

Ralph Salb - top student takes year to see world



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STOUFFVILLE — Ralph Salb, top graduating student at SDSS, at the age of 16, has decided to take a year off his studies to see the world.

Ralph, who graduated with a 94.8 per cent average from grade 13 will be leaving next month to visit relatives in Germany and then he'll travel to other European countries. He was accepted at the University

of Toronto in the science technology course, and plans to apply again next year.

Besides Ralph, 10 other year 5 students achieved a final average of 80 per cent or over and are being recommended as Ontario scholars, which entitles them to a \$100 Ontario scholarship.

For his efforts Ralph will receive the York County Board

of Education special award of \$100; the Chesebrough-Ponds Academic Proficiency Award and the Art Latham \$200 award.

He will be presented the awards at the graduation exercises to be held at the school in November.

For more stories and pictures of the remaining Ontario scholars, see page 3.



Fly catcher?

Where's the ball? We'll give you a clue, it's not in Jean Belisle's glove. Jean, who showed great form even though she failed to catch the ball, was playing in a Stouffville ladies fun league exhibition game last Sunday. Despite numerous

cries of "I've got it, I've got it", the ball somehow managed to escape her enthusiastic grasp. Jean's Johns Girls team, however, went on to clobber their Markham opponents, 16-4.

—Keith Bolender

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Durham farmers

Want noise bylaw exemption

UXBRIDGE — Durham region farmers should be exempted from municipal anti-noise bylaws, says Murray Clarke.

Mr. Clarke, representing the Durham Region Federation of Agriculture, came before Uxbridge council last week seeking support for a resolution

exempting farmers from such bylaws.

He told council that appeals will also be made to Scugog, Bowmanville and Newcastle

the main agricultural municipalities in Durham.

Referring specifically to an anti-noise bylaw in Pickering that forced farmers to stop operations at 5 p.m., Clarke stated that "some farmers have lost money because it stops them from harvesting some crops."

He pointed out that the farmers did not want total year round exemption, but "just when harvesting season arrives."

Because "farmers don't have normal working hours, their hours are dictated by the weather and by the harvest season," such anti-noise bylaws are "unreasonable" to the farmers, argued Mr. Clarke.

"We won't be competitive if we don't have time to harvest our crops, we need some protection," he said.

Mr. Clarke told council that the resolution is part of a campaign to eventually amend the Environmental Protection Act at the provincial level. The resolution was drafted at the Ontario Federation of Agriculture's November convention.

Although Uxbridge does not yet have an anti-noise bylaw, Mr. Clarke said that by passing his resolution farmers will be protected in the event such a

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Brian Marvin of Unionville shows a smiling Kelly Morning of Aurora the proper way to sew up a puppet's foot. Brian is one of the students presently working at the Whitchurch - Stouffville Museum as part of their summer program for children seven to 10 years old. Besides puppet

making, the museum offers spinning, weaving, tool and costume displays throughout the summer. The kids will be putting on a puppet show using what they make at the museum's antique car show on August 13. For information on the program, call 895-4454.

Pit upsets residents

STOUFFVILLE — Residents of the sixth line near 19th Avenue are concerned and irate over the amount of truck traffic newly generated in that area.

Gormley Sand and Gravel has opened a gravel pit on lot 32, concession 6 of Whitchurch-Stouffville. The company has been granted a temporary pit license to operate a wayside pit for a limited period of time.

The license, granted under the Pits and Quarries Act, allows gravel to be drawn from a wayside pit for a specific purpose. The gravel from this particular pit is being used in the upgrading of 17th Avenue, between Highway 48 and Woodbine Avenue.

Evelyn Hadcock, a 40 year resident of the area, told The Tribune trucks have taken gravel from the pit as far south as Steeles Avenue. Mrs. Hadcock worried that the road would "take a pounding" and that "it won't get fixed until they do the rewidening". (The rewidening of 6th line is a project to take place at a future date that many of the long-time, local residents oppose.)

Mr. Hicks of Gormley Sand and Gravel said that fears of the pit becoming a permanent fixture in the area are unfounded. "Our license extends until June of 1979, but we expect the project (on 17th Avenue) to be complete by the end of the summer". He explained that the

opening of this temporary pit saved the company a substantial amount of money, allowing them to use fewer trucks on the job. The company's closest pit to this job otherwise, is just north of Lemonville on the fifth line, and it would entail at least twice as many trucks to meet the requirements of the job from that site.

"Many of the same roads would have been used regardless of which pit we used", pointed out Mr. Hicks.

In reply to complaints that many truckers had not been using the most direct route to the job site, Mr. Hicks agreed that there had been some cause for complaint but that these problems have been dealt with and that all drivers are aware that they must follow the most direct routes to the job.

He went on to say that it was "not always possible to take the same route as the job progresses, particularly during the reconstruction of culverts and bridges."

Mayor Gordon Ratcliff had received complaints about trucks from this pit travelling north into Stouffville, away from the job site, and has filed a report with the Ministry of Natural Resource. He has received no reply to date from the ministry.

The mayor felt the arrangement made between the town of Whitchurch-Stouffville and Gormley Sand and Gravel to open the pit was a sound idea as

it also saves the taxpayer money.

"The pit will not be permanent," said the mayor. He feels that the company is doing its best to comply with the requirements of the license.



Robbie Engels leans into the work of weed picking. His friend in the background loves hard work and, like many of us, could watch it all day. This unique style is not part of the experimental test project

6.6 acre hardwood bush part of Ballantrae parkland

BALLANTRAE — A 28 lot subdivision in Ballantrae is slowly crawling through the bureaucratic machinery of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

The subdivision, to be located on the north-west corner of the Aurora sideroad and Highway 48, is on the property of Melvin Baker, and has undergone many changes in its 10-year history.

A draft plan was approved at the planning board meeting of July fourth. The board decided to take a 6.6 acre hardwood bush as the parkland dedication to the town, while granting the developer three more lots in the subdivision plan.

This park dedication was

approximately three times larger than the developer's mandatory dedication to the town, and was given "to demonstrate good faith and with the hope that this would count as a park dedication for the proposed second phase of the subdivision," according to one of the developers.

Planning board's decision not to accept the land as a part of the second phase agreement stemmed from the feeling that decisions regarding phase two were the responsibility of a future town council.

If the town had decided not to take the mature hardwood bush as parkland, they would have zoned the bush as open

space, making it useless for commercial development.

The internal road system in the subdivision will run along the south boundary of the new development, immediately to the north of the existing lots fronting on the Aurora sideroad. This has been done to allow owners of the lots on the Aurora sideroad, an opportunity to sever their long narrow lots at some time in the future. The newly created lots would front onto the internal roadway.

The routing of this internal road was opposed by Councillors Bill Kamps and Eldred King. They felt it would cause piecemeal development in the hamlet.

The region earlier objected to the positioning of the project entrance on the west side of Highway 48. The approved draft plan now meets the region's requirements, with the entrance moved 1200 feet north of the lights in Ballantrae.

Site plan for plaza is signed

STOUFFVILLE — The Town of Whitchurch - Stouffville has signed a site plan agreement with Arrowhead Construction, the firm constructing the new Harding Gate Plaza at the town's east end.

The plaza, to be constructed at the corner of Highway 47 north and Main Street East, is the first phase of the development which will feature small stores, but no food store. A food store will likely be included in phase two of the Harding Gate plan.

Mayor Gordon Ratcliff said that construction "might begin this summer."

The project was unsuccessfully opposed by the Whitchurch - Stouffville Chamber of Commerce at a recent Ontario Municipal Board hearing.

Youth drowns

A Scarborough youth who was attending a family picnic Sunday afternoon at Preston Lake near Vandorf, drowned while swimming with his step brother, police said.

Ricky Joseph Richard, 17, 22 Meadow Avenue, Scarborough, and his brother Tom Saunders, 16, were in the lake near the Preston Lake camp grounds at 1:40 p.m. when Ricky had difficulties and sank. The Camp Shore Patrol was alerted, but were unable to find the boy. York Regional Police Marine Division were called to the scene, commenced dragging operations about 2 p.m., and located the body in 12 feet of water.

The Tribune wins two national paper awards

The Tribune has won two 1978 national newspaper awards it was learned this week.

The paper placed second for Best Front Page, tied with The Campbell River Courier of British Columbia; and another second place award was won for Best Sports Photo, in our circulation category.

Last year The Tribune won the Canadian Community Newspaper Association's Blue Ribbon Award for general excellence.

Our sister newspapers, the Markham Economist & Sun, edited by Stouffville's Jim Thomas, tied for second place for Best Sports Photo

and the Newmarket Era tied for third place for Best Front Page.

This year all 10 newspapers in the Inland Publishing Co. Ltd. chain of weeklies won national awards.

In the tabloid category the top three positions for best newspaper overall, in the top circulation category, were won by Inland papers — Oshawa This Week, Oakville Beaver and Ajax-Whitby News Advertiser.

Our award winning sports photograph was taken by sports reporter Keith Bolender. The picture showed the finish of a 100 meter junior girls race held at the annual Stouffville and district public school meet last June.

being run by the Markham Community Conservation Centre. More details, page nine.