

# The end of an era

STOUFFVILLE — The end of the year marked the end of an era for the Stouffville Public Utilities Commission.

The P.U.C. as constituted back in January, 1953, held its final meeting, Dec. 29, 1978. Members in office at its conclusion were Ken Laushway, chairman; Ken Betz and Bill Parsons, commissioners; and mayor Eldred King. Ex-mayor Gordon Ratcliff had held office until Nov. 1 and has been re-appointed for '79 along with Mr. Laushway and mayor King.

Superintendent Gordon Brown and office manager,

Patricia Kuhn will retain their positions. The new utility, that came into being Jan. 1, is called The Whitchurch-Stouffville Hydro Electric Commission.

The highlight of Friday's gathering was the honor paid to Gordon Brown, superintendent of the P.U.C. since its inception twenty-six years ago. He was presented with a Bulova Acutron watch, suitably engraved.

Chairman Ken Laushway, in recalling the past, told how the hydro service had been continually upgraded thanks to recommendations put forward

by Mr. Brown. He described the Utility as "one of the best in the area".

Gordon Ratcliff said the superintendent's knowledge and co-operation had saved the town hundreds of dollars. Mayor King described him as "a faithful servant".

Gord, in reply, thanked the Commission for the gift, saying the work, while a challenge, had been enjoyable. "I'll continue to serve the new Commission with the interests of the public at heart".

"Employees here have

always carried their weight," stated Commissioner Ken Betz, "when there was work to be done, they did it". Both Mr. Betz and fellow commissioner, Bill Parsons, were presented with brass candlestick holders.

Members of Stouffville's first Public Utilities Commission included Art Weldon (chairman); Reg Stouffer and Reeve Henry Ogden. The secretary was George Storey.

A January hydro bill back in 1953 amounted to \$3,570. The figure for a similar period this year will be close to \$90,000, Chairman Laushway said.



Gordon Brown (right), Superintendent of the Stouffville Public Utilities Commission since its inception 26 years ago, was honored at the concluding meeting, Dec. 29. He was presented with an engraved Bulova Acutron watch by P.U.C. chairman, Ken Laushway. As of Jan. 1, the utility became known as the Whitchurch-Stouffville Hydro Electric Commission. Mr. Brown will continue as superintendent of the new system. Jim Thomas

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Beauty in full bloom

A beautiful amaryllis at the home of Mrs. Russell Couperthwaite, 388 Stouffer Street, Stouffville, really out-did itself when it burst into eight glorious blooms for a first time, last week, some measuring eight inches across. Mrs. Couperthwaite obtained the bulb from White Rose Nurseries at Unionville. Jim Thomas

## Chairmanship loss a disappointment

STOUFFVILLE — Disappointed, but not discouraged, Whitchurch-Stouffville trustee, Harry Bowes may let his name stand for Board Chairman in 1980.

While unsuccessful in his bid for the post this year, he said this had been the pattern since 1975. "It seems you must be defeated first before you can win," he stated.

The Town's representative said Markham's Don Cousens "made a big campaign of it", visiting each of the members personally in an effort to commandeer support. In doing so, he had missed a total of ten meetings within a period of two months.

An anonymous letter, discrediting Cousens, had done him more good than harm, Harry Bowes said. The fact it was even mentioned at the inaugural meeting was "kind of dirty" because all members were aware of it, he stated.

Although the voting was done by secret ballot, the local member says he has a pretty good idea who supported him and who didn't.

"That's democracy, it was fair," he conceded.

Harry Bowes says he hopes to spend more time in Town this year, meeting and getting to know more people.

## Sex study for kids

STOUFFVILLE — Sex Education—what should your child be told?

An in-depth discussion on the subject will be aired on T.V. Cable 10, Thursday, Jan. 11.

Eric Baker, former member of York County Board of Education and chairman of the Values Education Committee, will host the program. Panelists will include Don Cousens, Board of Education Chairman; John Stephens, Board of Education Immediate Past Chairman; Rev. Quick, Chairman of Right to Life in Richmond Hill and Ruth Herbert, representing the Association of Concerned Citizens, Region of York.

## Trustee urges equal salaries

STOUFFVILLE — Harry Bowes, Whitchurch-Stouffville's representative on York County Board of Education, realizes the futility in each region negotiating its own salary agreements with area teachers. Instead, he would rather see the Ministry establish a standard pay schedule across the Province with bonuses for those willing to accept positions in Ontario's far north.

"I think it has to come," he told The Tribune, pointing to the fact the Board would soon be receiving notice of a new salary agreement for 1979-80 before a settlement is reached for 1978-79.

With the Province handling teachers' wages, local Boards

could concentrate on upgrading working conditions, Mr. Bowes said.

At present, an agreement is close at hand for the County's elementary teachers, he believes. He hopes ratification will come before the Board's next meeting, Jan. 8. It would be retro-active to Sept. 1 and carry through to Aug. 31.

The situation isn't nearly so bright at the secondary level. The mediator has declared a recess in negotiations until later this month.

"There's been no great progress," Harry Bowes said.

The main reason for delays is that negotiators and the mediator like to see the salary schedules approved elsewhere.

"Then they come up with some kind of compromise," he stated. Where the negotiating teams are strong and the boards are weak, the teachers are likely to get more, he explained. The Town trustee doesn't like such an arrangement.

## Christmas card

### 'Special delivery'

STOUFFVILLE — Saltcoats, Ayrshire, Scotland has nothing in common with Stouffville, Ontario, Canada, but that was the postmark on a Christmas card received Dec. 27 by Jerry Tranmer, Ninth Line North.

The greeting was mailed to Jerry by his sister, Sharon

Tranmer, from Toronto around Dec. 14. The postmark in Scotland was dated Dec. 18. "We'd never heard of Saltcoats," said Norma Tranmer, "we had to look it up in an atlas".

Jerry considers the card as more special than if it had come direct.

## Lewd businesses a threat-mayor

STOUFFVILLE — Mayor Eldred King supports Whitchurch-Stouffville Council's position that local municipalities should be given the authority to control pornography, body-rub parlors, and topless waitresses.

"After all," the mayor observed, "local government knows what's best for the community."

However, before the province can give municipalities this power, it would first have to define obscenity and pornography.

Though the mayor feels there's no immediate danger of these establishments' setting up in the Town, he noted it should be an area of concern for all citizens.

However, mayor King agrees with Councillor Bill McNalley that it's important to have the legislation as a weapon "when and if we need it in Whitchurch-Stouffville."

The mayor feels government does have the right to

## Precious 'gift'

ZEPHYR — For David and Connie Meyers of RR 1, Zephyr, Dec. 25, is doubly important.

It was the birth date, last week, of daughter Leslie Ann, weighing seven pounds, six ounces.

Time of arrival was 8 a.m., at York County Hospital in Newmarket.

Leslie Ann is a fourth granddaughter for Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Westgarth, Alice Street, Mount Albert.

legislate people's morality. In fact, he noted the censorship of film is one current method of performing this function.

## From Uxbridge Wintario-live

UXBRIDGE — On Thursday (to-night), the spotlight of attention will be focussed on Uxbridge, location of Wintario's special bonus draw.

The program will be broadcast live from the High School, beginning at 9 p.m. Entertainment, however, will start at 7:15 p.m. and will include the Uxbridge Secondary School Band and

The Millstream Men of Uxbridge, a barbershop chorus. This portion of the event will not be televised.

In addition to the regular Wintario draw with five chances for \$100,000, three bonus numbers will be selected for prizes valued at more than \$5 million.

Admission to the show is \$3. This price includes a Wintario ticket.

## Anglicans celebrate centennial year

STOUFFVILLE — The year ahead is historic for the congregation of Christ Anglican Church in Stouffville. It's their centennial, a milestone that will be celebrated in many meaningful ways.

A special events committee, co-ordinated by Margaret Britton, was established back in 1976. Activity chairmen include Rev. Frank Edney, the church's rector; Canon H.R. Puxley, Gary Hoy, John McMurray, Bruce Johnston, Irene Eidt and Mike Follett.

"The co-operation's been marvellous, the parish has come alive," said Rev. Edney, pastor at both Stouffville and St. Philip's, Unionville, since 1974.

The congregation comprises 110 families "and growing", he said.

A main project will be the completion of a book covering the history of Christ Church over the past 100 years. The author of this work is Professor David Hayne of Claremont. It's

entitled "Christ Church-The First Century" and should be available later this month.

The former church, located at the present Post Office site, was built in 1882, and the present one, on Sunset Boulevard, in 1961. Twenty-one rectors have held pastorates here.

It's significant that Grace Foote Powell, the lady who composed the theme song for Stouffville's 100th birthday, has also written the words and music for the congregation's centennial. It was sung for a first time, Sunday. Mrs. Powell was in attendance.

In the months ahead, The Tribune will keep readers posted on events already planned, including the dates of services to be conducted by former rectors, Rev. Fred Miller, Rev. John Ball, Rev. Jim Tiller, Rev. Norman Edwards and Rev. Paul Brillinger, a past team member.

This Sunday (Jan. 7), special music will be provided by a mixed choir from Stouffville Dist. Secondary School, under the direction of teacher, J.H. Rehill. Time of worship is 9:30 a.m. The church's Homecoming Weekend is May 11 to 13.

## Burned out family praises town help

STOUFFVILLE — The Sullivan family, burned out of their home, Dec. 11, will have a

happy new year thanks to the generosity of Stouffville residents.

Ken and Myrtle Sullivan; their daughter Sherry; sons Wesley, Kirk and Robert; and Wesley's fiancée Danielle Castonguay are lodging in temporary accommodation found for them while they wait for work to begin on their damaged residence.

Tears came to Mrs. Sullivan's eyes as she told The Tribune, "Words just can't express our appreciation."

She added she couldn't begin to properly thank all the kind people who had assisted the family, including the Fire Department for their prompt response and help in finding them temporary quarters.

Mr. Sullivan expects it will take at least four months before the \$30,000 damage can be repaired.

## There's room for more

STOUFFVILLE — Music Mania '79, sponsored by the Stouffville United Church Couples Club, will go on stage in less than four months.

There's still room for more participants in some phase of the show—singers, dancers, skit performers or helpers behind-the-scenes.

Rehearsals are held every Wednesday at 8 p.m., in the gymnasium at Summitview School.



Theatre Max plays to 'full house'

Latham Hall was filled for the pre-Christmas Theatre Max stage performance of "The Reluctant Maxine," presented by the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library in co-operation with the

Ministry of Culture and Recreation. Here, "Wizard Do," played by Bill Malcolm, talks to five year old Rebecca Harding of Bristol Ponds Estates, RR 1, Goodwood. Ed Schroeter

## Two charged Man assaulted

STOUFFVILLE — When words like "merry" and "happy" are common expressions, it's difficult to think of crimes involving physical abuse.

However, police are constantly reminded that it's not exactly a "season to be jolly" not for everyone.

They report that at Musselman's Lake, Wayne Lock of Conc. 7, Whitchurch-Stouffville, was seated in a car parked on Valley Road shortly after midnight when

he was accosted by two men. He was allegedly beaten and later required emergency surgery in York County Hospital, Newmarket.

Charged with assault are Patrick Cashman, 21 and Paul Christopher Guenther, 17, both of RR 2, Stouffville.

In another incident, Scott Haylow of Montreal Street, Stouffville, was allegedly assaulted, Dec. 22. Police weren't immediately able to locate the suspect so a warrant was issued for his arrest.