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Liberal mayor disappointed by Riding change

STOUFFVILLE — For a first time in a long time, Whitchurch-Stouffville went Liberal in the last provincial election.

After the next trek to the polls, the Town's colors could change. The municipality, by virtue of redistribution, has been switched from the Riding of York North to the Riding of York-Durham.

Greg Sorbara, (Liberal), is the York North M.P.P. Ross Stevenson, (Progressive Conservative), is the M.P.P. in York-Durham.

Besides Whitchurch-Stouffville, the York-Durham Riding will include—Georgina, East Gwillimbury, Uxbridge and Brock. York North will take in Aurora, Newmarket and King. York Centre will include Richmond Hill and Vaughan while Markham will be a separate riding on its own.

Disappointed over the change is Town Mayor Fran Sainsbury. "I'll be sorry to lose Greg (Sorbara)," she said, "he's representing us well and his staff is excellent."

Mayor Sainsbury stressed the fact Mr Sorbara will still "be working for us" until the next election.

Mrs Sainsbury admits Ross

Stevenson is firmly entrenched in York-Durham. "It'll be difficult to find someone, (a Liberal), with his high profile," she said. She noted, however, that with Whitchurch-Stouffville located in the centre of the new riding, a strong candidate could possibly come out of this area.

The names of Vic Wilson, (Town mayorality candidate), and Gary Herrema, (Chairman of Durham Region), have been mentioned.

What about Fran Sainsbury? "I have a Town to run," she replied, "I want to finish the job I started."

Moving Whitchurch-Stouffville from York North to York-Durham was "strictly a numbers game," Mrs Sainsbury said. The present North York Riding is the second largest (in population) in the province, she explained.

Is Stevenson a voice in the wilderness? she was asked.

"Sometimes a Member of the Opposition will work even harder for you," Mayor Sainsbury replied. She admitted, however, that favorable decisions are less likely when you're not a member of the Party in power.

"But our Town will still have a good working relationship with

Queen's Park," she said hopefully.

Did Council submit a recommendation?

"It was discussed," Mrs Sainsbury said, "but no one got too fired up about it." She said the Town's submission, (via the Region), was too late in arriving to be considered.

"Besides," she concluded, "I'm sure there are certain members of Council who'll be pleased."



GREG SORBARA

Combine churches

CEDAR GROVE — Nothing stays the same.

Meetings are taking place that eventually will lead to the amalgamation of the Steeles Avenue Mennonite Church and the Cedar Grove Mennonite Church into a single congregation.

Although many details have yet to be worked out, Steven Drudge, a seminary graduate, has been retained as pastor for a period of three years.

While services during the month of July have been held at Cedar Grove, nothing definite's been decided with regard to a permanent location, Joe Nighswander of Altona told The Tribune. A new name for the combined churches must also be selected, he said. Suggestions are currently being received.

The form of service between the two churches varies little, Mr Nighswander said. "They're only 1 1/2 miles apart and there's a lot of duplication," he explained. The membership at each is about the same, he said.

"There's good feeling back and forth," Mr Nighswander stated. He noted most are receiving the news of pending amalgamation with much excitement and enthusiasm.

Several committees have been established to deal with anticipated changes. One of these is looking into future accommodation—possible renovations or even a brand new building. Mr Nighswander said neither sanctuary can adequately accommodate the two congregations at one time.

Mr Nighswander said several families of the Old Order Mennonite denomination still meet in the Steeles Avenue sanctuary the third Sunday of each month.

Hamlet growth

BLOOMINGTON — To grow or not to grow, that is the question.

On Tues., Aug. 5, the future of the hamlet of Bloomington will be discussed at a public meeting, (7:30 p.m.), in Latcham Hall.

This is the third such gathering on the same issue. The Town now has all the information on drilled well and lot sizes requirements if expansion is approved.

Pending build-up to the north-west, the north-east and the south-east would increase Bloomington's size to 162 homes and a population of about 550 people; almost double what it is now. The population figure includes those presently residing at Green Gables Manor, a home for senior citizens.

The Environment Ministry has recommended new wells be no less than 30 meters deep and lots be no less than one acre.

Lynn Westaway Weed-watcher

WHITCHURCH — Anything a man can do, a woman can do—as well.

Councillor Jim Rae thinks so. That's why he asked Lynn Westaway, McCowan Road, R.R. 4, Stouffville, to serve as the Town's first female weed inspector.

"I don't know anything about weeds," she remembers telling the councillor.

"Then we'll teach you," the Ward 3 rep responded.

That was three weeks ago. She's learning fast. "Weeds, like fences, can be a problem in rural areas," admits Lynn. In some instances, she says, it's more a case of public relations.

A Whitchurch-Stouffville resident 15 years, Lynn finds it irritating when would-be developers come into Town, bulldoze off the topsoil, then go away, leaving the land to "produce every kind of weed in the book."

She claims one doesn't have to be a professional weed inspector to observe what's happening. "You can see it from your car," she said.

Lynn explains that on properties under 10 acres, the Town can simply go in, cut the weeds and send the owner a bill. "This practice often creates hard feelings," she says. She prefers to talk the owner into cutting his own.

Costly break-ins

STOUFFVILLE — A daring daylight break-in and robbery at the home of Harvey Feasby, 59 Blake Street, Stouffville, resulted in theft of contents valued at \$1,200.

Removed from the premises were two guns, a cassette recorder and a camera.

Entry was gained by kicking in the front door. The interior was

ransacked, police said. The robbery occurred July 26 between 1 and 5 p.m.

Steal fishing gear. Fishing equipment, valued at \$800, was removed from the residence of Reno Faggiani, Thornbay Drive, Bloomington. The theft occurred between July 24 and July 26. Entry was gained by way of an unlocked garage.



Raccoon companion

Anne Murphy, Main Street West, Stouffville, loves birds and animals; so much, she's established a backyard "zoo". One of her pets is "Chatty", a two-month old raccoon. She also has an owl and an European kestrel.

—Jim Thomas



Heavenbound haven until spring

The first of two search and rescue ships have arrived in Oshawa Harbor. This one to be named O.S.S. (One Search Ship). The other will be named O.S.S. (One Search Ship). The other will be named O.S.S. (One Search Ship).

David Howard, Bernard Road, R.R. 2, Stouffville, is the assistance program. Young people will take place on Lake Ontario beginning next Spring. —Jim Thomas

Fire chief-elect 'did it on his own'

STOUFFVILLE — "Probably the best money we ever spent," commented Mayor Fran Sainsbury with respect to advertising Ontario-wide for a replacement fire chief.

Mayor Sainsbury was replying to a Tribune editorial, (July 23), that criticized Council for seeking applicants outside the Town when two local volunteers were known to be interested in the position.

"I'm proud to have Bill Brown as our chief," said the mayor, "but we wanted him to stack up

with the best." She explained that without obtaining applications from afar, neither Council nor Mr Brown would have known how he compared.

"The Fire Marshal's Department" was impressed we had someone of his calibre on our brigade," Mayor Sainsbury said.

Replies, she stated, came from as far distant as Elliot Lake.

"He, (Brown) got it and he earned it," she said, "he did it on his own."

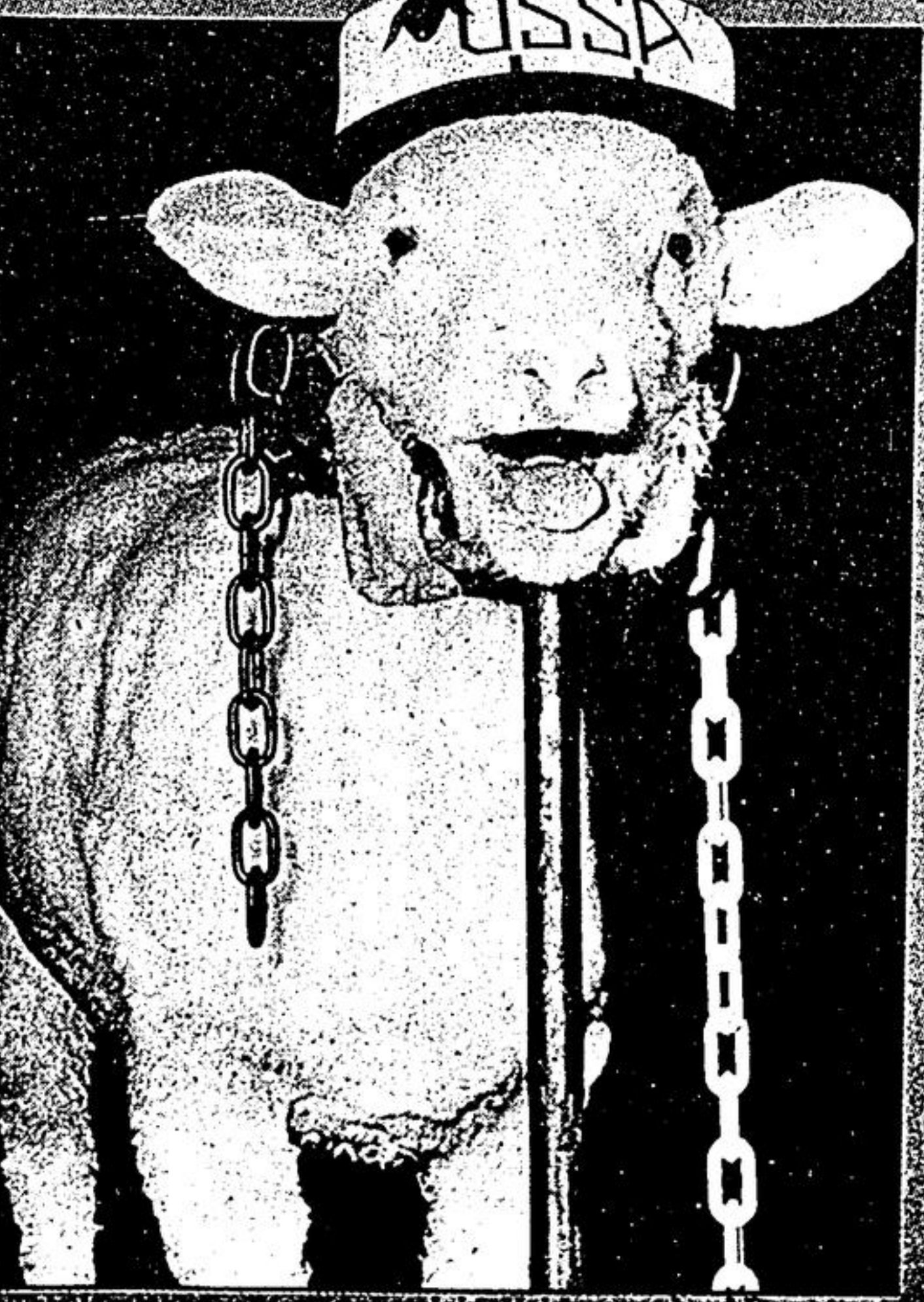
Mrs Sainsbury described the

procedure as very strict and very fair. She said members of Council were able to sit in on the interviews but couldn't express opinions.

"You wouldn't believe the gold braid, the brass buttons and the bars worn by some of the applicants," noted the mayor.

With respect to uniforms, Chief Walter Smith will be allowed to keep his, "especially his hat," said Mrs Sainsbury. The Chief-elect's uniform will be brand new.

Fantastic sheep show



MARKHAM — "It was fantastic!"

These words described Diane Ward's enthusiasm for Sheep Focus '86 at Markham Fairgrounds last weekend.

"And next year will be bigger and better," Mrs Ward told The Tribune. The show will mark its 10th anniversary at the Fairgrounds site.

The Whitchurch-Stouffville committee member was expecting a smaller turnout this year due in part to the World Sheep Congress in Edmonton, Alberta and a wool exhibit called Convergence at the Toronto Convention Centre.

"We didn't want to cancel," Mrs Ward explained. "It would be difficult to get it going again." She's glad they didn't.

"Attendance was good and prices were excellent," Mrs Ward stated.

"She noted that Ontario is now the largest sheep-breeding province in Canada, moving ahead of Alberta in this regard."

Mrs Ward praised the work of 4-H Sheep Club members, many coming from a distance. Transportation poses a problem for some, she said.

Sheep breeders, Mrs Ward explained, now range over a wide area of Ontario. Consignors from this district included Lance and Marg Beath and Sam Rudeiner, R.R. 1, Brooklin; Glen and Wesley Gaspell, R.R. 3, Oshawa; and Frank and Marjory Smith, R.R. 1, Woodville.

Two Sheep Dog Clubs attracted much interest. These were owned by Lynn Westaway, Kennedy Road, Whitchurch-Stouffville.

—Jim Thomas