



Prime Minister Joe Clark and editor-in-chief Jim Thomas chat during the exclusive portion of an interview Mr. Clark accorded The **Stouffville Tribune** on Thursday.

Board tells teachers

Let Province set salaries

YORK REGION — In what must be regarded as a milestone in trustee-teacher diplomacy, the York County Board of Education has recommended that in future, all salary negotiations be taken over by the Province with the Board assuming responsibility only for working conditions.

The proposal, approved by a vote of 13-3 with two abstentions, came about after a committee was set up to review Bill 100. Participating members included Board director Sam Chapman; Chairperson Dorothy Zajac of King; Harry Bowes, Whitchurch-Stouffville; and John Myers of Markham.

The six-page report highlighted a Board of Education meeting, Monday night.

Speaking in support of the recommendations, John Myers called them "sound and long overdue".

Donald Cameron of Vaughan suggested the move should reduce the kind of strike action experienced in the past.

"It's a good start towards straightening out one of the worst pieces of legislation in history," said Craig Cribar of Newmarket.

The lone dissenting voice was that of Separate School trustee, Michael Neill. He said the take-over of salary negotiations by the province, had not worked elsewhere. He cited Quebec as an example where provincial level discussions had broken down and teachers are currently out on strike.

In urging some kind of action, the committee made it plain that, because of problems related mainly to teacher salaries, "the public education system is falling into disrepute".

The report, in pointing to the many improvements that had been enacted in recent years, noted that people on the outside have concluded that Teacher Federations have adopted a new priority which puts teacher welfare first and the needs of the pupils second.

"A law (Bill 100), that allows damage to the teacher-pupil relationship which inevitably results from a 'work-to-rule' strike, is a law that requires change," the recommendation said.

Hydro chairman cool to expansion

STOUFFVILLE — Leave well enough alone. That, in a nutshell, is what Chairman Ken Laushway of the Stouffville Hydro Commission is saying on the subject of expansion.

He feels that with only 2,000 customers in the former village and 3,000 in rural Whitchurch, the cost of expanding the facility to take in the entire Town is prohibitive—at this time.

Chairman Laushway doesn't deny the fact that Whitchurch rates, under Ontario Hydro, are higher than in Stouffville. He points out, however, that many obviously appreciate the benefits of living in the country or they wouldn't have chosen it for their place of residence.

He says he's personally had no formal requests from Whitchurch people, asking for a change in systems.

Mr. Laushway claims no move can be made until Ontario Hydro comes up with an estimate as to what facilities are worth. Two years ago, the value was more than two million dollars. "It's likely more now," he said.

Stouffville hydro customers, he feels, might not object too strongly to a rate hike of four or five per cent, but not fifteen to twenty per cent.

The system in the former village, operated by an appointed Commissioner, is working well, the former mayor says, mainly because of staff ef-

iciency and partly because of an operation that's completely debt free.

A new \$25,000 storage garage is completely paid for and a new \$38,000 ladder truck is included in the 1980 budget. The hydro building on Main Street, east of the tracks is also paid off.

The chairman described the three 'outside' employees, including superintendent Gordon

Brown as "excellent men". In addition to reading more than 1,000 meters every month, they provide service 24 hours a day, seven days a week. "The three inside employees are just as good," he stated. Close to 1,000 bills are typed up and mailed out each month, he explained.

"We couldn't have a finer group of people," the chairman concluded.

P.M. praises Stevens for finance efficiency

(Exclusive to The Stouffville Tribune)

By JIM THOMAS

Immaculate, neat, trim, clean-cut.

Friendly, pleasant, sincere, honest.

Thirteen editors representing thirteen Inland newspapers, will be drawing their own conclusions this week, following a press conference, Thursday with Charles Joseph Clark, the Prime Minister of Canada.

I saw him in the light of the descriptives above, a gentleman much like the neighbor next door or the businessman down the street. But there was one thing more, a dominant characteristic that caught my attention—an ability to address himself to every subject, including topics far removed from

the usual field of weekly journalistic endeavors.

However, he seemed all the more relaxed when speaking on matters closer to home, like York-Peel's P.C. standard-bearer, Sinclair Stevens. The Prime Minister praised 'Sinc' for the efficiency with which he had carried out his duties as President of the Treasury Board. He said he felt the local Member was more than a little surprised when given that post but "he went at it like a terrier". He pointed out that Mr. Stevens' diplomatic skills had proven very important to the Government.

Touching briefly on the problems of mixing politics with family life, Mr. Clark admitted "it's difficult". Biting criticism directed against me, I can take, he said, but it's sometimes tough on my wife and my parents. Then re-directing his

thoughts back to the political arena, he said, "minority governments are tough on everybody—like living on the edge of a precipice."

Questioned on the high cost of energy, particularly oil, the Prime Minister said there's no simple solution. "We can't run away from it," he stated. He agreed, however, that Canada shouldn't necessarily have to pay the world price, perhaps 85 per cent, he said.

He described Canadians as "the world's leading energy-wasters." "We have a very significant reserve," he said, "but eventually we'll run out. We must find other sources."

He noted that when President Carter of the United States introduced his energy conservation program, he was accorded a standing ovation, "but when I did it, the Government was defeated."

With reference to the Moscow Olympics, Mr. Clark expressed a desire to have the games go on but not in Russia. If it's not possible to switch the competitions to another site, he would recommend a boycott, he said.

Focusing in on the election itself, the Prime Minister said that, as far as he's concerned, the real campaign had just begun. He admitted that, to be successful, the Party must do well in Ontario "and I feel we will."

Suspect surrenders

STOUFFVILLE — A 44 year old Stouffville area man surrendered to police at No. 19 Division, Newmarket, Sunday, after a warrant had been issued for his arrest.

John David Carnie was wanted for questioning in connection with an armed robbery, Dec. 31, at Post's

Plaza site up for sale

STOUFFVILLE — Vacant property at the corner of Main Street East and Tenth Line North, originally to accommodate a small plaza, is up for sale.

The site, that includes 2.8 acres, is listed by Dick Martin of A.E. LePage Ltd., for \$525,000. It's zoned commercial.

A disagreement arose between the owners and the Town with regard to establishing a supermarket at this location. The municipality argued that another store of this size wouldn't be needed until the 500-home Dulverton development went ahead to the north.

Sinoco Station, Main Street West. An estimated \$400 was taken from the cash register at the time.

Pulled a knife A 15 year old juvenile was charged, last week, with having a weapon dangerous to the public peace after an argument erupted at a Stouffville area residence. It is alleged that the accused pulled a knife on Douglas Moore, Stouffville,

Prodigal pet porker placed back in pen

GOODWOOD — "Miss Pinky", a 250 pound pet pig, missing several days, is back in her pen.

Owner Onya Furey reported her strayed from the property, Jan. 21 and felt certain that, unless found immediately, she'd end up between someone's sandwich.

She notified The Tribune and the Page 1 story was picked up by Eddie Luther of C.K.E.Y. Last Thursday, John Smith

R.R. 4 and pointed it, at the complainant. The suspect was arrested a short time later.

Bars removed Three 100-pound bars, removed from the premises of Cable Tech Wire Co. Ltd., in Stouffville, have been recovered. Their value was estimated at \$1,800. One of the bars was found in a home at Goodwood and two others at a residence in Toronto.

and Don Graham spotted the porker ambling along Hwy. 47. Enquiries followed and the pet was returned safe and sound.

"She was exhausted," Mrs. Furey said, "so exhausted, she laid her head in my lap and went sound asleep."

As an expression of appreciation, Onya presented bouquets of flowers to all persons responsible for Miss Pinky's safe return.



Quilts for good cause

On Saturday, eleven Markham area ladies gathered at the Town Museum for an old-fashioned quilting-bee, including Norma (Mrs. Scott) Brown of 16th Avenue, R.R. 2, Markham. The product of their handiwork will be sold at annual Heritage Festival in September.

Query salary of manager

STOUFFVILLE — Whitchurch-Stouffville has hired a new Town administrator, but the decision, Jan. 22, was by no means unanimous.

Councillors Bill Kamps (Ward 4) and June Button (Ward 5), considered the employee's \$35,000 salary figure too high, in the light of the fact,

A real beauty

WHITCHURCH — "I didn't expect to win, I only wanted to sell my car," commented Terry Radford after his beautiful 1960 red Corvette placed second in its class at last weekend's Speed-Sport Show, Toronto.

Terry's owned the classy automobile two years. It can be bought for \$11,000.

Ralph Corner, with 23 years experience, was earning several thousand dollars less.

Both members argued in favor of an alternate arrangement that, they said, could save the municipality considerable money. Councillor Kamps suggested the Town could be adequately served by the clerk and treasurer now on staff. He asked that it be given a fair trial.

Councillor Jim Sanders (Ward 6) claimed that if the new administrator does everything that's expected of him, "he'll earn every penny."

Out of eight applicants interviewed, Council settled on the clerk-administrator from the Town of Leamington. Harold Caldwell will take over the new post, March 10.

Dog control irks mayor

STOUFFVILLE — Mention dogs to Mayor Eldred King and he'll bark; maybe bite. That's how he feels about the Town taking charge of canine control. He's opposed.

By creating such a department, the municipality is "bureaucracy building," he told The Tribune.

Private operators, like Kennel Inn at Aurora, are experts in that business. He admitted that response to every call wasn't always immediate, but neither will it be with the Town in charge, particularly

when it's only one man with one van.

Mayor King feels the new employee, whoever he may be, will try and do his best. But the best will not be good enough when people demand instant action.

"As long as there are dogs, there will be dog problems," he said, adding that there's no reason to think animal owners will co-operate any better with a municipal-operated service than they did with one operated privately.

Mayor King claims the Council should have looked into comparison costs more closely, suggesting that many hidden expenses will come to light once the department's in operation.

'Snowbirds' at Fair

MARKHAM — The Snowbirds, a famed aerobatic team that has performed at the C.N.E. and other top shows, is coming to Markham Fair.

Rogers Gardham, the fair's publicity director confirmed, Monday, that a commitment had indeed been received for Thurs., Oct. 2. "It should prove a major attraction," Mr. Gardham said.

The Snowbirds are considered to be one of the top formation flying units in the world, thrilling thousands wherever they go.

Promotions

STOUFFVILLE — George Wilson, Rose Avenue, is the new deputy-chief of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Fire Department. He fills the position made vacant by the resignation of Fred Castle.

Bill Brown is a brigade captain and Grant Turner, a lieutenant. Joe Lewis is the department's secretary-treasurer.

One volunteer must still be named as a replacement for Marvin Betz.