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Band members await return of freed musician

By CHRIS SHANAHAN
 STOUFFVILLE — It was practice as usual for members of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Concert Band Monday evening.
 There was hardly a word spoken about Guy Paul Morin, a former clarinet player in the Band who was acquitted Friday of first-degree murder in the slaying of nine-year-old Christine Jessop. No one in the Band had had any

contact with Mr. Morin since he walked out of a London, Ont. courtroom a free man, according to acting conductor Jan Stem.
 And she doesn't expect to hear from him, at least not right away. "He is a free man and he is free to return to the Band if he wishes," Mrs. Stem said after the rehearsal at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School. "But I don't think he will (return)...in the near future."

She described the mood throughout Monday's practice as "relaxed," and said she wasn't aware that any musician had even made mention of the former murder suspect.
 It was a "regular attendance night," noted the bandleader, who doesn't believe anyone's intentionally staying home to avoid Mr. Morin if and when he does return to play clarinet.
 "The Band is pretty kind hearted," Mrs. Stem said.

It was back on April 22, 1985 that the 26-year-old bachelor was apprehended by a combined force of Durham and York regional police while driving near Ballantrae. Mr. Morin was on his way to a night band session in Stouffville at the time of his arrest.
 His future remained in doubt until that dramatic moment at 4:22 p.m. on Feb. 7 when the foreman of an Ontario Supreme Court jury spoke two words: Not guilty.

Crown prosecutor John Scott has applied to have a new trial for Mr. Morin because he feels Supreme Court Justice McLeod Craig made errors in his final instructions to the jury. An appeal decision is expected from the Ontario Attorney-General's office within 30 days.
 Main Street chiropractor Allen Turner, himself a Concert Band member, told The Tribune Monday he wouldn't be surprised if Mr. Morin returned to practice that evening.

But so far there has been no public indication of the musician's future plans.
 "We just have to accept it," Dr. Turner said of the jury decision. "I don't think it's for us to pass judgment on it."
 The chiropractor said, if Mr. Morin wants to return to the Concert Band, "I don't think we have any choice" but to welcome him back.

"I wouldn't be too surprised if he did come back," Dr. Turner added.
 Mr. Morin lives next door to the Jessop family in Queensville. He was unavailable for comment.

Christine Jessop disappeared from her home on Oct. 3, 1984. Her badly decomposed body was discovered almost three months later in a wooded area near the Brock Township hamlet of Sonya.

Break-in

WHITCHURCH — Loss has been estimated at \$10,000 in a robbery, Feb. 3, at Lot 16, Conc. 7, Whitchurch-Stouffville.

The break-in occurred between 8:30 a.m. and 4:05 p.m., by smashing the window in a rear door.

The residence was ransacked, police said. Removed were items of jewellery, appliances, a coin collection, video equipment and two revolvers.

Name of the property owner was not revealed.



The gold-plated chain of office was the conversation (and question) piece when Whitchurch-Stouffville Mayor Fran Sainsbury spoke to Grades 2, 3 and 4 classes in the Library at Summitview Public School Monday. The children were intrigued by the medallion, posing ques-

Mayor's chain of office Pupils loved it

STOUFFVILLE — Mayor Fran Sainsbury wore her chain of office to Summitview Public School Monday. Both she and it were instant hits.
 Classes of Grades 2, 3 and 4 students bombarded her with questions, most related to the gold-filled medallion.

Where do you keep it? How much did it cost? Are you afraid someone will steal it?
 Mayor Sainsbury answered each of their queries during a 45-minute interview that lasted almost 40 minutes.

Her young audience sat spellbound on the library floor as she explained in child-like terms the operation of the town.

Whitchurch-Stouffville, she said, includes 52,000 acres and has a population of 14,351 people. There are 2,200 homes in Stouffville and 6,500 elsewhere. Next to Stouffville, Ballantrae is the largest urban centre.

In addition to her chain of office, Mayor Sainsbury displayed other items including the town flag, town seals, town brochures and sketches of planned homes and buildings.

But the questions attracted the most attention. Has David Peterson or Brian Mulroney ever

visited your office? asked one boy. Do you have a police escort when you go out? enquired a girl. Have you ever ridden in a limousine?
 Do you put a closed sign in the window when you leave? What did you do when you found out you were mayor?

One boy wanted to know how many people work for the town. Another asked the mayor's salary.

Other questions included: How many votes did you get? Who answers the phone when you're not in? When is the next election? How many hours do you work? What do you do in your spare time? What are you going to do with the old arena? Who takes your place at a Council meeting when you're sick? Were you nervous when you first started as mayor and when is the town going to build a new pool?

Mayor Sainsbury said she enjoys her job. A position that pays about \$24,000. She said her involvement with the landfill site prompted her to enter politics. Councillor Willie Morley is her standing-in-mayor, she explained, and a town hall here secretary. She spends a much time at home as possible, he said, but she has to attend at least four and five nights a week.

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Health Study 'Under gun'

STOUFFVILLE — Participants in Whitchurch-Stouffville's long-awaited Health Study haven't interviewed a single person but already there are accusations of cover-up.
 Elaine Fritz, R.R. 2, Stouffville, claimed the investigation's designed "to show everything's fine." She even charged Dr. John Hodgkinson, the Associate Medical Officer of Health with displaying "a biased point of view" after he stated there's no reason to think this Town's any different than any other in Ontario.

Mrs. Fritz claimed a random sampling of 500 households out of a possible 4,000 is insufficient. She also said many residents have moved away.

The water's still being used but the users have changed. Councillor Ron Robb urged the consulting firm of Goss, Gilroy & Associates Ltd. to pin-point where problems, if any, exist.

"I want the people to know this is an up-front study for the benefit of everyone," he said.

"Nothing will be hidden," promised Dr. Hodgkinson. Ann Gagnon, a member of the Citizen Advisory Group, expressed satisfaction with the company hired for the job. "I'm sure they'll do the best they can," she said.

She was disappointed so few people attended the meeting and even more disillusioned only three members of Council showed up.

As to the possibility of health problems related to water contamination, Mrs. Gagnon said "I'm afraid there is but I'll be ecstatic if there isn't."

Councillor urges growth decision

STOUFFVILLE — "It's time Council came to grips with what the population of our Town should be."

This is the opinion of Ward 6 representative Jim Sanders.

Councillor Sanders says once members reach a decision on how large Whitchurch-Stouffville should grow, the Region will act to meet our needs. "Until then, we'll be addressing the problem in bits and pieces."

Although Sanders has his own ideas about growth, he wants to hear from the people, even to the point of holding a public meeting. "I'd like to know the kind of community people want," he says.

Councillor Sanders feels Stouffville should grow to 12,000, about 3,000 more than now. The Town

over-all should level off at between 23,000 and 25,000, he says.

Sanders claims both Regional Chairman Eldred King and Regional Engineer Bob Hodgson have made it clear Town Council must make the first move.

The Ward 6 member is opposed to hook up to the York-Durham sanitary sewer, commonly referred to as "The Big Pipe." Should this happen, tremendous growth will occur, he says, and Council will be powerless to stop it.

Sanders claims that by surrounding Stouffville with green belt and keeping the community semi-rural, "we'll be the envy of the Golden Horseshoe." He points to Agincourt as an example of what can happen to a community when build-up isn't controlled.

Councillor Sanders admits that, regardless of what fixed population figure is set, some won't be happy. He feels, however, public opinion would serve as a guide.

"People don't like surprises," he concluded.

Toll road

STOUFFVILLE — Saturday is Toll Day in Stouffville. Lions Club members will be out in force collecting tolls from motorists between Westlawn Crescent and the Sales Barn.

The once-a-year project has the approval of Town Council.

Last year, close to \$1,400 was collected; all for community work.

The toll begins at 9 a.m. and concludes at one. The committee chairman is Ross Garrett, R.R. 4, Stouffville.

Proceed

Work is expected to begin in April on construction of a half-mile long trunk sewer that will extend from Victoria Street, Stouffville, through to Ringwood.



Adult Kinsmen re-united. Old Kinsmen never die, neither do they fade away. On Feb. 5, twenty-five ex-members of the Stouffville Kinsmen Club were re-installed into the K-40 Club at a Founders' Night ceremony in the Stouffville Legion Hall. Receiving the gavel from Kin president Gerard Windle, (left), is K-40 president Bob Lewis. The K-40 treasurer is John McCracken. Secretary Mickey Hunt was a patient in hospital and couldn't attend. — Jim Thomas

Dawson Hare Bowls 'em over

STOUFFVILLE — If Daws Hare, Burkholder Street, Stouffville, is walking on a green cloud this week, folks will understand.

He and two other members of the Richmond Hill Lawn Bowling Club, placed second in the United States World Open held in Las Vegas, Nevada. The threesome, including Frank Zzara and John

Mulligan, lost only one game, that to a rink from Alberta.

There were 64 entries.
 Mr Hare praised the sportsmanship of all competitors. "We were called the Eskimos," he said. He noted, however, that one rink came all the way from Alaska.

The local trio each received \$400. The winners received \$1,200.

Winter Carnival

STOUFFVILLE — A softball tournament, a snow sculpture contest, all-terrain vehicle races, cross-country skiing, outdoor skating and a dance in Latham Hall are some of the events planned for Whitchurch-Stouffville's Winter Carnival this weekend.

The two-day affair is sponsored by Kerry Industrial men's slo-pitch team. Most of the activities will take place in the Stouffville Park, Saturday, including the cross-country skiing. The starting point is next to the Adventure Playground, north of the Pool. The dance is planned for Saturday night.

Deer hunt?

A public meeting to discuss the pros and cons of a north township deer hunt, will be held Wed., Feb. 19 at 8 p.m. in the Uxbridge Music Hall, Main Street South.
 Officials of the Ministry of Natural Resources (Maple Branch), will attend along with members of township council. Residents, both for and against the shoot are invited.
 The Ministry is advocating the hunt. The Public Protection Committee of Council is opposed.
 The issue has created considerable controversy in some areas of the municipality, due partly to the fact does and fawns would be included in the kill.