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## Traffic problems studied

By JIM THOMAS  
Editor

STOUFFVILLE — While everyone talks about the traffic problem in Stouffville, Council, (at long last), is doing something about it.

The firm of Read, Voorhees & Associates of Don Mills has been assigned the task of conducting a survey dealing mainly with traffic congestion in the former Village.

A full report, with recommendations, is expected in three

months. Bryan Haigh, an associate with the firm told The Tribune.

Saturday's traffic problems are obvious, Mr. Haigh said. The company is taking a long, hard look at the downtown pedestrian crosswalk and difficulties experienced by tractor-trailer drivers in turning onto Main from Civic Avenue.

Also to be considered is a self-operated pedestrian traffic light for people walking from Parkview Village to the IGA Plaza, Haigh stated.

"The availability of convenient parking will be another consideration," he explained.

Mr. Haigh claims a 4-lane approach is needed at the entrance to the Stouffville Sales Barn. He also considers the Bethesda Sideroad a suitable alternate to Main Street if properly upgraded and signed.

Haigh said most drivers are hesitant to stray from a route they know. He noted too that many enjoy motoring through small towns regardless of congestion.

The consultant observed, however, that when it comes to weekend traffic, Stouffville can't hold a candle to Huntsville.

Not all members of Council see bumper-to-bumper traffic as a concern. "Traffic control, not traffic removal is the answer," suggests Ward 5's Will Morley.

Mayor Fran Sainsbury doesn't agree. She argues Stouffville's Main Street is, for the most part, a highway artery for people passing through.

The consultant, she said, will consider jog eliminations at both the 9th and 10th Concessions with an advance green for traffic turning north at Ninth Line and Main.

Cost of the Study has been placed at just over \$37,000, with the province paying half.

## Sets pace

Jim and 'Josh' will lead the way.

Jim Newton, Main Street West, Stouffville, accompanied by 'Josh', a 20-month-old German Shepherd, will set the pace in the CVC (Canine Vision/Canada) Dog Walk this Sunday.

The project is sponsored by the Ballantrae and District Lions Club.

To date, Jim has pledged totalling almost \$1,000. By Walk time, (10 to 11 a.m.), he expects to turn in ten pledge sheets, completely filled.

The cross-country tour will commence from Cedar Beach Park at Musselman's Lake and travel through an area of Shadow Lake to the east.

Everyone is welcome. Club President Dave Probert told The Tribune, "Including entire families." Anyone unable to collect pledges can still participate by making a donation, he explained.

The route, covering six and ten kilometers, will be clearly marked with rest points along the way.



Allan Evis, (left), known to his brothers and sisters as Clarence Wideman, toasts Mervin and Blanche Harper of Glad Park Avenue, Stouffville, on the occasion of their 40th wedding anniversary. Likewise, Mervin and Blanche toast Allan, Mrs. Harper's long lost brother for 35 years. A family reunion was enjoyed at Parkview Village, Stouffville, Saturday night. For an additional photo see Page C/34.

—Jim Thomas

## 'Lost' brother found

# Joyous reunion

By JIM THOMAS  
Editor

STOUFFVILLE — The greatest story ever told.

This is the second greatest, a brother reunited with his family after 55 years.

It all began April 17, 1932, when Clarence Neil Wideman was born, the youngest of 14 in the family of Seth and Mary (Sider) Wideman, R.R. 48, Stouffville.

Three months later, Mrs. Wideman died leaving her husband a dual responsibility.

Clarence wasn't a well baby. He was admitted as a patient to Sick Children's Hospital and later adopted.

That was the last his brothers and sisters saw of him — until August 22, 1987. That afternoon he walked into the home of Harold Wideman, (Wideman's Bakery) near the 5th Concession, seeking out his roots. He was immediately identified.

Although his name had been changed, (now Allan Clarence Evis) there was no mistaking the Wideman resemblance. He was put in touch with his sister, Agnes Bennett of Victoria Square.

There an exchange of photos made it official.

Clarence Neil Wideman, once thought dead, was alive and well.

A joyous reunion followed, an event that carried over into last Saturday when a second gathering was held at Parkview Village.

Marg Wood, Rupert Avenue, Stouffville, described the initial scene as one of hugs, kisses and tears of joy. The word "Clarence" has been found had been flashed from brother to brother and sister to sister as far distant as Chester Basin, Nova Scotia. Eleven family members attended the initial get-together. These included Clarence (Allan) of Elmvale, Michael of Bowmanville, Walter of Barrie and Arthur of Toronto, Clara Moore of Burlington, Mabel Gibson and Agnes Bennett of Victoria Square, Marg Wood and Blanche Harper, Stouffville, and Jeanne Conway, Chesley, Bath, Nova Scotia.

Brothers Lloyd and Ed, and a deceased Mrs. Wood called it "a miracle." "We sure had a lot of catching up to do."

"It's a God send," said Mrs. Harper.

Mrs. Wood said her brother knew he had a family but solemnly promised his adoptive mother he wouldn't seek them out while she was still alive. Mrs. Wood died last April at age 85.

## Residents angered

STOUFFVILLE — Residents in Phase I of Westfield Estates are up in arms — again!

They fear the Town plans to go back on its promise to have Revenue Properties Ltd. complete its contract by Sept. 30 or else!

One caller said this date is to be backed up to Oct. 15.

Earlier, Council had given Revenue until the end of the month to 'clean up its act' or forfeit a performance bond in excess of \$400,000.

Pat Oakes, the Town's clerk-coordinator, said the issue would be discussed at a meeting Tuesday. Revenue, she said, is now employing a new firm of engineers "and is earnestly trying to do something."

The Town, she explained, isn't anxious to take on the unfinished portion of Revenue's work because it lacks sufficient manpower.

## Mayor supported

STOUFFVILLE — Nothing ventured, nothing gained.

This was the approach taken by Mayor Fran Sainsbury when she addressed a meeting of York Regional Council, Thursday.

She gained. The vote was 10-7 in her favor.

What Mayor Sainsbury requested was a trade-off. She asked York Region to take over a section of the townline from Bloomington Road to Durham Road 14, (Main Street East). In return, she said, the Town would assume Durham Road 14, (Main Street East), from the Tenth Line to the York-Durham townline. She also agreed that the Town would assume Hwy 47 from Hwy 48 (Ringwood) to the Bloomington Road, (Lincolnton), after it was brought up to Ministry standards, (four lanes).

"This things been hanging fire for six years," the mayor said. With both the Bloomington Road and the townline road improved, Mrs. Sainsbury feels traffic congestion will be eased in Stouffville.

## Limit on service stations rejected by Town council

STOUFFVILLE — Council had an opportunity to restrict the number of service stations in Town and they blew it!

This is the feeling of Mayor Fran Sainsbury following a meeting Sept. 22.

The motion lost by a vote of 4-2 with Councillors Jim Sanders, Jim Rae, Margot Marshall and Wayne Emerson voting in opposition. Councillors Will Morley and Ron Robb were in favor.

Mayor Sainsbury, visibly disappointed by the outcome, said the decision goes against the advice of both the Town solicitor and chief planner.

She noted that Whitchurch-Stouffville already has 21 service

stations across the municipality. "Traffic doesn't warrant one on every corner," she said.

Councillor Morley called it "an ideal opportunity to work towards the control of environmental, traffic and site concerns that we all feel are important."

Councillor Sanders charged,

however, such a bylaw would stifle competition. He claimed it would be an "administrative nightmare."

"You can't regulate business in this manner," said Councillor Marshall.

Mayor Sainsbury said the Ontario Municipal Board had re-

cently ruled against a service station application at McCowan Lane and the Stouffville Road, but the cost to the Town was high.

She said the Town of Richmond Hill had recently revoked its limiting bylaw, "and now they have gas stations all over the place."

## Fair opens to-morrow

MARKHAM — Top-flight entertainment is promised at this year's Markham Fair.

The 'big show' opens Thursday at nine and continues through Sunday until six.

On Friday, the Family Brown and Ronny Prophet will be featured at 8 p.m., in the Livestock Arena. The Good Brothers will appear on stage four times, 2 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, 8:45 p.m., Friday and Saturday, in the Entertainment Tent.

The ever-popular Demolition Derby is scheduled for Thursday at 7:30 p.m., on the racetrack.

The Pet Show is Friday at 4:30. The tractor-pull is Friday at seven.

The Baby Contest is Saturday at 9 a.m. The horse-pull is Saturday at seven.

A Sunday worship service is planned for 11 a.m., with the children's spelling bee at one.

Horse racing is on both Saturday and Sunday beginning at one.

Buildings are open 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday.

The 1987 Fair president is Rick Wannop, Markham, R.R. 2.



## Three people injured in two-car crash at Conc. 9, Pickering intersection

Three people were admitted to hospital Sunday afternoon following a two-car crash at the intersection of Conc. 9 and Sideline 30, Town of Pickering. Seated on the left roadside wall on the arrival of an ambulance from Stouffville.

24-year-old Mrs. driver of the Pontiac Grand Prix (left) and 21-year-old Mrs. driver of the second car, believed to be from Unionville, were identified by Durham Regional Police.

—Jim Thomas

## Van-tastic

STOUFFVILLE — The age-old van utilized by residents and tenants of Parkview was had a day!

A replacement vehicle large enough to accommodate 16 ambulances and two wheelchair passengers plus a driver will cost over \$60,000.

A current fund drive, along with some additional donations and a lottery, has established an amount of \$6000. The extra \$54,000 still to be raised.

The largest donation received by date is from the Canadian Boy Scouts Club, The Parkview Home, \$10,000.

We are very grateful to the generous donations from the Nighswander Parkview 7-13 Society, Stouffville, and the Parkview Tribune. Mr. Nighswander also was generous in his sponsorship of a replacement bus for the number 307/308 and 310.

Persons wishing to contribute their money to the purchase of the Parkview Home bus, or to the other Parkview Village projects, at 70 North Line South.

When the van is in place about the end of the year, we will share its use with community groups. Contact Mr. Nighswander.

## Date extended

STOUFFVILLE — The cluster home project, adjacent to Parkview Village, Ninth Line South, has a new target completion date of Nov. 15.

The 20 apartment units, contained in five buildings, will accommodate 35 people, executive administrator J.M. Nighswander told The Tribune.

The clusters are within walking distance of available services at Parkview Village. A paved drive will link the two properties.

Originally, it was hoped all work would be completed by Oct. 30. A two-week extension was requested and approved following contractual delays.

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