

Enrollments still decrease

STOUFFVILLE — Elementary school enrollments continue to drop and the village of Stouffville is no exception.

Opening day figures show a decrease of about 70 students, a situation that's unlikely to change, according to Bill McVickar, Superintendent for Area 2.

"Only a large housing development will reverse it," he told The Tribune.

He attributed the pattern to a lower birth rate; more women holding permanent positions and

an unstable economic environment.

While attendance at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School is up (864 when everyone arrives back), these statistics too are expected to nose-dive, possibly as early as 1979, the Superintendent said.

Enrollment at S.D.S.S., one year ago, exclusive of the Grade 8's was 851.

Across the board in Whitchurch-Stouffville, decreases are noted at the following schools — Orchard Park, 30;

Summitview, 12; High School (Grade 8), 6; Dickson's Hill, 15; Whitchurch-Highlands, 38 and Ballantrae, 23. St. Mark's Separate School in Stouffville is up by seventeen.

Over in Durham, there's a similar trend, with Claremont down by 12; Webb, 18 and Goodwood, 6.

All principals and secretaries contacted by The Tribune stressed the fact that Tuesday's figures are by no means final since many families are still absent on extended vacations.

Induction

STOUFFVILLE — Rev. and Mrs. Donald Payne will be inducted into the ministry of the Stouffville Baptist Church, at special services this Sunday, in the morning at 10 a.m. and in the evening at seven.

Dr. W.S. Whitcombe, the interim-pastor, will be in charge.

At night, the Wright Family Singers will bring special music with a social hour to follow.

A public reception for Rev. and Mrs. Payne and family is planned for Sept. 13 at 8 p.m.

Ontario champs

STOUFFVILLE — Stouffville's Juvenile fastball team returned conquering heroes, early Monday morning, champions of all Ontario.

The club, co-coached by Jerry Ratcliff and Pete Sanderson, swept past Kirkland Lake, 5-0 and 5-1 to take the Title in two straight.

Ace righthander, Jim Chilvers, hurled both games

with Rob McBeth back of the plate. Previously they had beaten Lindsay, Cobourg and Fullerton. On the season, they had 38 wins, 5 losses and 2 ties.

The boys were given the traditional fire engine escort into Town and greeted by Mayor Gordon Ratcliff in the park. The mayor promised a more formal recognition of the team's accomplishments later.

The trip north was costly in terms of dollars, totalling in excess of \$1,000 for transportation and accommodation.

The Lions chipped in with a \$200 donation and a grant is anticipated from Wintario. About 80 home-town supporters attended the games. For full writeup and pictures see Page 13.

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Parole Board clears Lake man's record

STOUFFVILLE — Wendall Jackson's a free man and by his own admission, "it feels great".

The Musselman's Lake resident, accompanied by his wife, walked into The Tribune Office, Thursday, a Parole Board pardon clutched in his hand.

"You've had my name on the Front Page so many times, I thought you'd like to know about this," he said, a broad smile crossing his face. A letter from his solicitor, Donald Kimura of Stouffville read simply: "Please be advised that we have received a pardon from His Excellency the Governor General in Council, pardoning you from a number of offences".

Convictions, dating as far back as the ninth day of April, 1963 include; impaired driving, attempt to obstruct justice, causing a disturbance, common assault, possession of stolen property and theft.

"They were stupid things," he said, attributing many of his past troubles to a drinking problem. He's had a clean slate since 1972.

With a record, Wendall found it difficult to obtain a job, mainly because he couldn't be bonded. He's presently employed in Markham.

Now the father of two children and still living at the Lake, he attributes 'good behavior', in part, to his wife. Also, he believes Vern Davies "must have put in a good word for me". Mr. Davies operates the very successful Cedar Beach Park.

The statement from the Deputy Registrar General of Canada reads: "The National Parole Board, after making proper enquiries, is satisfied that the said Wendall Edward Jackson is of good behavior and that the convictions should no longer reflect adversely on his character".

Use of the strap is "no big issue"

STOUFFVILLE — York County Board of Education has approved a draft policy on "Discipline In Schools". Included is endorsement of the strap, a provision that's met some opposition in certain areas; but not in Whitchurch-Stouffville, according to trustee Harry Bowes.

"The strap's only part of it," he told The Tribune, "it's the last on the list".

In stressing this point, the Board member feels the press is "making a mountain out of a molehill". He revealed that two

of four principals on the committee "were vehemently opposed" to this form of corporal punishment.

Mr. Bowes said the various parent groups had been contacted and provided with copies of the proposal. To date, he said, none had reported back. Altogether, he noted, the draft had been circulated among more than 90 agencies in the region. He feels nothing will be finalized before November.

"There's still plenty of time to respond," he said, "but I don't consider it a big issue".

Credit park patrol with vandalism curb

STOUFFVILLE — Two people have been employed this summer to watch over the Stouffville Park, a precautionary move that, according to Mayor Gordon Ratcliff, has worked out well.

Incidents of vandalism have been reduced to such an extent, the saving may be sufficient to cover both salaries, the mayor said.

"We shouldn't have to do it," he admitted, "but parks seem to bear the brunt of this sort of thing, not just in Stouffville but everywhere".

Mayor Ratcliff explained that in Newmarket, the practice of "guard duty" had been discontinued, then re-

introduced, when vandalism once again got out of hand.

Some members of Council feel penalties in this regard are too low. They also contend that restitution in some form, should be made to the 'victim'.

Re-cycling concern

STOUFFVILLE — The Whitchurch-Stouffville Recycling Program has proved so successful, Mayor Gordon Ratcliff doesn't want it closed down.

The mayor was questioned on the service following an announcement that, unless more

At a recent meeting, they supported a resolution from the City of Trenton, endorsing both provisions. It also called for increased citizen support of police attempting to combat the problem.

people volunteer their help, it could cease to operate.

Mayor Ratcliff said that while he hadn't been approached on the problem, he could see the possibility of the Town working closer with local organizers so as to keep it going.

"We'll have to deal with it when the matter's brought before us," he stated.

Becky Wedley

Healed by prayer

STOUFFVILLE — Since age 12, Becky Wedley's had an asthma problem. Any over-exertion caused a shortage of breath. Her list of allergies seemed endless. On three occasions she was taken seriously ill to hospital. She consumed huge quantities of pills and never went anywhere without an inhaler.

It was at her request that the Whitchurch-Stouffville council chambers was declared a "no smoking" area. In the past two years she missed several meetings due to ill health.

Then, one Sunday, her pastor, Rev. Paul Hope at Churchill Baptist Church, announced plans for a "laying on of hands". The pre-arranged date was Aug. 13.

Most had left the sanctuary, she remembers, when she

responded to the altar call. "I was desperate," she said.

"The very moment he



BECKY WEDLEY

touched me, I felt the power of the Lord; he felt it too. I breathed deeply, stood up and said thank God, I've been healed".

That was three weeks ago. There hasn't been a sign of the asthma since.

Councillor Wedley recalls taking along her usual purse of pills the next time she went to the cottage, more from force of habit than anything. Her drug bill totalled about \$50 a month.

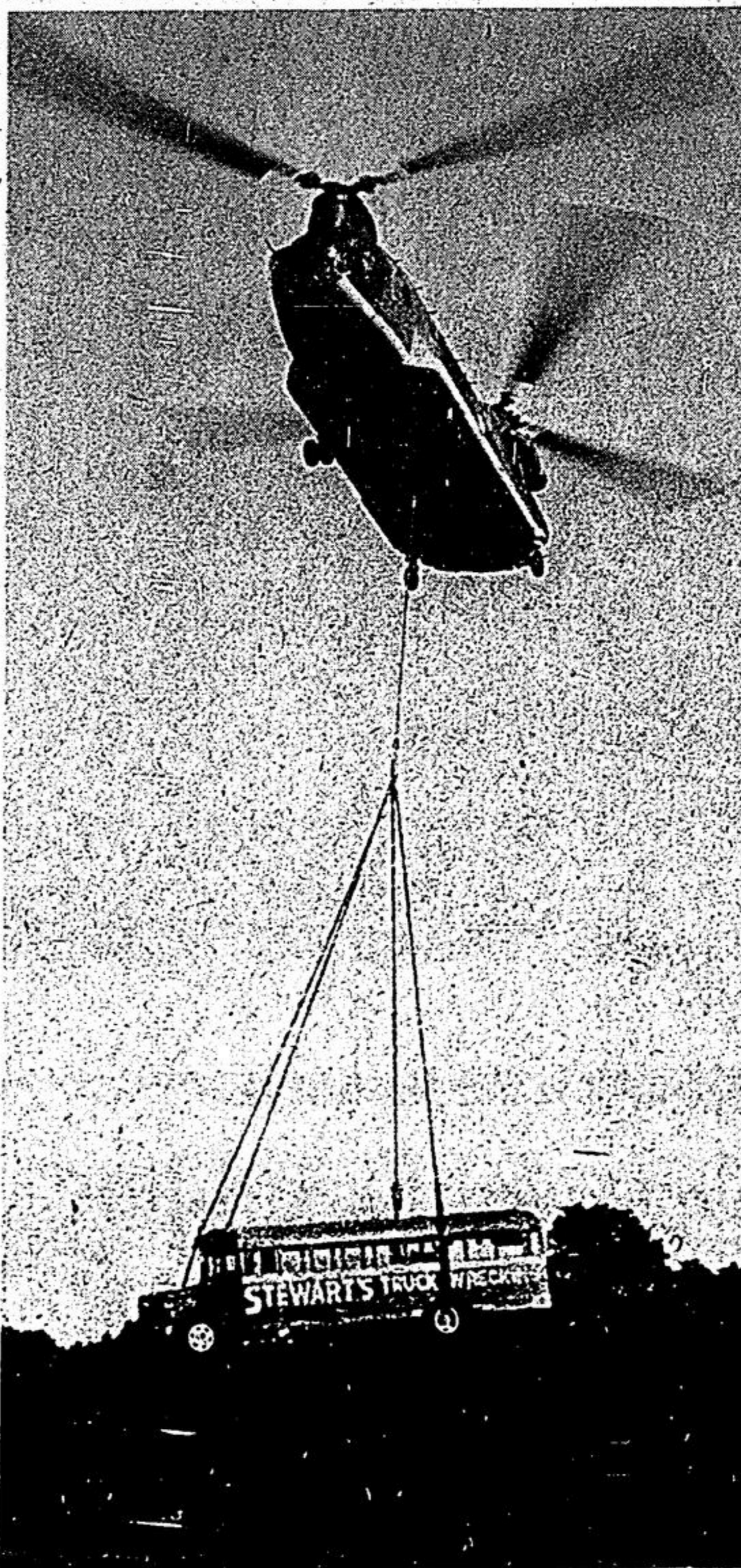
Becky says she feels like "a new woman". She describes her experience to everyone she meets, including a personal testimony at a recent service. "I became so emotional, I could hardly talk," she said.

Becky Wedley claims her pastor possesses a God-given gift. "The greatest surgeon of all is right up above," she concluded.



On Thursday afternoon, a giant Boeing Chinook helicopter, operated by 450 squadron of the R.C.A.F., swooped down and picked up a 4½ ton bus, owned by George Stewart of conc. 7, Whitchurch-

Stouffville. It took almost three hours to assemble the harness in preparation for take-off. —Jim Thomas



With the bus dangling forty feet below, the helicopter lifts off en route to Toronto where it participated in the C.N.E. Air Show, Friday. —Jim Thomas

Free show

Helicopter lifts a bus

BALLANTRAE — For a jet-powered Boeing Vertol Chinook helicopter, lifting an 8,500 pound bus is much like an eagle making off with an ant.

Residents here saw it happen, Thursday, when one of these huge \$7,000,000 "birds", operated by 450 squadron of the R.C.A.F., latched onto a 4½ ton vehicle and lifted it into the air with ease.

Arrangements for the "pick-up" had been made with bus-owner, George Stewart, several days in advance. The unit was towed into a section of open-space on the west side of Conc. 7 where the 'copter had room to land.

Putting the "harness" around the "victim" took over two hours. However, that was routine. Completing the hook-up with the craft proved much more difficult. Four "runs" were required.

The Chinook helicopter is the largest of its kind in the free world. It has a gross weight of 25 tons; a payload capacity of 12 tons; accommodation for 44 passengers; a top speed of 195

miles per hour and a range of 1,100 miles.

This particular machine, with the bus dangling below, participated in the Air Show at the C.N.E.

No more trailers for Lake

MUSS LAKE — Town Council has rejected two applications for trailer parks at Musselman's Lake.

The one would have accommodated about 200 units at the Wagon Wheel Ranch, operated by Jim Coullice. The other was for 20 units south of the Glendale Pavilion.

"Musselman's Lake is not a growth area," Mayor Gordon Ratcliff told The Tribune. He said the only major change worthy of consideration would be a public park on the Montgomery property, west of Glendale.

Lions' Draw

Win a new car

STOUFFVILLE — For \$25, some lucky ticket-holder will drive home in a 1978 Pontiac Acadian hatchback sedan, the grand prize, Saturday night in the Stouffville Lions' annual elimination Car Draw Extravaganza in the Arena.

The event, beginning at 8 p.m., includes a free buffet and dance.

Should the new

automobile not suit the winner's needs, he or she may select any one of the following: a microwave oven, valued at \$500; a ladies diamond ring (\$1,500); a portable dishwasher (\$400) or a trip to Nassau (\$500).

Tickets are still available from Card's Hardware, Morgan's Jewellers, Bank of Nova Scotia, Bank of Commerce, Patrick Motors and Aiken Pharmacy.