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# New arena has top priority in four-phase town complex

STOUFFVILLE — A large and attentive audience attended a Parks and Recreation Board "Open House" at Latham Hall, Monday, to hear committee proposals for a new arena complex.

Provisional plans recommend the project be erected on the east side of Ninth

Line North with the contract divided into four stages.

Phase One provides for a 40,000 square foot arena, with provisions for a second ice pad at a later date, and parking facilities for 100 cars. Estimated cost is placed at \$2,100,000 plus preparatory expenses of \$147,000.

Phase Two would see the addition of a Community Centre to accommodate 420 people. Cost is estimated at \$450,000 for the 45,000 square foot addition plus expenses of \$31,000.

An Indoor Swimming Pool is included in the plans at a cost of \$82,000. The pool area, scheduled as Phase Three, will cover 10,000 square feet, with the pool itself measuring 45 x 75 feet.

A Fitness Centre in Phase Four, would accommodate squash courts and other keep-fit facilities, including change rooms, with an area of 4,500 square feet. Estimated cost is \$270,000.

The 25-acre site would also provide four soccer pitches and three ball diamonds

Parks and Recreation chairman John Hutchinson who, along with chief librarian George Schlukbier, outlined the proposals, reminded the audience that plans are only tentative, and could be changed if public opinion deemed this necessary.

Mayor Eldred King was asked how long it would take to complete the complex and how much it would cost on the average tax bill.

Mayor King suggested a ten-year construction period. He explained that the cost per capita had not been arrived at as there were "too many intangibles" to be considered. "We are not yet certain as to what grants are available," he said. He readily admitted that cost to the taxpayer was his greatest concern.

On completion of the proposal, the audience met with members of Town Council and the Parks and Recreation Committee to express various points of view. Several voiced dissatisfaction with the lack of progress during the past twelve months; also they had hoped the presentation would have adopted a more positive approach.

The question of the present Arena's future was raised a number of times. However, the audience was told the building's fate would not be decided until later.



**Wedding party of 65 years ago reunited**

Sunday was a memorable occasion for Mr and Mrs Edwin Byer, Parkview Home, Stouffville—a gathering of family members in celebration of their 65th wedding anniversary. The reunion was made even more memorable by the presence of their wedding atten-

dants, Annie Grove, (left), Parkview Apartments, Stouffville, and Reuben Meyer, (right), North Markham. The gathering was held at the home of Mr and Mrs Arthur Byer, R.R. 2, Markham.

—Jim Thomas.

## Pt. Chris Jackson Army diver is missing

STOUFFVILLE — For five days, Charles and Carole Jackson have been waiting by the phone for word, any word, on the fate of their eldest son. Up until late Tuesday afternoon, nothing had come through on the success or failure of a search for 21-year-old Christopher Jackson, missing in Cultus Lake, Vancouver Island, where he'd taken part in a military training exercise. Chris is a member of the Canadian Army Engineering Corps and an experienced scuba diver.

Church, during the early hours of Friday morning. Rev. Tiller called on Mr and Mrs Jackson at their home.

Carole told of the respect held for Chris by base personnel. Several of his friends had phoned from Chilliwack, expressing concern. Townsfolk too have been very kind, she said.

Charles and Carole have two other sons, Tim, 20 and Douglas, 15, and one daughter, Anna (Mrs Michael Smart), all of Stouffville.

## Million \$ property

**WHITCHURCH**  
What's a million? Maybe, not so much, when you consider what it buys.

For example, two properties on the Bethesda Road, west of Hwy. 48 are listed at close to this figure. One can be purchased for \$1,475,000 and the other for \$935,000. The million plus residence includes considerable acreage.

Over on Woodbine Avenue, a property of just under 100 acres, is priced at \$1,300,000.

Real estate is bouncing back, a local agent told The Tribune. She attributed the sales revival mainly to lower interest rates.

According to information telephoned through from the Forces Base at Chilliwack, Pt. Jackson failed to surface following what was described as a routine dive, Thursday night. A search was started immediately and has been going on ever since.

Since enlisting back in November, 1980, life in the Forces has been Chris's "first love". He trained first at Cornwallis, then was transferred to Chilliwack in Feb. 1981. He continually placed at the top of his class in qualifying exams. He was last home to attend his sister's wedding in December.

"He loved what he was doing," Carole told The Tribune. "He was also aware of the risks," she said. The diving exercise, Thursday, was not to exceed fifty feet.

It was the base padre who contacted Rev. Cecil Tiller of Stouffville United

## Summitview Public School Students in movie

STOUFFVILLE — Stouffville may not have a movie theatre, but it's not lacking in locales for movie and television sites.

The Littlest Hobo of TV fame, has several times wended his way along town streets in search of various miscreants, while Suzanne Somers of movie stardom, has been up and down these same sidewalks as well, with cameras always in constant pursuit.

This week, it was movie

time again, with Summitview Public School the location for the Dino Laurentis production, "Dead Zone," which, despite its New Hampshire setting, is being shot entirely in Canada.

Niagara-on-the-Lake is where the majority of scenes are being filmed, but King City, and now Stouffville, have come in for their share of footage too. The sites are selected by the location manager after considerable searching for

what is felt closest to the exact locale required.

On Monday, that locale was Summitview School, and the Grade 7 classroom of Heather Campbell. There, among kleig lights and cameras, the students listened to their new "teacher," (actor Christopher Walken), as he delved into their lesson that day—the tales of fantasy and mystery of New England writers, Washington Irving and Edgar Allan Poe.

The film, directed by Toronto native, David Cronenberg, revolves around the life of teacher Walken, who, after five years in a coma, returns endowed with mysterious powers of clairvoyancy. Because of this, he's able to foretell what could be some bizarre happenings on the part of the country's president. The latter is played by Martin Sheen, one of the stars of Apocalypse Now.

It makes for some exciting moments, but Monday, except for a slight change of pace, things weren't all that hectic around the school.

"It's not too much dif-

ferent; there's always something going on here," said Julia Topping, teacher for Grades 4, 5 and 6, as she made space in the planning room (where she was marking papers), to accommodate plates of sandwiches, several light standards and half the crew.

And how do the children, ("extras" playing themselves), feel about it all?

"It's great," said Yvonne Holden. "It surprised us to think we'd been picked."

Diana White and Laura Appleton were also enjoying the experience. That they had shot the final scene of the movie first, that day, didn't faze them.

"We knew about that before," said Diana.

The question to two boys, Jamie Geddes and Darren McCool, of how they liked the movie, elicited the reply: "I don't know, I haven't seen it yet."

Sometime in April, when the picture's released, it's doubtful that Darren, Jamie or the rest of the populace of Stouffville will be answering in like manner.

For all, "Dead Zone" is a must.

## Fear arson

STOUFFVILLE — York Regional Police are on the look-out for a would-be arsonist who, during the night of Feb. 16, tried unsuccessfully to start a fire inside the home of Donald Holt, 143 Hawthorne Avenue, Stouffville.

Evidence at the scene indicated a lighted match had been thrown through a basement window. A blaze was started in debris on the floor near the furnace but fortunately, the owner spotted it in time and put it out. A part-box of matches was found outside.



**Passes**

Service will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m., from the O'Neill Funeral Chapel, Stouffville for Harold Catton, Rupert Avenue, following his passing, Feb. 21 in Scarborough Centenary Hospital. He was 77.

## Theft From School

Three Stouffville area teens were scheduled to appear in court, Feb. 21, following an alleged break-in at the High School last month.

Charged with theft under \$200, were—Robert Stanley Jessemann, 19, of Main Street East, Stouffville; Shawn Missen, 18, of R.R. 3, Claremont and Todd Marshman, 17, of North Street, Stouffville.

## Possessed Narcotics

Three youths, two from the Stouffville area and one from Claremont, will appear in Newmarket Court, Feb. 28, charged with possession of narcotics.

Their arrest occurred after police arrived at a restaurant-tavern on Woodbine Avenue in Markham. One of the three ran from the premises but was later apprehended. Charges range from possession of marijuana and hashish to escape custody.

## Video Fraud

A 23-year-old man of no fixed address, has been charged with obtaining a VHS Video and two cassettes from Stouffville Sound and Music by using a false identification. The same accused is also charged with theft of an \$800 video recorder from V.I.P. Video, Hwy. 7, Unionville, using a stolen identity. In addition to these offences, he faces narcotics charges in another occurrence.



**"It followed him to church one day"**

The story of Mary and her little lamb is known to most children. It followed her to school. On Sunday, one like it, accompanied Lorne Grove of R.R. 2, Markham to the Wideman Mennonite Church. Lorne used the pet to tell a children's story during the morning service. Needless to say, they held the boys' and girls' attention.

—Jim Thomas.

## No concern

DICKSON'S HILL — Despite the fact attendance at Dickson's Hill School has reached an all-time high of 429, Principal Douglas Winger isn't alarmed.

"No problems," is the way he describes the situation. With additional facilities and staff, he's certain they can handle the steadily soaring enrolment. A new school is proposed for the Mint Leaf Subdivision of north-east Markham some time in '84.

Of the 429 attending now, 375 come from Markham. Three portable classrooms have been pressed into service and two additional teachers have been hired. Angela Darmos has Junior and Intermediate French;

Grade 6 English and Grade 5 Math. Paul Wideman has Grade 3 class plus Social Science in Grade 5. Vera Kearns is assisting as a teachers' aid in Kindergarten.

Mr. Winger praised the co-operation shown by parents. "They've been very supportive," he said.

He said the house league system introduced last fall is working very well. Captains include—Pamela Powell and Brent Dawkins; Marsha Miller and Paul Brown; Annika Hannan, Brian Lewis and Barrie Otter; Karen Lanning and David Childers. In addition to basketball, volleyball and floor hockey, the school has a mixed choir, a stamp club and a horticultural club.