



Stouffville family re-united

Margaret Bart and daughter Cynthia embrace following a joyful reunion at Toronto International Airport. Cynthia was detained by immigration authorities in Argentina and had to seek assistance from the Canadian Embassy

who finally arranged her release. Even then, her parents had no knowledge of her whereabouts until she reached the United States. Rev. and Mrs. Jack Bart and family live on Rupert Avenue in Stouffville. —Jim Thomas.

## New H.S. program

# Longer periods

STOUFFVILLE — Staff teachers at Stouffville District Secondary School have given overwhelming approval to program changes beginning Sept. '82.

By a vote of 39 to 4, it was agreed that daily instruction should be divided into four 75-minute periods with a common lunch hour.

Principal Michael Muir, proponent of the plan, sees many benefits to its adoption including more work accomplished during longer periods and less confusion due to fewer subject changes.

Mr. Muir says he's anxious to accommodate more adults into regular classes, particularly technical and business training subjects.

Describing the ballot result as "amazing", Muir said comments expressed outside the school had also been positive.

While new to S.D.S.S., the 75-minute period has been tested in other schools, in-

cluding Uxbridge, with much success, he said. Area Superintendent Bill McVicar has given the proposal his blessing.

"Once we have the timetable in place, we'll be able to indicate the subject courses available," Principal Muir explained. He hopes to have

this work completed by the end of April.

As to enrolment figures for the fall, he estimates only 725 students for the start of the September term. This drop in attendance will make it necessary to remove five teachers from staff and place them elsewhere.

# Dog rescued from farm silo

WHITCHURCH — There's never a dull day in the life of Whitchurch-Stouffville's canine control officer, Judy Barrett.

Recently, she was called on to rescue a dog trapped in a silo on the Vandorf Road, between Hwy. 48 and Conc. 7. The animal, a German Shepherd-Collie cross, had been there about a week, she said.

Judy used a rope to lower herself down then, with the dog

in her arms, climbed up a ladder to get it out.

Occupants of the house said they could hear the animal whining but couldn't determine where the sound was coming from. The bottom of the silo was so dark, she couldn't see a thing, Judy said.

"It would have eventually starved," she stated.

The dog is presently being cared for at Ryan's Kennels on the Stouffville-Gormley Road. He's available for adoption.

## Budget deferred

# Hockey costs soar

STOUFFVILLE — To operate Whitchurch-Stouffville's Minor Hockey Association for 1982, the executive has requested a grant of \$39,432.07 from the Recreation Committee. This represents an increase of \$10,832 over the 1981 application.

Approval of the amount has been delayed pending a meeting with the Association's convener, March 29.

The following submissions have been passed: Minor Softball - \$1,510; Girls' Hockey - \$4,000; Figure Skating -

\$11,166; Soccer - \$1,500; All-Star Softball - \$2,623; Citizens' Band - \$1,800; Youth Bowling - \$465.

## Objective - \$3,500

STOUFFVILLE — An objective of \$3,500 has been established for the 1982 Easter Seal Campaign in Whitchurch-Stouffville. The fund-drive here is sponsored by the Stouffville Lions Club. The committee chairman is Paul Roney.

Thirty-five hundred en-

The Ballantrae Tennis Club will receive a grant of \$2,000 providing the money is recoverable through Wintario.

velopes are being mailed out this week. This means that if each householder gives one dollar, the target will be reached, Mr. Roney said. Last year, donations fell short by \$700.

The 1982 provincial objective is \$3,500,000. The campaign concludes April 11.

# Town symbol is 'magic'

STOUFFVILLE — Magic Town Ontario. That's Stouffville's adopted symbol, a feature that promoters hope will characterize the community from coast to coast.

The patron saint is Arthur Latcham, a man considered by many to have been one of the best magicians in North America if not the world. Mr. Latcham died Aug. 10, 1979.

The symbol's introduction will take the form

of a four-day Magic Festival, May 6, 7, 8 and 9. The project co-ordinator is chief librarian George Schlukbier, working in co-operation with Town Council, the Chamber of Commerce and local service clubs. Twenty-five magic acts are planned involving fifty performers. These will take place at various locations including Latcham Hall, the Regal Restaurant, the Monte Cristo Restaurant, the Deer Park Inn, the

Stouffville Restaurant, Latcham Gallery, the Sales Barn and on Main Street. A mammoth Festival Magic Show is being arranged for the High School on Sat., May 8 at 8 p.m.

The week will conclude with a dedication ceremony in Latcham Gallery, Sunday, May 9 at 3:30. The program is to be made an annual event.

Mr. Schlukbier says the festival will be the largest of

its kind in Canada. The cost has been estimated at close to \$5,000, a portion of which will be reclaimed through ticket sales and other promotions. Many of the attractions will be free.

"It will put Stouffville on the map," said Chamber of Commerce president Graydon Card. "It's what we need to pull the town together." Attendance in excess of five thousand, is expected.

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# Education hike average of \$68

STOUFFVILLE — A 21 million dollar increase in the York Region Board of Education budget will hike taxes on the average Whitchurch-Stouffville home by about \$68.00. Last year, education costs on the same property (\$20,000 assessment), went up \$45. The latest increase means approximately \$620 of the total tax bill will be for education purposes.

The finalized budget, approved at a Board meeting, March 18, soars to a record \$131,417,899.00. In 1981 it was \$110,204,809.00.

Although trustees were able to pare \$600,000 from an earlier figure, their ability to make large cuts was impaired by the fact close to \$98 million had already been negotiated and designated for salaries.

Several projects were axed, however, including an all-weather track at G.W. Williams Secondary School, Aurora. It would have cost \$180,000.

Markham's David Crombie recommended a reduction in the Board's capital reserve fund by \$1,137,000, but this met strong opposition.

Newmarket's Craig Cribar said such a move would only result in borrowing funds at high interest rates. "I'd rather pay ten cents extra now than ten dollars later — and so would the taxpayers," he said.

Harry Bowes of Whitchurch-Stouffville took exception to providing transportation for some 200 students attending French Immersion classes in four Yonge Street area schools. He said that while the present cost is only \$168,000, "we'll be paying a million before long". He advocated car pools.

Irritating to him too, was the fact general administration had gone up 212 per cent since 1981 with 30 more people on staff. He called it "feather-bedding".

"We have more people here than in Durham and yet they have 5,000 more students," he said.

Bowes criticized the hiring of an energy manager. "All he does is call up the schools and ask the principals to turn the thermostats down".

The local trustee took a verbal swipe at some fellow members, saying "too few are

interested in saving money". "As far as I'm concerned, there are too many housewives and teachers on the board".

Summing up the 20 per cent budget increase, Bowes said, "some say education's a bargain. We ought to be thankful we have the means to live beyond its cost".

## Contract

STOUFFVILLE — Standard Pressure Pipe Co., Bethesda Road, Whitchurch-Stouffville, has been awarded a contract by the Region of Durham, in excess of \$2½ million.

The Town firm submitted the lowest of five bids for a pipeline that will extend from the Town of Whitby to the Town of Pickering, phasing out the present Pickering water plant.

The decision was announced this week by Durham Region's Chairman, Gary Herrema. Exact amount of the tendered price was \$2,513,445.00.

## At Town Library

# Circus fun thrills kids

STOUFFVILLE — Every child loves a magician — most adults too.

As part of the Clown Around Circus at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library during the March 'break', The Great Rossini will present an 'astounding' magic show beginning at 2 p.m., Saturday (March 27).

This event is co-sponsored by the Town library staff, the Ministry of Culture and the Central Ontario Library System.

Two film features are also planned including a Muppet Movie at 2 p.m., Thursday and

Rustabout starring Elvis Presley, 2 p.m., Friday. Fee for the Muppet Movie is \$1.00.

In keeping with the circus atmosphere, each child can have his or her own clown's face, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. till 12 noon. Charge for this 'service' is twenty-five cents.

A feat to test the balancing skills of every boy and girl is the Tightrope Toppie, each afternoon at 3:30.

There's also a sand pit for pre-schoolers and a circus drawing contest with three categories, seven years and under; eight to eleven years and eleven years and over.

# No tax hike in Markham

MARKHAM — For the sixth year in a row, the Town of Markham has recorded a zero increase in its municipal general tax rate.

The good news was revealed by treasurer Alex Barton at a meeting of Council Tuesday night. He described the result as "another successful year of operations".

Keeping the tax rate down has helped Markham attract quality industrial and commercial assessment, he said, pointing to the fact that in 1971, value totalled \$200,000,000. Today, it's in excess of one billion. Similarly, residential value has

increased from \$900,000,000 to \$2½ billion during the same period.

Barton said Markham's policy of self-sustaining practices for new development is paying off. "When you come into our restaurant, you pay for the meal," he stated.

The treasurer praised the co-operation received from the mayor and members of council; the budget review committee; heads of departments and the municipal staff.

He described the zero increase as "remarkable", particularly with inflation abnormally high and the economy "dragging its feet".

## Two-car crash

# Four charges

STOUFFVILLE — A 54 year old Stouffville man has been charged with impaired care and control of motor vehicle; driving with over the legal amount of alcohol in his blood; driving under suspension and failing to remain at the scene of an accident, following a two-car collision on Main Street, Friday night.

Police said Arnold Harper,

Albert Street North, was travelling west and allegedly veered into the eastbound lane, striking a second car head-on. Admitted to Scarborough Centenary Hospital was Vaughan Worsel, 37, of Mississauga.

Both the Worsel auto, a 1980 Oldsmobile and the Harper vehicle, a 1974 Chevrolet were demolished, with property damage estimated at \$9,000.



A model for Markville

A model for Markville, sixteen-year old Cheryl Martin, Iroquois Drive, Ballantrae, is one of several young people from Whitchurch-Stouffville working part-time at the new Markham mall. The Centre, located at the intersection of Hwy. 7 and McCowan Road, has 142 stores. Cheryl is employed at Collacutt Luggage on the plaza's second floor. —Jim Thomas.

# Officer is honored

YORK REGION — York Regional Police Commission honored Deputy-Chief Bob Hood at a meeting March 17. He was presented with a beautiful dress sword by Markham Mayor Tony Roman. Deputy-Chief Hood, a native of Buttonville, is retiring from the

Force after 30½ years in police work.

His career began with the O.P.P. detachment at Cornwall. In 1955, he joined the Markham Twp. Department and later advanced to the regional force when it was

organized in 1971. He has held the position of deputy-chief there since that time.

Mayor Roman described Mr. Hood as one of the finest men he had come to know. On behalf of the Commission, he wished him many years of happy retirement.