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## Dogs have rough deal but some people care



Another dog joined the menagerie at Christiane Bergauer's house last week. When she found the part collie pup on the shoulder of Steeles Ave. near the 5th line a van was deliberately trying to run him down. Christiane would like to find him a home. If you would like to adopt him call 297-2246. —Annegret Lamure

By Annegret Lamure

The dog was young, confused, tired and hungry, and like most others in the same position, terrified of cars. Still, he was lucky.

Minutes earlier some brave young bloods in a van had attempted to run him down, but someone came along and rescued him before he got killed.

"They were playing chicken with him," indignantly exclaimed Christiane Bergauer, the Unionville girl that saved the panic-stricken young dog. "I got him into my car with the greatest difficulty. And then he was so scared, he peed all over the car."

Christiane is sure that the little pup, like so many others, had been heartlessly abandoned.

Christiane is positive the four-month-old part collie pup was abandoned. She canvassed the entire area around Steeles Ave. and 5th line where he was found without turning up an owner, but the real clincher is the pup's behaviour. Like all abandoned dogs, he won't get into a car for fear of being dropped off again, and once you do get him in, he is even more terrified of getting out. Also, when she takes him for a walk, he approaches every car, in hopes of finding his people.

Christiane finds the pup an engaging, loveable pet, but unfortunately she can't keep him and would like to find him a home. Her family has already adopted two other dogs, an unwanted pigeon-toed duck called George, and a menagerie of rabbits.

Jutta Becker doesn't know Christiane, but she can sympathize with her dilemma. Year after year unthinking people drop unwanted dogs near her house on the 7th line and year after year she tries to find them a home even though she has her hands full with her own pets.

Mrs. Becker estimates that she has picked up more than 20 dogs in the last few years, and she is furious at people who abandon their pets.

"They just don't seem to

realize how dependent dogs are," she explained, "it would be more humane to take him to a vet and say 'here's \$5, put him away.'"

Many abandoned dogs get run over, are shot by farmers, or, saddest of all, die slowly of starvation. A few are picked up by kind-hearted people like Christiane Bergauer and Jutta Becker who try to find them homes. Both girls are reluctant to hand the strays over to animal control (although they notify them) because they know that about half of those unclaimed are put down, but often the girls have no alternative.

"You just can't save them all," said Christiane. However, she and Mrs. Becker keep right on trying.



Rosalin Britton, an expert belly dancer and teacher from Uxbridge, planned and performed in the Near Eastern Caravan last Saturday night. The event was staged to raise money for the

Uxbridge arena fund and featured traditional and cabaret style belly dancing as well as Greek and other dances. For story and more pictures, see page 9. —Annegret Lamure

### Four area boys dead

## Canoe trip turns into disaster

CLAREMONT — Funeral services for Todd Michell, 14, of RR1 Claremont, one of 12 boys who died on a canoe trip on Lake Timiskaming last Monday, will be held tomorrow, Friday, at the Pentecostal Church.

Todd was one of four area youths to die when three canoes capsized in a storm on the lake in northwestern Quebec. The other locals were, Simon Craft from Pickering, Tom Kenney, 12 and Barry Nelson, 13 both from Markham.

At the Pentecostal service on Friday, beginning at 3 p.m., a memorial donation fund will be set up in Todd Michell's name. The fund will be used for the church.

The disaster happened just a few hours after the group of 27 boys and four teachers from the St. John's School at Claremont set out on a three-week adventure in wilderness living.

Besides the students one instructor, Mark Denney, 21, of Toronto also perished in the icy waters. Fifteen boys and three teachers managed to reach shore where they huddled helplessly until a helicopter pilot spotted them and brought rescuers.

The boys set out on Sunday from the school after a special open day Saturday to mark the end of the school year.

At the same time, another group of older students and instructors left for Wawa, Ontario. The two groups were to meet in about three weeks at Moosonee.

The first canoe tipped when the boys were just 35 miles into their journey. The groups had run into a heavy rain but decided to press on.

Heavy winds and four-foot waves upset the first 18-foot

canoe. A second canoe came to the rescue but it also capsized. Then a third canoe attempted to pull the boys up and they overturned as well.

Finally, a fourth canoe started picking up boys and ferrying them to shore. However, it too succumbed to the waves and turned over.

Dr. Real Rivet, the physician who examined the

bodies and the survivors, said the victims died either of exposure or drownings. All the boys were wearing lifejackets. He said the water in the lake was only a few degrees above freezing and that the air temperature was also low.

Approximately 60 parents gathered at the school Monday evening to wait for word from the scene. Assistant Head-

master Michael Maunder and the parents of the dead boys, travelled by bus on Tuesday to Ville-Marie, Quebec, where the survivors had been taken.

Coroner Leonard Julien was to launch a preliminary inquest to officially establish cause of death.

St. John's school, administered by the Company of (See Trip page 3)

## Ministry considers laying pit charges

STOUFFVILLE — Charges to be laid under the Pits and Quarries Control Act are being considered by the Ministry of Natural Resources.

The object of these possible charges is the gravel pit on the Bloomington side road near the hamlet of Bloomington, owned by Pit Haulage Limited.

There are fears the water drawn off by the operation will deplete the town water supply or cause it to be polluted.

A ministry representative was out to the site last week to examine the operation. The ministry is presently working with their lawyers to see if there are grounds for legal action against the company.

A ministry spokesman felt that mining was going on below the water table.

Paul Sabiston, owner of Pit Haulage Limited, claims that he is digging a six foot trench on the north side of the pit in order to drain off excess water in the mining area. "The water table this year is higher than the pit floor last year", said Mr. Sabiston by way of explanation.

The Ministry of Natural Resources is also in contact with the Ministry of the Environment who are concerned about the

threat of chemical wastes from the York Sanitation dump reaching the water supply.



## Injured girl improving

STOUFFVILLE — Fourteen-year-old Jackie Hulshof, who was struck by a car last week, is reported out of intensive care and can sit up.

The grade eight student from St. Marks School was seriously injured on Wednesday, June 7, when she was struck by a car on the Bloomington sideroad.

York Regional Police said the girl was at the end of her driveway east of Highway 48, waiting to be picked up by a friend when the accident happened. The friend arrived and the victim ran out onto the roadway and was struck by a westbound vehicle.

Miss Hulshof was taken to York County Hospital with serious head injuries and was later transferred to Sunnybrook Hospital in Toronto.

Grade 6 students from Orchard Park Public School spent last week savouring pioneer style education at the former Altona School, now a community centre. These stalwart settlers are: from left, Roslyn Holliday, Jim Lehman, Wendy Desjardins and Glen Pyke. For story and photos see page 2.

## Principal honoured

STOUFFVILLE — The first and only principal of Orchard Park Public school will be honoured this Friday night.

Keith Sutherland, who is leaving after 20 years as principal of the school, will be given an appreciation night on Friday, between 7 and 9 p.m.

All present and former students are invited to take part in the event, held at Orchard Park.

## Senior week activities

STOUFFVILLE — Again this year a full round of activities are planned for Senior Citizen's Week, which begins this Monday, June 19.

Schedule of the week is: Monday, June 19 Distribution of flowers to shut-ins, 1 p.m.

Tuesday, June 20 Open house and films for seniors at Whitchurch - Stouffville Public Library, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Followed by tea and cookies at an open house from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. and 7 - 9 p.m. (old post office)

The hoary old saying that too many cooks spoil the broth was disproved last Thursday at the Italian dinner put on by the high school rugby teams. In spite of the careful attention of (from

front) Angelo Monopoli, Gary Grant and Jeff King the pasta came out perfect. For story and pictures see page 3. —John Montgomery

Wednesday, June 21 Representatives of New Horizon's will be present for the official opening of the new games room at Parkview Senior Citizens' Apartments - 2 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Open house 7 - 9 p.m. Everyone welcome in the afternoon or evening.

Thursday, June 22 Town of Whitchurch - Stouffville Annual Strawberry Festival in the park 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Entertainment by the Stouffville Stompers and a Lion's Club Bingo will be held in

Latham Hall if weather proves inclement.

Friday, June 23 An open house and films for seniors at the library, 1:30 - 3 p.m.

Saturday, June 24 Strawberry Festival and Bazaar at Green Gables Manor from 2 to 4 p.m.

Sunday, June 25 Service of Worship at Parkview Home Auditorium, beginning at 2:30 p.m. - Rev. Robert Price will be guest speaker and there will be special music. For transportation to events

seniors are requested to be at the following pick-up points approximately 15 minutes prior to each event: Murphy's License Bureau, Missionary Church, Church Street North and Manitoba St., town clock tower, Silver Jubilee Club, Testa Villa, Elm Road Apts. and Parkview Home. Ballantrae residents call Tom Wood, 640-5680.

If any senior is unable to walk to one of the transportation pick-up points for the various programs, a car will be sent to their home. For this service, please call 640-1911 or 640-2153.