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'Village' on target

STOUFFVILLE — Parkview Village, the 124-unit Seniors apartment on the west side of Ninth Line South, should be completed on schedule. (April 18), Administrator Joe Nighswander told The Tribune this week.

"Actually, it's ahead of schedule," he said, with three apartments finished and one already furnished as a model suite.

Mr. Nighswander expressed complete satisfaction with the contractor's performance. "There've been a minimum of problems," he said.

One hundred and thirty firm responses have been received from tenant applicants, the administrator stated. Individual interviews will begin this week.

"An 'open house' and ceremony is planned," Mr. Nighswander said, but this won't likely occur until all apartments are occupied. The ceremony date will be announced in The Tribune.

Insurance 'rockets'

CLAREMONT — Boards of education as well as municipal councils are facing dilemmas with regard to insurance rates.

Durham Region trustee Lyn Craig told The Tribune the situation's become so serious, the Board may have to divide its business among several companies in order to obtain coverage.

She said of the \$20 million liability insurance required, only \$7 million had been obtained. Expiration date is April 30, 1986.

Premiums, she explained, have escalated far beyond last year's figures. "All boards are facing the same problem. I wonder where it's all going to end."

Mrs. Craig said the Durham Board has written letters of complaint to the Ontario Attorney General and area Members of Parliament in an effort to resolve the problem.

Demolish landmark

STOUFFVILLE — Town council will issue a permit today for the demolition of the Sanders Block building on Main Street, ending a drawn out dispute over the vacant structure.

Speaking from her office, Tuesday, Mayor Fran Sainsbury said the developers intend to erect a two-storey structure with several stores on the ground floor and a number of apartments above.

According to plans, the new complex will resemble an older architectural style, which, Mayor Sainsbury points out, is an improvement over the vacant shell now standing at the site.

Demolition is set to begin as soon as weather conditions make it safe and construction will follow in the spring. The target date for occupancy is Oct. 31, the mayor said.

The building was originally bought with the intent of completing renovations, but following the collapse of a section of roof, the developers learned the structure was in poor repair. The building was then designated a heritage site, but provincial funds were denied and restoration proved too costly. Since then, slowdowns have resulted from compliance with property standards bylaws, building codes and municipal bylaws, all of which must be satisfied before construction can proceed.



New Chief
Don Hillock is the new Chief of Police for the Region of York. He succeeds Bruce Crawford, now retired. Chief Hillock is a former constable with the Whitchurch Twp. Police Dept., when the force worked out a small office in Vandorf, now part of the Museum site.

A model teen



Fifteen-year-old Tara Dow, a graduate of Whitchurch-Highlands Public School and now enrolled at G.W. Williams Secondary School, Aurora, is a prominent professional model. Her sparkling smile brightens the pages on Sears catalogues and Coke commercials on TV.

By JIM THOMAS
Like mother, like daughter, Tara Dow, a professional model, is not to be fooled by the term "professional." No teachers who remember her at Whitchurch-Highlands and to close friends who know her at G.W. Williams, she still Tara (the girl next door).

Approaching her sixteenth birthday, Tara has been smiling (rom catalogues and TV screens since age nine. And she enjoys it. However, she's the first to admit it's not all fun and games. "There's a lot of pressure," she says.

Tara works through the John Casablanca and Bruce Parker agency, one of the most reputable modelling firms in Toronto. She adapts well to two roles, that of an apple-pie teen or that of a sophisticated lady. She admits that on occasions, she looks in the mirror and asks, "Is this really me?"

"The thing is to fit the look the client has in mind," explains Tara. "Sometimes it's a case of being in the right place at the right time."

Is she still the same Tara Dow her classmates knew and loved back in Grade 8?

"I'm no different, no different than anyone else," she replies. "I have a lot of good friends and I enjoy many of the same things they do." Tara is an enthusiastic athlete and a skilled equestrienne. She admits, however, that a busy schedule often interrupts her social life and school.

"Sometimes I wonder if it's worth it," she says. "I then put myself back together again and carry on."

Tara admits the world of professional modelling can be a fleeting thing. "I want something to fall back on—a career in nursing, to be a veterinarian or in business." Because of this, keeping her marks up is important.

Her parents, she says, have been very supportive.

But despite the accolade of clicking cameras, the beauty of full-colour photos, the glittering glamor that's Tara's world to enjoy, she still recalls with visible delight her years spent at Whitchurch-Highlands. "Great memories," she says. "Memories I'll never forget."

Town businessmen 'escape' from Haiti

STOUFFVILLE — If you're walking down the Main Street of Port-au-Prince, Haiti, let the natives know you're Canadian.

This fact was revealed by two Stouffville businessmen, Dr. Jerome DeLaurier and Dr. Martin McDowell, both recently returned from that strife-torn country.

Dr. DeLaurier has been assisting a family there, visiting the parents and children at least once a year.

Dr. McDowell was a two-week volunteer at an eye clinic, 100 miles north of the capital city. He and eleven other Canadians donated their services through an organization called Canadian Foundation for World Development.

"The military was very visible," Dr. DeLaurier said. It was common to see soldiers on foot patrol carrying machine guns, he said. Although on several occasions he heard shots, he saw no one dead or injured.

The main trouble spots are in the downtown slum areas, Dr. DeLaurier explained. "It seems to be spreading though—throughout the whole country."

Road blocks were common, Dr. McDowell told The Tribune. To get through, it was sometimes necessary to pay a toll, he said.

The last day of the two-week clinic was cancelled so the volunteers could leave. Dr. McDowell described the situation as "a little frightening."

The local optometrist said most of the violence was occurring in the cities. The military, he said, was cracking down mainly on looters.

"The natives have had enough of being poor," he said, "they're sick and tired of a dictator government."

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Deer hunt is blocked by Council

UXBRIDGE — There'll be no four-day deer hunt in the northern area of Uxbridge Twp., (former Twp. of Scott), if a committee decision, Monday, is supported by Council and agreed to by the Ministry of Natural Resources.

The motion was put forward by Ward 3 Councillor Harry Worsley, a representative for the area where the hunt was requested.

There's some uncertainty as to whether the Ministry can proceed with the shoot regardless of Council's action. The Public Protection Committee, chaired by Councillor Cal Avery, includes all members.

A public meeting on the controversial issue has been tentatively set for Feb. 19 at 8 p.m. in the Uxbridge Music Hall.

Councillor Avery was angered by certain Ministry statements on the subject. "Killing for the sake of killing is wrong," he said. He denied there's an over-population of deer anywhere in the township.

According to Avery, many people have moved to the municipality because of the natural beauty of wildlife here. Rather than shooting deer, they should be protected through the erection of deer-crossing signs on busy roads, he stressed.

Councillor Avery said he was particularly irritated by the Ministry's decision to include fawns in the kill. "They'd only be six months old," he said, "that's a pretty short life."

Avery admitted the hunt would have occurred outside his ward. His concern, he said, is for the township as a whole and all the problems that could occur as a result.

"People are worrying about trespassing; about injury to domestic animals; about wound-

ed deer left to die and about disruption of a beautiful rural setting."

He described the Ministry's presentation as "impressive but sad."

Avery said even some avid hunters are opposed to a shoot in Uxbridge. They claim Northern Ontario's the proper place. He admitted, however, that several had spoken in favor.

The committee chairman said many of the deer known to exist in the township have become quite tame. "Some folks even feed them," he said. "Can you imagine how they'd feel?"

Avery said as far as he's concerned, the only enjoyable way to shoot a deer is with a camera.

Health Study

A public meeting to discuss Whitchurch-Stouffville's long-awaited Health Study will be held Thurs., Feb. 26 (to-morrow) at 8 p.m. in Stouffville Dist. Secondary School.

The location has been confirmed by Dr. John Hodgkinson, Associate Medical Officer of Health, Region of York. Dr. Hodgkinson is a member of the Citizen Advisory Committee.

The Study has been authorized by the Province in cooperation with the Regional Health Department to learn if the health of residents has been impaired by contaminated water.

Information obtained from Whitchurch-Stouffville will be compared to that of two other towns of similar size.

Completion of the Study is expected in about one year's time.

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remains a concern of the principal and staff. She explained that fire doors had been installed leading to upstairs classrooms, "but I'm not sure what good they would do if the rest of the building was ablaze."

Mrs. Craig said she's amazed the Pickering Fire Chief would give the school his approval without an emergency exit from the top floor.

"The board member agrees one can't put a price on life," she admits, however, the cost of constructing an outside stairway or installing a chute is extreme.

"Even though I'm not on the finance committee, I'm astounded at the price of things," she said.

Mrs. Craig plans to raise the issue when the board meets this month.

Neighborhood Watch

STOUFFVILLE — A Neighborhood Watch meeting, related specifically to residents in the Thicketwood Subdivision, will be held Thurs., Feb. 20 at Summitview School.

Constable Rodney Sine of York Regional Police will explain the program. He will also discuss streetproofing of children, a project adopted in many Ontario communities.

In addition to Thicketwood home-owners, other interested parents are also invited.

Meeting time is 7:30 p.m.



A four-star dancer
Eighteen-year-old Melinda Lehman, Vanzant Court, Stouffville, is a four-star dancer as the Spartan wall mural indicates. Melinda will be one of the star attractions when Stouffville Dist. Secondary School hosts Variety Show '86, Feb. 27, 28 and March 1.

Old arena Bad shape

STOUFFVILLE — What does the future hold for the old arena?

The front part may be worth saving but the rear section's had its day. This is the feeling of Councillor Will Morley, one of five persons appointed to place recommendations before a committee of Council Feb. 18.

Councillor Morley says repair costs could total one-quarter million dollars. Improvement District #1 can't pay for it, he says.

Some members of the committee also believe the building could be converted into a community center or a school.

Revival attempts fail

STOUFFVILLE — Despite quick action by the resuscitation unit of the Stouffville Volunteer Fire Department and ambulance operators, a Stouffville man, believed to be in his mid-fifties, died of an apparent heart attack, early Saturday morning.

Frederick Bambrough was discovered unconscious in his Success Square Apartment, 220 Main Street East around 6:45 a.m. He was rushed by ambulance to York Central Hospital, Richmond Hill but was pronounced dead on arrival. A post-mortem was to be performed but the cause of death has not been revealed.

Reunion

A planned reunion of former students and teachers attending Glasgow Public School (S.S. No. 8), Uxbridge Twp., has been confirmed by committee secretary Betty (Mrs. Ivan) DeGeer, R.R. 3, Mount Albert.

The date is Sat., June 21 at the former school site, now a Community Centre.

The reunion chairman is Ches Oldham, R.R. 1, Zephyr. The vice-chairman is Ivan DeGeer, R.R. 3, Mount Albert.

The first of several meetings was held Jan. 28. Attendance records from 1950 are believed stored at Goodwood Public School.