

## Pastor berates 'garbage' books

YORK REGION — The founder of Renaissance International, Rev. Ken Campbell, called putting 'dirty' books in the classroom, "spice to keep teens in school", during a seminar at Aurora, Monday.

Thirty-five people attended the meeting to hear Rev. Campbell speak on "the mental and moral disintegration within the school system".

The speaker was critical of many present-day films and reading materials used in the curriculum. He mentioned specifically such books as "Who Has Seen The Wind?", "The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz", and "That Was Then This Is Now", all in the course outline at Stouffville High.

All were dismissed by the group as being "unsuitable for a classroom setting".

"Garbage like this comes naturally to teens in to-day's society," said the pastor. He suggested alternate literature such as "The Horseman", "Ben Hur", "The Last Spike", and "Churchill".

Rev. Campbell pointed to the fact many parents are unaware what their children are

reading in class. It's up to Renaissance to let them know, he said.

"We must make sure the school responds to our wishes. It's merely an extension of the home and should be subject to

### Three books not banned

Three books that, in the opinion of Renaissance International, should be withdrawn from all high schools in Ontario, are in use at S.D.S.S., principal Mervyn Withrow told The Tribune this week.

"That Was Then — This Is Now" is studied by students in Grade 9 (general); "Who Has Seen The Wind" is in Grade 10 (advanced) and "The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz" in Grade 12 (general).

Each, he said, had been approved by York County Board of Education and, to his knowledge, were being used at most secondary schools in the Region.

the same controls and disciplines".

Becky Wedley, Chairman of the York Chapter, said a survey would be conducted among 650 residents of York Region in December "to gather further information and opinions to be placed in a Brief. The group wants to have the results available for presentation to York County Board of Education by mid-January.

In his remarks to the audience, Rev. Campbell further questioned whether teachers themselves are living up to the Ontario Educational Act (1973) that states: "It is the duty of a teacher to inculcate by precept and example, respect for religion and the principles of Judaeo-Christian morality and the highest regard for truth, justice, loyalty, love of country, humanity, temperance and all other virtues."

This query will be included in the survey.

Becky Wedley stressed the fact that Renaissance strives for "communication not confrontation" when dealing with the problem of decaying morals at the secondary school level.

## Speaker urges

# "Get involved"

STOUFFVILLE — Get involved. That, in short, was the message Brian Kempster, Ontario Chairman of Renaissance International brought to a men's breakfast meeting at the Stouffville Missionary Church, Saturday.

The St. Thomas solicitor criticized a cross-section of parents who, although they do

not agree with the trend in public school education to-day, tend to sit back and say nothing.

"The school system should respond to the wishes of the people," he charged, claiming that a teacher is a servant of the parent just as a lawyer is a servant to his client and a physician is a servant to his patient.

Voicing objection to the type of literature used in some schools, the speaker said each parent should be entitled to choose the reading material he feels is suitable for his children. "I'm not a book-burner," he said, "I'm a book selector."

The solicitor described as unnecessary, the practice of reading entire books to discover their suitability. "The first ten lines is usually enough."

With respect to the students, Kempster claimed young people don't want a watered-down religion. "You can't fool kids to-day," he said, "they know hypocrisy when they hear it."

Stressing the positive, he described Christianity as do's not don'ts. "There's no such thing as neutral morality," he said.

Urging parental involvement, he pointed to the fact that since the people are covering the cost, the people should have a greater say in how their money is being spent. Further, he said, parents should not be penalized if they choose an alternate system.

### Official Plan

## Hold Hearing

STOUFFVILLE — Four years in the making, Whitchurch-Stouffville's Official Plan was unveiled this week and will be discussed in full at a public meeting, Thursday (tonight) in Latham Hall at 8 p.m.

The intent of the document is to "assist in the creation of a living environment that will enhance the physical, social and mental well-being of those within the Planning Area."

The ten areas of principle concern are - environmental, community development, recreation, agriculture, historical, mineral extractions, transportation, municipal services, economics and administration.

Copies of the Plan are available at the Municipal Offices or at the meeting tonight for a fee of five dollars.

### Two killed

## Car hit broadside

MARKHAM — Two people are dead and a third is in critical condition following a two-car crash, Friday morning, at the intersection of 17th Avenue and Kennedy Road in Markham.

Sixteen year old Denise Spency of 38 Munroe Street, Cannington, was pronounced dead on arrival at York Central Hospital, Richmond Hill. Gregory Weedman, 3, son of the

driver, Mrs. Diane Weedman, also of Cannington, died later in the Hospital for Sick Children. Mrs. Weedman is in Sunnybrook Medical Centre.

The other motorist, Herbert Summerhayes, 41, of Scarborough, was admitted to hospital but his injuries were not thought to be serious.

According to police, Mrs.

Weedman, driving a 1975 Pontiac, approached the intersection from the west but did not stop. Her auto was struck broadside by the Summerhayes vehicle, a 1973 Cadillac, travelling north.

The impact took both cars through a ditch on the north-east corner. Fireman from the Unionville Station were called to help release the victims.



A sixteen year old girl and a three year old boy, both passengers in this 1975 Pontiac, died following a collision with a second vehicle.

Friday, at the intersection of 17th Avenue and Kennedy Road, north of Unionville. —Jim Thomas.

### Receives coveted award



Seventeen year old Rod King, RR 4, Stouffville, was the recipient of five awards, Friday, when the North York, East York-King and Vaughan Plowmen's Associations held their annual

banquet at Victoria Square. One of the prizes received by Rod was the coveted William Simpson Memorial Trophy presented her by Mrs. Simpson. —Jim Thomas.

### Announce Canadian title

## Better competition for junior plowboys

VICTORIA SQUARE — Next year, for a first time, a junior plowing competition will be held at the national level.

The decision, approved by the Canadian Plowing Council, was outlined by Bob Timbers at the annual North York, East York-King and Vaughan Plowmen's Association banquet, Friday, in the Victoria Square Community Hall.

Site of the contest will be McDonald College, Guelph. Boys up to age 21 as of Jan. 1, 1980, will be eligible. Each member province can submit one entry.

"I'm looking forward to it," Bob said, "I hope it will be a popular and beneficial addition."

A total of 31 awards were handed out to prize-winning competitors as a result of branch matches held earlier this fall. Of these, Rod King, R.R. 4, Stouffville, received five including the Wm. Simpson Memorial Trophy and the F. Stan Tynall Memorial Award. Kevin Wells, R.R. 4, Stouffville and Floyd Forsyth, R.R. 2,

Stouffville, each won three with two awards going to Anthony Featherstone, R.R. 1, Milliken; Herb Jarvis, Agincourt; Jan King, R.R. 2, Stouffville and Bob Campsall, R.R. 2, Oshawa.

Other recipients of prizes were - Tom Robinson, R.R. 4, Cookstown; Ron Thompson, R.R. 2, Seagrave; Ken Wells, R.R. 2, Stouffville; Linda Jarvis, Agincourt; Allan Lewis, R.R. 2, Markham; Greg Timbers, Sandford; Jim Ferguson, R.R. 4, Sunderland; Don Dunkeld, R.R. 1, Zephyr; Ernest Davis, R.R. 4, Stouffville; Ken Ferguson, Stouffville and Karen Grove, Bailleboro.

Ken Brown of Richmond Hill was the master of

ceremonies. Guest speaker was Rev. Gardner Ward of Uxbridge. Others to address the gathering included Don Pearson, a director with the Ontario Plowmen's Association; Carl Timbers, coach of the Canadian entry in the World Match at Ireland and Les Smith, a judge at the two branch competitions.

The accomplishments of Eric Timbers and Ken Wells at the International near Chatham were accorded enthusiastic ovations. Eric and Ken were branch association champions. Eric then won the reserve championship for the province, allowing him to advance to the Canadian finals at Guelph next year.

### At Bloomington

## Reject subdivision

BLOOMINGTON — A proposal to develop fifteen lots on the north-east corner of the Ninth Line and the Bloomington Road into a residential subdivision, has been turned down by Planning Board.

Clay Clouter, representing owner Ron Fisco, said a large pond on the property would be filled in, thus eliminating drainage problems. He pointed out that under the old Official Plan, such a project was permissible.

Clouter was told he could

### Welcome

STOUFFVILLE — Stouffville is awaiting the arrival of its first refugee family. Two married couples and an eleven year old girl, are expected here either Friday or Monday. They are natives of Laos.

At present, they're staying at a government centre in Edmonton.

Apartment accommodation is waiting for them at a country home on 18th Avenue, west of Kennedy Road near Cashel.

proceed under the old Plan and object at a hearing related to the new one. And if this failed, he could appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board.

The speaker called this unfair claiming a citizen shouldn't have to employ a solicitor to obtain rights that are legally his in the first place.

Councillor Jim Doble said the Town already had several residential subdivisions underway and shouldn't entertain more.

Planning chairman, Councillor June Button said she didn't like the thought of build-up occurring on each of the hamlet's four corners.

## Plane lands on sideroad

MARKHAM — Some expert flying and "a little bit of luck" enabled the pilot of a single-engine Piper Colt to land the plane safely on 18th Avenue, Markham, Saturday, without injury to himself or his son.

Karl Bracken and son Douglas were en route from the Island Airport in Toronto to Lindsay when they encountered motor problems. As they neared the airport at Dickson's Hill, the engine quit completely, making a forced landing necessary.

The pilot was able to miss hydro wires but the right wheel hit the ditch and collapsed. This dropped the right wing tip into the ground.

The craft skidded to a stop along the edge of the road.

David Barnett, the airport's assistant-manager, was one of the first to reach the scene. Together, they pushed the plane over to Hwy. 48, then onto airport property where repairs will likely be made.

### Parade Saturday

STOUFFVILLE — Santa Claus comes to town, Saturday. He'll be preceded by more than 60 parade entries, including a dozen bands, majorettes and floats.

The procession will lead off from the area of Stouffer Street and Hwy. 47 at 2 p.m. and conclude at the Stouffville Plaza. The three judges, Town Councillor Becky Wedley, Legion President John McCracken and Lions President Jim Richards will select winners in six categories - Best Over-all, Best Christmas Theme, Best Group or Club Float, Most Humorous Float, Best School and an Honorable Mention.

The event is organized by the Kin and Kinette Clubs of Stouffville, in co-operation with local businessmen. The parade chairman is Ted Coward. The co-chairman is Ken Smurthwaite.