

Citizen band okayed for recreation funds

STOUFFVILLE — The residents of Whitchurch-Stouffville will soon be tapping their toes to the beat of their very own citizen's band.

The band is very close to becoming a reality following last Monday's recreation committee meeting to finalize the budget.

The band's spokesman, Dave Howard approached the committee with a reconstructed budget of \$2,000, down from their original \$3,000 request.

The band, Mr. Howard said, is asking for \$10 a month per instrument for the 18 band members who have not got their own. He said this would be for only four months, at which time all members would be required to purchase their own instruments.

He noted that his budget request was reduced mainly because he has received permission from the Stouffville high school to use their music room and music stands free of charge.

The band's other costs come from purchasing music, which Mr. Howard estimated to be at \$100 a month for a year.

"We need the music, obviously, and to start off we should have at least half a dozen arrangements," Mr. Howard noted.

He added that he has 40 people listed for the band, he has the room to practice, and is now just waiting for music and instruments.

The committee then unanimously agreed to accept the band's report. Afterwards member Bill Kamps commented, "this could be a very big thing for the town."

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Softball teams in danger of being dropped

STOUFFVILLE — Tonight's final softball registration will determine whether or not many of the town's teams will be operating this year.

And anyone who wants to play has just this last chance tonight (Thursday) in the final registration in Stouffville, Ballantrae and Vandorf.

Unless tonight's registration goes much better than last Saturday's, many of the softball teams may not be organized this year.

If you haven't registered before, and don't tonight, then you're out of luck. So says Becky Wedley, who is quite adamant about not allowing any late registrations.

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Corvettes stolen driven into pond

GORMLEY — Two Chevy Corvettes were badly damaged by vandals when one was driven into a pond and another used to pull down a gate on the night of March 29.

Vandals climbed a compound fence on the premises of Lambert's Strictly Corvettes on Don Mills Road, north of the Gormley Sideroad, taking from the premises \$200 in small bills, a number of rifles, ammunition, gun cases, and one .22 calibre handgun.

One of the Corvettes sustained \$300 to the rear end when it was used in an attempt

By BRYON HURLE
STOUFFVILLE — The Honourable Jean Chretien received a brief but pointed

Council criticizes Chretien

geography lesson from the Whitchurch-Stouffville Council.

In a letter dated March 23, 1978, the council voiced their disapproval of a letter received from Mr. Chretien's office at the Ministry of Finance regarding the elimination of the 11 per cent federal sales tax on the purchase of electrical distribution equipment by municipalities.

The town council had earlier this year sent a letter to the office of Mr. Chretien in support of a resolution passed by the Town of Aurora. Aurora had requested relief from the federal sales tax on electrical distribution equipment.

Mr. Chretien's letter recommended that the town turn to the province for aid, but council replied that towns are not only specified areas of the province, as suggested by the

federal ministers letter, but are also specified areas of the country. Taxpayers pay almost twice as much in taxes to the federal government as to the provincial and therefore Ottawa should be requested for assistance as readily as Queen's Park in Toronto.

Mr. Chretien's letter seemed to give a brief glimpse of the overall government viewpoint on economic expansion. In the letter it was stated that "expansion of an electrical distribution system in any particular locality" would encourage new housing and industry and therefore benefit only that particular locality, and the subsidization of this ex-

Council also asked Mr. Chretien to explain the cost of pansion would place a tax burden on all other Canadians.

Council's reply rightly pointed out that the great influx of immigration in recent years to the Toronto area had increased the pressure on municipalities in close proximity to Toronto to expand, costing rural communities, like Whitchurch-Stouffville, valuable farmland. The farmland is lost to production because of the new subdivisions and industries. If immigration were curtailed the need for new housing would decrease, lessening the need for the expansion of electrical distribution systems, the letter states.

Celebrate Summitview addition

Overflow crowds were on hand for the official opening of the new Summitview addition last Tuesday night — and no wonder — the entertainment was first class.

Probably the most popular number was 'Snow White' an operetta performed by grade 1 students from the school. On the right Barbie Gourley, Cydele Knobs (who played and sang a delightful Snow White) Chris Watters, Debra Surman, Stacey Jandciu, Kristine Wood and Dale McConnell restage some of the highlights.

Also featured were grades 4-7 and grades 1, 2, 3 choirs, a fine gymnastics display and of course, several illustrious speakers.

The York County Board of Education was represented by Chairman John Stephens, Director Sam Chapman, Area 2 Superintendent Bill McVicar, and Trustee Harry Bowes, May King, Summitview P.T.A. president and Bernice Armet, a grade 7 pupil, and of course Principal Lorne Boadway also addressed the crowds. Rev. John Hamilton said a prayer of blessing for the new addition.



Bobbing bunny

The best thing about being a rabbit is definitely the tail, according to Christy Young. She struck a bunny like pose and proudly showed it off during the pre-school number at the Uxbridge Figure Skating Club's carnival last Sunday. For more pictures, see page 11. —Annegret Lamure

Fear water problems

Town rejects gravel operation

STOUFFVILLE — Whitchurch-Stouffville council has decided to request the discontinuation of the mining operation at the pit of Pit Haulage Limited.

Councillors did decide however to go ahead with a meeting with the Ministry of the Environment for informational purposes only, but have decided to request that the Ministry of Natural Resources not renew the license of Pit Haulage Limited to mine gravel in their pits south of the Bloomington sideroad, between ninth line and Highway 48.

A report from Hydrology Consultants Limited, the consulting hydrology firm for Pit Haulage Limited, claims that "based upon the data and our calculations, it is our conclusion that the proposed gravel mining operation will have no significant or adverse affect on groundwater sources supply." The report goes on to specifically mention that "the proposed mining operation would have no adverse effect on the municipal wells."

Councillor Jim Doble once again raised the issue of the extent of the cones of influence of various sources from which water is drawn in the area, including the towns wells. The cone of influence of the towns wells now extend well past the Sabiston pit, and with the possibility of effluent from the York Sanitation dump being drawn in a more southerly direction by the deepening of the mined pit, the danger of pollution in the towns water supply is far too potent a danger to allow the mining operation to continue according to Mr. Doble.

Councillor June Button claimed that nothing the Ministry of the Environment might say could change her mind concerning the unknown quantities of danger in allowing the mining in these pits to continue.

Councillor Eldred King voiced concern over the probability of the Ministry of Natural Resources heeding the towns opposition to the license renewal.

Town supports Catholics - a trustee per municipality

The York Region Roman Catholic Separate School Board feels the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville should have its own trustee on the separate school board. As it stands now, we share one trustee with the Town of Aurora.

At present there are 14 trustees on the Board, the number from each municipality determined by the number of people on the assessment rolls. With the increase in population in the Region of York, the board

has been notified to elect 16 trustees in the next elections.

In the letter signed by Jack McDermott, chairman of the Separate School Board, and representative for Whitchurch-Stouffville, he urged town council to support the boards position in requesting that each municipality be allowed to have at least one member from their own area, and that the two new trustees to be elected come from those areas now sharing a trustee.

Besides Stouffville and Aurora, East Gwillimbury and Georgina also share one trustee.

Mr. McDermott's letter went on to say that the board was forming a delegation to meet education Minister Tom Wells, hopefully before the end of April, to request present legislation to be changed, allowing for the Board proposal.

Town council approved the board's resolution.



We suspect that some ladies go to church dinners mainly because for once the men have to wait on them hand and foot. Here a perspiring Bill Hammond attempts to keep the coffee cups filled

during the Claremont U.C. beef dinner. (For More Pictures, see Page 8)

—Annegret Lamure

Schools up budget by 7.5 per cent

AURORA — The York County Board of Education approved a budget of \$79,686,499 Wednesday night and did it by cutting only \$20,000, according to Aurora Trustee Norm Weller.

"The only cut they made is the communications officer's job," said Mr. Weller. "The rest of the so-called cuts is just rolling out the foolishness."

There was lengthy discussion regarding the maintenance budget, which was originally set at \$4.5 million, and was reduced to \$1.8 million. The board defeated motions which would have brought the total for maintenance down to \$1.6 million but adopted one which raised it back to \$1.8 million.

Georgina Trustee Bill Laird said that staff had already said it could live with a maintenance budget of \$1.75 million. "And they should know. If they say they can live with it, I'm prepared to believe them," he said.

On the other hand, Thornhill Trustee Doreen Quirk said the principals have set their priorities. "I have been to some of the schools," she said, "and I wouldn't want to live in a house that is in the condition some of our schools are in."

The finance committee recommended that \$500,000 be removed from the salary line for the period from the expiry of present contracts until the end of 1978. It was approved by the board and means, simply, that the contract negotiations for next year will be based on less money.

Another \$132,000 was lopped off various budget functions including \$46,800 for school supplies. Education director Sam Chapman said this cut would mean that each student in

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