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## Physicians in abortion dilemma

By KATE GILDERDALE  
STOUFFVILLE — The recent Supreme Court decision that overturned Canada's abortion law has left abortion-seekers and the medical profession, in a state of legal limbo.

Both federal and provincial governments appear undecided on what further action, if any, should be taken. Nor is it certain that new legislation is planned to clarify certain issues.

Should there be a point in pregnancy when abortion isn't legally acceptable?

To what extent should government control the setting up of abortion clinics?

Will OHIP cover the total abortion cost?

General practitioners are placed in a difficult position. While some are unwilling to state their views, all admit it's a very delicate issue.

"It's up to the individual," replied Dr. John Button, "it's a deci-

sion between the patient and her doctor."

Dr. Button feels hospitals are definitely not the place. "They're already overburdened," he said.

The long-time Stouffville GP claims if a plebiscite was held on the question, "men shouldn't be allowed to vote."

"This is a decision a woman must make for herself with professional help and guidance," he concluded.

Dr. Douglas Brodie believes counselling is vital. "My feeling is, that, after discussion with her doctor and the baby's father, a woman should have the right to make her own choice." He stated, however, he would hate to see the abortion process used indiscriminately and certainly not as a method of birth control.

Another physician, who asked not to be named, said he respects the wishes of the patient.

"We are here as health professionals. We have to look at both sides. It's true, we have our own principles, but we must try and help patients to the best of our abilities and take their situations and concerns into account."

Dr. Donald Smith declined comment saying it's a private matter between doctor and patient.

So far, the Supreme Court ruling has had little effect on area hospitals.

Mrs. Gloria Croftin said York Central Hospital, Richmond Hill has no special abortion facility, but does carry out the procedure.

"Our hospital will disband the therapeutic abortion committee," she said, "but will continue to do abortions as required."

Erma Wilson, vice-president of Nursing Services at York County Hospital, Newmarket, said much the same.

"As far as I'm aware, we'll continue to carry out the procedure, but will no longer have a therapeutic committee," she stated.

As one physician, who asked not to be named, pointed out, "I deal with many individuals, some of whom are strongly in favor of abortions and some strongly opposed. This makes it a difficult issue to discuss publicly. In my view, it's a matter between doctor and patient."

## Principal injured in crash

UXBRIDGE — Ray Newton, former vice-principal of Uxbridge Secondary School and now principal of Harwood Secondary School, Ajax, was injured Monday in a two-car collision on Hwy 47 near Goodwood.

Mr. Newton's westbound Pontiac Grand Prix was hit head-on by an eastbound Plymouth station wagon. The other motorist, Rolf Gut of Cheltenham, has been charged with careless driving.

Both men were rushed by ambulance to Uxbridge Cottage Hospital. Mr. Newton was later transferred by helicopter to Sunnybrook Hospital, Toronto.

A secretary in the office of Harwood School said Tuesday, Mr. Newton was "holding his own." Injuries, she said, were not as serious as first feared. He'll remain in hospital at least a week, she concluded.



Residents in an area of Conc. 6, Whitchurch-Stouffville are appealing to York Region to erect protective barricades in an area between Bloomington and Vandorf Roads. In recent months, two cars have rolled into the ravine (inset). A drop of almost 50 feet. Mrs. Karen Chubbuck (above) has requested action by the Region, so far without success. — Jim Thomas

## Kennedy Road hazard

# Barricades requested

WHITCHURCH — Residents on the 6th concession of Whitchurch-Stouffville, between the Bloomington and Vandorf Roads are concerned for their own safety and for the safety of others.

A section of the 6th line slopes to a thirty degree angle and becomes extremely icy during winter months. Home owners, by the drop-off on both sides is close to 50 feet.

While there are guide posts on the road shoulders, these are useless as residents claim. They're asking York Region for something more protective.

One of those demanding actions Mrs. Karen Chubbuck, Stouffville, Ont. Only recently two cars went over the edge. One rolled to the bottom and was demolished. The other was caught in a clump of trees part way down. It too was wrecked. Both drivers escaped serious injury.

"I've written the Region without reply," Mrs. Chubbuck told the

Tribune phone. "I'll be having to request a response," she said.

Mrs. Chubbuck said she spoke personally to York Region's roadman and was told one area was protected, they'd be obliged to do the rest.

"There's nothing dangerous as this," Mrs. Chubbuck says. "I hope the situation won't continue until someone is killed."

Mrs. Cheryl Benson, whose 1979 Malibu fell on the ice and came to rest in a clump of trees, described the experience as "incredible."

"I've been held in from going all the way down," she stated. She escaped onto a side window.

Mrs. Chubbuck said it took half a day to extricate the second vehicle from the ravine.

"The other posts are plain sight, one knows exactly what's over. They're up on the hill and it's a" she concluded.

## Sno-pitch carnival weekend

STOUFFVILLE — The weatherman's co-operation is all that's needed for a successful 3rd annual Whitchurch-Stouffville Sno-Pitch Carnival, Saturday and Sunday.

The majority of activities will take place in the Stouffville Park

with the Talent Contest at La Villetta Restaurant, Friday, (preliminaries), and The Greens Restaurant, Sunday, (finals).

A feature attraction is the Sunday Sno-Pitch Game. Radio personalities from CFTR will play Stouffville's Realty Courier

Royals. Contest time is 2:15 p.m.

Other events follow:

SATURDAY, FEB. 13 — Progress Club Pancake Breakfast in Latcham Hall, (8 to 11 a.m.); Snow Ball Tournament in the Town Park, (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.); Ice Sculpture

turing at the Library, (8 a.m. to 1 p.m.); Outdoor Skating in the Park, (all day); Snow Golf in the Park, (11 a.m. to 2 p.m.); Games and Ice Sculpture for Children at Latcham Hall, (12 noon to 3 p.m.); ATV Races at the old Arena site, (12 noon); Free Adult Dance in Latcham Hall, (8 p.m. to 1 a.m.).

SUNDAY, FEB. 14 — Snow Ball Tournament in the Town Park, (8 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.); Hay Rides at the Library, (11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.); Snow Golf in the Park, (11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.); Labatt's Hot-Air Balloon, (all day); Ice Moto-Cross Races at old Arena site, (12 noon to 2 p.m.); Lions Games for Children at Latcham Hall, (12 noon to 3 p.m.); Celebrity Softball on Main Diamond, (2:15 p.m.); Talent Contest Finals at The Greens, Success Square, (7 p.m.).

## Singer thrills audience

By JIM THOMAS  
STOUFFVILLE — For thirty minutes, Sunday afternoon, fun and games common to "Timmy Day" at the Stouffville Legion Hall, came to a halt.

The reason? It was the appearance of a ten-year-old Ballantrae girl. The vocal talents of Lawnie Wallace, daughter of William and Kathy Wallace, captivated the crowd.

Norm Dunn, Chairman of the Youth Education Committee for Legion Branch 459, called it "unreal."

Lawnie, a Grade 5 student at Ballantrae Public School, displayed a stage presence common only to performers twice her age.

The audience sat and listened. With back-up provided by a singing machine, a gift from her father, Lawnie sang many favo-

rites made popular by such stars as Patsy Kline, Marty Robbins and Hank Williams. Each selection brought enthusiastic response.

Lawnie, The Tribune learned, not only sings with the experience of a veteran but also writes some of her own songs, the first being "The Trees are Green" at age seven.

The ten-year-old's talents have not gone unnoticed. Back in September, she placed first in an Ontario Open Country Singing Contest at the Capital Theatre in Brantford.

She also appeared on stage at a Ronnie Hawkins' Concert, Sauble Beach and later joined such well-known performers as Murray McLaughlin and Kelida Haverland at a benefit show in Barrie.

Lawnie comes by her vocal

skills, honestly. Both her father, William Wallace III and her aunt Julia Wallace, have performed publicly on many occasions and cut several records.

The Legion's Timmy Day proved very successful, Mr. Dunn said, raising in excess of \$3,000. But, the afternoon's unqualified success was the presence of a little ten-year-old girl.

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### Pool priority

STOUFFVILLE — An indoor pool is top priority for Phoebe of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Recreation Centre.

Ms. Phoebe, chairwoman of the Recreation Feasibility Assessment Committee, reports the results of a survey of residents following a consultation with the Recreation Centre. The survey revealed that 80 per cent of the residents received 22,000 votes for an indoor pool.

Ms. Phoebe said the results of the survey are being used to lobby the Region for funding. She said the Region has agreed to fund the pool if the Region can secure the necessary funding from the Province.

Ms. Phoebe said the pool would be a great asset to the community and would provide a place for residents to enjoy the water during the winter months.