Editor's Mail

Tag pets

Dear Editor:

I wish to comment on Mrs. Edwards' letter under the heading "Inhumane" published in The Tribune of Sept. 22.

I am not an employee of the Humane Society but I try to locate the owners of lost and found animals as a hobby.

I have been doing this for about fifteen years with the help of the Ontario Humane and Judy Barrett of Whitchurch-Stouffville Canine Control.

My biggest amazement is owners of pets that will not put a collar and I.D. tags with their phone number on their pets. I keep two collars on my pets both with an I.D. on them just in case they slip their collars. The tags can be purchased in any pet store.

Dog licence tags are issued with their licences and are very rarely attached to the animals' collars but usually are thrown in a drawer.

They are provided to you to identify your dog if lost and can be replaced for a small charge.

If Mrs Edwards' kitten had a tag with a phone number, it could have been returned to her without the Canine Control being called.

If the kitten had not been picked up, it could have ended up under the wheels of car and been badly injured.

Why did Mrs. Edwards wait three days tp report the kitten missing?

It is not a pleasant job to pick up an animal with no I.D. as you know it is rarely claimed and few are adopted.

When you only have ten cages, what do you do with twenty animals?

If this letter will prompt even one person to put a tag or I.D. on his beloved pet I will be happy.

Sincerely,
Elsie Menzies,
R.R. 3, Newmarket.

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Honor teen 4-H members

Thursday evening was Awards Night for members of York Region's 4-H Clubs. The ceremony was held at the Newmarket Community Centre. Recipient of the Ciba-Geigy Plaque for first prize in six-row barley at the Royal Winter Fair was Don Smith (left) of R.R. 2, Markham. The presentation was made by Al Densmore, Dist. Sales Manager. Don's exhibit was later judged best in the world.

Sixteen-year-old Lesley Brown of R.R. 1, Unionville, was selected The Most Improved 4-H Member from the Markham 4-H Dairy Club. Lesley was the recipient of the Reesor's Marmill Limited Award. The presentation was made by Don Reesor.

---Jim Thomas.

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STOUFFVILLE — At a meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee, Nov.17, permission to use the main ball diamond for next year's Magic Festival was given to Chief Librarian George Schlukbier, with the proviso that the stage be set up on the infield and that any repairs arising from the event, be paid for by the Library Board.

Install Fences

Parks' co-ordinator Ralph Wise recommended that any future park development should have a chain link fence 6' to 8' high installed, with a tree-line buffer planted where development borders on a property line. Also, future repairs should include raising exsisting fences to eight feet.

"Rainbow Run"

A Whitchurch-Stouffville "Rainbow Run" of 15 kms will be held next May to raise funds for the recreation complex. The event, organized by Jack Watson, received the committee's support.

Diamond Use

A report from the Community Ball Association was presented by the association's chairman, Bob Morin, requesting the association continue to allocate and schedule ball diamond use; it also asked if additional facilities would be available for next year. Unfortunately, the committee could not give an immediate reply on this question.

It was agreed that for next year, the Town recreation co-ordinator should supervise the allocation and scheduling of weekend diamond use, and that a letter should be sent to the various community boards clarifying the bookings and use of diamonds at Vandorf and Ballantrae.

Teen Dances

A report by Daphne Goldman confirmed that teen dances will be held on a bi-weekly basis. The first, initiated by the Family Life Centre, will be at one of the schools Dec. 17. The dances, catering to the 12-to-15-year age group, have been organized after consultation with the principals of Orchard Park, Summitview and St. Marks.

Santa's Workshop

The board will hold its first "Santa's Workshop" on Friday Dec.10 at Latcham Hall. The program is centred around activities in "Santa's Workshop", which will provide crafts, songs and games; setting the tone for Christmas. Program co-ordinators are Kathy Wilkins assisted by Janet Smith. Both are outdoor recreation students at Seneca College.

Cross-Country Skiing

A cross-country ski program will be launched, providing there are a minimum of 12 registrations. The course will include six hours indoor and 12 hours outdoor instruction. The cost will be $35. Depending on need, a baby-sitting service may be provided.

Steering Committee

The recommendation for the formation of a complex steering committee consisting of the mayor, a council member, a treasurer, the recreation co-ordinator, executive of the recreation committee, library administrator, and a member at large, was tabled. The committee requested an answer from council by their next meeting.

A donation of a tennis-table to the committee was made by co-ordinator Ralph Wise.

Tree-Burning

This year will see the Parks and Recreation Committee place a float in the Santa Claud parade. There will also be a "Tree Burning" on Dec. 31 in the Town Park.

Close Street

The Committee recommended that Council permanently close Church Street South from Park Drive north to the park gates.

Budget Deadlines

Budget deadlines for associations and community boards have been set for Jan. 25. Proposals must be forwarded to the Town offices or the Parks and Recreation co-ordinator before this date.

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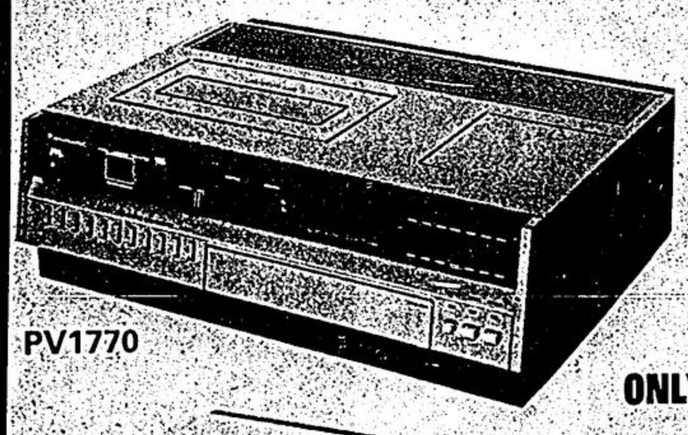

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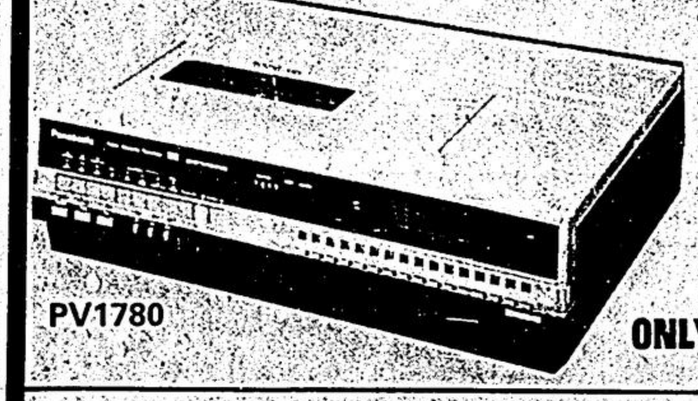

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