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Education costs climb by \$13M

STOUFFVILLE — Education costs in 1983, charged against an average home in Whitechurch-Stouffville, will be about \$677, a spokesman for the York Region Board told The Tribune, Monday. This represents an increase of \$58 over last year.

An average residence here is assessed at \$20,000. The board's total budget is just over \$144,000,000, up from \$131 million in '82. A breakdown at the two education levels shows \$77 million required for elementary (public schools) and \$66 million for second-

ary (high schools). Because homes in Markham carry a higher assessed value than those in Whitechurch-Stouffville, the average education tax payment there will be about \$960, up by \$76.00. The regional average is \$801, an increase of \$63.22.

Town trustee Harry Bowes sees no signs of cost relief, despite the fact student enrolments have levelled off and, in some areas, decreased. He lays much of the blame at the doorstep of Queen's Park, noting that provincial grants in York were increased by only 1.5 per cent as compared to 5.6% across Ontario.

Bowes claims too much money is being spent on specialized education including French Emersion. He feels the board should not be required to provide transportation to such schools outside the municipality. The cost of utilities, like hydro, oil and gas have gone up considerably also, he said.

Mr Bowes made this comparison. In 1970, it cost \$500 to educate one public school pupil for one year. In 1982, the cost was \$2,216—an increase of 400 per cent. In 1982, it cost \$3,205 to educate one high school student for one year. In spite of this inflationary trend, the per pupil cost in York is one of the lowest in the province, he concluded.



Legion hosts Sunnybrook veterans

On Sunday afternoon, the Stouffville Legion and Legion Ladies Auxiliary, hosted close to fifty veterans from Sunnybrook Hospital to a banquet and program in the Legion Hall. The gathering brought together two old friends, Ron Hollingworth, (seated), formerly of Park Drive North, Stouffville and now at Sunnybrook and Bill Willcocks, Montreal Street, Stouffville. —Jim Thomas

Town snubbed

STOUFFVILLE — On April 27, (today), Whitechurch-Stouffville marks an anniversary. But there'll be no cake and candles or dancing in the street. According to Debi Mitchell of the Concerned Citizens' Committee, it's more an occasion for mourning than merriment.

It was one year ago, recalls Mrs Mitchell, that the Provincial Government promised to shut down the Hwy. 48 landfill site as of June 30, 1983 "to restore the peace of mind of local residents".

"We all know this promise was ignored and that we are faced with continued dumping until at least 1985", writes Mrs Mitchell in a letter to The Tribune.

"Anyone driving Hwy. 404 in the morning, does not have to be told of the obvious increase in the number of full garbage trucks heading north," she points out.

Mrs Mitchell expresses irritation over the obvious snub by Environment Minister Keith Norton to the fact residents voted overwhelmingly in favor of the dump's closing this summer. The result of this plebiscite was sent to the Minister "but he hasn't even had the courtesy to reply".

Warriner Fund Hits \$9,000

MARKHAM — The "Charlie Warriner Fund" now exceeds \$9,000.

The campaign, started by Allan Nichols and several friends in the Gormley area, will provide a "lift" van to accommodate a wheelchair.

The 21-year-old Markham area man is paralyzed from the waist down following a hockey accident last December. Response has been phenomenal. A dinner-dance, planned for The Stagecoach Restaurant, April 30, was sold out within a week.

The Melville-Peach's community is holding a square dance in the Victoria Square Hall, May

13 and a portion of the proceeds from Friday's sacred music service in St. James Presbyterian Church, Stouffville, will go to this fund.

"There are a few other things planned also," a committee member told The Tribune. These, he said, will be publicized when details are complete.

Should receipts exceed the cost and remodelling of the van, additional funds will go towards equipping the vehicle with hand controls and the purchase of a wheelchair, Mr Nicholls said. Both Charlie and his van are expected to be at The Stagecoach, Saturday night.

Heavy fire loss Aid offered

RINGWOOD — The Mennonite Disaster Service, an organization renowned for "Christian outreach" in other communities, has come to the aid of Ringwood area farmer Earl Toms, following a barn fire on his property, Sunday.

Ruins of the large 40' by 110' structure were still smouldering when committee personnel associated with the Wideman Church on Hwy. 48, visited the site. They've offered to clean up the debris so reconstruction can begin.

Murray Wideman of R.R. 1, Gormley is the area representative.

Ruth Grove, a neighbor to the Toms, described the service as "strictly volunteer". It's been a common practice for years, she said.

Workers are rounded up through word-of-mouth, Mrs Wideman explained.

Mr Toms said he was unaware of the blaze until informed by a motorist who saw smoke. He said there was no chance to save any of the two cows, two calves

and two heifers trapped in the inferno.

The owner expected a heavier loss of animal life. However, 18 cattle, in a yard outside, were herded into a nearby field by neighbor Lorne Morgason and an unidentified helper. Mr Toms was loud in his praise of assistance provided by the first persons on the scene—also firemen from Stouffville and Markham. He said three adjacent buildings, used as implement sheds, would likely have been destroyed except for their quick response.

The barn contained about 3,500 bales of hay and straw,

Toms said. An elevator was also lost but a truck was saved. One man was reported injured, but there was no confirmation of this.

Mr and Mrs Toms moved from Scarborough to Ringwood eight years ago. The property was owned formerly by Town Mayor Eldred King.

Cause of the blaze isn't known. Mr Toms said an unidentified person had been reported near the buildings prior to the fire and this was being investigated by police. The loss, estimated at close to \$200,000, is partially covered by insurance. Mr Toms plans to rebuild.

Show is magic

STOUFFVILLE — Like magic, Whitechurch-Stouffville's Canada Day celebration has taken on a new theme. It's "See Canada Day In A Magical Way" as magic becomes the dominant focus during four days of activities, June 30 to July 3.

While the opening evening will be reserved for the choosing of the Canada Day Queen; the 1983 "Citizen of the Year" and the 1983 "Sports Personality of the Year", the "miracle" of magic will make its presence felt around 11 a.m., July 1. That's when the Gold Wand Amateur Magic Contest begins in Latcham Hall.

This will be followed by a Masked Ball in the Ballantyne Community Centre starting at 7:30 p.m. Admission to the buffet and dance is \$35 a couple.

Throughout most of Saturday, (July 2), street magicians will perform up and down the sidewalks of Stouffville with the amateur competition continuing in Latcham Hall. At 11 a.m., 1:30 and 8 p.m., close-up magic shows are planned for Latcham Gallery in the Public Library. Admission to these is \$3.00.

A children's magic program will be held in Latcham Hall at 2:30 p.m. This is free.

Cabaret magic will be performed in Latcham Hall at 4:30 p.m., with "the biggest show of all" occurring at 8 p.m., in the High School. Television personality Bob McAdory will again serve

as Master of Ceremonies. Admission is \$7.00 and \$5.00.

On Sunday, (July 3), a festival magic matinee will be staged in the High School gymnasium at 2:30 p.m.. Admission to this is \$5.00 and \$3.00. Earlier, (1 p.m.), a children's magic and puppet show will be held in

Latcham Hall with an admission charge of \$3.00.

George Schlukker, Whitechurch-Stouffville's chief librarian, is promising a Saturday show like nothing ever seen here before. Highlight of the event will be an act called "Escape From Death".

'Homecoming'

STOUFFVILLE — Welcome home.

Organizers of The Great Canadian Magic Festival—Canada Day Festivities are rolling out the welcome mat to all former residents during the July 1 weekend.

"So many young people, particularly high school graduates, move away from Stouffville," said committee chairman Bill Kamps. "They return from time to time but rarely at the same time. We want this to be a reunion weekend and make it an annual event".

The chairman and his helpers are hopeful the word will travel from coast-to-coast. "Just clip this article out of the newspaper and send it to family members and friends," suggested

Kamps. "This will be a great help".

A registration book will be made available at a centralized Information Booth. Each visitor will be asked to "sign in", giving his (her) name, address and where he (she) is staying. On the Saturday evening, (July 2), a prize will be awarded the person travelling the greatest distance.

While no special activities have been planned for the

reunion, Kamps suggests the street dance on Park Drive South as "a natural" for the young people. The older folk, he feels, will want to attend any one of several magic shows, the Legion "open house" or the Masked Ball.

"Other towns have instituted this idea with great success. We hope everyone will co-operate so our Homecoming can become a permanent fixture here."

Memorial to farmer

UNIONVILLE — The late Clark Young, (1893-1982), and ten other outstanding agriculturalists, will be honored by the Ontario Agricultural Hall of Fame Association, June 12.

Portraits of each candidate will be placed in the Hall of Fame Gallery at the Milton Museum.

The announcement was made this week by committee president Ross Farr.

"These people have done much to build the foundation for our agricultural industry and richly deserve this recognition," said Mr Farr. "They represent a wide range of agricultural interests, but their involvement carries the same stamp of dedication and foresight".

Clark Young was an excellent farmer and a top plowman. For 41 years, he was treasurer of the Ontario Plowmen's Association. He was also one of the first presidents of the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association.

Others to be honored include—Sir Adam Beck, (1857-1925), founder of Ontario Hydro; Stewart Bennett, (1892-1982), past-president of the Royal Win-

ter Fair; James Henderson, (1896-1968), breeder of champion Holsteins; T.R. "Dick" Williams, (1916-1980), Deputy-Minister of Agriculture and Food; Dr. C.C. James, (1863-1916), Deputy-Minister of Agriculture and Food; Dr. Joseph Edward Johnson, (1891-1960), pioneer in developing Ontario's Artificial Insemination Program for cattle; Norman McCully, (1899-1978), outstanding Ontario sheep-breeder; Laura Rose Stephen, (1866-1963), dairy instructor and agricultural journalist; Alex M. Stewart, (1893-1967), grower, exhibitor and marketer of pedigreed seeds.



CLARK YOUNG



Stage is set for another big show --- Music Mania '83

On Thursday, (to-morrow), at 8:15 p.m., the curtain goes up at the High School on the twenty-third edition of Music Mania. This year's show, like its predecessors, will be packed with color, fun and excitement. Exemplifying all three are the four girls above (left to right)—

Suzanne McNair, Cathy Christoff, Doris Harvey and Jane Stott. But don't take our word for it; come out and see for yourself. —Jim Thomas

Accept course

STOUFFVILLE — An estimated 200 parents attended an information meeting, Thursday, related to the Family Life and Sex Education Course planned for introduction at Summitview School, this May or June.

Principal Lorne Boadway said he was pleased with the positive response.

"The majority seemed very supportive," he said.

While the question of morals values was raised, Mr Boadway said this issue would have to remain the responsibility of the home. He said the school was merely following guidelines as set out by the Ministry of Education.