

May lead parade

STOUFFVILLE — The renowned Bobby Gimby may

lead Whitchurch-Stouffville's Canada Day Parade, July 1. While not confirmed, Chamber of Commerce president, Ged Stonehouse told a 'Celebration' meeting, Feb. 13 that the famed piper had acknowledged the Town's invitation and was attempting to work it into his busy schedule. He has to be in Ottawa the same day, the chairman said.

The four-day event, to begin June 27, is geared to provide something for everyone including - a junior fastball tournament, a pancake break-

fast, a marathon run, a bicycle rodeo, bingo, a beef barbecue, an open-air worship service, a pet show, an antique car display, an international soccer match, a petting zoo, a disco dance, a teen dance, a kite-flying contest, a bake sale, a beer garden and a giant sidewalk sale.

It is hoped the Town will have its own municipal flag by that time that can be flown in conjunction with Canada's own maple leaf. "We want to see flags everywhere," said the chairman.

Canada's Wonderland opens in spring of '81

YORK REGION — It's being described as Canada's Wonderland or Disneyland of the North.

The location is a 320 acre site south of Major MacKenzie Drive between Jane Street and Hwy. 400 at Maple—an

amusement park with much the same flavor as the Disney ventures in California and Florida.

Like its American counterparts, the emphasis will be on family entertainment with five major theme areas for the

family to explore. The most impressive will be International Street. It will have a spectacular fountain in the centre with jets that shape and reform the water in a pre-determined program. The avenue will lead to a 150 foot high man-made mountain con-

taining a version of Victoria Falls in South Africa, 100 feet wide and 60 feet high.

Rough grading and earth work began at the site in April, 1975. Structural work was started in June and as of November, the job was 30 per

cent complete.

According to Bob Smith, director of construction, the project will be substantially completed this summer and opened to the public by the spring of 1981.

At present, there are about eleven general contracting firms and thirty trades on-site, making up a total work force of close to 400 men. Major firms involved include - Dagmar Construction Ltd., James McKay and Sons, Bruce S. Evens Ltd., Jackson-Lewis Co. Ltd., Robertson Yates Corporation Ltd., Holscot Construction Ltd., and Canon Incorporated.

The weather has posed a bit of a problem, Bob Smith said, with eleven days work lost between September and November. Despite this, the job is still ahead of schedule.

In addition to the cultural contributions, the \$108 million project will inject some financial rewards into the Ontario economy. Beginning in the spring of 1981, there will be 205 on permanent staff. There will be 3,000 job openings during the operating season from May through to Labor Day. The estimated gross wage bill for seasonal and permanent staff will be close to \$9.5 million in the first year of operation.

More than 2.6 million visitors are expected to attend Canada's Wonderland in the first year plus 200,000 from the United States.

Query lights

STOUFFVILLE — Council has agreed to have another look at its downtown traffic lights.

The decision follows a letter from the Chamber of Commerce, recommending the pedestrian cross-over be moved to the intersection of Market, Mill and Main Streets.

At a meeting, Monday,

Graydon Card and Gordon Ness, representing the Chamber, requested the municipality refer to a previous study on which an earlier decision was based.

Mayor Eldred King said that with the lights located in the centre of the block, motorists found it easier to exit from Civic Avenue.

Ballantrae driver

Car hits house

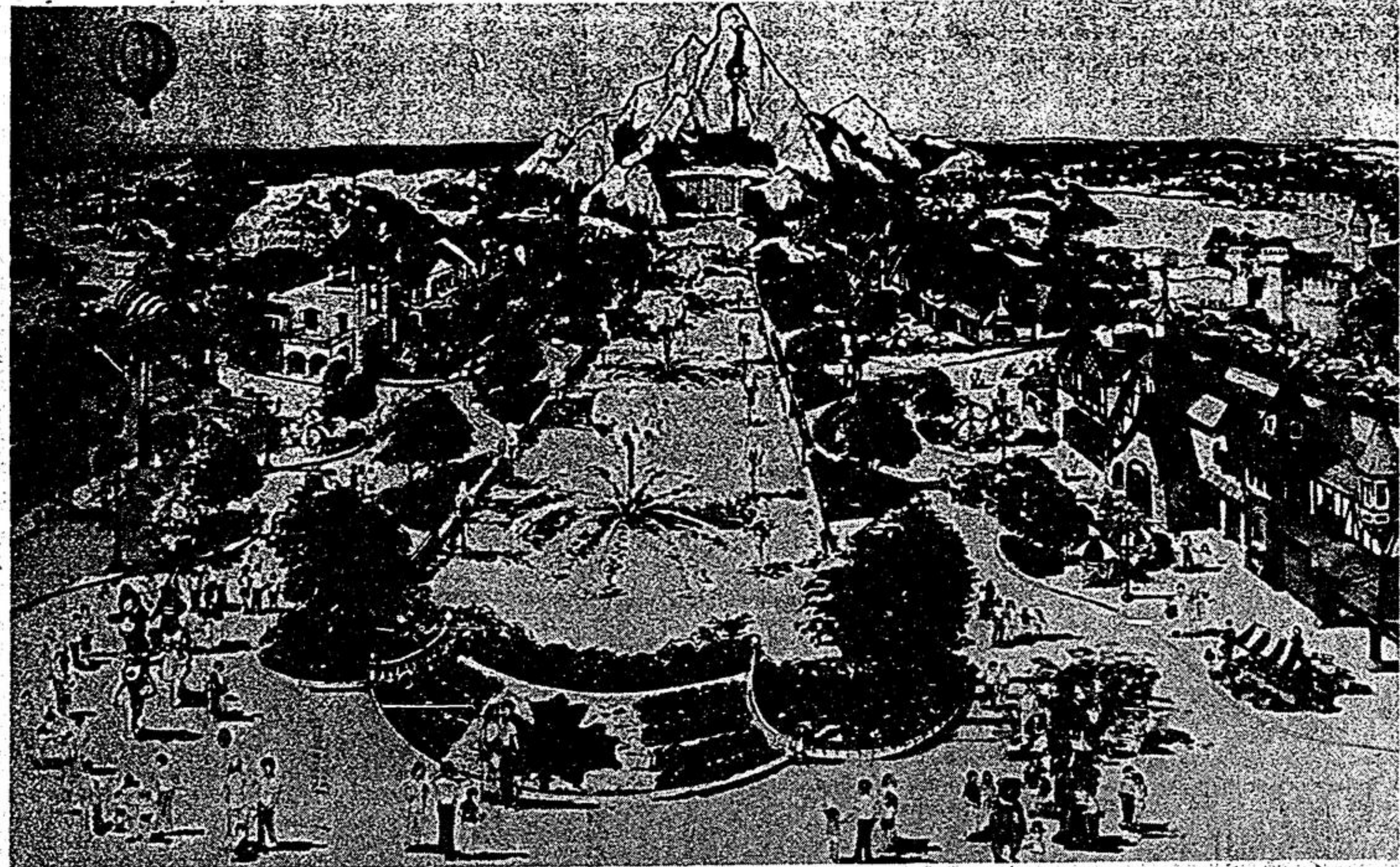
MARKHAM — Motor vehicle accidents kept York Regional Police on the hop, last week, with several collisions resulting in serious injuries.

At 8:25 p.m., Friday, Ian James Speiran, of Felcher Boulevard, Ballantrae, lost control of his southbound 1973 Chevelle on Hwy. 48, vaulted a ditch, sliced through a fence and rammed into the front of a vacant house. Property damage was estimated at \$1,500. The driver escaped unhurt.

Boy hit
At 6:10 p.m., Thursday, a thirteen year old boy was hit as he attempted to cross Hwy. 7 near Laidlaw Boulevard. Thomas Kernaghan of Grand-

view Avenue was thrown onto the hood of a car driven by Ronald Pugi of Sir Brandiles Place. The victim was taken by ambulance to Scarborough Centenary Hospital and later released following treatment.

Five injured
Two drivers and three passengers were injured, two seriously, when a van and car collided on Woodbine Avenue, early Saturday morning. Most seriously hurt were Anthony Keene, 33, of Oro Station and William Kay, 34, of Newmarket. Others requiring treatment were - Harry Lush, 20, of Toronto, Susan Farthing, 16, of Toronto and Robert Walker, 20, of Newmarket.



An artist's concept of Canada's Wonderland—the 320-acre site south of Major MacKenzie Drive, between Jane Street and Hwy. 400 at Maple. It is scheduled to be open and enjoyed by the public by spring of 1981.

Town contractor may sue

MARKHAM — A Bowmanville firm submitted the successful tender for the building of a \$1.2 million fitness centre in Newcastle.

However, it was not the lowest figure put forward. That came from Butt Construction, a company based at Markham. Their bid was about \$5,700 less.

Now, Tom Robertson, vice-president of M.A. Butt Construction Ltd., is seeking to get back what it spent to tender on the project, an amount said to be in the area of \$3,000.

Mr. Robertson claims his company was never told that a local firm would be given preference on the job. Had this been known, they would never have tendered in the first place, he indicated.

Newcastle Mayor Garnet Rickard has admitted that

Gerritts Construction Ltd., was given the contract because it is a local firm. The decision, he said, was unanimous.

Robertson claims it's the first time in his experience where public money is being spent but not on the lowest tender.

The fitness centre is being paid for with \$610,000 raised by private subscription; about \$450,000 in provincial grants and \$200,000 from the Town of Newcastle.

Butt Construction said it could build the structure for \$1,229,330. Gerritts, on the other hand, offered to do the job for \$1,235,000.

Aid for seniors

STOUFFVILLE — Does your sidewalk need shovelling? Is there a prescription to be picked up at the store? How about transportation down to the doctor?

If you're a senior citizen and live in Stouffville, assistance is as close as the telephone. Simply call 640-1433 and ask for "Hand In Hand". That will put you in touch with any one of sixteen volunteers, all Grade 12 students at Stouffville High.

This group of willing workers is part of a program headed up by staff teacher Jim Rehill and co-leaders, Richard Bartley and Tom Miller. It's

been in operation several years now and very successful.

"It's a service," Richard told The Tribune, "more than anything, it helps bridge the generation gap".

While residents can pay the students a small amount if they wish, remuneration is by no means necessary, Tom stressed. "We're only too glad to help out."

Other participants are - Kevin McGuckin, Danny Ledlie, Ernie Richards, Dan Brooks, Tony Arrigo, Wayne Styles, Jim Blizard, Dave Raymer, Lori Ann Barry, Usha Knabe, Pauline Whale, Gyl Langley, Karen Benson, Patti Richards and Kathleen Kamps.

Assault charges follow game

UNIONVILLE — An eighteen year old Unionville youth has been charged with assault causing bodily harm after two boys were allegedly attacked during a hockey game, Saturday afternoon on the Unionville Pond.

Police said Keith Schmucker, 17 of Main Street, Unionville, was struck about the head with a stick, necessitating sixty stitches to close the gash. A second lad, James Alexander, also 17, of Pomander Road, Unionville, was allegedly punched in the face.

Arrested the following morning was Robert Mark Palmer of 10 Trumport Court, Unionville. He will appear in court, March 11.

Woman dies after crash

UNIONVILLE — A 23 year old Unionville woman was pronounced dead on arrival at York Central Hospital, Saturday, after her car veered off the 6th Concession (Kennedy Road) and hit a hydro pole.

Claudia Whittingham of 61 Fonthill Boulevard was pinned in the vehicle and had to be released by firemen from Unionville. The accident occurred at 11:30 a.m. The victim died two hours later.

Music fest concludes

MARKHAM — "Very, very happy". This was the response from most participants or parents of participants at the conclusion of the 36th annual Kwanis Music Festival in Toronto.

In the vocal section, seventeen year old Melissa Holt of Southdale Drive, scored an exceptionally high 87 per cent in one class, followed by two marks of eighty-five.

"We were very, very pleased," her mother said. Melissa plans to enter again next year.

Eighteen year old Roberta Houston of Elm Street who sings "for the fun of it", scored an 85 per cent and an eighty-two.

Judy Pyle, 19, of Drakefield Road, also scored an 85 per cent and placed as high up as fourth in one category. Judy sings in the McMaster University choir at Hamilton and the choir at McNab Street Presbyterian Church. Very soon she'll be embarking on a choir tour into Western Canada and is looking forward to the experience, her mother said.

Markham pianists did well also. Ann Jaanus of Carolwood Crescent placed second in a difficult 25 minute concerto, scoring an 83 per cent. Paul and Ernest Chan of Elm Lea Street posted plus 80 per cent in every class with ten year old Paul only a single per centage point from a third place standing. He had an 84 and an 83 per cent. Ernest, age nine, scored two placements of 82 and one of 81. They hope to re-enter in 1981.

Sell store after 18 years

by Jim Holt
VANDORF — After eighteen years of supplying most of the needs for much of the community, plus thousands of folks who would "just drop in", Bill and Jean Paine are saying goodbye. The Vandorf General Store's been sold.

The well-known and highly respected couple aren't going too far away, "just up the road" to Zephyr. There, they'll give some attention to neglected hobbies. Bill enjoys wood-working and rugmaking. Any undertaking by Jean will be to the benefit of their six grandchildren.

Back in 1962, when they moved to the hamlet, the municipality was known as the Township of Whitchurch. "We even had our own police department," said Bill, pointing to the office that now serves as a museum.

In his time, Bill served as chairman of both the Community Centre Board and the Recreation Committee.

With construction of Hwy. 404 to the west and a subdivision being built to the north, one might suspect that the mood and pace of the area is about to change. But Bill doesn't think so.

"Neither will detract from the way of life here," he said, "controlled growth is healthy". Bill would be opposed to what he describes as "a rash of strawberry boxes that would spoil a peaceful backwater".

Looking back over the last eighteen years, Bill reminisced. "You know," he said thought-

fully, "we never had any customers in this store, they were all friends". And, strange as it may seem, they came from all corners of the globe, visiting relatives and friends; sight-seeing or just passing through.

Taking over from Bill and Jean are Gord and Betty Daniels. Gord and Betty come

Philip. She moved to Stouffville in 1931.

Her first husband, Arthur Farthing, passed away in December, 1958. Six years later, she married Ray Fleury. He predeceased her Dec. 27, 1976.

Marion Fleury was involved in many areas of town life including the United Church, the Legion Ladies Auxiliary, the Friendship and Silver Jubilee Clubs, the Horticultural Society and the Lawn Bowling Club. She was a Life Member of the Women's Institute.

Prior to taking up residence in the Parkview Apartments on Rupert Avenue, she lived at Testa Villa on Albert Street South.

Surviving are a son and daughter, Elmer Farthing and Marjorie (Mrs. Gordon Smith), both of Stouffville, five grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. She has two brothers, Boyer Philip at Brooklin; Gordon Philip in West Hill and two sisters, Pearl Gostick at Port Perry and Maude Crawford in Oshawa.

Bill and Jean Paine



Bill Paine (left), shakes hands with the new owner of the Vandorf General Store, Gord Daniels. Bill and wife Jean have owned and operated the business for the past 18 years and have made many lasting friendships in the process. The couple plan to move to Zephyr.

Jim Holt