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Cross-country skiing becomes popular winter sport

Cross-country skiing is growing in popularity with entire families participating in the sport. To meet the demand, sites like Woodnewton, Skyloft and Dagmar, all in the Twp. of Uxbridge, are available, either on a membership basis or a pay-by-the-day rate.

Shown here, enjoying an afternoon at Woodnewton are Karen Woods, Peter Street, Markham (left) and Jennifer Hilborn, Main Street North, Markham, both eleven.

—Jim Thomas.

Robbery

MARKHAM — A 48 year old service station operator was tied up and robbed of about \$500, early Monday morning, when three men, one carrying a shotgun and another, a club, entered the premises of B&M Motors, Woodbine Avenue, south of Hwy. 7.

Ronald Oakley was left lying on the floor and it was some time before he could get to a phone and notify police. Officers from the Region of York and the O.P.P. converged on the area, but made no arrests.

The thieves are believed to range in age from 17 to 23. They escaped on foot.

Check attendance of board trustees

YORK REGION — Empty chairs around the Board table, could come back to haunt York County trustees.

By a vote of 12-6, it was agreed, Monday, to maintain a record of members' attendance. The motion, put forward by vice-chairman Michael Neill, had been rejected by a previous Board and tabled in 1980.

Several trustees voiced strong opposition to the proposal

including Jim Corcoran of Vaughan. In his opinion, the electorate is intelligent enough to vote for or against a representative without being shown attendance figures.

Newmarket's Craig Cribar wondered at some ulterior motive, like deducting a trustee's remuneration if absent.

Norm Weller of Aurora described the discussion as "a waste of time". "As far as I'm

concerned, my attendance is the business of residents of Aurora and not the Board's. We rotated it down the last time, let's throw it out again".

Weller claimed the electorate is always welcome to sit in on meetings and draw its own conclusions as to a member's performance.

However, John Myers of Markham didn't agree. "That's alright for Aurora people, they don't have far to come, but for my constituents, it's not that easy," he countered.

Markham's Barbara Gilbert said attendance statistics are maintained in Parliament so she could see no reason why it shouldn't be done at the Board.

Colin Goodfellow, also of Markham said the practice tended to place more responsibility on the individual. "I feel it's a service to the public."

Vice-chairman Neill explained that because of poor attendance at some committee meetings, last year, the internal structure had to be changed. "In this way," he said, every trustee must make a commitment."

Following passage of the motion, Aurora's Norm Weller had a final word. "I suppose we'll all receive red stars the next time we meet," he stated scornfully.

Veterinarian praised

STOUFFVILLE — Bob Davis, Ninth Line North, has nothing but praise for Dr. Gary Gall of the Stouffville Veterinary Clinic.

It was around two o'clock Saturday morning that Mr. Davis saw the red rotating light of a police cruiser, outside his home. On investigating the problem, he saw the still form of his 13 year old Irish Setter on the road.

Knowing the Clinic would be closed, he called Dr. Gall's

home and told him of the accident. Then he gathered the pet up in his arms and took him directly to the Office.

"In nothing flat, Dr. Gall was there, I really appreciated it," Bob told The Tribune. He noted too that York Regional Police and passing motorists were very helpful.

The dog's injuries were so serious, it died a short time later, Mr. Davis said. Nevertheless, he wants Dr. Gall and others to know he'll be eternally grateful for their assistance.

Rennie Transport

Firm's move "urban sprawl"

STOUFFVILLE — Back in 1980, Rennie Transport Limited of Stouffville made application to the Town for permission to relocate its sizeable trucking operation to a new site on the east side of Hwy. 47, south of Lincolnville.

The present property, with access from the Ponderosa Service Road, is inadequate to handle an ever-increasing number of vehicles, the owner explained. It was pointed out too, that the early-morning exit of trucks could pose a noise nuisance to nearby residents.

On requesting approval from various governmental departments, Planning Board is in receipt of a negative response from the Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

It read in part: "The Ministry of Agriculture and Food find the subject site has Class 1 soil and sees no logic for expanding urban Stouffville".

In general, the reply continued, the large fields show evidence of crop farming. However, the Ministry noted a number of discrepancies — another trucking firm north of the C.N.R. line (Anderson's); a second one south of the subject site (Apache); an auction centre (Sales Barn); several homes, a greenhouse and a motel.

The Ministry's letter concluded: "The existing non-farm uses are too remote from the urban core of Stouffville to be called urban-transition and their existence would give rise to urban sprawl and justification for future argument to 'fill in' the remaining farm land between the area in question and Stouffville".

The negative response from the Ministry of Agriculture, was

passed on to the Town by R.C. Dolan, senior planner with the Ministry of Housing.

Ward 1 councillor Charles Warden was incensed over the Agricultural Department's stand.

"They don't know what they're talking about," he charged, "where do they want the company to go, onto Main Street?"

He pointed to the fact the new site is only a half-mile to the

north. "That's not urban sprawl".

Councillor Wilf Morley wondered how the present trucking firms (Anderson and Apache) had won approval. And, with a hint of sarcasm, he said he couldn't recall the existence of a motel in the area, as cited in the correspondence.

The Board agreed to set the matter aside until such time as a meeting could be arranged with the company's owner.

Charles Nendick

Killed by streetcar

STOUFFVILLE — Although warned not to go out, Charles Nendick, 92, was determined to walk the short distance from his home to the store.

The decision cost him his life.

Mr. Nendick was struck down by a street car on Broadview Avenue, Toronto and died later in Wellesley Hospital.

A former resident of Stouffville, Mr. Nendick was, in the words of son Russell, "smart as a cricket". He enjoyed his independence and even did his own cooking, Russell said.

Although he had worked out West, the deceased lived in Stouffville many years. He learned the watchmaker's trade under the instruction of Alex Grubin. Later, he worked in construction and as an electrician.

Mr. Nendick was predeceased by three wives. The first, Annie Silversides, was the mother of two sons, Russell and Murray and one daughter, Ruth. She died in 1923. He later married "Mac" Macdowell and following her death, was wed to Clara Knapp. Besides his immediate family, four grandchildren and several great grandchildren and great, great grandchildren survive.

Service was held Jan. 8 from the O'Neill Funeral Chapel, Stouffville with spring interment, Stouffville Cemetery.

Car stolen burned

STOUFFVILLE — Like so many motorists these cold days, Tom Butson of 75 Vanzant Court, Stouffville, left the motor of his 1975 Dodge running, during a stop-off at a friend's home in Aurora, last week.

The next thing he knew, the car was travelling down the street, a youthful driver behind the wheel.

Mr. Butson gave chase but couldn't catch up. York Regional Police were notified.

Later, an officer informed the owner that a vehicle like his, had been found near Bradford. The interior had been set ablaze and completely destroyed.

Mr. Butson believes the youths became angry when the car ran out of gas. In giving vent to their frustrations, they set it on fire. Damage has been estimated at \$2,000.

Phone rate increase

STOUFFVILLE — As of Jan. 1, monthly rates in both the Stouffville and Bethesda telephone exchanges are up by .85 cents residential and \$2.60 business.

The increases, approved by the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission back in December and announced by local Bell manager Carolyn Passmore, Dec. 29, weren't revealed to The Tribune in time to make last Thursday's paper.

Previously, the monthly residential rate was \$12.10. Now it is \$12.95. The business rate before was \$38.55 per month. Now it is \$41.15.

Honored

STOUFFVILLE — Two long-time volunteers with the Stouffville Fire Department have retired.

Fred Castle, a former deputy-chief and Lloyd Jennings, son of a former chief, said their farewells, last month, when brigade members met at the hall.

Each was presented with a gold watch by Chief Walter Smith, Both had served thirty years.

Their successors are David Glover and Brian Davis. Earlier, Don Doner and Marvin Betz announced their retirements. They were similarly honored. Replacing them are Allan Sisco and Scott Watson.

Animals burn

GORMLEY — Fire raged through several buildings on the Varone property, Conc. 5, Markham, south of 19th Avenue, Sunday, destroying a number of livestock and causing an estimated \$5,000 damage.

Firefighters were able to save about six steers, several pigs and sheep, but other animals were trapped inside and perished. This stock included several steers, goats, pigs and about fifty ducks.

The bitter cold created problems. Scott air packs, used by firemen to facilitate breathing, froze up. Two of the trucks also stalled due to sub-zero temperatures.

One volunteer, Paul Couperthwaite of Unionville, was taken by ambulance to York Central Hospital after a ladder fell on his foot. The injury wasn't serious, however.

Cause of the blaze was attributed to an overturned heater.



While on a skiing holiday up north, 12 year old Rob Hart, Second Street, Stouffville, suffered a broken right leg. The injury has sidelined him from both school and sports. Here, his kid-sister Jenny adds her name to a well-autographed cast.

Sister signs cast

—Jim Thomas.

No simple solution to drug problem

STOUFFVILLE — There's no simple solution to the problem of drug abuse, consultant Norman Panzica told a public meeting at the High School, Thursday night.

Addressing a slim crowd of only thirty-four (eight of them teachers), Mr. Panzica admitted that "if we could learn how people get this way, we might discover how to prevent it".

Drug use (and abuse), the speaker said, had come to the fore in Canada about twenty years ago, in fact, he pin-pointed the date as Sept. 15, 1961 when, in his words, "the first pebble in this avalanche came rolling down the mountain".

"One thousand years from now, we'll look back on the 60's and wonder how we could have been so stupid". Panzica placed the onus of responsibility on the home, saying that what a school can accomplish in five years, a father or mother can break down in five minutes. At the same time, he noted that "parents can do everything right and still raise a rotten kid".

The speaker stressed the need for parents to set good

examples. "What's the difference between taking a towel from the Holiday Inn and stealing a 39 cent chocolate bar from the corner candy store?" he asked.

Young people, he said, who are likely to shun the drug scene, are made to adhere to a strict curfew, come under parental discipline, are required to do regular household chores and are taught respect for authority.

"Parents must establish limits so sons and daughters know what's expected of them," he stressed.

Panzica was strongly critical of Ottawa for its proposed "traffic ticket approach" to marijuana possession.

"Whether they do or whether they don't, depends on you," he said, in urging his audience to contact their local Member of Parliament. Similarly, he said, the drinking age in Ontario should never have been lowered, even though he favored the move back in 1971. He described the result as "a horror".

In reply to a question from the floor concerning the action necessary to rid the com-

munity of a known drug hang-out, Mr. Panzica recommended the matter be brought to the attention of the police. He also suggested that parents visit the place, learn more about its operator and find out if the young people frequenting it are of legal age.

"Just remember," Panzica concluded, "primary prevention still rests with parents".

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