

# Stouffville shuffle sweeping Main St.

There are two Stouffville Shuffles taking place at present. One of course is the typically cautious gait employed by residents attempting to negotiate the slippery sidewalks and the other is the re-arrangement of shops on Main St.

Ruvons Ladies Wear is moving to a new location as of June 1. The store has taken on a new partner, Denise Stephenson, a familiar face to those who have dealt at this store.

The new location will be at 21 Main Street, the present location of Stouffville Surplus. The three ladies are expanding their line of goods to include maternity wear and lingerie and are pleased with the great

amount of space their new location offers them.

"It will take some time to renovate the inside of the store to give it the warm feeling that we want" said Ruth Whittemore, one of the original owners.

Chris O'Flynn of Stouffville Surplus, is moving to the old Saweway Store in the Stouffville Plaza. Mr. O'Flynn said that he is expanding into sporting wear goods and doing away with some of his discount lines.

For bargain hunters, some fine quality goods are available at both Ruvons and Stouffville Surplus in anticipation of these moves.

Barthau Jewelers of

Markham has bought the building presently occupied by Ruvons and will be putting the town's third jewelry store into Ruvons present location.

Other future moves along the town's Main Street include the eventual move of Card's Hardware to their new West end location near the proposed Anderson Haulage location.

Stouffville Printing has already moved to their new location at 11 Main Street, having been bought out by the Conservation Authority.

Other changes on Main Street brought about by the Conservation Authority rechannelization of Duffins Creek include the loss of the laundromat and T-Shirt shop at 68 Main Street West and Nevilles Appliances next to these locations. Calendar Business services will also have to eventually move as the creek widening project, part of the overall development of the Dulverton subdivision project, will probably encompass their location also. Although we have no knowledge of offers being made to the business people that presently have these locations, it does seem to be common knowledge that these premises occupy lands needed for the creek widening project.

The New Image hair salon is remaining and the owner, Joanne Draper, tells that the Conservation Authority may agree to allow her to keep her small parking area to the rear of her establishment.

With the new Success Square Steak House and Sea Food Tavern apparently coming to Main Street East, a new Savex Drug Mart in the former library location, Murray Wilson Shoes providing us with a local footwear outlet, a new take out chicken outlet, (Sargeant Dyments) and the Stouffville Pizzeria, our Main Street is and will continue to show an ever changing face to the community.

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Robin Gallagher, like many other residents of Whitchurch-Stouffville, got fed up with the high price of oil and now heats her house entirely with wood. She has become skilled in using a

chainsaw to cut her own fuel and feels the effort is well worth while. For the story of how Robin and others of like mind keep warm in Stouffville, turn to page 9. —John Montgomery

## Council thanked for RCMP support

STOUFFVILLE — Town Council received two letters thanking them for their support of the Pembroke resolution.

The Pembroke resolution was passed by the council of the Town of Pembroke, calling the R.C.M.P. the "finest police force in the world".

The first letter was from the office of the Prime Minister and the second from Sinclair Stevens, M.P. for York-Simcoe.

The Prime Minister's office thanked the town for their support of the R.C.M.P.

Mr. Stevens letter, while saying that most R.C.M.P.

members continue to serve Canada both competently and credibly, went on to condemn the government for lack of ministerial responsibility in dealing with the allegations lodged against the R.C.M.P. and accused the government of passing the blame for wrongdoings onto the force when the government itself should have been accepting the responsibility for the illegal activities of the police force.

Town council gave their support to the Pembroke resolution in late December, 1977.



Kelly Dupuy, 7, uses the old stick out the tongue method to ensure herself of a strike. Kelly was just one of many at the Newmarket Bowlerama last Saturday for the successful Big Brothers of York's Bowl for a Boy. Saturday was celebrity day for the Big Brothers, and Ron Ellis of Toronto Maple Leaf fame, showed up to help the fund raising event. Ron is also the event's 1978 Honorary Chairman for Big Brother of York. Anyone interested in Big Brothers call 727-1251. —Keith Bolender

## Budget results in mill increase

AURORA — Stouffville property owners can look forward to a healthy mill rate increase no matter what the York County Board of Education does with its new budget.

If it stands the way it was initially drafted it will mean an increase of 17.2 per cent, but if it goes to the lowest proposal made by staff so far, it would mean a 10 per cent increase in mill rates.

With an 8.7 per cent increase (a \$2 million decrease from the first draft of \$82.5 million) in board expenditures, it would mean an 11.9 per cent mill rate increase for Stouffville property owners.

This would represent a dollar increase of \$46 for a home

assessed at \$20,000. The cost in 1977 was \$389 and the increase would bring this figure to a total of \$435. The formula provides a general range and is based on previous board calculations.

At a special meeting of the board's standing committee on finance, held Monday night, several suggestions were made with budget cuts in mind. Perhaps the most significant was a motion by Woodbridge Trustee Don Cameron that directed staff to prepare a budget draft with no more than an 8.7 per cent increase in expenditures which would result in a mill rate increase of 11.9 per cent.

Staff have been directed to have the draft ready for presentation to the finance

committee at a special meeting to be held Tuesday, February 28. Keswick Trustee Keith Hargrave came up with six areas where he would like to see some cuts made.

"We should consider closing the Area 1 office in Newmarket and move it to the board offices here in Aurora," he said. "This would save rent, secretarial salaries, heat, telephone, etc., I don't think it would be practical to centralize all area offices in Aurora but the Area 1 office might just as well be here than in Newmarket."

"We should think about

eliminating the resource library because as Mr. Weller says, very few teachers use it."

"We can do very nicely without the superintendent of human resources, and students should pay to go to summer school."

"When I was a kid we couldn't goof off all year and then make up for it during the summer."

"We should find a more realistic method of raising the pupil-teacher ratio. It has always been based on the September enrolment figures which is ridiculous. Everyone

knows that the school population is much higher in September than it is in May of the following year. The PTR should be based on an average of the two figures of September and May. A secondary school that has an enrolment of 1,000 students in September would be lucky to have 850 by May.

"Staffing schools on a May figure basis is ridiculous, I concede that, but it is just as ridiculous to staff them based on September figures."

"I would also like to see school cafeterias become paying (See School, page 3)

## Three charged in mini crime wave

VANDORF — An investigation into a break-in at Vandorf Motors Ltd., Woodbine Avenue, Vandorf, early February 14, has resulted in the arrest of three Markham men

charged in a number of offenses at Markham, Unionville, Gormley and Uxbridge, dating back to January 1.

According to a police report, P.C. Kenneth Venables was checking the premises of Vandorf Motors Ltd. at 12:20 a.m. February 14 when he discovered a glass panel broken in a bay door. He searched the premises and found two men hiding under a desk in the office. Further investigation revealed that the truck which the suspects were using was one which had been stolen from B. E. Larkin Equipment Ltd., Unionville.

Stuart C. Arbour, 18, 16th Ave. E., Markham, and Michael Murray McGregor, 18, Main St. Markham were arrested, charged, and held for court and the investigation continued.

A third man was arrested and further charges were laid when police executed a search (See Crime, page 17)

## Ballantrae residents angry

## Snowmobilers under fire

BALLANTRAE — Snowmobilers in this hamlet are coming under fire from local residents who have experienced a great deal of noise harassment and property damage over the last three years.

In a letter to Stouffville council, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Swanton complained of snowmobile riders cutting across their lawn to reach the walkway into the York Regional Forest.

They said snowmobilers in the area have broken Ministry of Forestry fences on many occasions, even after repeated repairs.

The problem has escalated this year with the snowmobilers having torn down parts of the new Ministry of Forestry fence, including digging up a "huge cedar post... that must have sunk into the ground 2-3 feet."

"They must carry tools around with them", stated the letter.

Councillor Bill Kamps

disagreed saying that "they don't carry tools around with them, they carry fools around with them."

The letter writers went on to say that they themselves had put up a split rail fence and the Ministry of Forestry had planted small cedar trees back 170 feet or so back towards the forest and these too, are also being destroyed and the riders now continue to ride over the Swantons lawn.

The letter also alleged that snowmobilers from other areas, including Toronto, make noise until after midnight disturbing the sleep of home owners in the area, particularly that of children who may be in bed as early as 7 p.m.

Two other significant points were made in the letter, these being the close proximity of a dangerous hydro box, that, if hit by a snowmobile, could result in the electrocution of the rider or the loss of electrical power to those homes serviced by that box.

The constant repairs to the fence, and the necessity of calling the police must be regarded as an unnecessary expense to the taxpayers of Whitchurch — Stouffville.

Council seemed relatively unconcerned about the problem but did mention the possibility of a new chain link fence.

Councillor Wedley did say that there did not seem to be much protection for Mr. and Mrs. Swantons property.

## Photo exhibition

STOUFFVILLE — A striking collection of photographs is on exhibition at the Whitchurch — Stouffville Public Library until the end of this month.

The display, consisting of almost one hundred photos, is entirely the work of Stouffville Camera Club members, most of whom are amateurs.

Subjects presented include landscapes, sunsets, children, and nature shots. Most of the pictures are in colour, but there are some excellent black and white prints on view as well.

The exhibition is open to the public during library hours, and, like most good things at the library, is absolutely free.



Perfect weather and good spirits characterized the Summitview P.S. winter carnival. The whole school participated in a series of wintery contests which included obstacle courses, sack races, tug of wars and toboggan races. This tug-of

war squad seems to enter right into the carnival spirit. The youngsters are, from left to right, Wendy Reesor, Casey White, Paul MacEwan and Julie Gyton.

—Annegret Lamure