

## Music Mania '78

# Royal couple appear

By JOHN MONTGOMERY

STOUFFVILLE — One man was so carried away at the sight of the royal couple regally strolling across the stage, Queen Elizabeth II pushing before her a baby carriage, that he stood as a sign of respect.

"Sit down," urged his wife, "It's not the real one." Music Mania '78 visited London this year and the audiences were amazed and delighted to see Her Highness and Phillip on the stage at the high school.

The first appearance of the royal couple, played by their look-alike Stouffville counterparts Kathy Job and Dr. Don Petrie, was staged to produce the maximum impact. It involved a sedate stroll across the stage in complete silence.

Later the royal duo reappeared and the citizens of Stouffville and environs were treated to a peak inside Windsor Castle where they watched as Princess Ann and Captain Mark Phillips inveigled their parents into a night of baby-sitting.

"He doesn't need me, he needs a rear admiral," quips Phillip.

Throughout the queen plaintively complains that what she really wants to do is spend the evening "Watching the telly." It turns out she is a Kojak fan.

The Tribune this year viewed both the Tuesday night show (held free for senior citizens and residents of various institutions in the neighbourhood) and the Saturday night performance.

For sheer excitement nothing could beat the Tuesday night show. The scheduled sound equipment proved unavailable and Ivan Harris was working frantically to jury-rig at least a few microphones.

Behind stage assistant producer George Sled was giving a last minute exhortation to the chorus, "There are not enough mikes and they're only four miles away. Just go where you normally would be speaking and project up."

"Make it look showbizzy," he urged the dancers.

Meanwhile Bruce and Bunny Burton were furiously painting sets that would be needed in very short order on stage.

Even with all the last minute snags the show was only a half hour late starting the first night and by intermission (See London, page 11)



Much to the delight of the Music Mania audiences the 'Royal' couple made an appearance at each and every performance of the show. The first appearance of Her Majesty and Prince Phillip (Kathy Job and Dr. Don Petrie) so startled a member of the Tuesday night audience he respectfully stood for the royal pair. For more pictures, see pages 11 and 12. —John Montgomery

# Sparks of council creativity

By BRYON HURRLE

STOUFFVILLE — It must have been the relaxed atmosphere created by the joviality of clerk administrator Ralph Corner that sparked the creativity of town council last Tuesday evening.

Mr. Corner, usually a man of few words, (when I first started this job, I thought he did everything in writing) directed a stiff one liner at Councillor Jim Doble, explaining to the perplexed Doble that his problem in understanding the recent statement of provincial finances was a matter of ideology clouding his comprehension.

Council, minus Councillors Bill Kamps and Eldred King, who were rehearsing at Music Mania, began their own show.

The exact origins of the final outcome are lost in obscurity, as it could not be clear in advance, that one could possibly lead to the other. (Do you follow me?)

Council was discussing family week (this week), and were generally agreeing with Councillor June Button's opinion

that monies should not be spent on newspaper advertising for things such as heart month, family week etc., and that the press should give news coverage of such events on their own accord. "The money spent on advertising", she said, "would be better spent going directly to that organization".

The conversation meandered around the price of paper; what it cost for instance to send brochures and other items of communication from one locality to another.

The conversation wandered to the value of the many resolutions passed by municipalities and circulated to other municipalities for support.

At this point Councillor Bill McNalley complained that the town of Stouffville never sends resolutions scooting around the region or province, imprinting our town's name on the imagination of all and sundry.

Not long thereafter, the agenda presented council with a resolution passed by the Town of Lindsay in opposition to a resolution passed some weeks

ago by the Region of Hamilton — Wentworth regarding the use of non-returnable containers. Councillor McNalley was spurred to new efforts. "Surely, Mr. Mayor," he complained "Stouffville must send a resolution of some sort into the provincial menage of municipalities".

The mayor, ever the

compassionate listener, immediately lent optimistic support to councillor McNalley's suggestion. "We should ask every town in Ontario to send us \$50" he suggested.

"Great" said McNalley, "We can declare an official Help our Mill Rate Week."

All present laughed. But really, it's not that bad an idea.

# Harding plaza approved construction starts soon

STOUFFVILLE — The Harding Gate plaza will likely be under construction within two months following approval of the project last week by the Ontario Municipal Board.

The OMB hearing was called when the Whitchurch — Stouffville Chamber of Commerce registered objections to the plaza on the grounds it is "premature."

The property is located at the north-east intersection of Main St. and Highway 47 north, and first phase of construction will have a gross area of 23,000 square feet.

Most of the testimony centered around whether the plaza was premature and whether it could survive without the supermarket which the developer cannot build until it is approved by resolution of council.

Morris Gruda, a principal in Harding Gate and the future

manager of the plaza, said as soon as construction is underway he will apply to the town for permission to build the supermarket. The 10-13,000 square foot grocery store was removed from the plans by council who apparently don't believe the former village can support a third grocery store.

The hearing began Wednesday morning at Latham Hall, ran all day and reconvened Thursday morning. By noon all the evidence had been heard and, in a surprise move Samuel Speigel, the only OMB member present, announced he would consider the evidence over lunch and give a decision in the afternoon.

Mr. Speigel said he decided in favour of the plaza because the marketing study commissioned by the developer stated that the new plaza would have negligible effect on existing businesses in town and

the Chamber of Commerce, represented by lawyers Gord Ness and Barry Smith, had produced no evidence to contradict the survey.

The business association representatives had pointed to the many vacancies at Success Square as an indicator that the town can't support another shopping plaza at this time but Mr. Speigel pointed out that although there were vacancies, no reasons were given for the vacancies.

The board member expressed puzzlement at the clause inserted by council, that the supermarket go in a second phase to be approved later.

According to the survey, and to verbal evidence given by Dick Hamilton, a senior member of the consulting firm, the supermarket is "critical" to the success of the plaza.

But Mr. Gruda testified he is willing to proceed without the supermarket and is confident the plaza can be a success without one.

Mr. Speigel chose to accept these statements from Mr. Gruda, describing him as "an experienced shopping plaza builder and owner."

Messrs. Ness and Smith, who volunteered their services gratis, said they had no objections to any planning aspects of the proposed plaza but strictly argued that the development shouldn't be allowed until there is more residential growth in town.

Councillor Becky Wedley appeared as a witness against the plaza. Mrs. Wedley said she originally supported the plaza but does not support it being built without a supermarket.

She said she feels the supermarket is essential and she said without additional residential population anyone leasing space in the proposed plaza would have a hard go of it.

Madeleine Nevins of Church St. appeared and recounted her fears of a deterioration in the downtown business core.

Speaking for the business community were Doug Widdifield owner of the drug store in the west end plaza and Barclay Taylor who recently went into partnership in the Marguerite Shoppe.

Mr. Gruda said he received an interested letter from National Grocers, who operate Red & White Stores, he has an option from Becker's Milk, and Toromark furniture of Markham have expressed their interest in writing.

W. Ross Hitch, attorney for Harding Gate, told The Tribune his client is working to complete the working drawings for the plaza and as soon as these have been approved by the town building department, construction will begin.

# Council turns down Anchor House plan

UXBRIDGE — On the strength of a unanimous vote, Uxbridge council last week turned down the proposal to locate a half-way home for parolees in Goodwood.

The deciding vote was taken at the last regular council meeting, which was attended by approximately 60 Goodwood residents.

The house, Anchor House, is a Christian organization that wanted to put a home on the 2nd concession, north of Highway 47.

The main reasons given by council in turning down the proposal was, the size of the home, which most felt to be too large, the problem of lack of services in the hamlet and the fact the home might be better situated in an urban surrounding.

Director of Anchor House, Rev. Arman Wright, came before council to reiterate his position.

He realized that the community "might not be willing to choose Anchor House now; if it does work fine, if not I will hold no animosity towards you people."

Part of the fear over the house was that the Canadian Penitentiary Services was involved. However, Rev. Wright stressed that his group had no connection with the CPS, and that they worked only through the National Parole Board.

Concerning jobs for the parolees, Rev. Wright said that a number of industries had been approached, but "due to the unfortunate media coverage in the area, they refused to let their names be used."

After Rev. Wright's presentation, Ken May, of May Real Estate in Stouffville, spoke before council as a representative of the Bristol Pond Homeowners Association, located near the proposed site.

Mr. May said he had 259 signatures on a petition.

"I'm astonished that council is even considering this after the plebiscite on the assessment center two years ago. We feel this is just as serious as a federal penitentiary," Mr. May commented.

Gunter Vaterback, representing the Goodwood Ward 1 ratepayers, expressed basically the same concerns.

He also expressed feelings of area persecution, when he said "Ward 1 is burdened by undesirable situations, we feel like we're becoming the rear end of the township — we get kicked a lot anyway."

Rev. Wright replied to both parties by again stressing that his proposal has nothing to do with the penitentiary system.

"These men are coming out anyway, and are concerned they stay out of trouble — we give them direction. You say this isn't the right place, well, where then?" To which someone from the crowd shouted out, "Hudson's Bay."

An agent of the Parole Board, Peter Hind, then got up and, regrettably, put the final nail in Anchor House's coffin.

He commented that the

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# Circus coming

CLAREMONT — The sights, sounds and excitement of the circus comes to the hamlet of Claremont next Thursday, May 11.

Martin and Downs, Canada's only touring, tent circus, will be performing two shows next Thursday, at 6 and 8 p.m. in the Claremont Community Park.

Advance ticket sales are available from various local stores and members of the Claremont Lions Club, which is sponsoring the event.

# Region land-use plan

## Close to fruition

NEWMARKET — Seven years in the making and still unfinished, York Region's official land-use plan moved closer to fruition last week.

With just one dissenting vote, regional council approved population allocations to the year 2001 and authorized preparation of a draft official plan over the next year.

Alone in opposing the moves was Newmarket Mayor Bob Forhan, who said council is "playing a numbers game" with

population projections in rural areas.

In an interview later, he said the region should set down only general guidelines for rural development, leaving it up to individual municipalities to exercise control.

Rural population limits could become an unnecessary straitjacket in the future, Mayor Forhan said, when they prohibit developments that meet all other criteria.

He said limits are needed for urban growth because sewage treatment capacity must be shared. Rural developments would not use the York-Durham servicing scheme, however.

A total population of 538,000 for York Region is proposed by the year 2001—an increase of 163 per cent from the present 204,000.

Urban areas as a whole could grow 209 per cent to a population of 420,000. Rural areas, including rural centres, would be allowed to expand 73 per cent to a population of 118,000.

The draft official plan will be considered by council in May of 1979 and presentation to the general public will take place shortly after, according to planning commissioner Herschel Weinberg.

# Red Cross clinic held

STOUFFVILLE — A blood donor clinic will be held at the Stouffville Legion Hall, 9th concession line north, on Thursday May 11. Time is between 2 and 8:30 p.m.

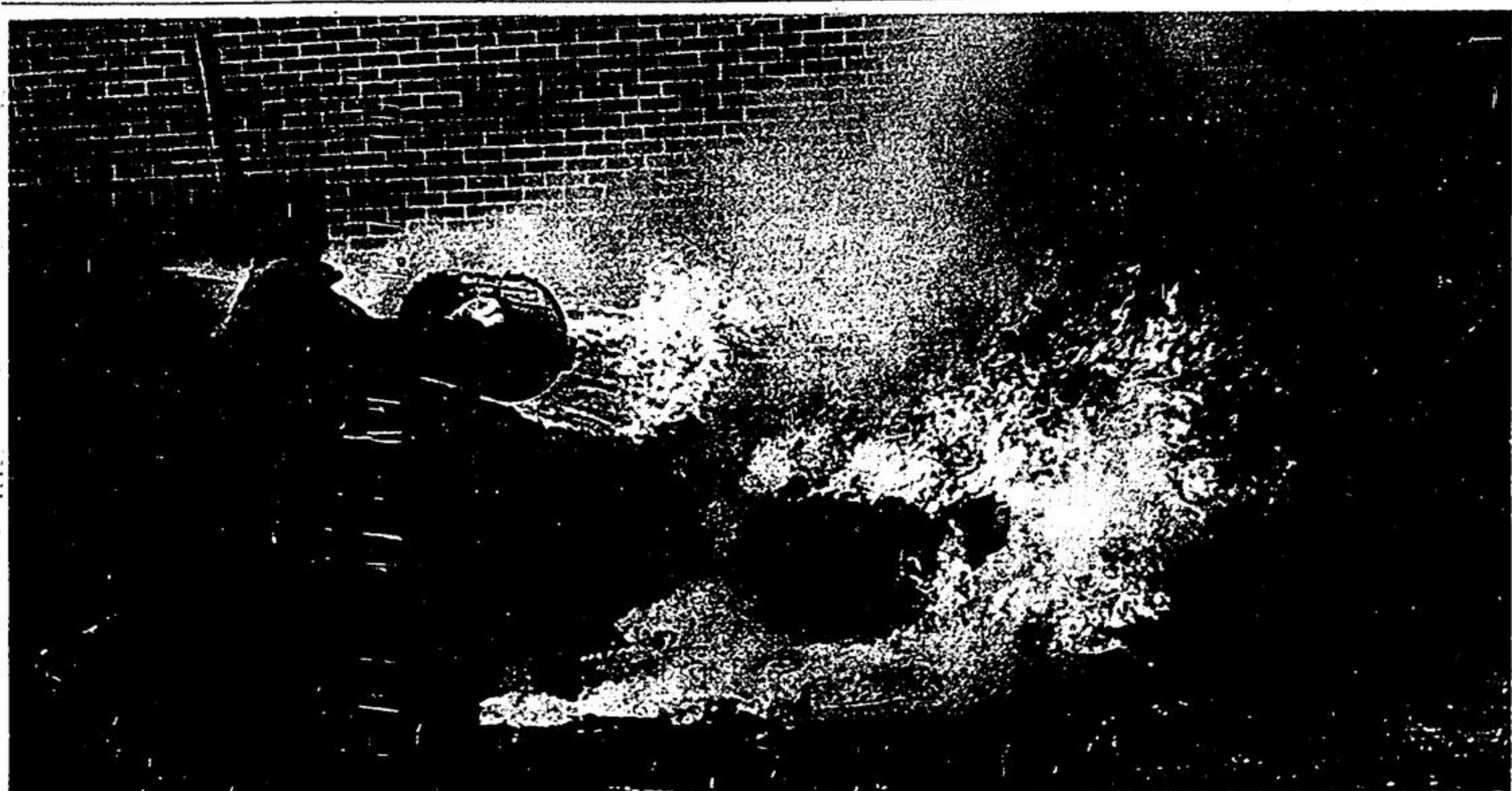
# Still time to register

STOUFFVILLE — If you haven't yet signed up for the Stouffville Lions Club bike-athon, it is not too late. Registration forms are still available at Card's Hardware, Crest Hardware, Aikens Drugs or from Jack McDermott 640-2765.

Only 170 riders have signed up for the 35 kilometre course so

far, compared to last year's 302. Riders can pledge half their earnings to the charity of their choice with the remainder of the money going to local good works.

Bikers will swing into the saddle Saturday, May 6, at 8 a.m. in the town park and will roll back there at the finish of the route.



Construction workers at the Stouffville Bakery on Main St. became firemen for a few minutes this week as they had to extinguish a blaze set by their tar machine. Glenn Pennanen, above, tosses a bucket of water on the burning tarpaulin that covered the drums of tar. Heat waves and gas ignited the tarp, which immediately went up in flames. The tar underneath was not damaged, however, and the workers were able to use it in completing work on the roof of the bakery extension. The town firemen arrived a few seconds after the fire was put out. —Keith Bolender