

Fire needs not for now - Chief

STOUFFVILLE — If the Whitchurch-Stouffville Fire Department is upgraded to meet recommendations contained in a recent Fire Marshal's report, it would cost close to one million dollars, Chief Walter Smith told The Tribune this week.

The chief explained that many of the requirements will come as the Town grows, "but they're not for us at the present time."

Smith noted that if the expense factor was ignored, "the entire tax bill would be taken up with fire and education."

The chief agrees that a combination pumper-tanker truck is needed in the Ballantrae area. With three volunteers to operate it, they could have the hose laid and even be spraying water on a blaze by the time

units from Stouffville arrive. He sees a saving of one to one and a half minutes.

The "super" tanker Chief Smith has in mind would have a maximum capacity of 3,000 gallons. He estimates the purchase price at between \$70,000 and \$90,000.

Such a vehicle is based at Georgetown, the chief said. He plans to inspect it.

"We're talking twenty years," he stated, "I don't want to make a mistake."

With respect to structural additions and improvements, Chief Smith feels the place to start is in Stouffville. The station here, erected in 1967, is too small to accommodate all units satisfactorily, particularly in the winter when the tanker must be housed in heated quarters.

"We have to park it (the tanker) crossways and it crowds things badly," he said.

As for personnel, the chief says he could use a full-time deputy right now. He accorded his men, all volunteers, high praise, saying their response to alarms is excellent.

One item, not included in the report but totally inadequate is the communication system. If a truck enters one of the valleys north of the 'ridges' between Stouffville and Ballantrae, all contact is lost, the chief explained. "As good as our radios are, if the unit enters a hollow, we're dead," he said. To correct this, could be costly.

"Eventually these things have to come and now is the time to start doing something," Chief Smith said. "But there's no way we can do it all at once, the taxpayers would be buried".

New problems for Musselman's Lake

MUSSELMAN'S LAKE — Back in the 50's, motorcycle gangs caused anxious moments around Musselman's Lake. Not any more but another problem has taken their place.

Betty Palmer attended a meeting of Town Council, last week, and appealed for the return of "rights" of residents, living west of the 9th Concession.

Mrs. Palmer said roads and rights-of-ways had been "taken over" by certain individuals. In one instance, she explained, a

66-foot road allowance had been turned into a 16 foot lane.

Some home-owners, she said, had gone so far as to "fence off" entrances to the beach area fronting on their properties and were demanding fees as high as \$40 for the privilege of swimming.

"I go in swimming, my children go in swimming and my grandchildren go in swimming. We don't pay a thing and we don't intend to."

Councillor Becky Wedley suggested the issue of lake access could be a civil matter.

However, Mrs. Palmer said she'd been told by her solicitor "to cut the fence down".

Mayor Eldred King ended the controversy by recommending the Town check out the ownership of the lands in question once the areas of concern are established. Administrator Harold Caldwell was asked to visit the sites and file a report.

Second victim

STOUFFVILLE — The second of four persons, involved in a three-vehicle crash at the intersection of the 7th Concession (McCowan Road) and the Stouffville-Gormley Road, Aug. 19, died last week in hospital.

Mrs. Sybil Lester, 46, of Beaverton, succumbed to serious head injuries. Her daughter, 18 year old Patricia Lester was also killed.

Two other persons, Bruce Paisley, 51, of Mount Albert and James Dunham, 50, of Thornhill were less seriously hurt.

Quality quilts

STOUFFVILLE — Norm Faulkner and Frank Bennett, co-owners of the Stouffville Sales Barn and two of the area's best known auctioneers, can't be fooled on the quality of a product.

On Saturday at Black Creek Pioneer Village, they paid \$810 for a single quilt—the top price in the afternoon auction that saw 79 entries bring \$11,057.00.

The Faulkner-Bennett bid was for a quilt made by the Heise Hill Senior Sewing Circle using the sunflower pattern. Two others, one completed by Mary Drudge of Markham, brought \$400 each. A crib quilt sold for \$105.00. It was completed by Vera Sprague of Aurora, a member of the Heise Hill sewing group.

Margaret Empringham of the Stouffville headed up the quilt committee. The auction, she said, was very successful in spite of the weather. "Those who came, came to buy," she said.

The sale, in charge of Frank Bennett, RR 1, Unionville and Arnot Wotton, Bowmanville, was started at 12:30 and completed in three hours.

Candidate for mayor

PICKERING — Councillor Ken Matheson will definitely let his name stand for mayor in the forthcoming Nov. 10 municipal elections.

The announcement re-confirms a statement made last spring. At that time, he said he'd be seeking the Town's top post.

A nine year veteran, Matheson shares the spotlight with two other candidates, John Kitchen and Doug Dickerson. The incumbent, Mayor Jack Anderson hasn't yet said if he'll contest the seat again

Hotel welcomes ladies

Two lovely young ladies entering the Brougham Central Hotel? Such a practice would not have been thought proper at the turn of the century. However, at "History in Action Day" on the grounds of the Pickering Museum at Greenwood, last weekend, Lynn Bishop (left) and Melinda Masters, both of Pickering, had no fears at the reception awaiting them inside.

Jim Holt.



Inclement weather hampers CAN-AM balloon race

The balloons were there and so was the hot air to fly them but the weather on the weekend turned sour, preventing a full-scale Can-Am Festival at Uxbridge Township's Pleasure Park. Several

professional balloonists did manage to get their colorful 'crafts' off the ground, but they travelled only short distances. Jim Holt

"Unplug dam" says Cousens

MARKHAM — Markham's a "boom town", says ex-Board of Education chairman Don Cousens, yet, when it comes to school construction, it's treated like an area where enrollment's on the decline.

The former trustee, now the P.C. candidate in the Riding of York-Centre, wants to do something about it.

He's organizing an advisory committee that, he hopes, will represent all segments of the municipality. Through this group, numbering 12 to 15 persons, he sees a solution to Markham's school accommodation problem.

The Town Council has called

a halt to all subdivision build-up until Queen's Park rescinds its 80 per cent student placement policy. Don Cousens finds no fault with this, but he sees the situation building up to a crisis that must be solved.

"We must unplug the dam," he told The Tribune.

The proposed committee will include developers, trustees, students, businessmen, parents—a cross-section of local residents who will discuss the current "stand-off" and present recommendations to both the Council and the Ministry. Cousens says the people he's approached so far are "very excited about it".

Markham mayor back to fight for another term

MARKHAM — To no one's surprise, Tony Roman Markham's mayor of the past 10 years, is seeking re-election.

Speaking at a gathering of the faithful at Fernando's Restaurant, Monday, Mayor Roman pointed to accomplishments of the past and outlined aims for the future.

Describing himself as "a

fighter", Roman said he had fought successfully against annexation of parts of Markham when the York Central Regional Plan came into being shortly after he was elected, and had fought for the building of Hwy. 404. He had helped, he said, to bring about the Centennial Centre and Markham Arena, as well.

In the past two years, Markham had added 3,000,000 square feet of industrial space, bringing in such enterprises as IBM, the Bank of Nova Scotia, and others. "And, I know we'll attract more," he stated.

The tax line has been

maintained for the past four years, and this year's tax bill has been lowered, he said.

Speaking of his recent decision to curtail residential growth in Markham, until schools are built, Roman said it had made him "unpopular with developers. I don't know when the problem will be resolved."

He said a secondary school in Unionville, however, is his "number one priority."

He said, too, Markham had "reached the stage" where it needs a new hospital, and a government study was being carried out regarding this.

Markham also requires another 1,000 acres of industrial land to insure its tax base, Roman said. It was "short-changed" when the Region was formed.

Roman said he planned to give all his time and energy, if re-elected, "to make Markham a better place in which to live."



TONY ROMAN

No initiation

STOUFFVILLE — Grade 9 students will not be "initiated" into Stouffville Dist. Secondary School this fall, rather, they'll be "welcomed."

The change, agreed upon by Principal Michael Muir and the executive of the Students' Council is, in Principal Muir's opinion, "a more positive approach."

"Rather than humiliate

them, let's welcome them," he said. Instead of dressing up in what he described as "nonsensical outfits," newcomers will be treated to a noon-hour barbecue and other activities.

"Personally," he said, "I frown on anything that shows a lack of respect, whether it's kids for teachers or kids for kids."

Three queens

Legion beauty contest

CLAREMONT — The Claremont Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion is holding a Beauty Contest on Sunday, Sept. 28. The judges will choose not one but three pretty 'queens' in a competition scheduled for 1:30 p.m. in the park.

There's a category for

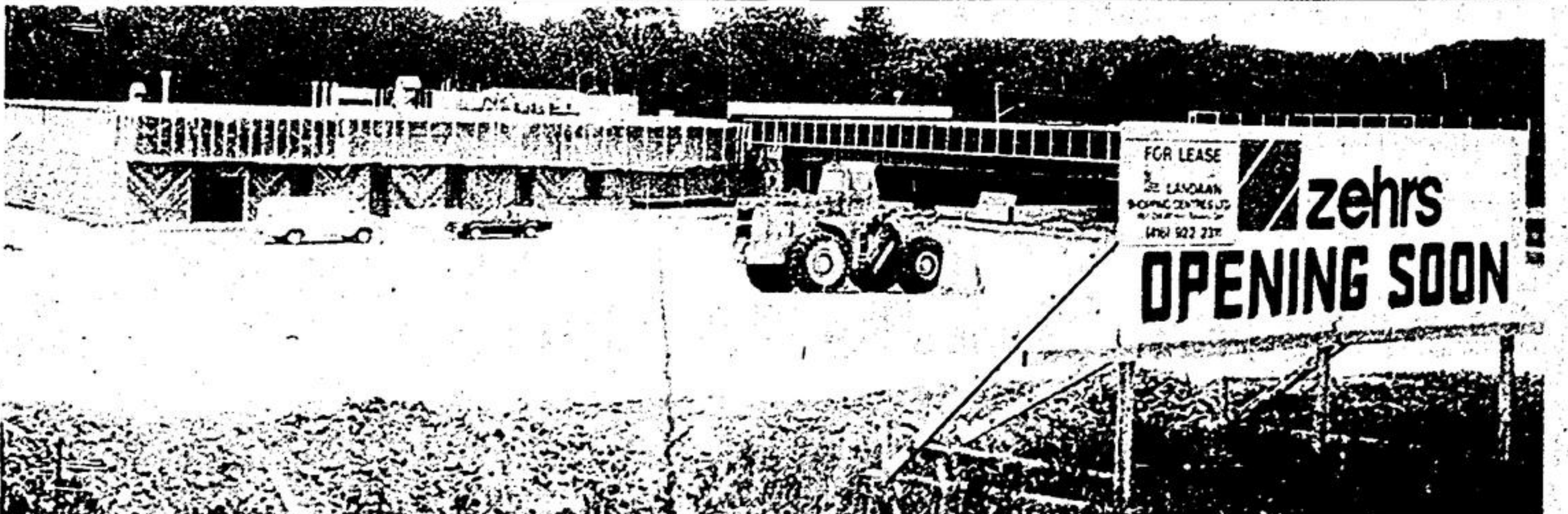
"Baby Legion", up to two years old; "Miss Junior Legion", three to twelve years old and "Miss Legion", 13 to 20 years old.

The picnic-type gathering will include races, horseshoe pitching and tournaments.

The event will conclude

"Legion Week" in Claremont. Other activities follow: Monday, Sept. 22 - Kids' Night with bingo and games from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23 - Cribbage and Euchre Challenge Matches. Wednesday, Sept. 24 - Bingo starting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25 - Games Night in the

club room including darts, billiards and shuffleboard. Friday, Sept. 26 - Monte Carlo Night. Saturday, Sept. 27 - Dinner and Dance with tickets available at the Legion. Sunday, Sept. 28 - Picnic in the Park at 1:30 p.m., followed by the beauty contest.



Zehrs to open new supermarket in Uxbridge Plaza

The Town of Uxbridge is "growing up". This is obvious to anyone driving in from Hwy. 47. Included in the development is a new shopping plaza and it's at this location that a modern Zehrs

Supermarket will soon open. Town Council feels this new surge of commercial assessment will benefit everyone as more shoppers are attracted to the area. Jim Thomas