



"Gee kids, this is fun"

Last week, children of the Stouffville Nursery School, visited the office of town dentist, Dr. Wm. Zeck, Main Street West and, believe it or not, enjoyed the experience. Dr. Zeck answered dozens of questions and, with the aid of his assistant, Olga Dykstra (above), examined the teeth of about 20 kiddies including four year old Elizabeth Groves. Ed Schroeter

Fear "hang-out"

STOUFFVILLE — Faced with the possibility of being unable to ban a pinball arcade from Stouffville, councillors are preparing another line of defence against problems they believe will occur if the business is approved.

On the verge of turning down an application from Domenico Martino to locate a

shop in the Stouffville Bowling Centre building, Main Street East, they were told by Mr. Martino's lawyer, Douglas Crane, that it's not within their power to prohibit the establishment.

On the advice of a municipal staff report, councillors while sitting in committee, prepared a recommendation that Town

Council adopt another by-law to regulate business hours, method of supervision, the number of machines, maintenance, and age limits for clientele in pinball arcades.

Councillors fear the parlor will become a "hangout" and incidents of vandalism, drunkenness and disorderly conduct will occur.

Turn clocks ahead Apr. 29

You'll lose sixty minutes sleep, Saturday night.

Yes, it's Daylight Saving Time again; officially at 2 a.m., Sunday.

Move clock hands FORWARD one hour.

Should you forget, all won't be lost. You might still make it to church in time to catch the sermon.

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Post Office theft foiled

STOUFFVILLE — "A lot of work for nothing". That's the way Gary Fisher summed up the futile attempt by would-be thieves to smash their way into the vault at the Stouffville Post Office, Saturday night. They left empty-handed; even left their tools behind.

The postmaster described the "triple security" within the building that makes it almost burglar proof. On the inside of a cement wall, protected by steel rods, is a walk-in vault, then a safe and beyond that, a money chest.

Had they been successful in breaking through, there was nothing of any value there

anyway; "nickel and dime stuff," he called it.

Entry was gained by prying loose the latch on a main door at the rear. They then tried to get into a storage room and when this failed, they forced the lock on the manager's office.

Total damage has been estimated at close to \$2,000.

Jerry Ratcliff, a resident to the west, heard a hammering noise during the evening hours and went out to investigate. At first he thought it was the caretaker doing some repair work, but when the pounding continued, he checked further.

That's when he observed the debris on the floor behind the postmaster's desk. It's believed the would-be thieves escaped out the back and drove off in a car parked on the other side of a fence near the grandstand. Tire marks were visible in the ground.

Jerry Ratcliff called the postmaster and he, in turn, summoned police. The interior was dusted for fingerprints but no arrests have been made.

Gary Fisher told The Tribune that in his twenty years on the job, it's the first break-in he's experienced.



Would-be thieves left their mark at the Stouffville Post Office, following a break-in, Saturday.

New lights-road reduce gas sales

STOUFFVILLE — The installation of traffic lights at the intersection of Ninth Line North and Main Street, may benefit pedestrians and traffic but not Les Wilson, proprietor of Les Wilson Motors at that corner.

Mr. Wilson appealed his

assessment of \$32,000 on the grounds the automatic signals plus the wider road had reduced his gasoline sales. He and staff employee Ernie Bevan attended a hearing in Latham Hall, April 19.

"Cars have a great deal of difficulty getting in," the owner

explained. He said he could support his argument with figures.

Although the assessment was upheld by the court, the chairman agreed the issue could be re-opened once an 'official' notice is sent out and Mr. Wilson provides the necessary statistics.

Inflated value Mary Duncaife of 105 Church Street, Stouffville completed certain improvements to her house. However, she didn't think the improvements were such that the valuation should go up by almost 70 per cent. She presented her case before the assessment court, Thursday.

She explained that while the floors had been sanded and the house re-wired and re-decorated, the work didn't constitute re-building. A regional assessment officer said the property had been valued at \$105,000. The scale of assessment in Stouffville, he said, was normally 36 per cent of value but the Duncaife house had been assessed at around 27 per cent.

On being advised that an above-ground swimming pool had been removed, the chairman ordered the figure reduced by \$700.

towards the development of an Adventure Playground in the Thicketwood Subdivision, south of Summitview School plus a Theatre Arts Award presented annually at the High School Commencement.

On Tuesday evening, the cast went through the entire performance, much to the delight of folks from area nursing homes as well as residents of Participation House, High Point Lodge and children from local nursery schools and kindergarten classes.

Music Mania '79

Curtain goes up on show to-night

STOUFFVILLE — The curtain goes up Thursday (tonight) for the community show of the year — Music Mania '79.

Starting time is 8:30 p.m. on stage at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School. Good seats are still available at all three performances, with tickets available at the door.

The producer is Elva Newmarch. The director is Marguerite Murphy.

The production involves 170 people including 59 in the chorus and 14 dancers. Proceeds will go

Support resolution

"Give water back" Town tells York

STOUFFVILLE — Local councillors have unanimously supported a resolution from the Town of Aurora, calling on the Region of York to return control of water distribution back to area municipalities.

Aurora and Whitchurch-Stouffville are two towns which have their own independent water systems, which the region maintains now.

The Aurora resolution noted the operating cost has risen \$66,382 since the region took over the system in 1970. Some of that increase can be eliminated

with local supervision, Aurora councillors claim.

"I remember there was quite a big jump in our own bill when the region took over," said Councillor Becky Wedley.

"The costs are escalating rapidly," Mayor Eldred King agreed.

Councillor June Button made her position clear, explaining, "I never did like the idea."

"There's no saving," Councillor Bill McNalley said. "The region charges us the full cost. And we lack control."

Whitchurch - Stouffville Road Superintendent Ron Gibson told councillors if the municipality took over the plant, his staff could man it with the addition of one technician.

Mayor King noted Ministry experts were available in the event the town encountered major difficulties.

Adding he had many recent complaints about the odor and taste of local water, Mayor King said, "We could correct these problems more satisfactorily with our local forces."

Praised

STOUFFVILLE — Mayor Eldred King says he sincerely appreciates the dedication shown the Whitchurch - Stouffville Historical Society by its immediate past chairman, Wes Brillinger.

Mr. Brillinger recently resigned from the chairman's post but remains on the executive.

"If it wasn't for him, we wouldn't have a museum," the mayor said.

Five are injured

STOUFFVILLE — A collision between a car and a pick-up truck, Saturday night, near the intersection of Ninth Line North and the Bethesda Sideroad, sent five persons to hospital, two with internal injuries.

Occupants of the vehicles included the driver of the truck, 21-year old Bruce Barlett of

Unionville and four in the car, Robert Dales, 61 and his wife, Catherine, 64, of Agincourt; William Lasseter, 61 and his wife, Dorothy, 58 of 29 Wootton Way North in Markham.

The impact hurled the truck driver into the east ditch and tossed the camper top into the ditch on the west. None in the car was thrown out.

George Wilson, a volunteer

with the Stouffville Fire Brigade, said it was amazing the car's occupants weren't more seriously hurt. "There sure wasn't much space behind the steering wheel," he said.

While none was pinned in the wreckage, care had to be taken in getting them out because of their injuries, he explained. Three ambulances attended the scene.

Prohibited by Chief

Outside burning

STOUFFVILLE — Until further notice, outside burning has been banned in the area serviced by the Stouffville Fire Brigade.

Chief Walter Smith issued the order, Friday, after the brigade answered a call to Hillsdale Drive, Musselman's Lake.

On arrival, volunteers found it to be only a smudge from a pile of grass and

leaves. A nearby resident, who turned in the alarm, thought it was someone's house.

Chief Smith said the grass-burner had notified him earlier of his intentions but had failed to pass on the word to the head dispatcher at Unionville, as instructed.

Three trucks responded for a charge to the municipality of \$153.

Board adds 27 teachers

YORK REGION — When it comes to hard-line negotiations, the Secondary School Teachers' Federation is in the forefront of all discussions.

On Monday night, the Elementary Teachers' Federation had its turn. Supported by an estimated 125 staff members, with buttons and banners, they attended a session

of the Board, fresh from a mass meeting held earlier in the day.

What they wanted was a guarantee the pupil-teacher ratio in York County would remain at about 28 students per classroom. And that's what they received, but not through pressure. Town trustee Harry Bowes told The Tribune:

"We didn't even know they were there until we opened the door," Mr. Bowes explained.

It was following an in-camera discussion that Board vice-chairman, Dorothy Zajac announced that 27 additional teachers would be hired for the start of the September term.

These, Mr. Bowes said, would be required mainly to handle Special Education classes. The vote on the motion was 11-5 in favor. There were two abstainers and two were absent.

The Federation feared that with no increase in staff, classroom enrollment could exceed thirty pupils, a trend they strongly oppose. With a surplus of \$225,000 available, the 27 teachers can be hired without hurting the budget, they said.

Lions Club's first year

BALLANTRAE — One year ago, the Ballantrae Lions Club was born.

The charter was presented to the organization's first president, Tom Wood.

On Friday evening, Lion members and their guests will meet to celebrate the first anniversary of that event. The banquet will be held at Cedar Beach Pavilion, Musselman's Lake.

Dignitaries on hand will include York-Peel M.P., Sinclair Stevens; York North M.P.P., Bill Hodgson; Ward 2 Town Councillor, Becky Wedley along with Lion representatives from the immediate area and beyond.

The president-elect for 1979-80 is Vern Davies of Musselman's Lake.



"Something tells me we were born too late"

The good old days were pretty good at that, admit Orchard Park students, Brent Brown (left) of Rupert Avenue and Mike Feasby, of Blake Street, Stouffville, as they whittle away on pieces of wood. Brent and Mike along with 55

other Grade 6 pupils spent last week at Black Creek Pioneer Village in a learning experience known only to pioneer times. In the background is Roblin's Mill. Jim Thomas