

Safeguard handicapped

STOUFFVILLE — If there's an invalid in any home within the call area of the Whitchurch - Stouffville Fire Department, Chief Walter Smith wants to know about him.

The brigade here has organized a program whereby special 'heart'

stickers are attached to doors where a crippled person might be located. Should fire occur, volunteers provide help for those unable to help themselves.

It was a Ballantrae father who introduced the idea. He's the father of a 7 year old

crippled boy and also a full-time fireman.

The number of places where such a situation might apply, isn't known. However, it's felt there could be many.

As a safeguard against such a tragedy, Chief Smith must be contacted (640-3663). The location will be logged

and firemen will familiarize themselves with the floor plan and the family. When inspection is complete, the stickers will be applied.

While not a new thing in Ontario, few fire departments in this area have adopted it. The Tribune was told. Cannington is believed to be the closest.

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Phone rates hiked after survey made

STOUFFVILLE — When a cross-section of Stouffville was surveyed by Bell back in 1976, on the question of extending the local free-calling area to include Unionville, Thornhill and Metro Toronto, the rates now in force, weren't known, manager K.A. Gilmour told The Tribune.

The increase, \$6 to \$10.70 a

month (residential) and \$14.05 to \$34.10 (business), were approved later following meetings with the C.R.T.C., he said.

"It's a hell of a big jump," he admitted.

The Bell news release, he said, made it sound as though a percentage of Stouffville phone users had okayed the present

rate structure when, in fact, they had not.

"We had a tussle with the statement at the time," he said.

Gilmour explained that planning related to such expansion must be completed from 18 to 24 months in advance.

Because of this, it was im-

possible to up-date the questionnaire.

The manager pointed out that when the survey was conducted some two years ago, the cost to the customer was of little concern. "Most, who want Metro calling, are ecstatic about it," adding, "the reckoning will come with the first bill".

Gilmour admitted the rate hike will hurt "the little old lady in tennis shoes who only calls her next door neighbors". "You're damned if you do and damned if you don't," he said.

Up to now, the manager stated, Stouffville telephone customers had been placed in a relatively low rate grouping. Because of this, the new schedule would seem severe.

The free-call arrangement with Unionville, Thornhill and Metro Toronto became effective, Dec. 16.

Planning Board decision

Delay supermarket in new town plaza

STOUFFVILLE — No major supermarket will be constructed in the new Harding Gate Plaza.....at this time.

Whitchurch - Stouffville Planning Board has agreed to the delay following receipt of a letter of protest from the executive of the Chamber of Commerce.

The shopping centre site is at the north-east corner of Tenth Line North and Main Street.

The developer had wanted to proceed with the project (including the supermarket) in one phase rather than two. This would have saved him considerable money. However, Jack Chambers, the Chamber of Commerce president, raised objections.

Mr. Chambers pointed to the fact that increased population from the proposed Dulverton Development (550 homes), could create a demand for such a store. He noted, however, that delays in the subdivision and "the spectre of empty stores in the Success Square (Stouffer Street and Main)," led the Association to believe that another supermarket now could seriously damage the trade enjoyed by the two existing food chain stores.

Jack Chambers reminded the Board that under terms of an earlier agreement, it pledged to "recognize that the core area of Stouffville must remain strong

and viable and no loss of customer business should occur".

Planning Board Chairman, councillor June Button expressed concern over the number of empty stores in Stouffville. She agreed also, that the present population wasn't adequate to support a third supermarket.....at this time.

The agreement, drawn up in 1977, approved construction of several small retail stores at the site but reserved the right to authorize the building of a food store.....at its discretion.

Early news

The Tribune Office will be closed on Monday, Christmas Day.

Our publication date will remain the same, Thursday, Dec. 28.

To meet advanced deadlines for this one issue only, all ads and correspondence must be in not later than 5 p.m., Friday (to-morrow).

Organist plays at Queen's Park party

STOUFFVILLE — Clarion Baker, Whitchurch-Stouffville's highly talented musician, had the unique experience, last week, of playing the organ for a carol-sing at Queen's Park, Toronto.

Staff employees as well as members of the legislature, attended the gathering. In addition to standard Christmas

songs, they joined in the singing of many old favorites.

Clarion's services were acquired by a representative of the Rogers Organ Company in Toronto.

Each morning this week, he's playing at the Richmond Heights Plaza in Richmond Hill.

Clarion's the regular organist for the congregation at Clarendon United Church.

Merchandise stolen valued at \$2,500

STOUFFVILLE — York Regional Police are investigating a break-in and theft, Friday night or early Saturday morning at the Stouffville Co-operative Store on Edward Street.

Tools and articles of clothing were stolen, valued at \$2,500.

At Stouffville Sales and Rental Services, Hwy. 47 at Ringwood, two sanders and a router are reported missing.

The equipment, valued at \$755, was rented out Dec. 8 and never returned.

Cliff Barkey of Conlin Motors Ltd., Markham, told police that during the months of April, September and October, a suspect sold three trucks for the company and accepted cheques as deposits. The cheques, however, were made out by the 'salesman' in his own name and later cashed. The amount is placed at \$9,470.00.

First '79 baby?

STOUFFVILLE — The Tribune will be watching and waiting for the first baby born in 1979.

Waiting too, will be the folks at Houston's Drug Store in Stouffville. They'll have gifts for the new arrival.

Should the "blessed event" occur New Year's Day (or shortly afterwards), give

us a call at 640-2100. We'll pass on the word to the staff at Houston's and hopefully arrange a picture of the little girl or guy.

And, of yes, Christmas Day babies are important also. What greater gift, Dec. 25.

Please let us know. The number again, 640-2100.

To divisional championships

Three members of the Stouffville Figure Skating Club have advanced to the Eastern Canadian Divisional Championships at St. Laurent, Quebec. Cindy Wilson and Glen Buddingh will compete in the Free Skating Pairs. Peter Mellon, also of Stouffville, is an entry in Sr. Men's. Competition opens Jan. 5.



"Okay Santa, this is how it's done...."

Saturday was 'family day' at the Stouffville Bowling Centre as fathers and sons, mothers and daughters joined in the fun. To make the occasion complete, Santa Claus attended too. Here, he

receives some advice on the finer points of the game from nine year old Penny Hadden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Hadden, Baker Avenue, Stouffville. Jim Thomas.

Rev. Ken Campbell

"Monkey business" blasted by pastor

Evangelist Ken Campbell is well known in Whitchurch-Stouffville.

He resides at RR 6, Milton, Ont. He's not afraid to speak his mind, regardless of how controversial the subject might be.

His latest outrage will strike a common chord with a recently organized Stouffville group calling itself "The Concerned Citizens of York County".

"Young people," says Rev. Campbell, "are being brain-washed to accept as Science, the suicidal seductions of Darwin and Freud in our public schools". These philosophies, he claims, are cults, just as destructive and devastating to their millions of followers as the religion which produced the horror of Jonestown.

Ken Campbell's views were contained in a letter to Dr. Bette Stephenson, the Ontario Minister of Education, protesting the family life course content in the public school system. He claims schools today are dominated by "the religion of secularism", based on "the atheistic assumptions of Darwinian mythology and the moral relativism of Freudian heresy".

"Darwinian mythology,"

says Rev. Campbell, "cons our kids into believing they are mere animals—a collection of meaningless molecules moving through a purposeless time-space spectrum."

Campbell substantiates his charge by quoting world-famous psychiatrist, Dr. Viktor Frankl who said: "Pornography, crimes of violence, drug-taking, alcoholism and the growing suicide rate among young people are only symptoms of a

much deeper sickness in the modern soul. Despair Over Meaninglessness is the source of most of society's present ills".

In his letter, Ken Campbell reminded the Minister that he'd been paying the educational portion of his property taxes "under protest to Queen's Park" since 1974, as an expression of his "distress over the misuse of public funds to propagate that destructive religion (secularism) in the schools".

Head lice problem now under control

STOUFFVILLE — A reported "epidemic" of head lice in Stouffville schools has been grossly exaggerated, a nurse at the York Regional Health Unit told The Tribune this week.

She said that, compared to other areas in the region, Stouffville had got off lightly.

"It's a new thing in your town," she said, "and some

folks have become a little panicky".

With respect to controlling the problem, the nurse said any physician or pharmacist can provide a prescription. She explained too, that the Health Unit in Richmond Hill can be contacted.

An office secretary at one Stouffville school admitted to a problem there about six weeks ago. "It's all cleared up now," she said.

Canadians spoiled by low food prices

WHITCHURCH — When farmer Doug Clarke of RR 4, Stouffville obtained his Dec. 14 copy of The Tribune and read the editorial "Folks fed up", he was disturbed.

In it, the editor claimed consumers were being "ripped off" on many items. Beef was mentioned as one, along with gasoline, furnace oil, sugar, tea and coffee. To bring these prices down, he recommended "don't buy".

Doug Clarke doesn't agree, basing his opinion on the production cost of beef and other food stuffs.

If a farmer sells beef at a dollar a pound, he's losing

money. Yet, he points out, some supermarkets have it priced as 87 cents a pound.

"The city people are always weeping and wailing when instead, they should be down on their knees and giving thanks. Canadians have been spoiled rotten," he said.

Farmers, he said, must live with increased costs too. He described the beef business as "a tough go" with other cash crops required to supplement it.

"You don't hear the poor people crying. They're too busy trying to scratch out a living," he said.

It must be remembered, said Doug, that wages also have

gone up considerably in recent years and so has the standard of living. "Folks can't have it both ways," he said.

Mr. Clarke suggests that, at 87 cents a pound for beef, the supermarket's not getting rich, in fact, they're likely losing money.

"Don't try to beat the farmer into the ground or pretty soon there won't be any," he suggested. With respect to milk production, York Region is practically a write-off now, he said.

If the consumer wants to keep food prices at rock-bottom level, then the industry will have to be subsidized by the government, he concluded.