



High School Variety Show draws praise

Stouffville Dist. Secondary School's annual Variety Show played to responsive audiences and featured excellent talent in two performances, March 4 and 5. Two of the participants were Tracey Broom and Doug Davidson in a number entitled "Endless Love". Story and more pictures inside.

—Jim Thomas.

# Rifle shot kills pet dog

MARKHAM — "Kelly" was a four year old German Shepherd dog, obtained by Daniel and Eleanor Yake of 19th Avenue, RR 2, Markham, at the age of 16 months.

She was a gentle animal that "loved everyone", Mrs. Yake said.

Many weeks of training went into her care and the pet seemed to know she was never to leave the property.

Last month, Mr. and Mrs. Yake went away for a time, returning home Feb. 27. During

this interval, Kelly was placed in the "protective custody" of Jim Ryan at his shelter on the Stouffville - Gormley Road. On the day of their return, daughter Cathy picked her up.

Unfortunately, not realizing Mr. and Mrs. Yake were home, Kelly followed Cathy's car out the laneway and a short distance down the road. She was later found dead, killed by a rifle bullet through the back.

It was a neighbor who first saw the dog. She was lying on the 7th Concession, not far from

their house. She called Mrs. Yake.

"At first we thought she'd been hit by a car," the owner told The Tribune "then we saw the bullet hole. She'd lost a lot of blood".

Mrs. Yake called the emergency number of the Stouffville Veterinary Clinic while her husband rushed the pet into town. She died the following morning.

"Dr. Hacking came all the way down from Uxbridge, and in a hurry," Mrs. Yake said. She was able to revive her but

the injury was too severe. "She (Dr. Hacking) did all she could. She was wonderful," Mrs. Yake said.

The owners can't understand why anyone should do such a thing. "If she'd been a nuisance or even strayed onto someone else's property, it would be different. But she never left the place and even this one time, she was on the road," she said. She believes the dog was shot by someone in a car but no one heard any noise.

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## Says water fine

# Minister raps town alarmists

By Jim Irving  
STOUFFVILLE — Whitchurch-Stouffville's drinking water problem may not be so much a matter of arsenic as it is old lace.

At a press conference, Tuesday, Provincial Environment Minister Keith Norton claimed that greater co-operation between the media and a private citizens' group with the government on well-testing programs, could have eliminated much of the anguish needlessly suffered by many Town residents.

Norton said the haste with which the Concerned Citizens' Committee had declared their results and the equal eagerness that was displayed by the press in dispensing this to the public, helped account for many of the discrepancies between government and private interests and the subsequent community despair that had arisen.

The Minister pointed to the following example: He said claims of arsenic being discovered in water on the Hutchinson, Sheppard and Zvier properties, as revealed by the Concerned Citizens and later found invalid by the M.O.E., could have been avoided had the group shared

its results with the Ministry. The New York laboratory, which tested for the Citizens, didn't correct for background levels of sodium chloride, the minister said. Consequently, the tests appeared to show arsenic instead.

The New York laboratory later re-tested "and obtained the same results we did," Norton said.

"I don't know if that will help the weeping mother in Stouffville who called Sick Children's Hospital," said Norton, somewhat incensed.

Recent charges by Professor Joseph Cummins of the University of Western Ontario that sixteen of his reports on water tests done in Whitchurch-Stouffville had been "deliberately altered", were also dismissed by Norton as being "without truth".

Norton said too that the Citizens' Committee had "privately acknowledged" that results reported by scientist Josef Smarda of Calgary on the McLean well, showing a high phenol (acid) content, which Smarda declared as being "particularly harmful to children" were "unrelated". "However, they chose not to admit this publicly," he said.

Norton declared that test results obtained by the Citizens "haven't stood up". Further, he said, they (the Committee) had refused to share these results. If they had, they could have spared many a lot of anguish, he concluded.

## Late Alan Lowe

# Prominent in business

UNIONVILLE — Central United Church was filled to overflowing, Monday, as friends, family members and associates paid final respects to one of this area's most prestigious businessmen, Alan Thomas Lowe.

Mr. Lowe, a resident on 17th Avenue, Markham, west of Kennedy Road, died suddenly March 4, following a coronary attack. He was found by wife Barbara on her return home about 9:30 p.m. He was 63.

Alan Lowe was president of Commercial Sand and Gravel Limited, RR 2, Stouffville and

founder of Country Style Donuts, a firm with corporate headquarters on Woodbine Avenue, Markham, and eighty outlets across Canada.

A flight lieutenant in the Royal Canadian Airforce, Mr. Lowe served as a director and partner in Commander Aviation Limited. He had his own plane and only recently flew to Vancouver to see his mother. He enjoyed sailing, tennis and golf.

Service, Monday, was conducted by Rev. David McKane of Central United Church. So large was the attendance, many had to be accommodated in the basement. More than 55 floral tributes were received plus donations to various charities. Pall-bearers were Alan Watson, Irv. Watson, Donald Thorne, Carl Stephenson, Daniel Seagroave and Robert Simpson.

Besides his wife and mother, Mr. Lowe is survived by one daughter, Melodie Camelford of Unionville; a granddaughter, Samantha and a sister, Audrey Maynard in Vancouver.

## Approved

STOUFFVILLE — Stouffville-to-Toronto rail commuters have been granted a last-minute reprieve.

According to an announcement in the Ontario Legislature, Tuesday, GO-Transit will take over the VIA-Rail service which had been slated for discontinuance by the federal Department of Transport.

Although there's been no date mentioned for the switch from federal to provincial jurisdiction, in a report from the ministry, July 31, 1981, VIA-Rail was given another year to run.

Continuation of the service is looked on as a victory for a committee of Whitchurch-Stouffville and Markham commuters as well as MPP's Bill Hodgson and Don Cousens.

## Loss-\$6,000

# Rings stolen

WHITCHURCH — York Regional Police are investigating a reported break-in at the residence of Max and Martha Thompson, Cedarvale Boulevard, Musselman's Lake, sometime between Jan. 1 and Feb. 22. A diamond and sapphire engagement ring and a pair of sapphire earrings were taken from the bathroom. The jewellery has been valued at \$6,000.

Between Feb. 28 and

March 3, entry was gained to Glendale Beach Pavilion by forcing a small window. Coins were removed from several pinball machines and a quantity of cash was stolen for a total loss of \$400.

Four wheels were removed from a car belonging to Gordon J. Turner, RR 4, Stouffville, between Feb. 28 and March 4. A box of auto parts was also taken from a storage shed; total value, \$800.

## Driver hospitalized

STOUFFVILLE — A Stouffville motorist was admitted to Scarborough Centenary Hospital, Tuesday, following a two-car crash on Hwy. 48, north of 18th Avenue, Markham.

Injured was Rose Olga Boyle, 56, of 340 O'Brien Avenue. Less seriously hurt was Alice Upton, 57, of Tindall Lane, Goodwood. Property damage was estimated at \$5,500.

## Concerned Citizens

# Committee sacks 'vocal' members

STOUFFVILLE — The Concerned Citizens' Committee of Whitchurch-Stouffville, whose voice of protest has echoed through the hallowed halls of Queen's Park, is now facing problems within its own house.

This fact came to light, Tuesday, when an alleged 'dismissal' was enacted against two of its most prominent members.

Fran Sainsbury and Elaine Fritz were given their "walking papers" following a hastily called meeting held at the home of ex-councillor Becky Wedley, Monday night. Charles Parker, chairman of the group, was given the onerous task of passing on the word to both women, Tuesday, since neither was present.

Fran Sutton, official spokesperson for the Committee, admitted to "trouble" within the organization. She said the two "outlawed" members had insisted in speaking out of turn, particularly to the media and thus embarrassing everyone. "They made commitments on our behalf without telling us, she said. Consequently, other members, when contacted by the press, were caught off guard.

She claimed neither Mrs. Sainsbury nor Mrs. Fritz were in agreement with the Committee's approach. "They teamed up together and left the rest of us out."

The Environment Ministry, Mrs. Sutton said, was to be told that from now on, nothing of an official nature was to be accepted from either person.

"Things were getting out of control; we were becoming fragmented," she said, "we can't have divergent opinions coming from different people".

She feels the two women will continue to work on the Town's behalf, but strictly on their own. "They're very committed," she said.

Mrs. Sutton said the matter "came to a head" on the weekend when the Committee discovered that Dr. Joseph

Cummins, a senior scientist and professor at the University of Western Ontario, had visited Stouffville and had stayed overnight at the Sainsbury home. None of the membership, with the exception of Mrs. Sainsbury and Mrs. Fritz knew of this, she said.

Mrs. Sutton said that while the 'dismissal' decision might hurt the Committee's credibility, "we considered it less of a problem to let them go than to keep them on".

"We did our best to patch things up but last night (Monday evening) was the crowning glory," she concluded.

## Town firms win awards

STOUFFVILLE — Parklane Nurseries Limited, RR 1, Gormley and Betz Pools Limited, Main Street West, Stouffville, won first and second prizes respectively with their combined display at the Canadian Garden, Pool and Landscape Show, Toronto.

The event, attracting thousands of visitors, was held in the Automotive Building, Exhibition Park, Feb. 25 to March 1.

The Betz display featured a pool of modern design and fountains. The deck, constructed from brick pavement, extended to the very edge.

The Parklane exhibit featured a beautiful waterfall in an attractive marbleite pool, surrounded by a natural woodland setting. A large selection of flowers added a variety of color. A teahouse, designed and built by Parklane, attracted much attention.



Unique masks on display at Latcham Gallery

With masks, only seeing is believing. A unique exhibit, arranged by John Richmond of R.R. 1, Claremont, is on display in the Latcham Gallery of the Town Library. Shown here with

one of the entries is four year old Almee Karlsson, daughter of Lef and Heather Karlsson, R.R. 2, Stouffville.

—Jim Holt.