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## Pastor raps hockey on holiest day

STOUFFVILLE — On occasions, the sports fraternity and the church community collide head-on. Such a confrontation has occurred in Stouffville, and it's all to do with the scheduling of the Amateur Hockey Association playoff finals on Easter Sunday.

In a condemnation of this practice, Rev. Ted Green of St. James Presbyterian Church, Stouffville, has

written a letter of protest to Chairman John Hutchinson of the Town's Parks and Recreation Board with a copy going to Mayor Eldred King. It reads as follows:  
Dear Sir:

On this week after Easter, I must admit to being a bit sad and disappointed, and because of this feeling, I find it necessary to issue a letter of protest.

To myself and to the num-

ber of Christian people living in Stouffville, Easter is the most important day of the year, even surpassing Christmas. We eagerly await the chance to celebrate the resurrection of He whom we worship, Jesus Christ. It is a joyous day for ourselves and our families.

Why my disappointment instead of joy? Our services of worship were disrupted this year by the scheduling of the Amateur Hockey League final playoff game on, of all Sundays, Easter itself! My sadness was for the families whose day was disrupted and who felt torn by this scheduling.

After putting up with Sunday hockey for some time now, I feel personally affronted with regard to the scheduling of playoffs on Easter. Indifference I can take. However, deliberate scheduling goes beyond indifference. The church in this community seems to be putting its efforts into building up family life while facing, at the same time, direct opposition from the very community its attempting to serve. After such a weekend as this, I wonder why I keep on trying.

I don't feel I'm asking too much—just a little consideration in the future for this very important day, the day of Easter. Please understand, I am not trying to undertake a personal attack. My concern is with family life and with what we as the Christian church can do to deal with the fragmentation of that life in this community.

The letter is supported by Rev. Howard Minaker, Chairman of the Stouffville Ministerial; Rev. Craig Pitts and Pastor Dan Statham, Stouffville Pentecostal Church; Rev. Jim Clubine and Rev. Douglas Gray, Stouffville Missionary Church; Rev. Philip Poole, Christ Church Anglican, Stouffville and Rev. Cecil Tiller, Stouffville United Church.



For awhile last week, 17-year-old Stacey Lintner, Market Street, Stouffville, feared she might not be able to participate in the Figure Skating Club's Ice Show, Friday and Saturday. She dislocated her left knee during a pre-carnival practice and was forced to move about on crutches. However, there's a happy ending to this story as told below.



For Stacey—the show must go on

Her left knee tightly bandaged, Stacey performed a difficult solo number flawlessly, earning her the applause and cheers of spectators and associates. "Each of us was inspired by her courage and determination," one skater said. —Jim Thomas

## Win bonus prize

BETHESDA — It couldn't have happened to a nicer couple.

That's what Bethesda folk are saying concerning the \$10,000 Wintario bonus prize won March 31 by Bill and Doris Walls, R.R. 4, Stouffville.

Strangely enough, Bill and Doris didn't watch the telecast that evening so didn't learn of their good fortune until later. They saw the matching number in the newspaper.

"We had won two free books previously," Doris said, "so we had quite a few tickets to go through". She described the feeling as "really thrilled".

Mr and Mrs Walls have invested the money. They hope to take a trip, possibly to Hawaii, next year.

## Farmer finds friends

STOUFFVILLE — The subject of multiple residences on farm properties evoked opposing viewpoints at a meeting of Planning Board, April 5.

A re-zoning application from Frank Hulshof, R.R. 2, Stouffville, to permit a third dwelling on his 50-acre farm, was condemned by some members. They expressed the fear that the additional lot and residence would lead to "strip" development.

"This," said Councillor Margot Marshall, "is against everything we've been trying to do in Planning."

However, Mayor Eldred King voiced an opposite view. He supported the request on the basis that the Hulshof property represented a bonafide farming operation requiring more than one family to operate it. He defended the practice of allowing additional supportive homes on legitimate working farms.

"It doesn't matter if ten houses are needed," he said, "this is the only way agriculture can be protected".

Councillors Jim Rae and Wilf Morley added their support to the re-zoning application which was approved when Chairman Jim Sanders cast the deciding vote in its favor.

## Buried wires costly

STOUFFVILLE — Overhead hydro wires on Stouffville's Main Street are an eyesore, Business Improvement Area committee members claim. They'd like to see them buried.

However, Mayor Eldred King feels the cost, estimated at over one million dollars, makes such a project prohibitive.

"It's beyond the point of discussion," Mayor King told The Tribune.

He explained that should it be necessary to reconstruct the road (which isn't likely for many years), the work would best be done then. The expenditure, he feels, would be reduced by 50 percent.

## Tickets now!

Tickets for Music Mania '83 are now on sale.

They can be purchased at Card's Hardware, 29 Main Street West. Orders will also be accepted by phone. The number to call is 640-1333.

Admission is \$4 and \$3.50 (adults); \$1.50 (children). For the Thursday show only, (April 28), the ticket price for senior citizens and children is \$2.50.

Performance dates are April 28, 29 and 30.

## Authorize tender

# Plan tower new well

STOUFFVILLE — The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville has authorized the Region of York to call tenders for the erection of a 750,000 gallon elevated water reservoir. The site is immediately south of the Sales Barn. The property is owned by the Region.

Later this spring, possibly next month, bids will be requested for the installation of a new well and pumping station in the same general area. The well is expected to produce 500,000 gallons of water per day.

Mayor Eldred King told The Tribune he fully ex-

pects the new reservoir to be built far below the original estimate of 1.2 million dollars; in fact, it could be little over half that figure, the mayor said.

The Dulverton agreement calls for payment by that firm of \$1.2 million by Dec. 31, 1985. In the meantime, the municipality has sufficient surplus funds (\$142,000) in its water account to carry it.

"I fully expect both projects (the reservoir and the well) will go ahead this summer," Mayor King concluded.

## Principal Michael Muir

# To Don Head

STOUFFVILLE — Michael Muir, principal of Stouffville Dist. High School for the past three years, is

leaving S.D.S.S. for a similar position at Don Head Secondary School, Richmond Hill.

leaving Stouffville, especially when he's only been here three years. "I'm looking forward to the challenge, but I don't want to say goodbye to this community."

Although his appointment doesn't officially begin until Sept. 1, Principal Muir will be spending a portion of the weeks ahead at Richmond Hill. He plans to visit the various classrooms and "have a say" in hiring and policy decisions.

A portion of his time in Stouffville will involve familiarizing John Nikifork, his successor, with the staff, the programs and other aspects of the system. Mr. Nikifork is currently principal at Woodbridge Secondary School.



MICHAEL MUIR

Mr. Muir explained that Don Head is a vocational institute and he has a keen interest in special education. "It's not that the kids are any different. It's just that in many cases they have learning problems."

Mr Muir recently completed a three-year, part-time course on special education at York University and received his specialist certificate.

"You need the background and the temperament to handle young people who become easily frustrated," he said.

Mr. Muir said he has "mixed feelings" about

## 'Wasn't kidding'

WHITCHURCH — When Bill McNally's nanny gave birth to four healthy kids in 1982, neighboring residents on the Bethesda Road were surprised. Quadruplets are a rarity.

Mama Goat went one better. She recently gave birth to five; and all are doing well, even mama. The "litter" includes four girls and one boy.

"Four are unusual,"

veterinarian Dr. Denis O'Connor told The Tribune, "but five are extraordinary".

The nanny was originally owned by Stewart and Alice Vague of Ringwood.

## Top speakers

STOUFFVILLE — Two Whitchurch area boys have placed first in the elementary and secondary school divisions of the Lions-sponsored Effective Speaking Competitions.

At Markham Dist. High School, April 6, twelve-year-old Darren Gornall of R.R. 4, Stouffville, topped his class with an address entitled "Music Lessons". Darren is a student at Whitchurch-Highlands Public School. Top girl was Karen Boyd of Sunderland. Both Karen and Darren will give their speeches at the Lions' District Convention in Aurora later this month.

At the secondary level, Tim Pugh, also of R.R. 4, Stouffville, was declared the winner in competition, Wednesday at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library. Tim is a Grade 9 student at the Stouffville Christian School. He spoke on "The Joys of Public

Speaking". In second place was Douglas Thompson of Brock Dist. Secondary School. He spoke on "E.T.". Top girl was 15-year-old Catherine Link, also a student at Brock. Her address was entitled "Schools-Past and Present".

The runner-up was Heather Martin of Ballantrae. Heather's a student at Stouffville High.

Both Tim and Catherine will advance to the Inter-Provincial Championships at Quebec City. They were presented with individual trophies by Gordon Forgie of Markham.

Contest chairman Terry Boag of Markham, praised the participants for the excellence of their speeches: "It's been a real treat tonight," he said.

## Bike sites scarce

WHITCHURCH — Linda Townend, Cherry Street, R.R. 3, Stouffville, isn't giving up her fight to establish a dirt-bike track in the area, even if it means a site in Uxbridge Township.

However, Mayor Eldred King's the first to admit "it isn't easy".

He told The Tribune he's checked out several loca-

tions, most of them worked out gravel pits, without success. He said the Town's not prepared to purchase property for this purpose.

Mayor King noted that the York Offroad Riders Club has a membership of about 75, young people and while many of these boys aren't residents of Whitchurch-Stouffville, the need

appears legitimate. The main problem, said the mayor, is noise. The site must be far-removed from any residential area otherwise there are bound to be objections and complaints. He said the noise issue is all the more a concern due to the fact most of the action will take place during evenings and on weekends.