

Could hurt schools Strike action by secretaries

YORK REGION — Three hundred school secretaries and technicians are on strike across York County but to date, the real impact has not yet been felt in Whitchurch - Stouffville.

Should the walk-out carry on, difficulties will arise, High School Principal Michael Muir told The Tribune. Records, reports and end-of-term results will be affected, he said. "My main concern is for the students," he stated.

The secretaries, without a contract since Dec. 31, had been offered increases averaging about ten per cent in 1981. The union, however, is demanding fifteen per cent to place its members on a par with caretakers and people in similar positions across the province.

The secretaries have been in a legal position to strike since April 2 but they held off until

Monday, expecting something might come out of mediation talks, Friday. Negotiations broke off when the board refused to budge, Barbara Hanks, the Local's secretary-treasurer explained.

Principal Muir said explicit instructions had been sent out by the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation "not to carry out any duties that might be perceived to be secretarial work". The Elementary School Teachers' Association issued a similar directive.

"We support them one hundred per cent," said Billy Hurley, an executive officer with YCETAF, "look at the responsibilities these people have; their skills are invaluable".

Using caretakers as an example, Hurley said they start at \$7.60 an hour while secretaries begin at \$4.95.

Town trustee and board chairman Harry Bowes emphatically denied that discrimination was being practiced because most of these employees are women. "There are male secretaries and technicians just as there are female caretakers," he said. By way of comparison with other regions, he said Peel is paying more while Durham is paying less.

In a prepared statement, Mr. Bowes said: "All school and board administrative offices will be open and will operate as normally as possible with the staff available. Members of non-striking employee groups are expected to report for work and undertake their normal duties. They are not expected to undertake duties that would normally be carried out by someone on strike".

Chamber of Commerce

Industrial committee to work with Council

STOUFFVILLE — An industrial committee has been established in Whitchurch - Stouffville through the Chamber of Commerce. However, Mayor Eldred King sees it more as a development body since its interests include commercial and residential build-up as well.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 9 (today), when representatives of Dulverton have been invited to attend.

"Response has been good," Chairman Ged Stonehouse told The Tribune. The committee, he said, would attempt to serve as a liaison between developers

and the Town. With respect to Dulverton, he said members wished only to obtain information "straight from the horse's mouth".

Chairman Stonehouse said there had been some discussion on the future of the Arena. "The mayor's very open. He doesn't want to embark on a major expenditure unless the people are wholly behind it," he stated.

He personally leans towards a new structure. "We haven't had a major project in this Town for years," he said.

Mayor King said the committee's work would be more straight-forward if the

municipality had a sizeable piece of serviced land available. In Whitchurch - Stouffville, this is not the case.

The committee, he explained, can't speak for the Town, but through co-operation, can work closely with Council. Meetings, he said, are held once a month.

Some party!

Liquor stolen

STOUFFVILLE — Oh what a party!

Police conclude this must have been the motive behind a break-in, March 26, at the liquor store in the west end plaza, involving eight young people.

Contents removed, including some cash, is placed at \$1,520.

Two teenagers, both from Newmarket, were arrested a short time later, and charged with break, enter and theft, and possession of goods valued at over \$200.

However, the investigation didn't stop there. Early last week, three more were taken in for questioning and later charged. Christopher Charles Bernard, 16, of Centre Street, Aurora, was held for a bail hearing, March 31. Jeffery Whiteside, 18, of RR 1, Newmarket and Terry Thomas Alcott, 16, of Lundy's Lane, Newmarket were to appear in court this week.

Police have since issued warrants for three other youths, but so far have been unable to locate them.

Voice of gold

Twenty-four year old Nancy Herbison, daughter of the former Agnes Klinck of Stouffville, is thrilling audiences all across Canada with her beautiful soprano voice.

Latest appearance was Friday at the National Arts Centre, Ottawa, where she presented a 1½ hour recital. Twenty family members attended including Frank and Ruby Burkholder of Stouffville.

Presently studying in Germany after winning the prestigious Eckhardt-Gramatte Award in 1980, Nancy came back to Ottawa, last week and, following her performance, Friday, travelled on to Nelson, British Columbia where she's to participate in an Easter cantata with the choral society there. Then, it's back to Germany for completion of her course this spring.

Said the back-up information accompanying her photo in the Arts Centre brochure: "With fourteen engagements this season, Nancy is on the threshold of a promising career".

Following the Ottawa recital, she was honored at a family reception, hosted by Mr. and Mrs. James Moore.



NANCY HERBISON

Unexplained crash on Bloomington Road kills Thornhill man

A 38 year old Thornhill man died Friday when his westbound car rammed into the side of a gravel truck on the Bloomington Road near Lincolnville, tearing the vehicle apart. Harold Denberg was

pronounced dead on arrival at hospital. Allan Davis of Seagrove, Ont., driver for Hancock Sand and Gravel Limited, Sunderland, escaped injury. Cause of the crash is still under investigation.

— Jim Thomas

At Markham Fairgrounds

Ontario bull sale totals \$149,500

MARKHAM — Prime beef on the hoof—\$149,500 worth.

Sales totalled this figure at the 1981 Ontario Beef Bull Auction held April 1 at Markham Fairgrounds. It marked the first time the event has been staged at this location.

Two animals brought the day's top price of \$3,200. The one, a Hereford, consigned by Onondaga Farms, St. George, Ont., was purchased by Earl and John McEachern of Glencoe, Ont. The other, a Charolais, was consigned by Chester Patton of Shelburne, Ont., and purchased by Heinz Schoppmann of St. Charles, Ont.

The next highest bid was for a Crossbred owned by Aberfeldy Farms of Milton and bought by Raymond McKenzie of Shequandah, Ont. The price paid was \$2,600.

Six Charolais bulls averaged \$2,133.00; six Simmentals averaged \$2,000.00; three Shorthorns averaged \$1,266.00 and seventy-one Herefords averaged \$1,470.00.

The following animals were purchased locally: HEREFORD: Lloyd Feasby, RR 1, Uxbridge (1,500); William A. Harrison, RR 1, Zephyr (\$1,325); Jim Mitchell, RR 6, Woodville (\$1,050); J.T. Clark, Ravenshoe (\$1,500); Gerald Draper, Keswick (\$1,650);

Stanley Thomas, RR 5, Woodville (\$1,450); Ross Westcott and Son, RR 3, Beaverton (\$1,850); Thoralea Hereford Farms, RR 3, Beaverton (\$1,750); Ernest Ofenheim, RR 2, Aurora (\$2,100); Fred Fish, RR 1, Ashburn (\$1,375). SIMMENTAL: Bruce Thaxter, RR 3, Beaverton (\$2,050); Donald Corneil, RR 2, Little Britain (\$900). LIMOUSIN: Gerald Draper, Keswick (\$1,800).

A Hereford from Silo Hill Farm, Claremont, sold for \$2,250. It went to Shanty Bay, Ont. Another brought \$2,000. It also went to Shanty Bay but to a

different owner.

Top Hereford from Wotton House and Greenbrook Farms went for \$1,850. The purchaser was Ross Westcott of Beaverton.

Almira Hereford Farms of RR 1, Unionville, had several animals in the sale, the highest going for \$1,775. It was bought by Gordon Campbell of Kirkfield, Ont.

Sale manager Graeme Hedley of Toronto, praised the Fairground facility, describing it as "excellent". "We hope to make this our permanent home," he said.

Ornamental clock

Top bid - \$195

STOUFFVILLE — An ornamental clock attracted much attention at an auction sale of property belonging to the late Charles Nendick, held Thursday in the Stouffville Sales Barn.

When all the bids were in, Sylvia (Mrs. Dan) Barkey of Altona was the buyer. Her price was \$195.

Other items bringing top dollars included a dining room

suite, \$800; a bedroom suite, \$240; a spool bed, \$145; a dresser, \$110; a wardrobe, \$55; a cabbage slicer, \$27.50 and a Nipon dish, \$25.

During the evening, four auctioneers took a turn on the rostrum including Don 'Beanie' Lehman of Stouffville. The audience applauded his skill. Others were Norm Faulkner, Earl Gauslin and Walter Atkinson.

All in the family

WHITCHURCH — An auction sale, expected to attract a large crowd, will be held April 18 on the farm of Alex Ratcliff, part lot 9 and 10, conc. 8 (Hwy. 48), Whitchurch-Stouffville.

Norm Faulkner and Walter Atkinson are in charge. Starting time is 12:30 p.m.

The 83-acre property was purchased by William Ratcliff from Nathan Gilbert, and passed on to Alex, his son, 47 years ago. The farm's buyer is Gordon Ratcliff, former Town mayor.

"I've been sort of marking

time," Mr. Ratcliff told The Tribune in contemplating a move to Markham. He and wife Marg have purchased a home on Senator Reesor's Drive and plan to take up residence there the end of this month.

Both farm and household items will be featured including an International tractor and loader, a Massey-Ferguson tractor, a John Deere manure spreader, an International 4-furrowed plow and a New-Holland hay baler, all described as good.

Many miscellaneous items

will be up for bids including a chain saw, logging chains, forks, an extension ladder, augers, crowbars, an electric drill an old double-barreled shotgun and an antique hand sleigh.

Household articles will command just as much attention due to the fact many are antiques. These include a mantel clock, a pine harvest table, a bread-cutter, a cupboard, a sideboard and several oil lamps.

Refreshments will be served.



Town tree-nappers face terrible fate

Last December, high school teacher Wayne Nugent was shocked to learn three Chamber of Commerce members had (mistakenly) entered onto his property at 360 Elm Road, Stouffville, and lopped off a 30 foot pine tree. On Friday, he had his revenge

when he attended the Woodchoppers' Ball at Ballantrae. There, large as life were two of the culprits, Jack Chambers (centre) and Graydon Card. But all's well that ends well. He only scared them a little.

— Jim Holt.