

Plaza proposed

# New food store "prove a need"

STOUFFVILLE — A shopping centre that would "retain the country look," has been proposed for a site near the intersection of Main Street West and Palmwood Gate.

Frank Damico, spokesman for Villa Properties Limited, appeared before Town Planning Board, Dec. 9, seeking approval of a zoning amendment that would permit the plaza.

The development, he said, would include a hardware store, a drug store, a bank, four retail stores and a supermarket, either Dominion or Loblaw's.

When asked by Mayor Eldred King if he had figures to show the need for a fourth food store in Stouffville, Mr. Damico said such chains do their own market studies.

Said Councillor Bill Kamps;

"I hate to be a pessimist — I'd like to see the town grow, but with Markville (McCowan Road and Hwy. 7) coming in, it's going to have a big impact on the area. I'd hate to see you spend a lot of money on this."

Damico argued that Markville would be a regional mall while his proposal would be strictly local in character.

"I don't think it's our lot in life to judge profitability," stated Councillor Tom Wood, "I feel we should help all we can."

Mayor King returned to an earlier claim that the food chains should provide documentation, showing justification for such a centre. This was agreed upon with Councillor Wilf Morley suggesting that because of a previous commitment related to a plaza at Hwy. 47 and Main

Street East, the latest application "might be premature at this time."

## Weekly winners

STOUFFVILLE — Betty Thompson, Cherry Street, RR 3, Stouffville, is the Grand Prize winner in the Dec. 13 All The Trimmings Shopping Draw. Mrs. Thompson receives a bushel of groceries.

Nine other participants receive \$25 vouchers, redeemable at the following business places: Ernest Taylor, Glengail Lane, Stouffville (Stonehouse Travel); Mrs. Harold Bell, Goodwood (Mario Hair Styling); Lillian Byer, Maytree Avenue, Stouffville (Canadian Tire Store); Jill Hartley, RR 1, Goodwood (Marguerite Shoppe); Mrs. A. McCaffrey, 418 Loretta Crescent, Stouffville (Orchard's Men's and Boys' Wear); Nancy Wagg, 18 Church Street South, Stouffville (Kamp's Upholstery); Faith Forde, 11 Main Street West, Stouffville (Stouffville Bakery); Julie Murray, 40 Victoria Street, Stouffville (Old Canada House); and Margaret Paisley, RR 4, Stouffville (Stouffville Co-op).

## Two injured

STOUFFVILLE — A collision between a car and a pick-up truck on Hwy. 48 near Ballantrae, Monday, sent the drivers of both vehicles to hospital, one with serious injuries.

Police said Florence Ross,

73, of 105 Winlane Drive, Stouffville, was northbound and attempting a left-hand turn into a private laneway when struck. The lone occupant of the truck was Dean Fullbrook, 25, of Pefferlaw.

Property damage was estimated at \$7,000.

# "Accept us" pleads truck fleet owner

STOUFFVILLE — Despite the fact his trucks roll up thousands of miles each week, the longest haul for Don Anderson is the trip through Stouffville, from one depot to another.

The original site is on Hwy. 47, north of Main Street. The new location is at Main Street West. The owner-operator wants to accommodate the entire business under one roof.

On Dec. 9, Mr. Anderson and his solicitor, Don Hindson of Markham, appeared before Town Planning Board to find out what further would have to be done to meet the municipality's requirements.

Mr. Hindson outlined the various improvements contemplated for the new site. Screening, he said, would conceal much of the property from public view. At present, about 35 per cent of the company's vehicles are maintained there.

Mr. Hindson said a site plan had been filed with Council, Nov. 4 and he was now seeking "further direction."

Mayor Eldred King suggested additional trees to the north. A mixture of poplars and

evergreens, recommended Councillor Jim Sanders.

Councillor Wilf Morley voiced concern over the ready-mix tower on the property. He wondered if steps could be taken to hide it also.

"We talk about berms and trees and green grass — prettying up the place. I don't care how much it's improved, we're still going to have sixty to eighty trucks coming out of there every morning," stated Councillor Tom Wood. "This bothers me."

Councillor Bill Kamps said all trucks don't emerge from the site at one time. "I've never been held up," he noted. Mr. Hindson explained that truck movement to and from the property had actually declined since Mr. Anderson moved there.

After considerable discussion about proper screening, the Board agreed to ask Council to direct its lawyer to negotiate a final agreement.



Do you have to? Everybody's watching!

Despite the innocence of the act, a kiss on the cheek (in public), is almost more than an angel (at least a six year old boy angel) can stand. Neil Keeping, RR 2, Markham, appears somewhat perplexed as nine year old Christine Vliek, Main Street East, Stouffville,

shows him a little affection following a Sunday School pageant, Saturday, in St. James Presbyterian Church. Ten years from now, he may look on such things a little differently.

—Jim Thomas.

## Murdered

MARKHAM — A 33 year old Markham businessman, Michael John Hendy, was found murdered, last week, in a downtown Vancouver hotel.

The sales executive had been stabbed to death in his bed. His body was discovered by a maid when she entered the room to clean up. Robbery was said to be the motive although the man was carrying little money on him at the time. He relied mainly on credit cards, his colleagues said.

The victim was married and the father of two small children, aged one and two.

## Town lady badly hurt

GORMLEY — A two-car collision on Woodbine Avenue, south of Gormley, Friday, seriously injured a 41 year old Stouffville woman.

Muriel Rosenberger, 344 South Street, was badly hurt in the crash and remains a patient at Sunnybrook Medical Centre, Toronto. The victim is the wife of Rev. Cecil Rosenberger, former minister at the Gormley Missionary Church.

Police said Mrs. Rosenberger was northbound near Heise Hill, when her vehicle veered out of control and collided with one driven by Suzanne Fowle, 23, of Ida Street, Thornhill. The second motorist and a passenger, Ann Fowle, 48, also of Thornhill, were admitted to York Central Hospital, Richmond Hill.

Property damage was estimated at \$2,100.

## Deadlines

Because Christmas and New Year's fall on Thursdays, The Tribune will be published Dec. 24 and Dec. 31.

To meet these earlier deadlines, display and classified ads as well as news copy must be in the Office no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 22 and Monday, Dec. 29. Your co-operation in this regard will be appreciated.



An age difference of 100 years

Priscilla Pipher, formerly of Ringwood and now a resident in the Stouffville Nursing Home, celebrated her 106th birthday, Dec. 10. On this occasion, she was visited by several family

relatives including a great-great niece and nephew, Becky-Ruth and Allen Minor, children of Maryella and Harold Minor of Barrie.

—Jim Thomas.

## "Baby Jesus" Quietly slept

BAKER HILL — Two thousand years ago, little baby Jesus slept peacefully in a manger, unaware of activity all around.

On Sunday, a similar scene was re-enacted when the children of Baker Hill Baptist Church presented their Christmas pageant. There, John Mark Shantz, in the role of baby Jesus, fell fast asleep.

Because a replacement was needed in a hurry, Jeff Oldham (Joseph), agreed that his two year old sister,

Jennifer, should play the part.

Although a trifle reluctant at first, she later agreed, hoping no one in the audience would notice her pony-tails.

While the switch in parts was taking place, the time period changed. Instead of the wise-men entering a stable in Bethlehem, they found themselves at the scene of the resurrection.

But all's well that ends well. The congregation seemed to enjoy the new version as much as the old.

## Charged

WHITCHURCH — An 18 year old youth from R.R. 4, Stouffville, has been charged with break and enter with intent to steal and attempted break and enter.

Properties named included the home of Carl Lewis and the Berry residence, both at Stouffville, R.R. 4.

The suspect was to have appeared in court this week.

# Delay hydro hike

STOUFFVILLE — While hydro rate increases are anticipated in most area municipalities next month, the Whitchurch-Stouffville Commission has postponed its rate hike until March 1, 1981.

The decision, Chairman Ken Laushway told The Tribune, followed a special meeting, at which time the cost of power, to be passed on to the consumer, came under close scrutiny.

As of the above date, the residential rate here will go up by an average of 8.4 per cent. This charge will extend over a ten-month period while the wholesale cost from Ontario Hydro is collectable for the full twelve months.

Careful budgeting and control of local operating costs were given as reasons why the local Commission has been able to reduce the total price impact at the customer level. The wholesale cost of power from

Ontario Hydro, beginning Jan. 1 is up by 9.5 per cent, Mr. Laushway said.

The rate hike of 8.4 per cent as of March 1, will mean a \$2.70 average increase per home per month, the chairman explained.

## Increase

MARKHAM — As of Jan. 1, 1981, Markham's hydro rates will increase by 9.9 per cent (residential) and 10.4 per cent (industrial and commercial), Bob Dyer, Customer Service Supervisor said this week.

Although not official until approved by head office, Mr. Dyer indicated this should come through before the end of the month.

He stated also that Hydro patrons should anticipate rate hikes each year, matching the inflationary spiral.

"It looks like ten per cent from now to eternity," he said.

## Town Square carol sing

STOUFFVILLE — An old-fashioned Carol Sing, including representatives from all the church choirs plus the High School Chorus, will be held Saturday evening in the Town Square.

Time of the event is 7 p.m. Song-leader Jim Rehill is hoping for a choir of at least sixty voices and a 'congregation' of up to five hundred. There'll be no accompaniment, "just like the good old days", said Bill Nailer, one of the organizers.

The entire Square will be open to the public from 7 to 8 p.m. Civic Avenue will be blocked off to vehicular traffic during this period.

While the Carol Sing's in progress, hot chocolate, courtesy Jack Chambers' I.G.A., will be served under the canopy at the Town Municipal Office.

The event is part of the Old-Fashioned Christmas theme that was instituted by the Chamber of Commerce and carried through by local

schools, churches, businesses, service clubs and organizations.

Although the Carol Sing is headed up by the pastor and members of Christ Church Anglican, it's strictly inter-denominational, Rev. Philip Poole stressed.

"If the weather's right, it should be a tremendous success," Mr. Nailer said.

## Too cold for train

STOUFFVILLE — If the family car refused to start, Monday morning, you weren't the only one in trouble. VIA-Rail had "engine" problems too.

The commuter, that usually arrives in Stouffville around 6:30 a.m., didn't reach town until nearly ten.

The majority of passengers, after warming up on coffee in the Towne Restaurant, boarded the GO-Bus at 7:15.



Commissioner

Herb Peach, RR 3, Stouffville, has been appointed by Council to the Whitchurch-Stouffville Hydro Commission, succeeding Gordon Ratcliff, Stouffville, RR 2. Ken Laushway will again serve as chairman. Mr. Laushway has been a hydro commissioner sixteen years.