

# Fear drop-outs over ice costs

STOUFFVILLE — There's concern within the executives of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Minor Hockey Association and the Stouffville Figure Skating Club over escalating costs of ice time that could make registration fees prohibitive.

Speaking before a meeting of the Recreation Committee, Feb. 6, Ed Grimshaw said most of hockey's increased budget for 1980 would be "swallowed up" by a higher ice rental rate.

He admitted that fees had purposely been kept down so that all boys who want to play, can play. At the same time, he noted that receipts from registrations were falling behind the hourly cost for ice.

Even worse, there's fear that registration itself will fall off, particularly in Midget and Bantam ranks where lads pay their own fees from money earned through summer jobs. "They'll be the first to look elsewhere," commented John Hutchinson, the committee chairman.

It was estimated that to 'dress' a young hockey player today for his initial season, could cost a minimum of \$250.

Last year's Minor Hockey Association budget was \$20,220 and they ended up with a \$4,421 deficit. This year, their request stands at \$30,000.

Frances Thorne of the Figure Skating Club said their organization had already been hit by reduced registrations,

down to 229 from 287. She attributed this to increased costs, noting that five of the town's senior skaters had gone to Unionville because afternoon ice time's available free of charge.

Mrs. Thorne explained the difficulty in raising funds through other means, saying "all organizations are doing the same thing; we've reached the saturation point."

They're asking \$9,442.00, up from \$7,750.00 in '79.

Other budget requests follow: Town Band - \$4,642; Youth Bowling Club - \$546; All-Star Softball - \$3,661; Minor Softball - \$1,690; Youth Soccer - \$1,000; Ballantrae Playground - \$2,221; Girls Hockey - \$3,113; Rugger - \$1,000.

The total budget last year was held to around \$45,000. Grant requisitions this year are up to \$57,315.

The \$4,642 request for the Town Band includes \$2,644 for new uniforms. Leader David Howard said he would like to see regular concerts staged in the Park.

The Youth Bowling is close to maximum, Lloyd Kerswell reported, with around 130 boys and girls registered.

The Soccer Club has grown to 375 players, necessitating expansion from sixteen to twenty-six teams, stated president Casey Van Maris.

The Ballantrae Playground Program will cater to children

ranging in age from five to 14 years. The chairperson is councillor Becky Wedley. Instruction will be provided by one senior, two leaders and a part-time junior.

## Barn blaze Arson suspected

STOUFFVILLE — The Fire Marshal's Office has been called in to investigate the cause of a blaze, Feb. 4, that destroyed a barn, an adjoining shed, twelve goats and three sheep on the property of Archie Baldwin, Bethesda Sideroad, R.R. 2, Stouffville.

Chief Walter Smith said his suspicions were aroused when he observed tracks in the snow, leading to the rear of the buildings.

The frame structures were engulfed by flames when brigade units arrived.

A report is expected later this month, Chief Smith said.

## Top position for principal

STOUFFVILLE — Keith Sutherland, former principal at Orchard Park School in Stouffville and more recently at Unionville, has been promoted to the position of Staff Supervisory Officer with the York County Board of Education.

The advancement, an-

nounced Monday, becomes effective, March 1.

Mr. Sutherland will succeed Terry Gray, who leaves the end of this month to take over a post with the Board of Education in Sault Ste. Marie.

The highly respected principal, who still lives in Stouffville, is recognized for his ability to help staff members achieve their full potential. He will work with supervisory officers Tim Roebuck and Dr. Peter Ross in the areas of classroom observation and program evaluation.

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## Trucker injured

WHITCHURCH — A Stouffville area gravel truck driver was injured, last week when his vehicle overturned at a construction site, pinning him beneath.

According to reports, Gary Gilroy, Conc. 6, had gone to a location in Newmarket and was enquiring as to where he should dump his load. At that moment, the hand brake released, allowing the truck to roll forward.

As Gary attempted to stop it, the vehicle hit an incline, flipping it over on one side. The driver, in attempting to escape, was struck by the release lever on the box, opening a 39-stitch gash on his leg.

## Committed to metric

STOUFFVILLE — While Town Council is on record as opposed to further extension of the current metric system, the decision was not unanimous as reported in The Tribune, Feb. 7.

"The government's committed to the change," said Jim Sanders in an interview, Friday, "the matter's out of our jurisdiction."

The Ward 6 member, explained that metric instruction is now complete from Kindergarten through Grade 13. Text book companies and firms like Toledo Scales, have already spent great sums on the change-over. Industry, he pointed out, is also gearing itself to metrication.

While the previous Liberal government was criticized for imposing metric on the public, in Britain, the government was criticized for not taking a strong enough stand, Mr. Sanders said.

"Right now, I'm not quite sure where we're at," he admitted, adding that Council, through its action, was setting a bad example.

## Tops class

GORMLEY — Gormley's David Nelson, one of the most talented musicians this area has known, scored a first and a second in two classes at the 37th annual Kiwanis Music Festival.

The 17 year old Grade 12 student at Richmond Hill High, gained an 87 per cent or higher in each category. Some had as many as forty entries.

On Friday, David will participate in the festival's semi-finals and, if successful, advance to the trophy finals, Saturday.

## Church St. South

# Car owners ticked off

STOUFFVILLE — Home-owners on Church Street South are annoyed at waking up in the morning and finding parking tickets attached to car windshields.

With no driveways, these people have no other choice but to leave their vehicles on the road, Councillor Jim Sanders told a meeting, Feb. 5. He recommended special stickers be provided that would free them from parking fines in the future.

However, the proposal found little favor. Councillor June Button said other residents facing similar problems, would expect the same treatment.

It was suggested that with space available at the rear of the Municipal Offices, cars could be left there.

Mayor Eldred King agreed Council should check into the complaints. He noted, however, that any cost involved in the printing of stickers would have to be borne by the owners.

## Workman hurt

BLOOMINGTON — A 41 year old Bloomington man was seriously injured, Friday, when he fell from a ladder while climbing down from a roof at 12 Knight's Place.

Sam Tesoro of 9 Knight's Place, landed on his back. He was rushed by ambulance to Scarborough General Hospital where x-rays revealed a fractured spine.

## Nothing is free Arena rental fair-Mayor

STOUFFVILLE — In spite of complaints, Mayor Eldred King isn't convinced hockey and figure skating are pricing themselves out of the market.

The mayor was responding to reports out of a Town Recreation Committee meeting, last week, that ice costs at the Arena were becoming prohibitive.

"It hasn't reached the point where it's keeping kids away," Mayor King replied.

The question council must

decide is how much the non-user should pay, he stated. "Certainly, he must pay something," he agreed.

The mayor explained that to subsidize recreation by an additional \$25,000, would cost each taxpayer in Whitchurch-Stouffville an extra seven dollars this year.

The Town, he said, must establish its priorities, adding that nothing is free regardless of whether the municipality provides it or the parents contribute towards it.

## Car's plunge kills youth

YORK REGION — Ice conditions on Lake Simcoe, described by York Regional Police as "extremely dangerous", led to the death of a 15 year old Mount Albert boy, Saturday.

Timothy Heeley was alone in the back seat of a car travelling from Jackson's Point to a fish hut, when the surface

### It's a girl!

"It's a girl!" That's what the sign read in the window of Guarantee Trust, 81 Main Street West, Stouffville, Monday morning.

The announcement followed by a few hours the arrival of Allison Cathrine, daughter of Peter and Cathy Turner, Stouffville. Cathy is an employee on the staff at Guarantee Trust. It's their first.

### "The Snowbirds"

## Fair assured of air show

MARKHAM — News that "The Snowbirds", Canada's famed aerobatic team is coming to Markham Fair this fall, has been received with disbelief by many Tribune readers.

But it's true. The announcement, made public two weeks ago by Fair president, Fred Crawford and verified by publicity chairman, Rogers Gardham, has been further supported by secretary-manager, Gerry Mann.

It all started, the secretary

gave way and the vehicle sank into about 25 feet of water. The teenager was trapped inside.

Driver Steven Craven, 19, of Keswick and two other passengers, Harvey Sedore, 15, of Brown Hill and Joy Brown, 17, of Zephyr, escaped without injury.

Detective Paul Brown of No. 39 Division said fluctuating weather conditions have made Lake Simcoe ice very treacherous this winter. He noted, however, that despite constant warnings, fishermen still take chances.

Even while divers were in the process of recovering the body, Saturday morning, people were lining up on shore in preparation for a day's fishing.

Detective Brown explained that in some spots, the ice is two feet thick while others, it's only five or six inches.



"Shucks Leanne, it's only a box of candy"

It's St. Valentine's Day, an occasion to express your likes, your loves; your appreciation, your adoration for someone very special in your life. And age is no barrier to displaying one's affection, in

fact, to five year olds, it's often much easier. Here, Leanne Hoover, O'Brien Avenue, has her way of saying thanks to Kindergarten classmate, Kevin Cargill, Elm Road.

—Jim Thomas

## Drug 'education'

STOUFFVILLE — Drug abuse—is it a problem at Stouffville High?

Yes, claimed several parents attending a meeting, last week, at Summitview School.

No, not that I'm aware of, replied S.D.S.S. principal Mervyn Witherow in a personal interview with The Tribune.

So that's where it stands, outspoken alarm on one side; quiet concern on the other.

While there are no visual signs of drug usage among the close to 1,000 students, Mr. Witherow says he's not so naive as to think it isn't going on.

If a teacher observes a student whose physical actions appear abnormal, he or she would be taken from the room and the parent notified, the principal explained. Not once, since the start of the September term, has this happened, he said.

What about reported traffickers during noon-hour periods? he was asked.

Mervyn Witherow says he has no facts to support this claim. He admits that, on occasions, cars and vans pull into the school ground area or park on the road, but there's no proof that anything perverse is going on.

The principal says he appreciates parents' con-

cern. He points out, however, that they shouldn't become overly concerned unless they have evidence to back it up.

To better understand the problems of drugs and drug abuse, he feels instruction on the subject should be shared by both adults and young people in a classroom environment. And if this is not sufficient, he favors extending this form of education into night school courses.

"Let's provide the right kind of information so we're not dealing out of ignorance," he said.

Mr. Witherow points out that drug abuse is, not just a problem for the school, the home or the community, but society in general. Stouffville High or the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, is no different than other schools or municipalities, he says.

One solution, he feels, is passing on correct facts to young people at an earlier age and stressing the hazards as the program moves along.



MERVYN WITHEROW