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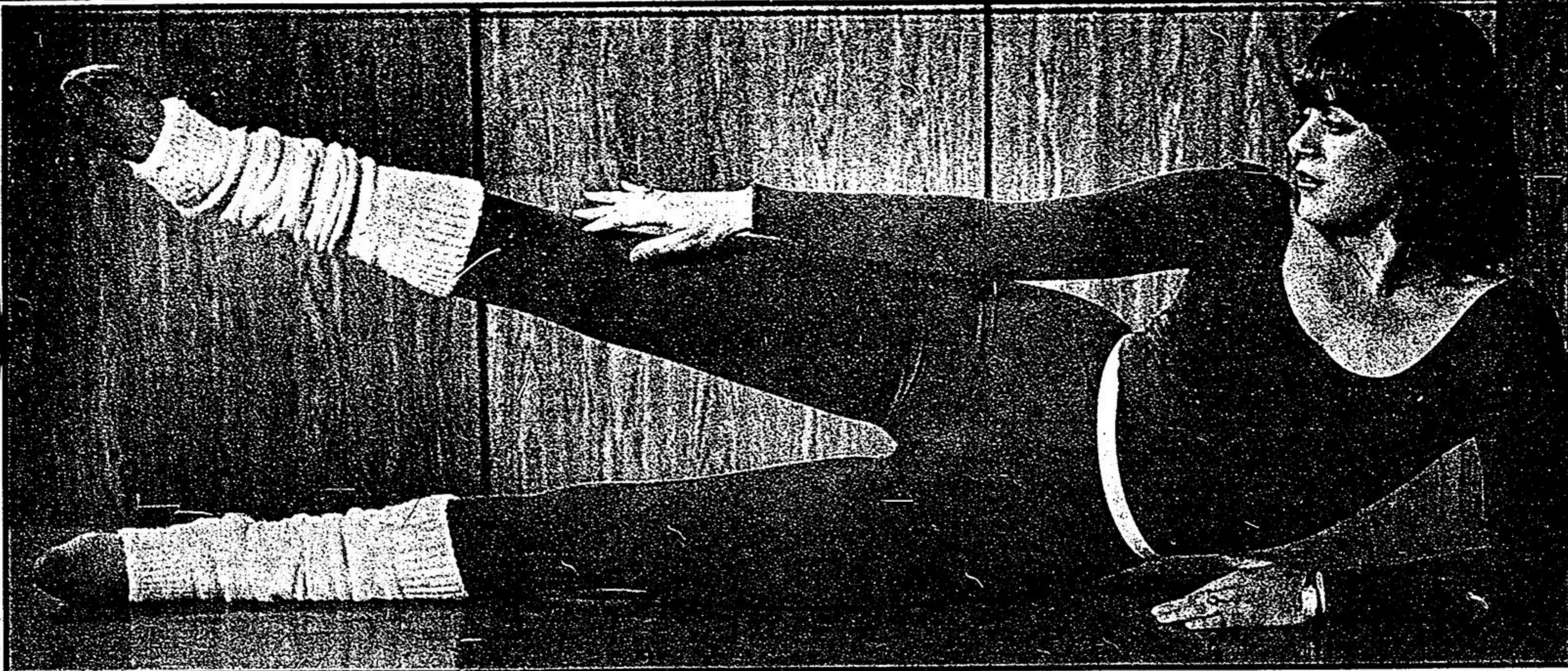
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She'll help you keep in shape

Gabrielle St. George, proprietor of Dance Aerobics by Gabrielle, started classes at the Markham Community Centre on Highways 48 and 7 last Monday evening. Gabrielle has signed up participants from Markham, Unionville and Stouffville and twice a week, Mondays and Wednesdays, they will go through their paces. A second session will start on Jan. 31. Gabrielle hopes to also start classes in Richmond Hill, Barrie and Mississauga.

— Sjoerd Witteveen



Citizens urge vote

STOUFFVILLE — The Concerned Citizens' Committee feels there should be no "deal" by the municipality with respect to the June 30 closing of the landfill site.

Council, on the other hand, argues that only through negotiations can permanent protection be assured.

The Committee is asking the issue be put to a vote of the people in the form of a plebiscite. If turned down, the executive is willing to "go it alone".

Such a decision was approved unanimously at an executive meeting, Monday night. The Town has been given until Jan. 13 to respond.

If the Committee's request is rejected, the executive plans to publish a ballot in the Jan. 19 issue of The Tribune. The result will be made known to council Feb. 1.

In the meantime, the Town will be asked to refrain from signing any negotiated agreement until after all ballots have been counted.

Fran Sutton of the Concerned Citizens claims the Committee has been assured by lawyers that such a plebiscite is within Council's jurisdiction.

Fran Sainsbury Resigns

STOUFFVILLE — Fran Sainsbury, a leader on the executive of the Concerned Citizens' Committee since the organization was established, has submitted her resignation, effective Jan. 5, 1983.

Mrs Sainsbury, now a Ward 4 councillor, has retained her membership in the group, however.

In response, the Committee's executive has issued the following statement in the form of a letter. It reads in part:

"The Concerned Citizens thank you (Mrs Sainsbury) for the invaluable contribution you have made, especially for your relentless efforts to attain the technological knowledge needed by

"the little people" to fight a multi-national corporation. Over the years, the name of Fran Sainsbury has been linked with the battle against Stouffville's infamous dump. The townspeople should be aware by now that our Municipal Council is ready to sign a deal with Waste Management Incorporated which involves a lot of things we have been fighting for, but also the very things we have been fighting against, namely, the dumping of almost one million tons more garbage in the next three years. The Concerned Citizens urge you, tired though you may be, to press for closure by June 30, 1983. That is the only moral decision that can be accepted".

Health study warranted

STOUFFVILLE — Dr. Ronald Lees, Director of the Health Resource Centre at Queen's University, Kingston, claims there's "no cause for panic" following release of a Health Study Report related to 50 families in Whitchurch-Stouffville and a like number in East Gwillimbury.

At the same time, he admits to higher incidents of certain types of cancer locally that point to a need for a more concentrated investigation by the Environment Ministry.

Dr. John Hodgkinson, York Region's Associate Medical Officer of Health, was more guarded in his statement, claiming the numbers involved were too small to draw any conclusions. When asked to be more specific, he replied: "There's every reason to look damn hard at a situation where a landfill site is located over an aquifer". Dr. Hodgkinson said he was convinced earlier that a full-scale examination should be undertaken by the Ministry. The cost has been estimated at a half-million dollars with the project extending over a period of four to five years.

When questioned concerning the time period (four to five years), Dr. Hodgkinson said

"anything gross" would show up long before that. "We won't use the people of Whitchurch-Stouffville as guinea pigs," he stressed.

"I cannot say that the illness pattern is as it should be," Dr. Lees stated, "there may be something unusual happening". A major study, he said, would confirm this within a year.

"Something must be done and done quickly to clarify the

situation". He stated, however, that at present, residents here shouldn't be unduly alarmed.

"I'd surely drink your water", Dr. Hodgkinson described the co-operation of the 50 select families as "excellent". He said records maintained by local physicians were also very complete.

The pilot study was done by a Queen's University research team under the direction of Dr. Robert Steele and Dr. Lees.

House fire

Pet budgies saved lives

WHITCHURCH — A Whitchurch-Stouffville couple and a family friend owe their lives to a pair of pet budgies that sounded the alarm when fire broke out in their Bethesda Road home, early Sunday morning.

The birds' chatter awoke Bruce Naylor, a weekend visitor at the residence of Jim and Carole Pender. He aroused his hosts, both asleep downstairs. They had time only to report the blaze and escape outside.

"They were really screeching," Mrs Pender told The Tribune, in recalling the noise made by the budgies. "Except for them, we'd all be dead".

According to Chief Walter Smith, the blaze started in an area of the ceiling where pipes from a wood stove enter the

second floor. Fortunately, Wendy Keen, an upstairs tenant, was away. Two of her three cats suffocated in the thick smoke. One cat, three dogs and the two birds were saved.

Mrs Pender, recently released from hospital following surgery, said the two men attempted to reach the upstairs apartment but were driven back by heat. Time of the fire was placed at 6:40 a.m.

The property, east of Hwy. 48, is the former Fred Mortson farm. The present owner is Roy Ball of Sloane Avenue, Toronto.

Three units were dispatched to the scene, Chief Smith said, including the department's combination pumper-tanker, purchased recently. "It half paid for itself right there," Smith said, "at least we didn't run out of water".

Tragic crash

STOUFFVILLE — Yet another motor vehicle crash has inflicted tragedy on a well-known family here.

Edward Thornhill, Boyer Street, Stouffville, was killed instantly on the Brock Road, north of Hwy. 2 in Pickering, Sunday, when, according to police, his northbound pick-up truck was hit head-on by a car travelling in the wrong traffic lane. Mr Thornhill was on his way home after completing the afternoon shift at Roadway Transport, Oshawa, where he'd been an employee 14 years. He was alone at the time.

Ed and Stephanie Thornhill moved to Stouffville 25 years ago. He was a devoted family man who gave freely of his time as a hockey and softball coach while his three sons, Bob, Bill and Bruce were involved in minor sports. Bill now resides at Goodwood; Bob and Bruce at Edmonton, Alberta. Both brothers flew home from the West to attend the funeral for their father held Monday from the O'Neill Chapel, Stouffville. Rev. Cecil Tiller of Stouffville United Church was in charge with spring interment, Stouffville Cemetery.

Prepare brigade

BALLANTRAE — Whitchurch-Stouffville's auxiliary fire brigade, to operate out of a refurbished garage north of Musselman's Lake, should be set to go by Feb. 1.

That's the target date established by Chief Walter Smith. Repair work on the tanker truck is almost complete, Chief Smith told The Tribune. However, he wants the volunteers to participate in a few "dry runs" before facing "the real thing".

Mayor Eldred King said an announcement, will carried in the newspaper, telling residents of Ballantrae and Musselman's Lake what action to take should a fire occur in their area. The same phone number will be used (640-1111), with units from Stouffville providing back-up on every call. For the time-being, Mayor King said, East Gwillimbury (Mount Albert) will continue to service a rural section of town to the north.

Not valid

STOUFFVILLE — A plebiscite, related to the Hwy. 48 landfill site, wouldn't be worth the paper it's written on, Mayor Eldred King told The Tribune this week. He said he could never condone such a thing. "It would be meaningless," he stated.

Mayor King said that, to his knowledge, such a vote could only be held on matters pertaining to the Liquor Control Act or monetary issues. Otherwise, he

said, a Private Member's Bill would have to be put through Parliament.

King says he believes council is going the right route in negotiating an acceptable settlement rather than risk a negative decision by the Appeal Board. He intimated that following the Town's presentation, Jan. 19, he may call a press conference to better explain the municipality's position.



Community honors respected couple

An estimated 150 family relatives and friends attended a farewell gathering at the Victoria Square Community Centre, Thursday, in honor of Lloyd and Dorothy Doner, lifelong Gormley area

residents. Harold Heise (right) presented Mr and Mrs Doner with a beautiful oil painting that they will take to their new home at Gowanstown near Listowel.

— Jim Thomas

Heart Fund

Ask support

STOUFFVILLE — February is Heart Month across Canada. Here in Whitchurch-Stouffville, campaign chairman Gail Richards and Lovanna Sanders, president of the Stouffville Chapter of the Canadian Heart Foundation, are gearing up for a door-to-door canvass that hopefully will raise in excess of \$10,000.

To reach this goal requires the help of about 140 people, including 20 captains and more than 100 canvassers, Mrs Richards said. The sale of roses, usually the

weekend before Valentine's Day, gives the fund a big boost, she explained. Ursula O'Connor is again in charge of this project.

Mrs Richards praised the co-operation of campaign workers and the generosity of town residents. In spite of economically tough times, the response has been marvellous," she said.

A luncheon, marking the campaign's start, will be held Jan. 20 at the home of Lovanna Sanders, 29 O'Brien Avenue, Stouffville, beginning at 1 p.m.

Threat

STOUFFVILLE — Intensive investigation by officers of York Regional Police, has led to the arrest of two men, one of whom has been charged with break, enter and theft; extortion and possession of stolen property valued in excess of \$200.

The case began to unfold following a break-in at Card's Pro Hardware, Main Street, Stouffville, Nov. 30. Television and stereo equipment were stolen along with a quantity of cash.

On Jan. 4, Steven Edward Muirhead, 18, of Elm Road, Stouffville, was arrested at his home. Later, officers learned the youth had been threatened with injury if he refused to cooperate in the offence.

This information prompted officers to travel to Sunderland in Durham Region where a search was conducted at the residence of Kenneth McGinty, age 27. There, some of the stolen property was recovered and further charges were laid.

To star on TV

STOUFFVILLE — The popular television program "New Faces", aired on CHCH-TV (Hamilton) every Sunday, will hold special interest for Whitchurch-Stouffville viewers, Feb. 6.

Participants from this area will include The Silver Jubilee Club Kitchen Band under the direction of Sara Pegg; The Cadieux Family (Ted, Jim, Mike and Trudy); Jean Hammond, Geoff Tiller, Anne Christie, Pam Lewis and Shari Hutchinson.

Show time is 5:30 p.m. "New Faces" had its beginning in the Ottawa Valley region ten years ago. It's now entering its fifth season on CHCH-TV. Advanced taping for the Whitchurch-Stouffville show was completed Jan. 9.