



Baby face?

Summitview principal Lorne Bowdley was given a personal rendition of 'Baby Face' last week during the Bobby Gimby concert at the school. The two girls snuggling up to Lorne are, Leanna Grabish on the left, and Darlene

Williams on the right. Both were part of the Summitview choir. The star of the show, Bobby, made a great hit with the large audience in the new school gym. For more pictures see page nine. — Keith Bolender

Library board request rejected by council

STOUFFVILLE — Whitchurch-Stouffville town council has decided in committee not to grant the library board's request for an additional \$3,500 in operating capital.

Councillors Jim Doble, Bill McNalley and Beckey Wedley voted to accept the town's budget without any revisions thus disallowing the requested increase in the library's budget.

Council previously reduced the library's request by \$10,000. Councillor Wedley felt that the \$90,000 budget was a reasonable and adequate amount for the town to provide for the library.

She went on to say that council has managed to maintain the same tax rate as 1977. "People get uptight when taxes go up," said the councillor.

In response to criticism from The Tribune, Mrs. Wedley pointed out that she is a library supporter and feels that the head librarian, Terry Verity, and his staff are doing a great job. She also noted that this council has supported the library and that facilities have improved tremendously.

Mayor Ratcliff, who voted with councillor Bill Kamps in support of the increase in the library budget (Councillor Eldred King was absent and Jane Button chaired the meeting) felt the \$3,500 could have been raised from lot fees.

He said earlier he would favor a small tax increase amounting to one-thirtieth of a mill, or under one dollar per household, to meet the board's request for additional funding. "However," the mayor said, "such a small sum could easily be raised without the necessity of a tax increase."

The mayor also made an important distinction in the figures. The \$90,000 includes \$26,000 in debenture payments, leaving the library with only a \$64,000 operating budget for this year.

With library usage increasing from 61,000 people served in 1976 to 75,958 in 1977, to a projected 90,000 people served in 1978, the lost \$3,500 comes at a bad time. This money would have meant the purchase of about 400 books for the library.

Both the mayor and the head librarian feel that is unfortunate for the library that this is a time of fiscal restraint. The provincial government grants were not raised this year, staying at the 1977 level of \$1.80 per capita. Combined with the recommendations that smaller municipalities need a higher ratio of books to provide service equal to larger municipalities, and with the Stouffville library having been woefully forgotten over the years, the municipality will, of necessity, face a decline in service provided.

For instance, a town of

100,000 - 200,000 should average about 1.75 books per capita, while a smaller community of under 10,000 should ideally have an average of 3.5-5.0 books per capita.

In comparing Whitchurch-Stouffville with other libraries in the Central Ontario Regional Library, the town ranked ninth out of 19 in per capita expenditures in 1976 but with the addition of the new facility, may have moved up in the standings. Larger towns such as Oshawa, Brampton, Richmond Hill and Markham have higher expenditures than Stouffville.

The town's expenditure of \$10.17 per capita on the library is slightly less than the provincial average of \$11.26 per capita and the regional average of \$11.24.

The full time staff of the library is the equivalent of 5.8 persons in a town of 13,000 people while in Markham, a town slightly under four times Stouffville's size, about 40 full-time staff are employed.

Acton now waits

STOUFFVILLE — Keith Acton, the fourth highest scorer in the Ontario Junior A Hockey Association last season, is now back in Stouffville trying to decide his future.

Keith, who has ended his career with the Peterborough Petes, is looking towards the upcoming NHL draft. However, if things don't work out for Keith in that department, he may just find himself playing for the Stouffville Clippers this fall.

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Three car collision

STOUFFVILLE — A three-car collision which caused an estimated \$3,200 damage Saturday afternoon on Highway 47, north of the Stouffville Sales Barn, was apparently caused when a driver became distracted watching a fire on the west side of the road, and swerved into on-coming traffic.

OPP at Oak Ridges said Milton Harvey Grove, 64, R.R. 4, Stouffville, was northbound about 3:45 p.m. and was watching the blaze at a manure pile and pigpen when he allegedly strayed into the southbound lane where he was struck by a southbound car driven by David Walter Bowler, 65, Kennedy Road, Agincourt.

The Grove car then rebounded and struck a parked vehicle owned by Joan Kee, Drewry Ave., Willowdale. Damage to the Grove and Bowler cars was estimated at \$1,500 each, with \$200 to the Kee car.

Mr. Bowler and his wife Bertha were taken to Scarborough Centenary Hospital with minor injuries. Mr. Grove has been charged with careless driving.

Damage to the pig pen was estimated at \$200.



-and he walked away

It seems incredible that anyone could have survived this accident on the Gormley Rd., just east of Bruce's Mill, but driver Joseph A. Randolph of RR4, Stouffville, climbed out of his wrecked

vehicle with only minor injuries. He hit the blade of a grader driven by Russell Somerville after being momentarily blinded by the sun. Both drivers were taken to hospital for X-rays.

Canoeing accident

Two drown at Lazy Lake

LAZY LAKE — A canoeing accident at Lazy Lake early Thursday afternoon took the lives of two young Metro men despite the efforts of a local man determined to rescue them.

The two victims, Salim Kassam, 22, and Mimir Mulji, 21, cousins, were out in a canoe when it tipped over.

Al McGregor, who works at the Lazy Lake camp, saw the two men flailing about and attempted to rescue them.

"I just took off out the door, pulled my boots off, and jumped in," he said. Mr. McGregor saw one man swimming for shore and decided to head straight for the other one, who was splashing about and hollering for help. However, by the time he got there, the victim had disappeared beneath the surface.

"I dove and dove," recalls Mr. McGregor, "but I couldn't find him."

Lazy Lake, although small, is deceptively deep — 27 feet to the bottom near the centre.

When the exhausted Mr. McGregor got back to shore he discovered the other man hadn't made it to safety either, and he proceeded to swim the length of the lake looking for the victims, but without success.

Shortly after the canoe overturned the Uxbridge Fire

Department and the Durham Regional Police were on the scene. They dived and dragged the lake until dark but failed to bring up the victims.

Early the next day two O.P.P. divers were brought in and the victims were found a short time later.

The two had been camping in a trailer at the Lazy Lake camp grounds.

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Ramblin' man returns

By Annegret Lamure

"No more hitch-hiking — that's all history now," said Anton Theodore Neilsen after he arrived in town early this week, but sure enough, he got here by bus.

All those that know, "Sunshine" Neilsen well would find his new mode of travel unusual. They are used to Sunshine rambling around the country by virtue of his thumbs.

"I've retired," explained "Sunshine" Neilsen, "after all, I'm getting on."

He will be 75 years old in September, and has spent most of those years hitch-hiking back and forth across Canada. Sunshine is one of the last of an almost extinct breed — one of the "knights of the road" that were so commonplace in the thirties.

"I never could stay too long in one place — just my nature, I suppose," he laughed.

In all, he made 11 trips to the Yukon, and innumerable journeys from coast to coast. He recalls hitch-hiking from Montreal to the Yukon in less than 10 days at one time.

Sunshine's love affair with Canada began shortly after he arrived from England in 1921 at the age of 17. "I took the train to Halifax and worked on a farm for one year and eight months. That's about the most I ever stayed in one place," he confessed. After his stint at the farm he set out to explore the country and, incidentally, make friends all over Canada.

"You meet a lot of wonderful people," cried Sunshine enthusiastically, "doctors, lawyers, ambassadors — all kinds." One of his most cherished acquaintances was the ambassador to Mexico. "I

washed his cream coloured Ford for \$1.50. That was big money for a car wash in those days," he explained.

During the course of his career Sunshine has turned his hand to almost any odd job, including Santa Claus. For many years he played St. Nick for a Montreal-based company. "I had eleven hundred children come to see me in one and half hours," he recounted with a mixture of horror and pride, "I was pretty tired, let me tell you."

But not only the children in Montreal enjoyed his visits.

He was eagerly awaited in many other parts of the country as well. Sunshine, who was quite a poet, had a habit of calling regularly at the Concord Public School where Charlie Ratcliff taught for many years, and both the children and Charlie greatly looked forward to his annual visits. His poetry, such as this rhyme, part of a longer poem, had them in stitches.

"Evelyn sweetheart will you be mine? Vainly I've tried your case to define. Eager and anxious to hear your decision Little you know my present condition."

Sunshine is staying with Mr. Ratcliff for a few days while he renews old acquaintances. Sunshine's cheerful manner and pleasant disposition made it easy for him to get rides and he recalls being very picky at times. "I remember one day getting out of three model T Fords in a row — they weren't going fast enough," he chuckled. Of course he also ran into the opposite sort. "There was one man going 120 miles per hour. After a while he said 'maybe we're going a little fast' and he slowed down to 85," laughed Sunshine.

Sunshine, who has resided in Victoria, B.C. for the last eight years of his 'retirement' claims his feet have 'stopped itching now. He professes to be quite content with the bus although he concedes that once in a while he hitch-hikes around the island — just for old times sake.

However, the wanderlust is still just below the surface. "If I had two bags instead of four, I would hitch-hike back,"

said Sunshine suddenly, "but I can't manage four bags anymore and I couldn't leave them behind."



Sunshine back in town

Anton Theodore Neilsen known to all and sundry as "Sunshine" is stopping by in Stouffville this week. The popular Sunshine has been travelling all across Canada most of his life but never fails to stop in Stouffville to visit old friends.

Celebration planned for Canada Day

STOUFFVILLE — Those who liked last year's Centennial celebrations, will get the chance to enjoy something similar this year, although on a much smaller scale.

On Saturday, July 1st Stouffville will celebrate Canada Day with a plethora of activities, many of them old favourites brought back from last year.

A committee of various club leaders has been formed under the co-chairmanship of Tom Wood and Charles Warden. The committee has been meeting for the past month planning for the day.

Most of the events have already been scheduled and they include a squirt soccer tournament in the morning, and a teen dance at the arena at night, featuring Liverpool.

One of last year's favourites, the beer garden at Latham Hall, will be back, opening at noon.

A rematch between the CHUM allstars and the Stouff-

ville pickups takes place in the ball park in the afternoon.

Throughout the day there will be rides, bake sales, contests, a dunk tank and numerous craft demonstrations to ensure no-one gets bored.

Contract is awarded

STOUFFVILLE — A contract for \$333,439 has been awarded to Weldon McEachean Construction Limited of Milliken to relocate the intersection of the Bloomington sideroad and Highway 47.

Work on this project is scheduled to begin this month and is due for completion in the fall of this year.

When completed this intersection is expected to allow through traffic to bypass downtown Stouffville and lessen traffic congestion on Main St.

Union progress slow

STOUFFVILLE — Certification of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) as the bargaining agent for workers at the Cable Tech plant in Stouffville is progressing "slowly," according to Morley Fisher, business manager for local 1590.

A hearing before the Labour Relations Board, scheduled for last Monday, was postponed until next Monday, June 12, due to a death in the family of one of the solicitors involved.

The Labour Relations Board is the government body which determines if a union can be certified as the bargaining agent for a group of workers.

Mr. Fisher said "we are quite confident that we will be certified without the necessity of having a vote."

The board is allowed to certify a union as the bargaining agent without a vote being held, if over 55 per cent of the eligible workers sign union cards before the union meets with the Labour Relations Board.