

Accident prompts call for belt law

By CHRIS SHANAHAN
UXBRIDGE TWP. — Calls for the mandatory use of seatbelts in school buses were quick to follow an Aug. 28 crash that sent 23 children to hospital.
 A seatbelt campaign intensified at Uxbridge Cottage Hospital soon after medical staff there had finished treating the injured passengers.
 They were among 50 people on a Charterways school bus that

collided with a dump truck on Brock road near the entrance to Uxbridge's Pleasure Valley recreation park.
 Hospital administrator Rene Krizanc said medical staff came to the conclusion that most, if not all the youngsters, would not have required treatment if they'd been strapped in the vehicle.
 "Basically, they were just banged up from the impact," Mr. Krizanc said. "Otherwise they wouldn't have been injured. They would have stayed in their seats."

Uxbridge Chief of Staff Dr. Ian Taylor is heading up the hospital's campaign to push seatbelt legislation through at the government level.
 The hospital's management committee has given its approval for the circulation of a letter supporting the proposal. The Uxbridge Cottage Hospital Board is forwarding copies to the Ministry of Transportation and Communications and to local elected officials.

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Vocalist sings way to title

BALLANTRAE — A 21-year-old Ballantrae vocalist topped a field of 175 contestants in a weekend singing competition at Brantford.
 Julia Wallace won \$3,000 in prizes plus a recording contract for her winning efforts at the Canadian Open Female Singing Contest.
 During the three-day event, she earned the praise of such country music luminaries as Terry Sum-
 sion.
 The R.R. 3, Stouffville resident is now preparing to record some original songs before heading to London, Ont. She's enrolled in the music program at the University of Western Ontario.

New firm?

WHITCHURCH — The anticipated move of an established book publishing firm into Whitchurch-Stouffville was slated to come before the Town's planning advisory committee last night.
 The publishing company would be part of an industrial subdivision slated for development at the southwest corner of Bloomington Road and Warden Avenue, according to Planner Michael Saunders.



Stouffville homeowners journey back to another era

When Norm and Carol Oliver (below) host a Turn of the Century Celebration, they go all out. On Sunday, the former Unionville couple invited about 100 family and friends to enjoy the quaint charms of their historic new home at 47 Church Street North, Stouffville. In bottom photo, McCowan Road animal farm operator Lionel Purcell takes guests for a tour in a vintage horse carriage.

—Chris Shanahan

Water future is on line at meeting

BALLANTRAE — Residents are expected to come a step closer to solving Ballantrae's long-running water pollution problems at a public meeting tonight (Sept. 3).
 The information session begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Whitchurch Centennial Centre.
 "The whole idea is for the people to have a say because it's a very important decision," explained ward representative Ron Robb.
 Following the meeting, homeowners will be asked to choose what they feel is the best available solution.
 The options, according to councillor Robb, are a communal water system, individual replacement wells or neither.
 Questionnaires, 250 of which were recently distributed in the Ballantrae area, can be returned following the meeting or taken to the town municipal office.
 The average cost of a deep drilled well has been placed at \$16,000, with the province paying 85 per cent.
 A communal water system has been priced at more than \$3 million, 60 per cent of that being picked up by the province. York Region contributes 25 per cent and the municipality 15 per cent.

Lots to do in Uxbridge

UXBRIDGE — Uxbridge Agricultural Society presents its 1986 Class 'B' fair at Elgin Park on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 6 and 7.
 New events planned for the 122nd edition are a team bale rolling competition (Saturday at 2 p.m.), as well as an expanded pet show (11 a.m.), an antique display and a doll and teddy bear contest (Sunday at 1 p.m.).
 Other regular attractions include Saturday's English Horse Show and Prince Phillip Games (10 a.m.); 4-H Dairy Show (11:30 a.m.); Sheep Show (12 noon); Youth Horse Show and Dairy Cattle Show (1 p.m.); and Kiddies Tractor Pull (2 p.m.).
 Sunday's agenda features a Morgan Horse Show (10 a.m.); Heavy Horse Show (12 noon); Beef Show (1 p.m.); Horse Pull (1:30 p.m.); and Kiddies Tractor Races (2 p.m.).
 There'll be a full midway plus probably one of the best attended events in recent fair history — the Demolition Derby.
 Uxbridge and District Lions Club is the new sponsor of this mayhem on wheels, scheduled for Saturday at 8 p.m. The rain date is Sunday at 7 p.m.
 Aside from the main demo challenge, a Powder Puff competition is planned for lady drivers.
 For information on rules or registration contact fair secretary/treasurer Marlene Pollard at 852-7647.
 The 1985-86 president of Uxbridge Fair Board is Keith Bacon, R.R. 3, Uxbridge.

The Galucci Brothers Restaurant transformed into movie set for a day

WESLEY'S CORNERS — Wesley's Restaurant went Hollywood for a day last week as a production crew filmed a scene from an upcoming adventure comedy.
 Co-owner Peter Toulis and employee Laurie Harrison were among those appearing as extras in a segment of The Galucci Brothers.

The three brothers Galucci — played by American comic actors Frank Sivero (of Godfather 2 fame), Tony Sirico and Richard Ferongy — were at their bungling

best during the Whitchurch-Stouffville shoot.
 A Mercedes was stolen in front of the restaurant and this resulted in some fast-paced action, according to Mr. Toulis, who runs Wesley's with partner Josephine Besselar. The plot centres around the three Italian brothers' search for an inheritance.

Scarborough's Magder Entertainment Corporation plans a widespread theatrical release of the movie in the near future.
 Mr. Toulis thought the day's

activities were exciting.
 "I thought it was very nice to see something happen like this," he said. "It was very interesting. We love it."
 The cast and crew returned to the city after an eight-hour shoot and are now on location in other parts of the province.

On Sunday, Magder will film at Kawartha Downs race track in Peterborough.
 A company publicist said anyone age 17 or over is invited to come out to that raceway and appear as an extra. A free ticket to the following race will be given to each volunteer actor.



Lights, cameras, action...
 Peter Toulis, co-owner of Wesley's Restaurant, will appear as an extra in the Canadian feature film The Galucci Brothers. He was part of a sequence filmed at his Woodbine Avenue eatery Aug. 27.

New freeway still favored as future trucking route

MARKHAM — Even though they recognize the furor caused by heavy truck traffic on Markham's Main Street, town councillors don't see McCowan Road as a suitable short-term solution to the problem.

To make matters worse, city of Scarborough planning staff have recommended a new site for the proposed East Metro Freeway (EMF) in Durham Region.
 However, Markham representatives believe local pressure should still be put on the provincial government to have a portion of it built.

A poll of individual councillors revealed that all are opposed to Main Street as a thoroughfare for trucks although they face constraints in solving the issue.

Regional Councillor Bud Bonner is on record as saying a portion of the EMF in Markham's eastern boundary should be pushed to relieve the Main Street problem.
 However, he agreed it isn't an issue that will be solved in the near future.

Council is bound by a provincial connecting link agreement that prohibits the town from banning trucks from the main street because it is a provincial road.

Of the nine councillors reached, eight said a McCowan Road alternative for the traffic is unsuitable.
 Councillor Gord Landon said

McCowan could be a short-term solution if widened and improved to accommodate the trucks. He believes the best long-term solution would be the EMF, a north-south route that would connect with the proposed 407 highway.

"We should look seriously at putting them (trucks) on 17th Avenue and bring them down McCowan as a short-term solution," said Councillor Landon. "Then we should push very hard to set aside land for an extension of the East Metro Freeway."

Councillor Fred Cox agreed that the use of 17th Avenue as an alternate route across the top of Markham would be viable though he pointed out that McCowan road near 16th Avenue wouldn't carry the heavy trucks in its present state.

He too, said the EMF is the best long-term target for council to push for and speculated that action could be taken within a year "if it's done the right way."
 "In my view that's the best solution and the only solution that's really acceptable," said Councillor Cox. "Unfortunately, that's going to take the longest to do."

In the meantime, at least one local haulage company will continue to use Main Street.

Keith Wilson, a spokesman for Stouffville's Don Anderson Haulage Ltd., said it is the most direct route for the estimated 40 runs a

day that take trucks into Milliken and Scarborough.

In his view, Hwy. 48 is the only acceptable route for his drivers. A 9th Line run would take them through Box Grove and road improvements at McCowan Road and Steeles Avenue make manoeuvring the big dumptrucks there a test.

"I can see that it has all been built up on Main Street," said Mr. Wilson. "With brakes squealing and all the starts and stops I can see (the merchants') point but I don't know what alternative we have."

Councillor Ron Moran said the only acceptable bypass route would be in Markham's eastern boundary, namely the EMF, while Milliken Councillor Alex Chiu concurred that a McCowan Road route isn't viable.
 "People live there too," he pointed out.

Thornhill Councillors Bob Sherwood, Dorcen Quirk and Mike Popovich say the issue won't be solved by moving the traffic west of Main Street.

Councillor Sherwood said the issue should have been taken to task by former town planners while Mrs. Quirk said rerouting traffic would take the problem "from one group of people and give it to another."

"McCowan Road would have made a very good route 10 years ago," said Councillor Popovich.



Fair Queen

Uxbridge Fair Queen Lindsey Moody will reign over the annual agricultural event at Elgin Park on Saturday and Sunday. The Coppins Corners resident will present awards and ribbons for a wide range of fair competitions.