

Council cool to satellite town

STOUFFVILLE — A proposed housing development, described as an "exciting project" by its promoters, has been less than enthusiastically received by members of Council.

The 500-home plan, to also include a golf course, a fire hall and a home for senior citizens

on 650 acres between Woodbine and Warden Avenues, was greeted by Mayor Eiderd King as being "far beyond the parameters of the Official Plan, with regard to development in our town." Subdivisions are not meant to have this density, especially in the rural area," he told spokesman Don Givens of

The Fire Fighters Bethesda Group.

"I think what we've presented has much merit," Givens told the meeting. It's a development "not duplicated in York or southern Ontario." The site fronts on both Woodbine and Warden, north of the Stouffville-Gormley Road, allowing

immediate access to other urban areas in York, the speaker explained.

He stressed "a co-operative approach to the development. There's no question about the commitment of the group; they're ready to start as soon as services are available," he said.

A brochure describing the project, first outlined to council two years ago, states that "the owners believe that housing in a recreational atmosphere provides a superior living environment to traditional forms of development. The project will be more than just another subdivision. It will include substantial

industrial and commercial blocks, plus space for community facilities such as schools, a library, housing for senior citizens and a firehall."

In setting the matter aside, Mayor King said he didn't think council was "prepared to come to any resolution on it now."

"I wish I had some coffee

mugs," replied veteran fireman, Jack McCall, a member of the group. "They might have helped."

He was commenting on an earlier presentation to council by Stouffville jeweller David Barthau. Mr Barthau presented members with specially designed coffee cups.

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Pre-Christmas blaze Fire destroys family home

GORMLEY — John and Margaret Hawkins had spent an enjoyable evening, Thursday, attending a Christmas concert at Lake Wilcox Public School. That joy, however, turned shock and dismay on their return. For they discovered their home and all their possessions destroyed by fire.

It was Linda Hawkins, their niece, who first saw the blaze. She ran across the road to the Sedgewick residence and called in the alarm. By the time firefighters arrived from Richmond Hill, the house was a raging inferno. Nothing was saved.

The storey-and-a-half brick veneer structure was moved to the Hawkins' property from Langstaff about 20 years ago. An addition was built on the back.

Mr Hawkins described the scene as "an awful thing to see." "All our family photos, wedding pictures and keepsakes are gone," he said. However, he looks on the brighter side. "We're thankful no one was killed or injured."

It wasn't until they reached the laneway entrance that they realized something was wrong.

By then, the roof had caved in and flames were shooting out the windows.

Although the cause has not been determined, John believes the fire started in the basement. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

John and Margaret are appreciative of help provided by friends and neighbors. "This is a wonderful community," John said. "The people have really been good." A family benefit has been arranged for Wednesday evening (to-night) at 8 p.m., in the fellowship hall of the Gormley Missionary Church. Donations of new and used household items and clothing would be appreciated.

As to re-building on the same site, John isn't sure. "I'll have to think it over," he said. For the present, he and Margaret along with son Nelson are staying with his mother in a house shared by his brother and sister-in-law, Mr and Mrs Ray Hawkins and family. This weekend, they're leaving to spend some time with daughter Carolyn and family in Ottawa. A son Richard and a daughter Susan reside in Markham.



The former Stouffville Nursing Home at the corner of Main Street and O'Brien Avenue, will accommodate up to 26 self-care residents when renovations are completed next month. The 90-year-old landmark is to be called Glenvale House. Owners are Tom and Peggy Cunningham, Glad Park Avenue. —Jim Thomas.

Big blaze

STOUFFVILLE — A tree-burning ceremony will be held in Stouffville's south park, Fri., Dec. 31 at 7 p.m.

The event, sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Board, has been organized in support of a proposed recreation centre. "It's time for positive action," board member Daphne Goldman told The Tribune. "support must be indicated before planning can begin."

The Town Work's Department will be collecting Christmas trees, Wednesday (to-day), Thursday and Friday. They should be placed at curb-side for convenient pick-up.

Following "the big blaze", hot chocolate and cookies will be served, courtesy of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Chamber of Commerce.

Maintain hope

MARKHAM — Following three operations, Charles Wariner of R.R. 2, Markham, is showing some improvement in St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto.

The 20-year-old apprentice-mechanic suffered a broken neck, Dec. 16, during a hockey game at the Markham Arena.

There's movement and feeling in his arms, a member of the family told The Tribune. However, at this point in time, physicians are making no promises, "just hoping for the best."

Surgery on Sunday was required to remove a build-up of fluid on his lungs, doctors said. This condition has now cleared up.

His parents see him every day with other members of the family calling in at night.

Praise response Town aids city's needy

STOUFFVILLE — "Magnificent" is the word used by Rev. Philip Poole of Christ Church (Anglican), Stouffville, to describe the response by residents to a recent appeal for aid to the needy of downtown Toronto.

The request went out in the form of a letter to local congregations from the Stouffville Ministerial Association over the signatures of Rev. Poole and Rev. Ted Green. The Anglican Church was selected as a central drop-off point with Bill and Joyce Nailer, Hawthorne Avenue, volunteering their services as project leaders. On Dec. 22, a van offered by Lloyd Britton and filled to capacity

with donated articles, left for the city.

From the day the appeal was made; clothing, food and money began pouring in, Rev. Poole said. "We can't tell you how pleased we are with the response."

While many who helped were directly connected with local churches, some had no church affiliation whatsoever, he said. Rev. Poole described the need as "acute", particularly with so many out of work.

In addition to individuals, the pastor praised the help received from the Stouffville Lions Club and a group of carolers from Orchard Park School. The students donated sufficient money to purchase a food certificate.

The Ministerial Association hopes to make the project "an ongoing thing". The need doesn't begin and end with Christmas, Rev. Poole said.

Missing

STOUFFVILLE — Has anyone seen "Bandit"? He's a beautiful cockateel, grey in color with a yellow and orange head.

It was over two weeks ago that the bird, owned by Grace Eddington, flew out the door and perched for a time at the front of the United Church. He then headed south towards the Park.

Grace is fearful her pet may have succumbed to the cold. She's hopeful, however, that someone may have taken him into their home. He was very tame.

Anyone with information on "Bandit" is asked to call either 640-5384 or 887-5357.

Self-care home Seniors' haven to open soon

STOUFFVILLE — The former Stouffville Nursing Home, located on the south-west corner of Main Street and O'Brien Avenue, will soon be re-opened as a self-care residence for senior citizens.

The historic three-storey structure, built by R. J. Daley in the early 1890's, will accommo-

date up to 26 people, owners Tom and Peggy Cunningham told The Tribune. Major renovations should be completed early in January.

Mr and Mrs Cunningham see an acute need for this type of accommodation, in fact, four people have already moved in. Both the first and second floors will be utilized with space reserved in the "turret" for an office. The residence has been re-named Glenvale House.

The beautiful home with its solid walnut panelling and stained glass windows, is best remembered as the residence of Dr. and Mrs S.S. Ball. Previous to that, it was owned by the Renfrew family of Holt Renfrew fame and the late Thomas Williamson.

Following its purchase by Ernie Austin, it was turned into a nursing home, then sold to the

late Murray Sinclair. Tom and Peggy Cunningham acquired the property in 1963.

Renovations by D & A Construction and Hathaway Bros., commenced in September. The cost has been placed at between sixty and eighty thousand dollars.

A "home atmosphere" is the owners' main desire; a "home away from home" is the way they describe it.

The location, they feel is excellent; on the edge of a residential neighborhood and close to downtown.

The ultimate size of the Glenvale staff remains uncertain. Employees will be added as needed. Mrs Cunningham is a registered nurse.

"We want to provide a service," Mr Cunningham said, "with a modest return on our investment".

Family had faith

GORMLEY — Last summer nine-year-old Kelly Hanley daughter of Allen and Marie Hanley, R.R. 4, Stouffville, underwent a delicate kidney transplant operation in Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto.

The donor was an older sister, Jackie, 21.

For Kelly, a Grade 3 pupil at St. Mark's School, Stouffville, it was indeed a merrier Christmas and for members of her family too. "She's doing fine; looking great; a whole new person," sister Joanne told The Tribune. She described the result as "our answer to prayer".

Kelly returns to hospital for monthly check-ups, a routine practice following surgery of this kind, Joanne said.

Boy, 11 beaten

STOUFFVILLE — A Stouffville man has been charged with assault causing bodily harm after an 11-year-old Kennedy Road boy was allegedly beaten about the head and face as he waited for a school bus near the laneway entrance to his home.

Injured and admitted to York Central Hospital, Richmond Hill, was Kenneth McCulligh, Conc. 6, R.R. 1, Unionville. Police were called by hospital authorities when the seriousness of the boy's injuries were learned.

Scheduled to appear in Newmarket Court this week is Wayne Allen Hall, 20, of Hawthorne Avenue, Stouffville.



Jan came looking for snow

When 21-year-old Jan MacKay left Shay Gap, Australia, the temperature was 113 degrees Fahrenheit, so naturally, she was looking forward to seeing some snow in Stouffville. And she did, but only briefly. By the weekend, it had all disappeared. Here, she engages her grandfather, Reg MacKay, in a snowball fight outside his Maytree Avenue home. Jan has no plans to return "down under". It's just too hot, she says. —Jim Thomas.

Notice

Beginning with the issue of Jan. 5, the new rate for Tribune subscriptions inside Canada will be \$15 for one year. Outside Canada, it will be \$45.

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Political leader

Service will be held Wednesday (to-day) at 1:30 p.m., from the Marshall Funeral Home, Richmond Hill, for Charles Hooper, one of Markham's most prominent public figures.

Mr Hooper passed away suddenly, Friday, while vacationing in Florida. He was 75.

A long-time resident of Buttonville, Charles Hooper was the youngest warden in the history of York County. He served many years on Markham Twp. Council including the office of reeve. He also held innumerable positions on local and regional boards. In federal and provincial politics, he was a confirmed Conservative.

Mr Hooper was active in fraternity organizations, serving as a patron in the Order of the Eastern Star; a member of Patterson Masonic Lodge and the Eli Shamoley Shrine. A masonic service was conducted Tuesday evening.

Following the sale of the family farm at Buttonville, he purchased a home on Russell Street in Stouffville, but continued to spend the winter in Florida.

Besides his wife, the former Hazel Pratt, Mr Hooper is survived by two sons, George of Claremont and Charles Jr., of Woodville; three daughters, Ellen (Mrs Ted Gough), Peterborough; Dorothy (Mrs Wil-

liam Robb), Claremont; Mary (Mrs Howard Brumwell), Markham; 26 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Rev. Ainsley Croft of Brown's Corners United Church will conduct the funeral service with interment Thornhill Cemetery. The pall-bearers are eight grandsons—David Hooper, Gordon Hooper, Alan Hooper, Brian Hooper, Tom Gough, Gerry Gough, Bill Robb and Paul Brumwell. Honorary pall-bearers are Floyd Pratt, Adam Brown, Jeff Scott, Elsworth Stonehouse, Michael McQuay, Wm. Sutton, Jack Rye, Gordon Stevenson, Al Jones, Harvey Cox and Tom, Southern.