and Markham councils have been besieged by landowners

seeking exemptions from the minister's freeze.

The letter was received without comment by Whitchurch - Stouffville.

The only comment from Whitchurch - Stouffville council came from Ward 1 Councillor Jim Doble who voiced his opposition to the airport and the relaxed restrictions, "If they ever did go the foolhardy route of building the airport, they should watch that houses aren't built right to the end of the runway."

"They take a little more and a little more until they're right on top of it," he concluded.

Nursery school wins best float

STOUFFVILLE — Some bands didn't show, banners blew away and everybody froze, but the Stouffville Nursery School was awarded first prize for best overall float while the Kinetite Club candy float was judged best club or group effort.

St. Marks was rated top school float, and the best Christmas theme went to St. James Presbyterian Church.

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Restaurant bylaw?

(Continued from page 1) eating establishment. "Quality of food and service, and fair prices, that's how restaurants rise and fall."

Mr. Hathaway then said that it was hard for local businesses to compete against a big chain, since they could afford to subsidize some of their unprofitable establishments, whereas the little fellow simply went under.

Councillor Eldred King answered that it might be possible for council to eliminate the big chains, but if the town population was polled, they might prefer them. "The tax paying public probably wants a 'Big Mac,'" he said.

Councillor Becky Wedley voiced the view that the big chains would not locate in town if they felt there was no demand. "They wouldn't dream of coming here if

the business isn't there," she said.

Mr. Hathaway expressed doubt on that point. "I saw a market survey for '77—it said that another restaurant in the area would be marginal," he said.

Councillor King suggested that if the restaurant owners wanted to limit new eating establishments they should draw up criteria on which council could base approval or rejection. The only way this could be done, in Mr.

King's opinion, was through market survey and he didn't think the town should have to pay for them.

Mr. Hathaway proposed using population figures instead, which brought the discussion back to square one: how to decide which establishments should be approved. Mrs. Wedley finally proposed that the matter be given further study in committee—a suggestion that was approved by the rest of council.

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