

# Sales up - down merchants claim

STOUFFVILLE - Some up, some down, some the same. That pretty well covers the gist of replies received by The Tribune during a cross-section canvass of town merchants on Christmas season sales.

imagination of the home-town hockey frater-

nity. A centerman with the Montreal

Canadians, Keith has collected 24 points so far

this season including 11 goals and 13 assists.

"It's been a good year," said Don Doner, manager of Card's Dominion Hardware: He said that while everyone had to work a little harder, the Christmas turnover would at least be on a par with '79.

Big sellers, he recalled were West Bend corn-poppers, made in Barrie; the Black & Decker

work mate; food processors and electronic games. Toro electric snow shovels were in great demand, he said. They were priced from \$144.95 to \$155.95. Jim Rae of Crest Home

Hardware said his three-hour discount sale on the Saturday before Christmas proved very popular. In future, he said he'dl like to see a greater consistency as to store hours. He noted that some businesses were closed Dec. 27, making it inconvenient for customers wishing to make exchanges.

"Basically it was good,

## Betz firm top awards

STOUFFVILLE - Betz Pools Limited, 575 Main Street West, was recently named the recipient of fourteen provincial and national awards, the most by a single company in Canada.

Eight of the plaques were presented by the Canadian Swimming Pool Association and six by the Ontario Swimming Pool Association.

The Stouffville firm was recognized nationally in the following categories: Rectangular Inground, any size (Gold); Custom Shaped Inground, any size (Silver); Residential Indoor, permanent enclosure (Silver and Award of Merit); Semi-Public (Gold); Classic Residential, ten years and older (Award of Merit); Excellence of Landscape and Design (Silver and Bronze).

From entries across Ontario, Betz Pools topped the following clases: Residential Concrete, up to 550 square feet (Award of Merit); Residential Concrete, 551 to 750 square feet (Silver); Residential Concrete, 751 square feet and over, (Gold) and Classic Residential ten years and older (Gold).

Company representatives attending the Ontario Swimming Pool Association awards dinner were - Marvin and Sandy Betz; Tim and Sue Kennedy; Ron and Sandy Ramer and Tim and Cindy Leonard.

replied Graham Hudson of Hudson Floral Designs. He said he had no plants or arrangements left. Poinsettias were in demand with more than 300 going out over the counter.

eighth place in total points, three back of Yvon

Lambert and one ahead of Larry Robinson.

Keith is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Acton,

Burkholder Street, Stouffville.

"The way conditions are, we were satisfied," said Brian Wilkes of Len Wilkes Clothes

Vic Orchard of Orchard's Men's and Boys' Wear said people seemed more dollar conscious this year. They shopped carefully, he said. Sales, he suggested, would be down slightly, "but conditions being what they are, I'm satisfied".

Roy Morgan of Morgan's Jewellers said sales were down mainly because expensive items didn't sell. Substantial increases in prices of gold and silver were reflected in such articles, he explained. "But we're still eating," he concluded.

## Warning

DURHAM

snowmobile owners take note. **Durham Regional Police** have reported the theft of more than 25 in the past month, and suspect an organized gang is at

Detective Bill Vandoleweerd said the thefts are occurring on streets, driveways and at snowmobile dealerships. He advises owners to keep their machines out of sight.

He said the thefts are carried out within minutes, as thieves hook onto a trailer and haul both away.

#### Hit-run victim

## Plightignored

STOUFFVILLE — Signs on the outskirts of town refer to Stouffville as being the community that "serves together".

However, Owen Setchell of 85 Russell Avenue. questions the authenticity of this statement after his wife, Bonnie, '26, was allegedly struck down by a hit-and-run driver around 7 p.m., Dec. 24.

For the motorist to leave the scene was aggravating enough, but what irritated Mr. Setchell even more was

the fact no one would stop and

"I used to think this was a friendly town, but not any more," said the disillusioned husband in talking to The Tribune.

He described how his wife was walking west, near the C.N.R. crossing when a car roared out of an adjacent parking lot, knocked her down, then sped away. He said that while others were congregated in the area, not a single person volunteered

assistance. Finally, he said, an elderly woman stepped off the commuter train and helped her to her feet. She was a stranger, he said.

Mr. Setchell said that had the incident occurred in Toronto, he wouldn't have been surprised, but not in Stouffville. "It's disgusting,"

he stated. Fortunately, Mrs. Setchell suffered no broken bones but her left leg was injured, necessitating medical treatment.

#### Outrage

BLOOMINGTON - While unconfirmed, The Tribune has received several calls concerning the reported shooting of a wolf and a fox in a gravel pit near here.

Angry residents said hunters trailed the animals into the excavation and killed them when their escape was cut off. .

Not only were the men trespassing on private property, but they were discharging firearms too close to a residential area, a caller stated.

The identity of the hunters isn't known.

#### Drug abuse

## Public seminar

STOUFFVILLE - A seminar on drug abuse, a follow-up to the program held here last spring, has been arranged for Thursday (tonight) in the High School at 7:30 p.m.

Residents are urged to attend.

The workshop, organized

by the Stouffville Family Life Centre in co-operation with the principal and staff at S.D.S.S., will be chaired by Norman Panzica, one of Canada's leading consultants on the subject.

Parents will be invited to pose questions of concern including: (1). How does one prevent a son or daughter

from wanting drugs? (2). How does a parent handle peer pressure? (3). How can parents share their responsibilities with the school, the police and the medical profession?

If warranted, High School principal Michael Muir will arrange for another meeting in the spring of '81.

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#### TRAGEDY IN OUR TIME

## FAMILY BREAK-UP

STOUFFVILLE — Family break-up, a tragedy in our time. No one knows this better than Sylvia Rosenberg, a director and counsellor with the Stouffville Family Life Centre.

The modern housewife is no longer content to remain in the house, Mrs. Rosenberg explained. This puts added pressure on the husband who no longer finds himself the sole bread-winner in the family. "He doesn't know where he stands," she said.

The woman of the 80's has so many options and is more conscious of her "equal rights", the counsellor explained. "The grass is always greener on the other side. Soon, the husband and wife begin taking each other for granted".

An impasse, occurs, she said, when each becomes so "ground in" on his and her own views that communication ceases. "If two people really want to stay together, nothing is impossible".

Mrs. Rosenberg doesn't hold to the old 50-50 theory. "Each spouse must give one hundred per cent," she stressed. Being sensitive to one another's needs is a key to keeping a marriage intact, she feels.

Priority problems she lists as follows: Financial difficulties, extra-marital affairs, alcoholism and disappointment that one partner can't fulfill the other's needs.

The Stouffville Family Life Centre is open one day a week (every Tuesday), at a rent-free location in the Stouffville District Credit Union Office, 96 Main Street West. Hours extend from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. The telephone number there is 640-

Apart from in-office

counselling, Mrs. Rosenberg wants the Centre to become an integral part of the community. A move in this direction is already underway through the

organization of a teen club and a singles club in town plus a housewives' break early in '81. A drop-in centre for moms and tots at the United Church has

proved successful and on Thursday evening (to-night), the Centre is co-sponsoring a drug abuse seminar at the High

was "business as usual" on the

slopes in spite of the cold.

"Skiers are hardy souls," the

Cottage Hospital treated only

And what is that treatment?

Dr. Douglas Brodie at the

Stouffville Medical Centre

suggests immersion of the

frozen toe or finger in water at

body temperature. As the

condition improves, the heat of

the water should be increased,

but very slowly, otherwise the

pain is quite severe. Serious

frost-bite should be seen by a

Dr. Brodie said, except snow at

32 degrees (F), is milder than

the air, so it tends to help, but

Does snow help? Not really,

physician, he said.

only slightly.

The staff at Uxbridge

receptionist said.

one case of frost-bite.

# Town stiffened by deep freeze

STOUFFVILLE — B-rrrr! It was cold, Sunday-minus 23 degrees (fahrenheit) below zero cold. Most cars parked outside all night refused to go, keeping tow vehicles busy all day.

·Church attendance was noticeably down, mainly because people had no means of. getting there. Due to a shortage of children, some Sunday Schools were cancelled.

A few water pipes broke

under the pressure with one

At the popular Dagmar Ski Resort in Uxbridge Township, it

home on the 9th Concession of Markham suffering considerable interior damage. Town Works Superintendent Ron Gibson reported no problems. "We enjoyed it," he said, "people stayed at home". Snow-clearing crews were out in the morning and again in the afternoon.

Fund grows

STOUFFVILLE - "The response has been tremendous," Jane Glick of Manitoba Street told The Tribune with respect to donations of clothing following the fire, Dec. 20, at the home of Marie Adams, Main Street West.

Mrs. Glick said she would be making call-backs to many people after she's had an opportunity to meet with Mrs. Adams to discuss specific needs.

Rev. Ted Creen of St. 1314.

James Presbyterian Church said approximately \$650 had been received through a fund established by the Stouffville Ministerial. In addition, the congregation of the Missionary Church, where Mrs. Adams is a member, has contributed \$1,695.00.

Although residing in Richmond Hill for a time, Mrs. Adams has now returned to Stouffville and is living in a home, two doors east of the fire hall. Her phone number there is 640Collect

## back taxes STOUFFVILLE - The firm

of Willowdale Masonry Contracting, employed in the construction of Northdown Homes here in Stouffville, has been nipped for \$102,000 by the courts and Revenue Canada. According to evidence, Tony

Scarano and partner Antonio Serpa accepted cash or cheques paid to cash on completion of masonry sub-contracting jobs. In doing this, they didn't declare about \$140,000 on income tax returns from 1974-77. the payment authorized by

the court includes the back taxes, interest, civil penalties plus a fine of \$33,199, the amount of tax the parties evaded. Following the decision,

handed down last month, Mr. Scarano was quoted as saying: "Other companies are doing it, but they never get caught, They're lucky---I'm not lucky".

### Charged with theft

STOUFFVILLE Whitchurch-Stouffville area youth, arrested at his home, Dec. 28, has been charged with break, enter and theft and possession of stolen goods valued in excess of \$200.

Bradley Keeler (alias Barkwell), age 19, of lot 20, conc. 7, was to have appeared in Newmarket Court, Dec. 30.

Keeler was taken in for questioning by York Regional Police following a break-in at the residence of Marion Cuddie, lot 28, conc. 6 on Dec. 18. Taken from the premises was a quantity of jewellery and camera equipment. Investigators believe two persons were responsible.



Meet Markham's No. 1 in '81-Sean Noble, son of Bob and Carole Noble, 18 Squire Baker's Lane. Sean arrived on the scene at Scarborough Centenary Hospital at exactly 12:50 a.m., New Year's

Day and tipped the scales at 8 pounds 5 ounces. Mr. and Mrs. Noble have a daughter, Krista, age Jim Thomas