

# Subdivisions progress in Vandorf and Ballantrae

Two residential developments have taken great leaps forward in the past few weeks. The prestigious Vandorf Blue Spruce Estates is now "ready to go" according to owner L.C. Hennessey. The development, which is architecturally controlled to ensure that no two homes will be the same, was first surveyed in the fall of 1971, three years after the hamlet of Vandorf was declared a high growth area according to the old Township of Whitchurch official plan, this plan approved by the OMB one year later. Since that time, according to Mr. Hennessey, only one new home has been built in Vandorf.

The estate development is composed of 36 one-acre lots, each being roughly 200 x 210 feet. Each home will have a drilled well and septic tank system, and homes will be similar to the Cachet Development in Victoria Square, where the homes begin at \$145,000. The development is immediately north of the Vandorf Community Park and will have underground wiring, paved streets, and street lighting. Mr. Hennessey said that he will also have further restrictions on the titles to the property in order to protect future purchasers. These restrictions will regulate the breeding and keeping of

animals to preserve the nature of this project. This development is registered, and lies 12 miles north of Steeles Avenue on Woodbine Avenue. Progress has also been made on a development in Ballantrae, the subdivision on the Schickedanz property on the north-east corner of Highway 48 and York Regional road 15. Whitchurch — Stouffville council is presently discussing the draft plan for this subdivision and the conditions to be met by the developer. This project has also been in the works for some years and is being held up while the council awaits an official plan a-

ment, the Ballantrae, Musselman's Lake secondary plan. This amendment is presently at the region and from there must go to the Ministry of Housing for final approval. The region must approve the secondary plan before they can issue draft approval for the subdivision plan. There is some confusion in this area concerning the zoning. A large portion of the land on this corner was designated industrial in 1969 by the old official plan of Whitchurch Township. This zoning was adopted by the Whitchurch council in 1970, but received only temporary approval from the OMB.



But the legs are straight!

Getting every part of the anatomy properly aligned is not all that easy. Jason Spencer discovers during his headstand attempt. Instructor Kim Morley helps him straighten his legs, but seems to have given up on the rest of him. Jason, along with 17 other tots starred in a

gymnastics display that wrapped up 10 weeks of pre-school gymnastics classes run by the York Region Family Y at St. Marks S.S. The girl eagerly awaiting her turn on the right is Wanda Lynne Ripley. For more pictures and story, see page 9. —Annegret Lamure.

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## Halfway home for parolees proposed for Goodwood area

GOODWOOD — The residents of this hamlet may be faced with yet another battle over a penal institution. The latest proposal comes from a group that wants to locate a half-way house for parolees in the Goodwood area. The proposal came at a special meeting held last week between Uxbridge council and the Christian organization Anchor House.

The group is asking council to agree to locate such a house one mile north of highway 47 on the second concession road. However, council must first rezone the land and they will not make that decision until later this month. Anchor House is a non-denominational, non-profit organization that is sponsored by the national parole board under the Federal Penitentiary Services. The parole board pays a per diem rate for each resident in the house and this covers approximately 80 per cent of the costs.

A few days after last week's meeting Mr. Paxton asked, "Why would they choose a community that has already spoken to their moral obligations and the penal system, the very community where two polls that surround this proposed Anchor House voted 81.5 per cent against an assessment centre?"

He also expressed his concern that the parolees would have freedom and would mingle with the community, and added that "I think it would be unfair to the parolees to bring them to a community where they might not be accepted."

Mr. Paxton felt that council would not accept the proposal, "they shouldn't accept it in the final analysis, if history isn't too short to remember."

At the meeting the organization presented a number of slides on Anchor House, which has locations in Orillia, Peterborough and Brampton.

Afterwards most councillors made few comments, and Mayor Gord Davie felt the proposal needed to be examined further, which council agreed to.

Council then decided to hold a public meeting on Friday, April 28 at 3 p.m. in the council (See Goodwood, page 3)



Pauline Whale displays her impish style during a dance rehearsal for the upcoming Stouffville U.C. Hi-C production of "It's Cool in the Furnace". See page 3 for details.

## Province may service airport

PICKERING — Norm Cafik, Ontario Riding MP, and Multiculturalism Minister, gave some credence to the rumor that the Ontario government may reverse its decision to service the Toronto international airport site in Pickering.

The provincial government decided not to provide services to the Pickering airport project

before the last provincial election.

A much delayed study of transportation needs in the Toronto area, originally scheduled for completion last December, and mentioned for completion at the end of last month is not yet finished and no date has been scheduled for public release of the accumulated information.

The study will include recommendations for or against the new airport and Mr. Cafik said that the federal government would "have to give a long, hard look at the project" if the study indicates the need for a second airport in the Toronto vicinity.

If, however the study recommends against the airport, expropriated landowners

should have first opportunity to buy back their properties at the price the government paid, less 10 per cent. The 10 per cent reduction is a penalty imposed against the government for the inconvenience caused to the original landowners.

Speculators would be excluded from this scheme. Mr. Cafik said that he didn't feel that the government has the same obligation to speculators as to the original landowners.

## McDonalds planned for Ringwood?

RINGWOOD — According to a reliable source McDonald's Restaurants are negotiating to purchase land for a hamburger restaurant at the north-east corner of Ringwood.

The company is reported to be negotiating for the purchase of the former Ringwood general store (now housing Stouffville Rent-all and the Pink Pony), the two homes directly to the east and some farm property to the north.

"That's news to me," replied Mayor Gordon Ratcliff when questioned about the possibility of McDonald's locating at Ringwood.

The mayor said no-one from McDonald's has approached the town.

The Goodwood area was proposed because of its rural setting, access to Go Bus connections to Toronto and its close proximity to Toronto, according to the Christian group.

However, at the meeting and afterwards Goodwood Councillor John Paxton questioned the decision to try and locate such an institution in the hamlet.

His concern stems from the fact that less than two years ago Goodwood, Uxbridge and the rest of Uxbridge township voted overwhelmingly against a plan to locate a prison assessment centre in the township. The matter became a strong municipal election issue and it was reported that 80 per cent of those that went to the polls in Goodwood voted against the penal institution.

## Teams will be cut

STOUFFVILLE — The second, and final softball registration last week proved to be a greater success than the first one, but it still wasn't good enough.

Stouffville, Ballantrae and Vandorf will all be able to field a number of teams although their

total has been halved from last year.

The major disappointment with the turnout was the lack of Bantam ball players. However, the good news is there will be a full complement of T-ball teams. For more on the subject, see story page 9.



Stouffville Seniors Kitchen Band, a group sponsored by the Silver Jubilee Club, will make their debut performance this Friday at a Variety Night program. The show begins at 8 p.m. and will be held at the seniors club on Main St. Playing the

windshield washer fluid bottle is Herb Hisey, accompanied by his wife Dorothy on the mariachis. The band features a variety of strange and exotic instruments including kazooes and a washtub bass. —John Montgomery.

## Goodwood go-kart trial

# Noise levels like Highway 401

WHITBY — The noise levels near the Goodwood Park Kartways are comparable to readings near Highway 401, according to an accoustical engineer.

That fact was brought out at last week's provincial court trial of the go-kart racetrack operator, charged with breach of the Environmental Protection Act.

Dr. Al Lightstone of Valcoustics Canada Ltd. told the hearing that noise levels were recorded on residential property near the track. He said that an average sound level of 63 decibels recorded on the property of Karl Schaumburg during a race day last September would be equivalent to a reading taken 300 feet from Highway 401.

The trial, which was remanded to a later date following the testimony, was the

result of a group of Goodwood homeowners near the track complaining of noise caused by go-karts.

The kartways and residents have had a running battle between them for a number of years. Residents have com-

plained to Uxbridge council numerous times in an effort to control the time and use of the track.

At the trial Mr. Lightstone commented that the noise level could be considered a "significant amount of in-

## Fined for possession

WHITBY — William Michael Gee pleaded guilty in Whitby County Court Monday to a charge of possession of marijuana and received a fine of \$1,000 and two years probation.

York Regional Police working in conjunction with Royal Canadian Mounted Police seized 200 pounds of marijuana at a farmhouse at Lot 34, Con. 2, Uxbridge last August 4 and three people were charged with possession for the purpose of trafficking. Police had discovered 1,500

plants growing in a field near Scott and after the plants were harvested the farmhouse was raided.

Gee pleaded guilty to the lesser charge of possession this week and the other two people charged were dealt with in Ajax Provincial Court last September.

Judith Dianne Button and Raymond Robert Rioux, both of Uxbridge, were convicted of simple possession and received conditional discharges with one year probation terms.

trusion" because of the type of sound.

He said the maximum level of noise recommended by the Ontario Ministry of the Environment for a recreation area is 55 decibels.

Crown counsel David Estrin said residents told him that they felt irritated and tense during races at the kartway.

Residents said that on race days they would go into their homes and close the windows in an effort to escape the noise, or would make a point of not being at home.

However, defence counsel John Hahn suggested that the noise levels recorded on the properties could have been affected by operations at nearby gravel pits, use of chainsaw by a neighbour, a campsite in the area or a passing truck.

A date has not yet been decided for the continuance of the trial.



Junior scientists from the Stouffville area schools did very well at the York County Science Fair held at Bayview high school last Saturday. Here Jim Ku and Ganesh Persaud of Summitview P.S. congratulate each other after they captured

first place with their project on earthquakes. Lee Carney, another pupil at the school, won Honorable Mention for a project on water. For more winners, see page 6.