

Detained in Argentina

STOUFFVILLE — Nineteen year old Cynthia Bart, a virtual 'prisoner' within her native Argentina, is back in Stouffville, much to the relief of her parents, Jack and Margaret Bart, Rupert Avenue.

Cynthia had returned to the land of her birth five weeks ago, wanting to attend a Youth Camp in an area where her

mother and father had served as missionaries. She also wanted to visit the several churches established by her parents there.

However, when the time came for her to leave, immigration officials wouldn't let her go and no amount of persuasion would change their minds.

On the advice of her parents, she went to the

Canadian Embassy and told them her story. They arranged an appointment with a lawyer who escorted through customs and onto a plane.

Since Cynthia wasn't listed as a passenger, Mr. and Mrs. Bart didn't know of her whereabouts until contact was made with Eastern Airlines in Florida. Officials there assured them their daughter was on board a flight headed for

Toronto. She arrived at Malton Friday afternoon.

"We were overjoyed," Mrs. Bart told The Tribune, "the whole family went to meet her."

In spite of all the problems, Cynthia still loves Argentina and the people there; so much so, she may go back again. Next time, she intends to make sure that getting out is as easy as getting in.



A spring lamb — now we can believe!

This is what we've been waiting for — a sure sign of spring. An indication of better days ahead is this little black lamb cuddled by 12 year old Pamela Powell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Powell, 19th Avenue, Dickson's Hill. The bottle is merely a photographer's prop. The lamb has its own source of nourishment. — Jim Holt.

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Citizens' group "mends fences"

STOUFFVILLE — The Concerned Citizens' Committee, racked by dissension following a decision to 'muzzle' two of its members, held an emergent meeting, Friday night, in an attempt to pull the group together.

For almost a year, this organization, has been waging an on-going battle with the Ontario Environment Ministry, demanding a controversial landfill site east of Hwy. 48 be closed. As part of this campaign, the committee has had water tests conducted at several wells in the area with allegedly positive results. However, the Ministry has repeatedly rejected these claims.

It was March 8 that several of the group met at Ballantrae and decided there could be only one spokesperson for the organization. Fran Sutton was selected to handle this role. At the same time, it was agreed that neither Fran Sainsbury

nor Elaine Fritz, two of the group's most prominent members, should no longer speak on the Committee's behalf.

The action, made public in the March 11 Tribune, prompted protests from all sides.

In a statement, read Friday and published in its entirety on Page B2, it was made plain that the group was fully supportive of the work

both women had done. The desire, the statement said, was to have Committee agreement on issues before comments are made that could be attributed to all.

In conclusion it said: "The Concerned Citizens' Committee has but one objective — to close the landfill site and have it capped and purged as quickly as possible."

For kids

STOUFFVILLE — "Mr. Dress-up" is coming to Town.

He'll appear in Stouffville's Latham Hall, Fri., April 16 at 4:30 and 7 p.m.

Tickets (\$2 each), are available at the Public Library. They're expected to go quickly so parents are advised to purchase the number they need right away.

Also, on Tues., April 13, billed as "a major dramatic experience", is a performance by actress Norma Edwards in the Town Library at 8 p.m.

This talented lady brings to life "The Women of Margaret Laurence" in her portrayals.

Markville Plaza opens

Expect thousands

MARKHAM — Markville Centre, a multi-million dollar shopping complex at Hwy. 7 and McCowan Road, will greet thousands of first-time visitors when it opens its door to the

public on Wednesday (to-day).

There are 140 stores in the mall including Eaton's, Woolco, Miracle Food Mart, Shoppers' Drug Mart, Jack

Fraser's, Marks & Spencer, Collegiate Sports and Fairweathers. A full list of business places is published in the Third Section of this week's Tribune.

To-day, Thursday and Friday, the first 500 people at Markville will receive a collector's coffee cup and a free cup of coffee. During the first four days, ten gift certificates worth \$25 each will be given away. On Saturday (March 20), a draw for a \$500 gift certificate will be made.

On Tuesday evening, a gala pre-opening party was attended by Ontario Premier Wm. Davis and close to 4,000 invited guests. Mr. Davis cut a huge cake, made in the shape of the mall. The public opening, Wednesday at 9 a.m., was presided over by Markham Mayor Tony Roman. This was followed by a ceremony at 9:30 in the new Eaton's store.

GO-train service to begin Sept. 7

STOUFFVILLE — GO-train service between Stouffville and Toronto, replacing the present VIA-Rail system, will commence Tuesday, Sept. 7, York-Centre M.P.P. Don Cousens told The Tribune. It'll be no 'mickey mouse' operation either, he said, in fact close to \$2,000,000 will be spent in upgrading the facility.

Modern passenger coaches will be placed on this line and standardized GO-stations will be established in each community. Parking areas will also be improved, Cousens said.

"The highest standard of safety and service will be provided," stated the York-Centre Member, "this is no casual thing."

Cost to the commuter will be reduced, Cousens explained,

through the availability of monthly tickets.

Cousens described the decision as "the most successful achievement of my first year in office." He said he'd made the project a plank in his election platform and was pleased to see it fulfilled.

He praised a number of people for their co-operation including the Minister of Transportation and Communications, Hon. James Snow; the Minister of Inter-Governmental Affairs, Hon. Tom Wells; York-North M.P.P. Bill Hodgson; the Rider Committee of Doug Baird, John Pike, Jack Kelterborn and Fred White plus several thousand petitioners who supported the plan. Cousens said the govern-

ment had made no commitment with regard to extending the service to Uxbridge. He noted too that the 'run' between Toronto and Havelock would be cancelled.

The area Member said that at no time did he consider GO-buses an advisable alternative. He pointed out that with roads into Toronto now crowded, with parking at a premium and gasoline costs on the increase, the train is the only viable solution.

For the present, one train per day is planned. This will increase to two when ridership warrants, Cousens said.

The M.P.P. praised the "hand-in-glove" co-operation between all persons connected with the service. "One can obtain a lot more with sugar and honey than with vinegar," he concluded.

Also elated by the news is York Regional Chairman Bob Forhan. "The decision looks well for the future," he said, pointing to the fact that the new GO service can be expanded, "something that would have been impossible under the VIA system."

Playoffs

STOUFFVILLE — A week ago, Stouffville had three teams in the OMHA playoffs. Now there's only one.

The Edwards-Murphy Bantam A's are at home to Huntsville, Saturday night. Game time here is 7 p.m.

Stouffville presently trails the best-of-five, series 2 games to 1. They lost 3-2 at Huntsville, March 13. Game three is in Huntsville, March 24 and game five back at Stouffville, March 26. Should a fifth game be necessary, it will be played in Huntsville, March 27.



For Stouffville - this is a sure sign of progress

Re-construction has started on Stouffville's sewage disposal plant, a project to cost in excess of one million dollars. When completed, the former village will be able to accommodate the 500-home Dulverton Development plus an additional 1,000 people.

Huge tanks to be installed in the plant, were transported through town on floats, holding up traffic for a time. But no one complained.

—Jim Holt.

Ambassador

STOUFFVILLE — A once-in-a-lifetime experience will be enjoyed by an 18-year old Stouffville girl when she leaves March 25 to represent Ontario at the National 4-H Conference in Washington, D.C.

Nancy Darling, Loretta Crescent South, will accompany nine other young



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people from across Canada. An initial stop-over is planned at Ottawa so the delegates (five girls and five boys) can become acquainted.

Theme of the conference is "Pathways To The Future."

Nancy, a Grade 12 student at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School and President of the Students' Council, will bear many gifts for exchange purposes with friends across the border. These have been donated by the Ontario Ministry of Tourism; York-Peel M.P.P.; Sinclair Stevens; York-North M.P.P. Wm. Hodgson and the Whitchurch-Stouffville Chamber of Commerce.

Nancy will return April 2.