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Three staff replace one

DURHAM REGION — Three will take the place of one in the administration department of Durham Board of Education.

Last week, the board decided to hire three people, at a total cost of \$46,299, to work in the area that led to the firing of its former manager of construction and maintenance, George Stanford.

Stanford was fired in January after being convicted of evading \$30,911.12 in taxes on \$139,000 he received in payments from board contractors.

The laying of criminal charges against Stanford, is still a possibility, according to board trustee, Larry Corrigan.

Of the three new employees, two are working to re-organize the purchasing department, while the third is overseeing the auditing of the plant department.

An investigation of the board's internal business practices over the past 10 years, by its external auditor, Deloitte Haskins and Sells, showed that staff deficiencies in the purchasing department, resulted in the maintenance department taking over some of its responsibilities.

According to Trustee Ian Brown, that allowed one or more individual people to submit "fictitious invoices," or to award contracts to suppliers of their choice.

Trustee Corrigan said the report showed the necessity for tighter controls, including clarification of job descriptions.

He said that a follow-up audit will be presented to the board in June of next year.

Another Trustee, Cathy O'Flynn, said that policies weren't always observed in ordering and payment, because the purchasing department didn't always understand the requirements of the maintenance department.

However, addition of the new staff will "plug in holes with regards to stopping the kind of thing that was going on," she said.

Trustee Brown said he hopes to amend the board's purchasing policy so that the department "may establish an annual timetable for the tendering and purchasing of goods and services."

The amendment would also see that purchasing is done by the purchasing department, with the director of education having the authority to buy up to 75 per cent (previously 50 per cent) of the previous year's need for supplies.

The board has also approved job descriptions for the manager of construction and maintenance, and the new administrative personnel.

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Others recognized for herd excellence follow: Highest B.C.A.—Douglas and Paul Harder, R.R. 5, Sunderland; Runner-up—Bert VanDyk, Orillia.

Best Calving Interval—Neal Bird, R.R. 1, Brooklin; Runner-up—Tom Verhoog, Seagrave; Ed Geisberger, Manilla; Jack Skelding, Port Perry and Appleby and Westcott, Brechin.

Best Plus Production Cow—Norman Meek, Sandford; Runner-up—Zion Farms, Uxbridge.

Runners-up in the category of Most Improved Herd were Dean Beatty of Cannington and John Vantol of Oshawa.

Dairy Herd Improvement Committee Members for 1983 are: Don Jamieson, Ashburn; Theo DenOuden, Uxbridge and Paul Harder, Sunderland. Voting delegates are: Norm Wilson and Murray Cox of Uxbridge; alternates—Ted Lamb, Port Perry and Grant Mustard of Uxbridge.

Set date

CLAREMONT — June 7 has been set as the date for a preliminary hearing in Ajax, for three men charged with the murder of Duncan Spang, 71, of Claremont.

Spang died March 26, three months after being shot in the stomach, during a burglary at his farm home.

Ronald Perrault, 22, of Seagrave, is charged with first-degree murder, while Wayne Kennedy, 22, and Randy Kennedy, 20, of Oshawa, are charged with second-degree murder.

The trio also faces charges of break, enter and theft; being armed while committing an indictable offence; possession of house-breaking tools; and possession of a 12-gauge shotgun.

Discuss rape crisis

GOODWOOD — The Goodwood Lions Club, in a continuing effort to provide residents of the community with programs of interest and concern, will have as its guest, Monday, April 25, a representative of the Scugog and District Sexual Abuse (Rape) Centre.

Jenette Ross will discuss the organization's role and answer questions from the audience.

The meeting, open to the public, will be held in the Goodwood Community Centre, beginning at 8 p.m.

Strathroy conducted the funeral service, assisted by Rev. Blair Clark of Claremont. Six grandsons served as pallbearers—Wayne McComb, Kevin Davis, Murray McMullen, Michael Smith, Ron McMullen and Gary McMullen.

School "posts" a first

CLAREMONT — Claremont Public School scored a first when two of its students swept the top awards in the recent grade 5 poster contest of the Fire Prevention Bureau.

The two, Jennifer Greer and Jason Budd, were provincial winners, after first winning the Pickering Division, and then being in the top three of the finals for Durham Region.

Jason Budd was first in all three divisions.

As a result of their provincial win, the two will now have an all-expense trip to North Bay to pick up their awards and \$125 prize money, as well.

Another honor will be extended next year when their posters are used in the annual Fire Prevention Week campaign throughout the province.

Theatre meeting

UXBRIDGE — A meeting will be held Wednesday night (April 20) at The Music Hall at 7:30, to discuss the formation of a new drama group.

Organizers, Liz Larter and Brenda Smith, said the meeting will be of an informal nature, along the style of a coffee clatch, with coffee very much in attendance. Everyone is welcome.

The two said there "has always been a problem in the adult department" of theatre groups, and they wanted to look into that aspect.



Councillor fears highway curve a hazard

This curve on the Claremont Road, east of the Markham-Pickering Townline, has been the scene of many accidents over the years, some serious. Regional Councillor Norah Stoner feels the highway's design may be partly responsible. She's asking motorists and area residents to give her a call if they share her concern. —Jim Thomas

Claremont P.S. students Stage Oliver

CLAREMONT — "Oliver" will be making his appearance at Claremont Public School, April 27 and 28, and he may be just looking better than ever.

"We've made some revisions," said principal Mary Hearn, director of the famed Dickens' story, now set to music. "We've taken out the bad parts."

By "bad," Mrs. Hearn explained that meant some of the harsher scenes, so that it all winds up in a happy ending.

Jennifer Greer, who, along with fellow grade-five student, Jason Budd, won the provincial Fire Prevention Bureau poster contest in their division, plays the title role of Oliver.

Opposing her as the notorious Fagin, the old villain who teaches young boys and girls to be thieves, is Courtenay Graham.

Courtenay, a grade 8 student, has been a regular winner in oratorical contests for the school for the past several years.

Girls, in fact, occupy most of the male roles, with Sherry Carruthers playing both Mr. Bumble and a policeman; and Karen Falkenberg performing the part of Mr. Brownlow, and also appearing as a street boy. The "boys" here, are all girls, too.

Male leads are: Kevin Myers, as Artful Dodger, and Tim Evans as Bill Sykes.

The other two principals are, Chris Peddie, as Nancy, and Tory Johnston, as Mrs. "C."

Other members of the cast, are: Orphan boys — Jason Yoshida, Tambray Van Der Gullik, Rosalyn Beer; Jennifer McCance and Lynette Berry; Street boys — Jennifer Empringham, Falkenberg, Lisa Kurts, Lisa Riste, Julie Winterstein, Catherine Mooney and Lisa Wardrop.

Accordion players are, April Winterstein and Leanne Redshaw; Recorders: Sharon Craig, Pam Barber, Karen Walker and Tiffany Houston.

Choir members are: Christina Cece, Sonia Cece, Lauren Edwards, Patti

Evans, Claire Falkenberg, Marla Finn, Andrew Gillespie, Bev Ingersoll, Linda Locke, Pam Jackson, Rhonda Lewis, Jessica Lusted, Sharon Uzzell, Lori MacNeall, Heather McCance, Shannon McGinnis, Mary Morrison, Sarah Mulveny, Leanne Redshaw, Pam Ritchie, Nicole Schuchardt, Michelle Stewart, Amy Wilson, Trudi Wilson, Stephanie Wollin and Kim Wood.

Mrs. Carole Redshaw is the choir leader, while Mrs. Andrea Graham and Mrs. Sue Solomon, are the choreographers.

In charge of lighting is Ward McCance; Mrs. Corinda Barber; Mrs. Fay Greer and Mrs. Graham handle costumes; Rick Fockler, props; and Mrs. Lym Craig make-up.

The two public showings will be held April 27, at 1:30 p.m., and April 28 at 7 p.m. A separate showing for the school, will be held Monday, April 25 at 1 p.m.

Tickets are \$1.50; senior citizens, free.

Leaves girl and flees

UXBRIDGE — Durham Regional Police are still looking for a motorist who fled on foot after a high-speed chase, in which a police car was damaged.

According to the Uxbridge detachment, the chase began on Beaver Rd. in Uxbridge, about 12:09 a.m., April 15, and ended on the outskirts of Stouffville, when one of the pursuing police cars was hit, and the driver of the other vehicle drove into the ditch.

Police said he then got out of his car and ran off, leaving his girl friend behind.

Police are seeking Lloyd Harber, 21, of Uxbridge. He faces charges of dangerous driving and driving while under suspension.

A Claremont man was charged with impaired driving following an incident in the area, last week.

Police said that John Renie, 66, of Lot 18, Con. 9, was arrested after a motorist was stopped for "erratic driving," about 12:20 a.m., April 14.

The accused is scheduled to appear in Ajax court, April 28.

Costumes add to "Boyfriend"

UXBRIDGE — It wasn't a costume party, or, at least it wasn't meant to be, but the costumes were definitely among the highlights at Uxbridge Secondary School's production of "The Boyfriend," last week-end at the school.

Everything from the beach to the ballroom was vividly captured in this lively and colorful presentation of the musical classic of the '20s.

The performers, too, kept pace with their finery, displaying just the right touches of dash and daring throughout; sustaining the kind of energy demanded by something as quick moving as The Boy Friend.

There were also some nice individual performances. Dancers: Chris Rutherford and Heather Cornell did a fine romp as a couple of Spanish dancers; Rod Corbett established his comic character early and pulled off a few crazy capers along the way; and Tracey Ware and Raj Singh were impressive in their version of "Never Too Late to Fall in Love."

Leslie Pritchard, sustaining a rich French accent, and partner, Jodi Armstrong, also brought their share of showmanship to it all.

A most enjoyable production from director John Garbutt and choreographer, W. Henry; and, of course, from every member of this very fine cast.



County Diplomas presented at 4-H Achievement Day

At a 4-H Achievement Day held recently in the Greenwood Community Centre, five girls received their County Honors' Certificates. Four are pictured here (left to right) Penny Ross, Goodwood; Janice Evans, Bethesda-Reach; Jennifer Guthrie and Rebecca Finlay of Greenwood. Absent when the photo was taken was Sharlene Carson, Mount Zion.