

## Benefit dance

STOUFFVILLE — The Carlton Show Band of Pig & Whistle fame, will provide the music for a dance, Fri., Nov. 27 at Glendale Pavilion, Musselman's Lake.

Proceeds will help cover the cost of Whitchurch-Stouffville's independent water test program.

Admission is \$20 a couple with tickets available at Stouffville's drug stores or by calling 640-1142 or 640-5721.

# CUT SEWAGE PLANT COST

STOUFFVILLE — A Toronto consulting engineering firm has admitted some responsibility for the discrepancy in tender bids and its own estimate, for the addition to Stouffville sewage system.

The firm, R.V. Anderson and Associates, hired by York Region to design the addition and prepare tenders, estimated the cost at \$1.6 million.

The lowest of five bids however, was \$2.6 million. The highest was \$3.4 million.

Last week, a special meeting of Town Council, and representatives from R.V. Anderson, York Region engineering department and Dulverton Developments, for whose proposed sub-division the addition is needed, met to discuss the \$1 million difference in estimates, and was told by Anderson executive, Bob Baker, his firm "could have done better."

"I don't think R.V. Anderson failed in construction

costs," he said, "but it could have done better. So, we feel some responsibility."

As a result, Baker said Anderson will prepare a new study of the planned addition in an effort to bring the over-all price down, and will accept the approximate "over-run of \$30,000" in its consulting fee, so no charge will be made for the work.

The tone for the meeting was set at the outset by Mayor Eldred King. The Town had

\$1.9 million for the sewer; no more. "That's all the money we have and we want a treatment plant," said the mayor. "It's that long and that short."

Said York engineering commissioner, Bob Hodgson: "This is not one of my happiest days. I was optimistic we would have the plant at the price quoted. I hope after the meeting we will have some direction in achieving our goal of obtaining a proper system at fair cost."

Baker said he was

"shocked" by the tenders for the plant, and had asked the contractors "why?"

Among the reasons listed were, a 20 per cent increase in materials; "one of the most complex projects in recent years" (the existing plant had to be kept going during construction), and the addition of various facilities.

When asked by Commissioner Hodgson if the addition was "over-designed," Baker said no. "There is nothing in the design that's not

necessary to meet effluent requirements."

He said, however, that "responsibility lies on our (Anderson's) shoulders." They had "rushed" things, and had made an estimate without visiting the site.

Said Mayor King: "Are we only trying to meet the Ministry's (Environment) suggested requirement? Are we trying to be good to them? They're never good to us."

Future nitrification of the plant would be to the municipality's benefit, not the ministry's, Baker said.

The review to see if costs can be cut, will take from four to six weeks, the meeting was told.

"I have doubts we can do it for \$1.9 million," said Commissioner Hodgson, "but we'll do all we possibly can."

## Chamber of Commerce Be positive boost Town

STOUFFVILLE — Think positive was the theme of a Whitchurch-Stouffville Chamber of Commerce executive meeting, Thursday night, with members of Council invited to attend.

Chamber president Graydon Card set the tone of the discussion, claiming the town should be identified as a happy, pleasant, vibrant community — what we can offer rather than what we can't.

"It's time we started pulling together rather than continually pulling apart," he said, "it's time to call a halt to so much negativism".

The president suggested that while the Chamber of Commerce isn't a service club, "the thrust must come from somewhere". He recommended the town adopt a symbol, an identity that would be recognized even across the province.

Councillor Jim Sanders listed many "good things" about Whitchurch-Stouffville that too often are overlooked including the library, the art gallery, the museum, local parks, the regional forest, the conservation area and the Sales Barn. The community, he said, is also known for its music. "This is a very talented town".

While no symbol as such was agreed upon by the meeting, the Sales Barn or Flea Market was acceptable to many.

Throughout the discussion, the media, both local and national came in for its share of criticism. Mayor Eldred King referred to the landfill site as one of the negative aspects of the town. He claimed that while it would be irresponsible of Council "to forget about it", the TV and press had overplayed the issue. "There's nothing wrong with Stouffville water, the media has blown it out of all proportions."

The Chamber president referred to the problem as "a pervading cloud that hangs over us". What can we do about it? he asked.

Ged Stonehouse, the chamber's immediate past-president said the time had come for people "to get excited about the town". "Let's get our community spirit back again and things will start to happen," he urged.

Stonehouse said the town needs a goal — something to work towards, a project that will capture the people's imagination.

"It's time we started looking at things we can do rather than what we can't," he said.

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The Ku family - Margaret, James and Michael were the recipients of seventeen awards at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School's Commencement Exercises, Friday. Each had an

average over 90 per cent. They are congratulated here by the mayor of Whitchurch-Stouffville Eldred King.

Jim Thomas

## Cenotaph relocation

STOUFFVILLE — Councillor Bill Kamps has recommended removal of the town cenotaph to some other site. It's presently located in the Civic Square.

Kamps said the matter had been raised during the recent Remembrance Day Service. The location makes it difficult for the laying of wreaths and it's difficult to see, especially for visitors who don't know where it is, he explained.

He recommended a more open site at the Conservation Area.

The Property Committee of Council will meet with representatives of the Stouffville Legion early in 1982 and discuss the issue further.

## Industry

STOUFFVILLE — Town Council has given final approval to a proposed 18-unit industrial park on Mostar Road south of McNeil Laboratories (Canada) Limited.

The property will be served by drilled wells and septic tanks.

Developer Ron Felson of Thornhill told a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce earlier this year that he'd already received offers on some sites.

## 'Blow-out' is covered

STOUFFVILLE — Back on Jan. 17, a hydro transformer at Stouffville's east-end station, suddenly 'blew up'. On top of this, a surge of power flowed into several homes served by the depot, exploded a number of appliances including television sets.

The occurrence touched off an in-depth investigation into the cause and who, if anyone, was responsible.

Now it can be told. Hydro Commission chairman Ken Laushway explained that, as suspected, a lightning bolt that struck the transformer back in October, 1980, weakened internal parts to such an extent, it was only a matter of time until they disintegrated.

The replacement cost, totalling \$53,000, was covered by liability insurance. In addition, some twenty claims from home-owners, have been settled in "goodwill" payments

by Ontario Hydro. Hydro, however, refused to accept legal responsibility for the damage but met the claims as a public relations gesture.

Chairman Laushway said he was pleased with the way everything had turned out. To handle an expense of \$53,000 would have posed a problem here, he said.

## Dangerous corner

STOUFFVILLE — For a second time this year, Councillor Bill Kamps has put forward a proposal dealing with a 'problem' intersection, this one at Main Street and Ninth Line South.

Earlier, it was through Councillor Kamps' persistence that flashing left-hand turn signals were installed at Ringwood.

At the Ninth and Main corner, he wants left-hand turns from Conc. 9 prohibited between the hours of 4 and 6 p.m., Monday to Friday and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturdays.

Due to problems created, cars are being forced onto a nearby service centre lot, Kamps explained. Several collisions have also occurred, he said.

## Pumper

STOUFFVILLE — A new 3,000 gallon pumper truck is to be acquired by Council for the Town Fire Department. Three tenders have been received for the complete vehicle, ranging from \$114,282.06 to \$120,027.00.

The lone bid for cab and chassis only was from Neil Patrick Motors of Stouffville at \$64,526.10.



Mary-Jo Sutherland, Lloyd Avenue, Stouffville, received her secondary school honor graduation diploma, Friday, from Principal Michael Muir. She was also the recipient of an Ontario Scholarship and a Five Year Honor Bar.

Jim Thomas

## Freak accident

### Driver killed

VIVIAN — A freak accident, Friday, on Hwy. 48, north of Vivian, took the life of a 33 year old Pepperlaw woman, mother of a 14 year old boy.

Pronounced dead on arrival at hospital was Diane Karakasilis, driver of a 1981 Honda that collided with a two-wheeled trailer, loaded with logs.

According to police, the trailer, attached to a south-bound car driven by Stephen

Barnett, 17, of RR 2, Markham, broke free and swung across the road into the northbound lane where it was hit by the Karakasilis vehicle. The tongue of the trailer smashed through the windshield, striking the victim on the head.

Firefighters from Stouffville were summoned to the scene to free the woman from her overturned car. Property damage was placed at \$6,500.

## Dulverton or bust - King

STOUFFVILLE — The proponents of the 550-home Dulverton Development must be wondering if they're jinxed. No sooner do they eradicate one road block than they're faced with another.

The good news is that they've obtained the necessary financing to proceed with the project. The bad news is that a sizeable addition to the town's sewage disposal plant came in

at a tendered price of \$1 million over estimate.

While admitting Dulverton feels "they've had the rug pulled out from under them", Mayor Eldred King is optimistic they'll get something going early in '82.

"We've got it this far, we won't let it die," he told The Tribune during a press interview Friday. He's confident the price can be cut and feels additional funds will be made available from the province.

## 'A beginning' says speaker

STOUFFVILLE — "This is not the end but rather the beginning of our education," valedictorian Margaret Ku told the Grade 12 and 13 graduation classes of Stouffville Dist. Secondary School Friday night. "We are afforded every opportunity to expand our sphere of knowledge in a variety of areas," she said.

In a buoyant address, accorded a standing ovation by her classmates, Margaret spoke of the great honor in representing the school on such an important occasion. She described it as "a night of pride and satisfaction". To a great extent, school life is artificial, she said. "The true purpose is to develop determination, co-operation and a sense of responsibility," she stated.

"We have matured together, let us treasure this moment and work even harder to make this

country Canada an even better place in which to live."

In his address to the graduates, staff teacher Don Hamilton aptly referred to the evening as "Kummencement Night". And he was so right. Margaret, Michael and James Ku received no less than seventeen awards including top academic proficiency bur-saries in Grades 13, 11 and 9 respectively with averages of 94.8 per cent; 93.8 per cent and 97.1 per cent.

In his remarks to the graduates, Principal Michael Muir said he hoped the evening would be "one of the most memorable in your lifetime". He spoke of the power of positive thinking and the freedom of choice where self-discipline must play an important part.

Said board chairman Harry Bowes: "Tonight is your night — an evening of enjoyment and celebration". He referred to the event as "the beginning of another phase in each student's life".

Robert Cressman, Director, York County Board of Education, in a stirring address, spoke of the various emotions such an evening holds for the participants — pride, happiness, gratitude and sorrow. "Don't be afraid to be industrious", he urged, "the only place where success comes before work is in the dictionary". The speaker praised the atmosphere that prevails at Stouffville High, calling it "warm and compassionate".

Special music for the occasion was provided by the senior band under the direction of Paul Samuelson and the senior choir directed by Jim Rehill.

## Shoplifter says sorry

STOUFFVILLE — Jack Chambers, owner-manager of the Stouffville IGA is not unaccustomed to receiving mail.

This week, however, a letter came through that caught his attention. It read simply: Dear Mr. Chambers — This will more than cover what I took from the store. I'm sorry. Folded up inside were two \$20 bills and a ten.

"I've been in business 25 years and this is the first time such a thing has ever happened. It restores my faith in humanity," he told The Tribune.

He plans to keep the money and the note as a gentle reminder that basically, people are honest.