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Lori's our girl

Fair queen '86

By JIM THOMAS

That's our girl. Lori Thompson, Rupert Avenue, Stouffville, is the new Queen of Markham Fair. The 19-year-old Ryerson student, sponsored by the Markham-Stouffville Weekender, was the judges' choice at a gala Pageant and Dance Friday night. Runners-up were Kelly Little and Jill Taylor both of Markham. Tamara Ewen and Jacque Chong, both of Stouffville, were two of the five finalists. Marie Beckett, the queen of '85, officiated at the crowning ceremony. Lori, a first-year Ryerson student in Hospitality and Tourism Management, admitted to some advanced coaching on the academics of agriculture from boyfriend Russ Brown, R.R. 31, Unionville. They attend many of the social events hosted by Unionville Jr. Farmers. Lori described her selection as "a real surprise." "It was happy just to be one of the five finalists," she said.

Earl and Wendy, Lori's mother and father, were both in attendance. Wendy immediately phoned her parents, Walter and Edna Lee of Ringwood, to give them the good news. Lori says she's looking forward to involvement in this year's Fair and representing the East York Agricultural Society in the Miss C.N.E. Pageant next August. While not a farmerette, Lori says she still looks on Stouffville as "country," and enjoys living here. She commutes to and from college every day. Marie Beckett, described by Board President Mary Cosburn as "a super Fair queen," outlined the many events attended during her reign. She called it "a very memorable year." She was presented with an engraved plaque by Mrs. Cosburn. Judges for the Pageant were Margo Marshall, Councillor, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville; Marj Cullen of Weal & Cullen Nurseries; and Rick Wannop, 1st Vice-President of Markham Fair.

Ballantrae wells a costly problem for home-owners

By BARBARA SMITH

BALLANTRAE — Many well water users in Ballantrae are angry. And they took out their frustrations on members of Town Council at a public meeting Sept. 3.

Faced with the expense of drilling new wells or approving a communal system, residents sought guarantees for the future, both in servicing and funding.

They accused politicians of being "long on figures and short on facts".

Karl Reichert, an engineer employed by the Province, said property owners with contaminated wells, (79 in total), have two alternatives: (1). Replace old wells with new ones at an estimated cost of \$16,300 each or (2). Establish a communal system costing \$1.04 million for 79 homes or \$2.75 million for all 248 homes.

The Province, Reichert said, will pay 85 percent of each new well. The nine wells contaminated by road salt will be subsidized 100 percent, he explained.

Cost of a communal system will be divided between the Province, (60 percent); the Region, (25 per-

cent) and the Town, (15 percent).

Councillor Ron Robb, in whose ward the problem is situated, called individual new wells "band-aid treatment". "A few years down the road we could be right back where we are now," he stated.

By a show of hands, most seemed to favor a communal system. It would be mandatory to hook in, Reichert said.

Two major concerns were voiced. Who would pay the Town's share of the 15 percent for a communal system? And what of new residents whose wells become contaminated after the two-year subsidy term expires?

Mayor Fran Sainsbury said the meeting was called by Council to obtain opinions from the people. Funding of the project, she said, could be worked out later.

However, several speakers said they couldn't reach conclusions unless funding was known.

Mr Reichert refused to give guarantees that a communal water system would adequately serve the Ballantrae of the future.

This, he said, is dependent on how large the community grows.

One gentleman was heard to grumble as he headed for the door—"too much speculation."

Many appeared to agree.

Trade Fair '86

STOUFFVILLE — Trade Show '86 opens at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Recreation Centre, Thursday, Sept. 11 and continues through Saturday, Sept. 13.

Times are 5 to 10 p.m., Thursday and Friday; 1 to 10 p.m., Saturday. The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the event.

More than sixty booths have been reserved, chairman Jack Chambers told The Tribune—a complete sell-out. Admission is free.

A fashion show, sponsored by The Wedding Room and Bunny's Flowers, will be held three times during the show: 8 p.m., Thursday and Friday; 4:30 p.m., Saturday. Participants are—Chris Berry, Tamara Ewen, Patti Hodgson, Sheila and Cindy McNeil, Jane White, Maris, Jane and Susan Anderson, Laura Campbell, Jennifer Cowley, Stephanie Barclay, Debra Surman, Sara Winger and Lenore Ramer.

Commentators are Bunny Burton and Jean Barclay. Guest soloist is Tamara Ewen.

A host of lucky draws will be conducted Saturday evening. Visitors are encouraged to fill out ballots at any of the many booths on the floor.

Gobbler 'axed'

WHITCHURCH — The gobbling of a turkey was the basis for a complaint before the Protection of Persons and Property Committee of Whitchurch-Stouffville Council, Sept. 2.

Councillor Jim Rae, himself a farmer, couldn't believe it.

"Who'd complain about a turkey in a rural area?" he asked.

Town staff official Bruce Arrowsmith said the gobbler was kept penned up on a small lot. The identity of the complainant was not revealed.

Councillor Rae said he could understand problems created by dogs and even cats, but not turkeys.

Mr. Arrowsmith said only one complaint of this type had been received. Others related to horses, (12); chickens, (4) and goats, (2).

The period dates back to September '85.

The Town official predicts an increase in livestock related complaints as development continues in rural areas. He has recommended the situation be monitored one more year, after which time, it be reassessed.

Five-hour seige ends peacefully

WHITCHURCH — A Markham man, armed with a 22 calibre handgun, held police at bay five hours before surrendering early Sunday morning.

David Joseph Kush of Walkerton Drive, drew his gun when approached by York Regional Police Constable Gerald Methé. He had earlier driven his car into a ditch on the Aurora Sideroad in Whitchurch-Stouffville.

In an ensuing struggle, Kush broke free and fled into a nearby bush.

The emergency response unit

was called in along with two officers who specialize in hostage negotiations. Inspector Ivars Vitins and Detective Brian Abraham talked the man into surrendering.

Inspector Vitins played down the skill he and his colleague used, explaining: "We just tried to calm him down, tried to reason with him."

Five hours later Kush put down his gun.

Two additional handguns were found in his car and a search of his home revealed four others plus two rifles.

Build-up opposed

WHITCHURCH — With 210 lots already proposed for residential build-up in the area of Conc. 6 Whitchurch-Stouffville and the Aurora Road, Ward 1 Councillor Margot Marshall says "enough is enough."

Councillor Marshall is strongly opposed to further development at this location, claiming "the Town must draw the line somewhere."

Marshall voiced her objections when a plan was presented for 21 additional homes on a 48-acre parcel west of Kennedy Road, opposite the future extension of Jesse Thomson Road.

The Ward 1 representative said few of the proposed residences had been erected. "These should be built first before we start anything new," she stated.

By placing one development adjacent to another, the Town is creating a hamlet in a rural area, she said. "Allow our existing hamlets to grow to their potential rather than start new ones," she urged.

Councillor Jim Sanders said the proposal should be open to public discussion "so the people can see what build-up is planned for the area."

"What alternate use is there for the property?" asked Councillor Jim Rae. He called it "an ideal place for something like this."

Councillor Wilf Morley agreed. But Councillor Marshall wasn't convinced. She suggested the Town had been generous in permitting 210 residential lots. "Give these a chance first," she said.

Mrs Marshall admitted few homes had been built so far, but all had been approved. "There's no turning back," she said.

"How far do we go?" she asked, "we must draw the line somewhere."

Peter Smith, the development's planner said from a farming standpoint, the land has no economic use. He described the site as "very secluded" and barely visible from the road.

The 21 lots would be a minimum of two acres, Smith explained.

While the majority of council members appeared to favor the development, Town Planner Michael Saunders was opposed.

"I suggest the Town is gradually creating a rural residential hamlet at the Aurora-Kennedy intersection. This will eventually result in a loss of the rural ambiance in this neighborhood as it becomes more urbanized with residential structures and increased road traffic," Saunders replied in part.

Standard set on properties

STOUFFVILLE — The Town's much-discussed Property Standards Bylaw should be on the books by Jan. 1, 1986, staff official Bruce Arrowsmith informed a committee meeting of Council last week.

Mr. Arrowsmith said he's confident once past problems are cleaned up, only five or six appeals will be heard each year. He's proposed all applications be handled by the Committee of Adjustment.

No parking

STOUFFVILLE — The parking of heavy trucks in residential subdivisions will soon be a thing of the past.

Town staff official Bruce Arrowsmith told a committee meeting of Council, Tuesday, the problem can be controlled through zoning.

Mr. Arrowsmith suggested smaller trucks, one-half, and three-quarter tons in size, would be exempt from the regulation.



Flagship pulls into port

It's arrived. After weeks of work, the 390-ton former coast guard cutter 'Ville Marie' pulled into Oshawa Harbour last week from Sorel, Quebec. The name will be changed to Our Lord's Ship Heavenbound and the ship will be used in a program called Heavenbound Ministries, spearheaded by David Howard, (above), of R.R. 2, Stouffville.

—Jim Thomas

Workman badly hurt

GORMLEY — A 33-year-old Newmarket man remains a patient in Toronto General Hospital following an accident Sept. 3 at Ratcliff Lumber Ltd., Woodbine Avenue, Gormley.

John Ash, son of Mr and Mrs Wm. Ash, R.R. 1, Gormley, was "banding" a load of lumber when he fell about 13 feet to the ground. He suffered a broken back.

The victim was rushed by ambulance first to York County Hospital, Newmarket, then airlifted by helicopter to Toronto General Hospital where surgery was performed Thursday.

Despite the seriousness of the injury, Mr Ash remained conscious throughout the ordeal, his father told The Tribune.

Champion at C.N.E.

WHITCHURCH — Don Hargrave's horse "Challenger" won the Over-All Grand Championship in the Canadian Sport Horse Division at the C.N.E.

The entry, exhibited by Dr. Jack Chassels of the Canadian Hunter and Stallion Stn., R.R. 4, Stouffville, took the Sr. Grand Championship; then swept the Grand Championship Over-All.

Mr. Hargrave owns Cashin Glen Farm, R.R. 3, Stouffville.

"Challenger" has since been sold for a figure in excess of \$10,000. The Tribune has learned. However, he'll attend the annual Canadian Hunter Breeders' Show at Zweibrucker Farm, Kennedy Road, Whitchurch-Stouffville, Sept. 20 and 21.

Fun run

Sunday is Terry Fox Day in Whitchurch-Stouffville, Uxbridge and across Canada.

The sixth annual Marathon of Hope begins at 9 a.m. from Elgin Park, Uxbridge and 1 p.m. from Latcham Hall, Stouffville. The Tribune is co-sponsoring the event in both communities.

In lieu of pledge sheets, a \$5 registration fee is required. Bicycles are permitted in the Uxbridge Walk but not in Stouffville.

An engraved shield will be presented to the Whitchurch-Stouffville school with the most participants.

Engraved medallions will be presented to the Uxbridge school with the most participants.

Stouffville Walk raised \$9,000 for Terry Fox.

Uxbridge Walk raised \$10,000.