

Police letter of praise

STOUFFVILLE — Back in October, York Regional Police were called to a business property on Main Street when a patron of the premises became unruly.

While making the arrest, the lone officer was approached by a second youth and the situation threatened to get out of hand.

Bill Yake of Stouffville was a witness to the fracas and saw what was about to happen. He went immediately to the constable's aid and evened up the odds until other officers arrived.

Last week, the following letter came through in the mail. It read:

Dear Mr. Yake:

On behalf of the Chief of Police and members of the York Regional Police Force, may I express to you our appreciation for the assistance given P.C. Gary Colangelo on Oct. 23 last.

It is indeed gratifying to know that responsible citizens such as yourself are willing to come to the aid of a police officer without thought

for their own safety. It is the opinion of P.C. Colangelo that your timely assistance prevented others from becoming involved in the disturbance, thus enabling him to maintain control of the situation.

Yours truly,
ROBERT HOOD,
Deputy Chief
of Police.

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Eldred King

Tight fiscal policy new mayor's plan

STOUFFVILLE — On Dec. 5, mayor-elect Eldred King takes over the reins of office in Whitchurch-Stouffville. The climb up the municipal ladder to the Town's top post is a success story that started as a trustee at Dickson's Hill School; then

Board Chairman, Markham School Area 2 and later a member of Markham Twp. Council. In recent years he's served as a councillor in Ward 6, Whitchurch-Stouffville.

It was the late Charlie

Hoover who instilled in him "the need to become involved". He accepted this advice, a decision he doesn't regret.

Eldred King considers himself a modest person. But he doesn't waste words, an attitude that's sure to irritate many

people, particularly over-zealous developers.

"It's an accepted fact, this is a rural municipality. Economics and time will dictate growth," he stated. After Dulverton (a 550 home development north of town), he doesn't anticipate anything major for at least ten years.

Eldred King scoffs at the suggestion one must have a "professional" to serve as mayor. "What's needed is common sense," he said. "Someone must do the job and I feel I can do it as well or better than anyone."

The Town's new mayor plans to adopt a hard-line policy on spending, even to the point of requesting residents do things on their own rather than shift these responsibilities onto the municipality.

"Let parents put up swings in their own backyards rather than have us do it in the parks," he stated, using this as an example. He feels people expect the Town to do too much, often forgetting the source of the money supply. "We haven't the right to be continually digging into the public's pockets for additional funds," he stressed. With a community-owned Arena and Library, he sees no need for further capital expenditures in this regard.

Eldred King has never been happy with the operation of government at the regional level and this opinion hasn't changed. He feels representatives are too concerned for their own municipalities, neglecting problems that affect the region as a whole.

Locally, he sees the Hwy. 48 land-fill site and the proposed Pickering airport as two of the greatest challenges facing Council in 1979-80. The future of both projects aren't known, he admits, "but we can't just sit back with our eyes closed."



Mrs. Helen Rea of Vivian is enrolled in Art and English classes at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School, a renewed study program that could lead to a B.A. degree. Here, Mrs. Rea combines homework with housework in an effort to keep pace with the day's work ahead. Jim Thomas

At Stouffville High

Mother in class

VIVIAN — Helen Rea, a mature mother of three, is back at school.

She's taking Grade 9, 10, 11 and 13 Art plus Year 5 English—and loves it.

The learning process at this level isn't new for Helen. She's already been through it once and holds a certificate from Toronto Teacher's College. But now she

wants to draw; to illustrate stories in a series of books she's writing—that eventually, she hopes, will be approved by the Ministry of Education.

It was during a visit to the Upper Canada Mall at Newmarket that Helen hit upon the plan. A student art exhibit was on display there that immediately prompted the question "why not me?" She discussed the possibilities with vice-principal Ron Mercer and later the principal, Mervin Witherow.

"They were kind, so very kind," she said, adding that Mr. Witherow even took the time to set up a schedule so she'd arrive home before her nine year old.

Yes, adjustments have been necessary. "Some days the halls are awfully long and the stairs terribly steep," she admitted. She's had to become accustomed to audible queries like "who's that old lady?" and "what's she doing here?" Even her own teenage son and daughter give her the "silent treatment" when they ac-

cidental meet between classes.

"So far I've survived," she said, "although sometimes I feel like falling through the floor." This happens when a teacher addresses her as Mrs. Rea instead of Helen. "Twentyfive heads turn," she noted.

Such problems are small, she says, in relation to the benefits. "I'm amazed at the quality of the classroom work; it's a challenge, even Grade 9". Her ultimate goal is to obtain a B.A. degree.

As for her home life, adjustments have been necessary there too. Mr. Rea and the kids pitch in and help with the housework. There's minimum preparation for meals.

"Come Friday night, I'm so tired, I just flop," she said. However, by Monday, she's ready to go again.

Prior to enrolling at S.D.-S.S., Helen was the principal at Vivian Public School. Now the teacher's being taught.

Inaugural meeting

STOUFFVILLE — Whitchurch-Stouffville Council will hold its inaugural meeting, Tues., Dec. 5 at 7:30 p.m.

The invocation will be taken by Rev. Ted Green, pastor at St. James Presbyterian Church, Stouffville. The oath of office will be administered by the clerk-administrator, Ralph Corner.

At the conclusion, refreshments will be served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Stouffville Legion. The public is invited.

Estate development approved by OMB

VIVIAN — A proposed 17-lot estate subdivision, south of the Vivian Road between Hwy. 48 and the Ninth Line, has been approved by the Ontario Municipal Board.

The decision was contained in a 10-page report, made public at a Town Council meeting, Nov. 21.

Area residents had voiced objections to the development during an O.M.B. Hearing held earlier in Latcham Hall. Reasons were based mainly on environmental damage including eradication of wildlife

and increased erosion. They said too that fire protection was not adequate and the Vivian Road would not be able to accommodate additional traffic.

"While the Board appreciates the citizens' concerns, it is not persuaded the Town will not protect their interests," the statement read in part.

"The evidence satisfied the Board that there will be stringent municipal controls on all aspects of this development in accordance with sound planning principals," the reply concluded.

Few 'dry' discos

STOUFFVILLE — Mayor Gordon Ratcliff doesn't dance; neither does he 'drink'. Yet, he voted in favor of a disco dancehall at the Steerburger in Stouffville's west end with a liquor licence likely to follow.

How come?

Mayor Ratcliff took what he

considered to be the practical approach. People who enjoy this form of entertainment will go where it is, he said. They might just as well enjoy it in Stouffville.

If properly controlled, he sees no problem.

The location, he says, is such that it should disturb no one.

With respect to the sale of alcoholic beverages, this is a provincial matter, outside the control of the local municipality, he explained. A hearing will be

arranged by the LCBO in which any one opposed can have his (or her) say.

"Very few applications are ever turned down," he said.

Despite his own feelings on the issue, the mayor says he respects the stands taken by Councillors Bill McNalley and Jim Doble. "They're fine Christian gentlemen," he said.

At the same time, he challenges the idea that people's drinking habits can be curbed through legislation. "There must be an inward conviction," he stated.

Santa's Day

Dec. 2

STOUFFVILLE — Saturday is Santa Claus Parade Day in Stouffville.

The procession, to form up in the area of North and Stouffer Streets, will head south along Hwy. 47 to Main Street and west on Main, to the A & P Plaza.

Starting time is 2 p.m.

The Kinsmen Club of Stouffville are again in charge, working in close co-operation with local schools, churches, service organizations, business people and Council.

Prizes will be awarded floats in the following categories—Most Humorous; Best Christmas Theme; Best School Entry; and Best Overall.

After the parade, Santa Claus will call on residents at Parkview Home, Green Gables Manor and the Stouffville Nursing Home.



Smoke and steam billow out from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Busato, Tenth Line South as Stouffville firemen battle to bring the blaze under

control. The house was saved but damage was extensive.

Jim Thomas

Firemen save house

STOUFFVILLE — In spite of gale-force winds and the fact the blaze had a strong head start, Stouffville firemen were able to save a large two-storey house on Tenth Line South, Monday morning.

Neither Bob Busato nor his wife were in the home when the fire started. However, it was Bob and his brother Jim who observed the smoke from some distance away. At first, they thought it only blowing snow.

Three trucks responded to the call with a second tanker placed on stand-by from Markham.

Although damage was confined to a side addition, smoke seeped into the main structure, adding to the loss.

Chief Walter Smith said the home's cement construction kept the flames from spreading. Only at one point did the fire reach the main part and that was at a stairway leading to an upper floor.

The property at one time was owned by Harvey and Art Baker and later by John Mann. Frank Busato, another brother, praised the efficiency

of Stouffville brigade members. His greatest fear, he said, was that a fireman might be injured. Due to the denseness of the smoke, portable air-packs were used.

The blaze is believed to have started in a chimney leading from a wood-burning stove. It is hoped repairs can be completed in a couple of weeks.

No more garbage!

STOUFFVILLE — The Ministry of the Environment want to permit York Sanitation Co. Ltd., to increase its daily dumping rate from 700 to 900 tons at the Whitchurch-Stouffville landfill site, east of Hwy. 48.

Town Council has filed a formal objection.

"Are they trying to compete with the CN Tower?" questioned Ward 3's Bill McNalley, with reference to the height of the refuse already there.



Pioneers for a day

Friday was "Pioneer Day" at Ballantrae Public School as staff teachers and students relived that era of history. Here, Mary Storey instructs Doug O'Neill, 3 and Leah Von Zuben in the finer points of "doing sums".

Ed Schroeter