

School policy

STOUFFVILLE — Repeating the Lord's Prayer is policy at all Stouffville schools. The Tribune learned this week, in fact, at Stouffville High, it's carried over the public address system, with a different student volunteering each morning.

Vice-principal Ron Mercer likes the practice, claiming the personal involvement adds greater meaning to what's being said. He claims there have been no complaints from anyone, attributing this to parents who "consider themselves Canadians first and foremost and do not necessarily wish to perpetuate their ethnic backgrounds generation after generation".

While legislating religion into the system may not be acceptable to some, he admitted, it could be ignored completely if left to the individual. "How many families do you know where prayers are said daily within the home?" he asked.

At Ballantrae School, not only is the Lord's Prayer repeated, but verses of Scripture are read and hymns are sung in every room, principal John McLaughlin said. Bible readings are taken by student volunteers. It's much the same at Orchard Park and Summitview Schools in Stouffville, with no "outside pressures" whatsoever, the principals said.

Tree-planting program

STOUFFVILLE — Earlier this summer, Mayor Eldred King announced plans for a tree-planting program along the Main Street of Stouffville, costing ten thousand dollars.

While little's been heard of it since, Council last week agreed to follow through on the project, not this year, but

next and not \$10,000 worth but \$12,300.

A total of 41 trees will be planted, likely early next spring. The Town will put up \$10,000 and attempt to obtain the rest from service organizations.

Getting the people involved, gained verbal support from Councillor Jim Doble. He felt local townsfolk should

be encouraged to help make the community a better place in which to live.

Councillor Bill McNalley felt the school children could play a part by setting aside time for tree-planting on Arbor Day.

However, it is not the intent of Council to keep pace with the flowers and foliage

on the Main Street of Markham. Most felt Markham's effort "a little over-done".

Councillor Jim Sanders pointed to a government grant system for business improvement in which tree-planting would apply. He said that, to his knowledge, the downtown merchants hadn't requested assistance.

Four nuns create stir

STOUFFVILLE — Four nuns, associated with an organization called "Apostles of Infinite Love," caused a stir in Stouffville, last week, by going door-to-door collecting funds.

While the ladies themselves declined comment on the purpose of their visit, a spokesperson in Toronto said all money would go to erect a monastery in St. Jovite, Quebec. The original structure, that accommodated close to 400 people, was destroyed by fire in 1976, she said. There was no insurance on the building and government funding has been refused.

The sect, that has come under media criticism, operates outside the Church of Rome. However, it is federally registered as a legitimate charity and can solicit donations for its cause.

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AIRPORT: GOV'T MISLED

By JIM THOMAS

STOUFFVILLE — "We told you so". That's what People or Planes committee members are saying (or should be saying), following the release of Walter Stewart's mind-boggling documentary entitled "Paper Juggernaut - Big Government Gone Mad".

The 207-page report digs below the surface of the Pickering Airport fiasco and allegedly unearths facts that had been rumored for years but never substantiated; a \$300 million dollar project that's already cost the taxpayers of Canada \$500 million with nothing (except 18,000 acres of farmland) to show for the expense.

While the P.O.P. people now have something solid on which to base their anti-airport arguments, Jim Sanders, a member of Whitchurch-Stouffville Council looks at the issue from another side. He says he's now more certain than ever that Transport Ministry officials in Ottawa relied too heavily on recommendations from civil servants, employees whose only goal was to establish a second airport somewhere

beyond the boundaries of Metro Toronto.

"The Cabinet obviously wasn't given the true facts," he said, in a telephone interview with The Tribune.

While claiming that the Transport Ministry is too airport-prone, he doesn't fault the ministers for coming up with what he contends was a totally wrong decision. "They acted on the advice of their advisors," he said adding that, in this case, it was wrong advice.

What's even more irritating to Mr. Sanders than this, is the fact, so much pertinent information was kept secret. "If everything had been brought out in the open from the start, it never would have got off the ground".

Jim Sanders recalled one instance when a group of P.O.P. people attended a rally in Ottawa and Bob Lewis of Bloomington requested a specific piece of information. The official said it was back at his office and when Bob Lewis agreed to accompany him there to obtain it, the offer was flatly refused.

In councillor Sanders words, "it was a fairy story from the start and they kept building on it".

He strongly supports P.O.P.'s "Green Door Policy" whereby much of the government-owned agricultural land would be sold back to individual farmers through a Farm Credit Corporation or long-term, low interest mortgages.

Clark Muirhead, a former Uxbridge Twp. councillor said he always had strong suspicions that unsavory manoeuvres were going on behind the scenes. The book, he said, bears this out.

Pat McClellan of Cedar Grove summed it up this way. "The whole thing would be hilariously funny if it wasn't so tragically sad".

Airport book a best seller

Walter Stewart's "Paper Juggernaut" is the hottest seller ever stocked, John Lord of John Lord's Books, 36 Main Street East, Stouffville, told The Tribune.

He received a shipment of 100 copies, Thursday evening and by Friday night, half were gone. He's contemplating a re-order this week.

"Any time I sell fifty books in one day, it has to be hot stuff," he said. The sale price is \$14.95.

New legislation

Town fights tax increase

STOUFFVILLE — The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville is prepared to fight a proposed assessment equalization program that, if implemented by the province, could raise the taxes on the average home here by as much as \$40 a year.

Mayor Eldred King revealed this week that the municipality had joined forces with Georgina, East Gwillimbury and King to check the validity of calculations used and, if found incorrect, to file an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board.

Assessment figures, based on 1975 market values, would

Eight-unit subdivision

WHITCHURCH — The Region of York has given draft approval to the creation of an eight-unit residential subdivision on Ninth Line North near Hillsdale Drive, Musselman's Lake.

The property, owned by Kenneth Ratcliff, R.R. 2, Stouffville, was first presented to Town Planning Committee three years ago, Mayor Eldred King told The Tribune. The site is part of the Ballantrae-Musselman's Lake Secondary Plan.

Describing the proposal as "a logical request," Mayor King said notification would be circulated among home-owners in the area giving them an opportunity to register opposition if they so wish.

force Whitchurch-Stouffville to pick up an additional \$144,000 while Georgina, would be 'stuck' for almost a million, the mayor said.

While the proposed plan would have a detrimental effect on the four municipalities named, Markham, Newmarket and Vaughan would enjoy a tax decrease, he stated.

The final appeal date is Nov. 7, so fast action is necessary, Mayor King explained. The firm of McCarthy & McCarthy in Toronto has been retained to research the planned legislation. The legal costs will be divided four ways according to the assessment of each, the mayor said.

He said other towns and townships across Ontario, hard hit like Whitchurch-Stouffville, would likely be fighting it too.

Eldred King says he has no objections to the Town paying its fair share, but he wants to make sure the factor used in arriving at the finalized figure is correct. If so, he feels the increase should be spread over a two to three year period.

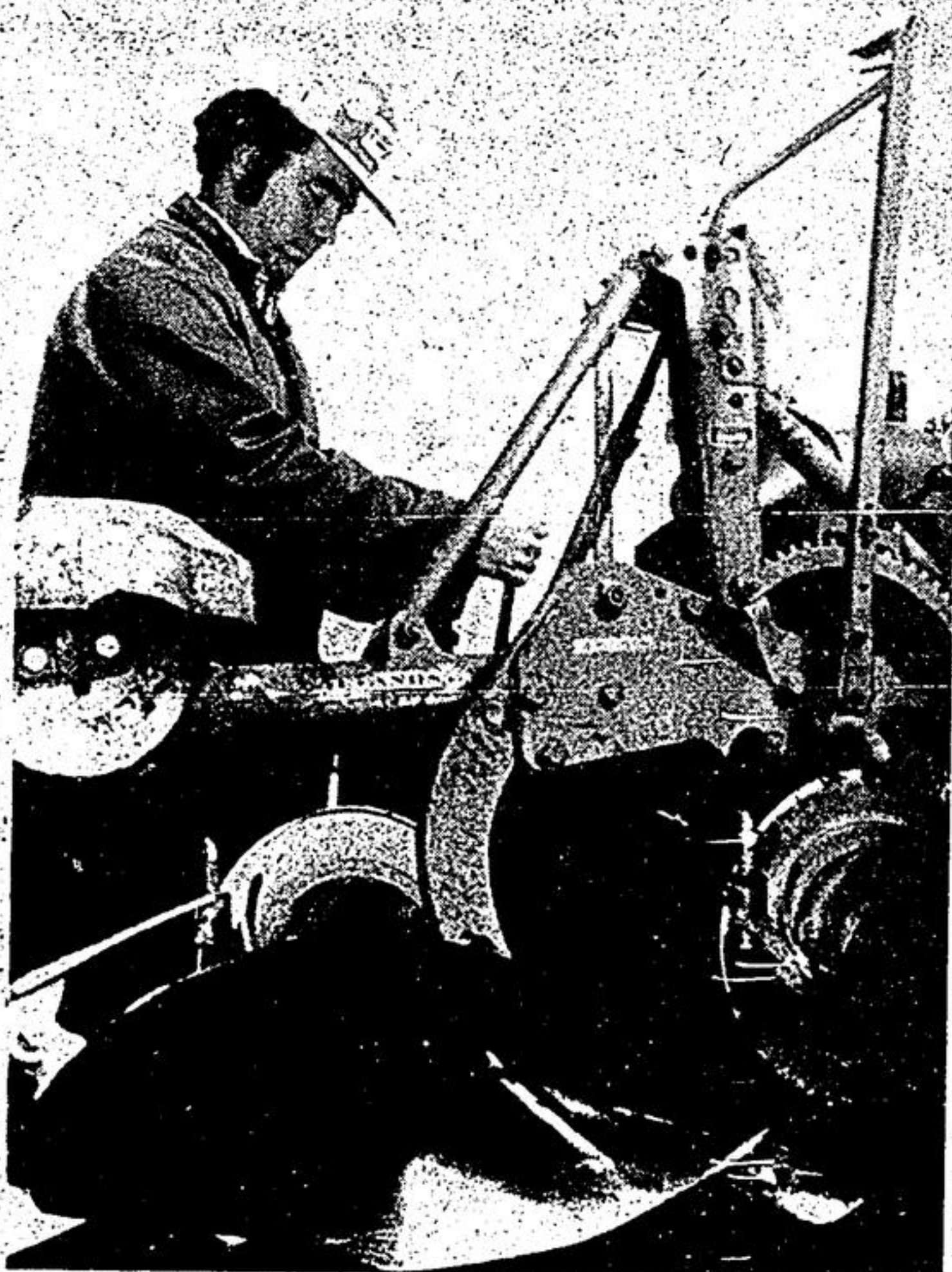
In dollars and cents, it would mean Whitchurch-Stouffville would have to raise an additional \$68,000 for regional purposes; \$76,000 for Public School education and \$5,000 for Separate School education.

While the tax increase would vary with each property, the mayor said, those residing on 25 acre lots with a non-agricultural use "will really get clipped".



There were 61 entries in the North York Plowing Match, Saturday, on the Jim Sabiston farm, Bloomington Road and Hwy. 48. The Novelty Class for non-farmers included a plow of a different

age, handled here by Fred Timbers of Stouffville. Ernest Davis (left); the eventual winner, offers a few coaching tips. Jim Thomas



Like his father, Brian Degeer, R.R. 3, Mount Albert, has won many awards at both branch and international matches. Success often depends on correct plow adjustments. Jim Thomas

Two brothers

Plow 'kings'

WHITCHURCH — The King Bros., Rod and Jan of Stouffville, R.R. 4, came through with superlative plowing performances, Saturday, two win three classes and two specials in the 57th annual North York Match at Jim Sabiston's farm, Bloomington Road, west of Hwy. 48.

Rod King placed first in Class 3-Tractor, (18 years and under) and Class 10-Tractor Utility, (17 years and under). He also won the William Simpson Memorial Trophy and fifteen dollars for the best plowed land in tractor classes by a resident of North York, 18 years or under.

Jan King took Class 2-Tractor, (15 years and under). In addition, he receives the Stouffville Dist. Credit Union Trophy and \$25 for the best plowed land by a resident of North York, 15 years and under.

Fred Timbers, an executive director, called the work "exceptional", especially by the boys. He said a high growth of alfalfa and some stone, presented a challenge to the lads but didn't faze them.

Including the Novelty Class (open to non-farmers), there

were 61 entries. Judges were Les Smith of Blackwater and Ed Gray, Toronto. Results follow:

Class 1 - Anthony Featherstone, Milliken; Wm. Gorrell, Oakwood. Class 2 - Jan King, Stouffville; Tom Robinson, Cookstown; John Robinson, Cookstown. Class 3 - Rod King, Stouffville; Eric Timbers, Stouffville; Ken Wells, Stouffville. Class 4 - Greg Timbers, Sandford; Kevin Wells, Stouffville; Lorne Britton, Clarendon. Class 5 - Floyd Forsyth, Stouffville; Brian Degeer, Mt. Albert; Ken Ferguson, Stouffville. Class 6 - Jim Ferguson, Sunderland; Ellis Britton, Clarendon; Gord Bradfield, Peterborough. Class 7 - Bob Campsall, Dale Snodden, Sunderland; Ivan Bacon, Uxbridge. Class 8 - Don Dunkeld, Zephyr; Gord Bradfield, Peterborough; Floyd Forsyth, Stouffville. Class 9 - Kevin Wells, Stouffville; Greg Timbers, Sandford; Lorne Britton, Clarendon. Class 10 - Rod King, Stouffville; Ken Wells, Stouffville; Kevin Grose, Mt. Albert. Novelty Class - Ernie Davis, Stouffville; Fred Timbers, Stouffville; Art Mitchell, Sutton; Howard Timbers, Aurora.

Finals

STOUFFVILLE — Junior fastball's equivalent to the World Series, will be played in Stouffville this weekend.

It will be Stouffville against Kirkland Lake here Saturday at 4 p.m. and again Sunday at 11 a.m. If a third game is necessary, it will be 3 p.m., Sunday.

Stouffville defeated Kirkland Lake for the Ontario Juvenile Championship last year and earned the right to advance to the junior finals in '79 by beating out Smith's Falls and Fullarton.

Nudity -

who cares?

STOUFFVILLE — Some members of Town Council are offended by public nudity and feel people should be protected from it.

Mayor Eldred King admits he can't get too excited over the issue, one way or another, particularly, if the prevention is going to cost the taxpayers of Whitchurch-Stouffville a lot of money.

The mayor told The Tribune that the firm of Mingay & Associates has been instructed to look into the preparation of an "anti-nude" bylaw. "If it can be passed and enforced, our solicitors will prepare it. If it can't, they won't," he stated bluntly.

He said members' concern related to shows allegedly being staged at a restaurant-tavern in Ballantrae.

Mayor King said he personally had contacted ten people in the immediate area and none voiced complaints. He noted too, that despite all the publicity, he had received no phone calls at his office.

An honor

STOUFFVILLE — "No, they didn't win," replied Gloria Grove of Baillieboro (and formerly of Stouffville), when contacted by The Tribune concerning results at the Canadian Plowing Championships near Fredericton, New Brunswick.

Herb Jarvis of Sheppard Avenue, Agincourt, placed 10th, she said. Lloyd Grove came in twelfth.

"They would like to have done better," she said, "but still considered it an honor to get that far".

The weather for the match was good, she stated, and the people extremely friendly.

Mr. Jarvis is competing this week at The International near Chatham.

Mother-daughter Aid to injured

MARKHAM — A mother and daughter, both registered nurses, assisted at the scene of a car-bus crash, Thursday morning, that injured four persons, one seriously.

Pat Warriner, R.R. 2, Markham, approached the intersection of 17th Avenue and McCowan Road, only minutes after the accident occurred. Two of the passengers from the east-bound car were lying in the ditch. One was unconscious. She immediately returned for blankets, at the same time, calling to her daughter Valerie for assistance. Together, they helped comfort the victims until ambulances arrived.

Most seriously hurt was Marcie Hubbard, 15, of Richmond Hill. She remains a

patient in Sunnybrook Hospital where her condition is reported as critical. The car's driver, Lizarute Tavares, 17, of no fixed address and a second passenger, Linda Schneider, 16, also of Richmond Hill were treated in hospital and released.

Emile Arnott, 22, of Pickering, driver of the bus, suffered only minor injuries, despite the fact the Travelways' vehicle flipped over on its side. There were no children on board.

Police said the auto, a stolen car, was travelling east and failed to stop. The bus was headed north. Tavares stands charged with possession of a stolen vehicle; dangerous driving and driving a motor vehicle without an operator's licence.

Fair opens today

MARKHAM — Markham Fair opens today, but the official opening will wait until Saturday noon: Eugene Whelan, former Minister of Agriculture, will officiate at the noon-hour ceremony along with dignitaries from all levels of government as well as executive directors of the Fair Board.

The president this year is Mac Cosburn. If good weather prevails, the Class "A" country exhibition is expected to draw close to 100,000 people over a four-day period. It's the fair's third year at the present site, 18th Avenue and McCowan Road.

The adopted theme is "Year of the Child." While a full list of events is published in The Tribune's Markham Fair supplement, the following attractions are printed

below for readers' convenience.

Thurs., Sept. 27 - The Sky Hawks Parachute Team, 12 noon; Holstein Cattle Show (Livestock Arena), 6:15 p.m.; The "Dong Show", (Indoor Stage), 7 p.m.; Quarter Horse Racing, 7:30 p.m. Fri., Sept. 28 - Pet Show, 5 p.m.; Tractor Pull (Race Track), 7 p.m. Sat., Sept. 29 - Baby Contest, (Indoor Stage), 10 a.m.; Official Opening, 12 noon; Chip Off The Old Block Contest, (Indoor Stage), 1:30 p.m.; Standard Bred Horse Racing, 1:30 p.m.; Commercial Steer Auction, (Livestock Ring), 4 p.m.; Horse-Pulling Competition, (Livestock Arena), 7 p.m.; Fiddlers' Contest, (Indoor Stage), 7 p.m.; Quarter Horse Racing, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 30 - Spelling Bee, (Indoor Stage), 1:30 p.m.; Greyhound Racing, 1:30 p.m.; Sale of

Apples, (General Exhibits Building), 5 p.m.

Regular fair admission this year is \$2 adults and \$1.00, senior citizens. Children 6 to 15 will be charged \$1 on Saturday and Sunday; fifty cents, Thursday and Friday.



MAC COSBURN