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Policy to curb child abuse

CLAREMONT — A policy directive from the Ministry of Education making every school board employee responsible for reporting suspected cases of child abuse, will have little effect on the Durham Board of Education, according to trustee Linda Carder.

The Durham Board instituted their own policy on parentally abused children Nov. 8, 1976.

"I think it's a super policy," Mrs. Carder stressed, "The

ministry's a little late with it." The trustee says there's no better place to start helping children than in the schools, because the children are there, eight hours a day.

Child abuse is becoming a major problem, the trustee feels. The victims of parental abuse "are completely at the mercy of adults," she says. Educators are morally, and now legally, according to Ontario laws, responsible to help them

the Crown Attorney or the Children's Aid Society.

However, Mrs. Carder feels the whole system needs revamping. "We've a long way to go."

It still takes considerable time before any action can be taken to help battered children, she says. And many teachers fear reporting suspected cases, because they may become embroiled in an emotion-charged conflict.

by reporting abuse incidents. Mrs. Carder adds.

Under the policy, teachers are to report to the principal of the school the suspected case within 48 hours, and make an immediate record of the known facts for use as evidence in court.

If the principal feels further investigation is warranted, she or he will contact the public health nurse.

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Tells a tale of broken promises

PICKERING — In the eyes of the federal government's Land Management Office in Brougham, Glen and Lorraine Turner are bad tenants. They owe their landlord, the federal government, \$400 in rent.

The landlord is threatening them with eviction.

Since they rented the property last April, Mr. Turner, who owns his own printing business, claims his family has suffered "extreme mental and physical discomfort" all because the government has neglected its duties.

"With what we've gone through, I don't believe I owe the money," explains Mr. Turner.

For the Turners, the last straw came when half the barn roof collapsed in January, nearly crashing down on their horses' stalls. His wife's business, horse-breeding, has suffered lost revenue and reputation, he says.

Repeated requests to the Brougham Office to make repairs have not been heeded.

"I've said 'please', I don't know how many times," Mr. Turner disclosed. According to him, the attitude of some of the personnel was expressed by one official who reportedly said, "You've got water and heat.

What more do you want?"

"I had to go to the politicians and the news media to finally get action," he explained.

On May 15, he called Barney Danson's Office, a liberal Member of Parliament. A work crew arrived on May 16.

Mr. Turner said he doesn't believe he owes the rent because his lease specifies a tenant doesn't have to pay during a period where the landlord fails to make repairs on buildings.

"I'm prepared for them to take me to court," Mr. Turner told The Tribune. "If it's decided there we owe it, the money will be paid."

But the story doesn't end there. According to him, there's an even more shocking tale of "broken promises."

He claims when he rented the property for \$225 a month, plus taxes, personnel in the Brougham Office gave their word to make major repairs to buildings, and clean up the property.

Mr. Turner feels he shouldn't have to pay rent until these matters are looked after.

The lengthy list includes a septic tank overhaul; disposal of tons of garbage; removal of weeds; and major work on the interior of the home.

Mr. Turner even asked for additional supports for the barn, fearing it will collapse.

Few of the requests were met, he said.

"I've spent six weeks of my time and over \$2,000 on the property to make it liveable," he says.

Two fires burned for three days before all the junk littering the home and barn was destroyed. He got rid of a tangle of weeds, sanded the floors, plastered, and painted the walls, and repaired holes.

For his efforts, he was awarded \$180 in compensation.

"The whole thing's ludicrous. Why should we have to put up with this nonsense?" he asked. "And my problems are insignificant compared to some people. They are without water and heat."

"What this area needs is a tenant association," Mr. Turner claims. "We could band together and fight for an inquiry into its operation. One person alone can't do anything," he added.

There have been times when his wife was so upset she just wanted to run away, Mr. Turner said.

But he feels his battle may help future tenants in the area.



Receives degree

Marion Britton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Britton, Claremont, will graduate, May 26 from the University of Waterloo with her Bachelor of Mathematics Degree in the Chartered Accountancy option. Marion is presently employed by Thorne Riddell and Co., chartered accountants in Toronto.

Winky's home

ALTONA — Winky's safe at home.

The 13-year-old Yorkshire Terrier, missing since May 15, was returned Sunday by an Altona man who found the animal while en route north to his cottage.

Winky enjoyed the weekend away, before his keeper was able to locate its owners.

John and Donna Williams of Altona, and their two-year-old son Daniel feared they'd never see Winky again. They thought the family pet had been stolen.

"We're glad to have her back," John said, "even Daniel missed the animal badly."

"She's a great little dog. She was given to us a few years ago. We've grown very attached to her."

Deliver back taxes

PICKERING — "Being election year, I knew they'd come through," said Regional Councillor Gerry Fisher, when the federal government delivered a long-awaited cheque for back taxes on Pickering Airport land.

Liberal member of Parliament, Norm Cafik, made the presentation after Councillor Fisher approached him to intervene and settle the matter when the federal government refused to pay \$6,158 in 1977 municipal taxes.

Mr. Cafik told councillors, "It was the responsibility of the municipality to bill the tenant."

He explained the federal government had no authority to collect taxes from its tenants under the Municipal Grants Act, though it could make payments for arrears if the town was unable to collect even with the assistance of the bailiff.

June prom unique

PICKERING — The Mariposa Bell will set sail from the foot of York Street, June 4 with students from Dunbarton Secondary School on board for a cruise around Toronto Harbor.

Angela Bertalan and the Student Activities Committee planned the unique Spring Formal, which includes a buffet dinner, dancing, and the crowning of the Prom Queen and King. Each girl will take home a silk rose as a remembrance.

Godfrey attacks housing project

PICKERING — People or Planes committee chairman Dr. Charles Godfrey has called provincial government plans for a city of 90,000 in North Pickering and accompanying industrial growth "second guess planning."

This fall, the provincially

Firearms still pose problems

PICKERING — Regional Councillor Gerry Fisher continues to receive complaints about firearms near the North Pickering Hiking Trail, despite the ban there.

"I've received complaints about people taking target practice around the trail in Whitevale using pellet guns," said the Ward 3 regional councillor.

The problem arose shortly after council voted to allow hunting to continue north of Hwy. No. 7, despite opposition from surrounding residents.

At the same time, hunting was prohibited near the North Pickering Trail.

Councillor Fisher plans to meet with the Pickering Rod and Gun Club to discuss methods of curbing the discharge of weapons near the hiking route.

"What I would like to see are signs put up around the area indicating no firearms," Mr. Fisher said.

owned Ontario Land Corporation, which holds about 25,000 acres there, hopes to set wheels of the project in motion with an amendment to the Durham Region Official Plan.

The first stage of residential construction for 22,500 new residents on 6,800 acres may begin in 1982.

The P.O.P. leader, who currently has his group working on an alternative land use plan for the entire North Pickering area, says these government plans mean "they're chewing up good farmland."

The former MPP for Durham West, explains he's not opposed to residential growth in Pickering, as long as it doesn't involve farms.

Dr. Godfrey added, "There's lots of serviced industrial land in south Pickering

that's sitting idle. It makes economic sense to put that industrial growth in the south end, because that's where the main transportation links are and where they already support services."

Dr. Godfrey predicted the housing project will bring unemployment to the region and strain Durham's social services.

"Most of the people moving into this area will be couples under 30, and the government won't be creating permanent employment for them," he explained.

Two Pickering Town councillors, Norah Geraghty and Doug Dickerson, have expressed concern that the provincial government will ignore the local planning process while implementing the project.

Choose school contest winners

CLAREMONT — Judges have chosen the winners in the Claremont Public School Poster and Essay Contest.

The theme of the school-wide competition was conservation, a subject the pupils explored during Education Week in April.

Local merchants donated a total of \$80. Winners were awarded \$8, while runners-up received \$3.

In the essay competition, winners are: Pam Evans, primary division; Lori Knapp, junior; and Vince

Morgan, senior. Runners-up are: Darlene Jordan, Marcus Meitsch, primary; Courtney Graham, Cathy Craig, junior; and Sharyn Fiss, Kelli Creel and Burk Pugh, senior.

Top entrants in the poster contest are: Jack McArthur, primary; April Winterstein, junior; and Susan Gammage, senior. Jake Taylor, Steve Lehman, primary; Jeremy Fiss, Arnold Wallace, junior; and Mark Albert and Darlene Gammage, senior, are the runners-up.

Resident prized flower garden

BROUGHAM — Rev. Edward Cook conducted services for Mildred Aurilla Gillman in the chapel of McEachnie Funeral Home, May 14.

Mrs. Gillman passed away at Fairview Lodge, Whitby, on May 11. She was 86.

Born the daughter of Edgar and Rose Barnett, she later married John L. Gillman, on April 25, 1925, and moved with him to Brougham, 54 years ago.

After living on an area farm they built a home in the hamlet

38 years ago. Mr. Gillman passed away Nov. 19, 1965. Last November, Mildred moved to Fairview Lodge.

A loving, patient mother and housewife, Mildred was always busy cooking, sewing, and preserving. Everyone was made to feel welcome in her home.

She was a member of Joy Rebekah Lodge, and a great reader and embroiderer until a stroke left her blind. Mildred cultivated a lovely flower

garden, and visitors always left with a bouquet in their hand. She was identified with St. John's United Church, Brougham.

She is survived by daughters Dorothy Titus, of Haliburton, Norma Vickers RR.1 Brechin, and Mildred Spang, Uxbridge; a son, Roland Harden of Ajax; 11 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

She is predeceased by her husband, John, and one daughter, Ruth.



Some kids get together to play

Hilliard and Georgina Stiner, RR 1, Claremont (Brock Road) raise horses. But they also have two nanny goats who each gave birth to triplets, a rarity in the animal kingdom. Their grandson,

Brett Myers of Uxbridge, appears slightly lost among the other "kids".

—Ed Schroeter

Support rental of community hall

BROUGHAM — The Town of Pickering's executive committee has voted unanimously to maintain the hamlet's community hall and ballpark for residents, and will recommend Council grant the community \$4,000 to upgrade the facilities.

Before agreeing to continue renting the expropriated building from the federal government, Pickering Council asked Brougham citizens to show a meaningful parks and recreation program had been developed; provide the names of people to be in charge of the hall and program; and provide regular inspection and maintenance of the hall.

Gordon McGregor, a spokesman for the hamlet's citizens, told the committee a

very extensive program exists and assured members both facilities will thrive.

He expressed disappointment when Pickering recreation director Tom Quinn recommended only \$2,500 be expended to bring the hall up to a "minimum standard."

Mr. McGregor said, "There have been times when residents of Brougham have felt they are being ignored by Council. We're in a situation now where we not only need moral support, but financial assistance as well."

Councillor Doug Dickerson proposed the committee recommend the \$4,000 outlay, noting it won't be enough to do all the work, but may prompt residents to collect the rest of the money in a fund-raising drive.

Cafik defeated

ONTARIO RIDING — Norm Cafik, the Multi-Cultural Minister in the Trudeau Cabinet, went down to defeat, Tuesday, losing out to Scott Fennell of the P.C.'s by more than 7,000 votes. At press time, it was 14,827 for Cafik and 21,189

for Fennell. Geoff Rison of the N.D.P. came in third with just over 11,000.

Cafik was one of twelve Liberal Cabinet Ministers knocked off in the Clark-led Progressive Conservative victory.