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Sunday Shopping

Fran seeks solid front

STOUFFVILLE — If all municipalities in the Region of York reject the Sunday Shopping option, Whitchurch-Stouffville's problems are solved.

If some don't, particularly those closest to Town, then Council (and merchants) could face troubled times.

Mayor Fran Sainsbury's confident Markham, Aurora, East Gwillimbury and King will stand opposed.

And while Council here hasn't discussed the issue at length, she for one says "no!"

"But I want it unanimous across York," she says. "I hope we can stick together."

Mayor Sainsbury says she's afraid of the domino effect, (where one falls, they all fall). She agrees tourist centres, such as the Flea Market, should remain unaffected as before.

"The legislation won't be retro-active. This isn't a witch-hunt," she states.

Mrs. Sainsbury claims many regional mayors have already spoken out against Sunday opening. She plans to call them and voice support.

Mayor Sainsbury's certain Markham remains opposed.

"Markham was never in favor. Carole Bell, (former mayor), spoke out against it," she recalls.

However, Whitchurch-Stouffville's southern neighbor is under pressure. This word comes from Regional Councillor Ron Moran, himself opposed to the move.

Both Markham and Unionville Main Streets are exempt. They've been designated tourist areas.

While generally opposed, some Stouffville merchants are worried. The subject was discussed at length at a meeting of the BIA (Business Improvement Area) board, Wednesday. A report is carried on Page A-3.

Before passing the Sunday Shopping Bylaw, a public hearing is required. Residents must receive 30 days notice. Anyone attending will be allowed to make a presentation.



Stouffville kids 'clown around' for cameras

For the middle of the night, a young girl, 10-year-old Lesley Campbell, of Gengall Lane, Stouffville, puts on her best clown smile for cameraman Wayne Basher.

—Jim Thomas

Ballinger has the last laugh

STOUFFVILLE — Bill Ballinger, MPP Durham-York and Charles Beer, MPP York North were on the 'hot seat' at a meeting of York Regional Council, Thursday.

However, it was Mr. Ballinger, (and the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville), that had the last laugh.

At the conclusions of proceedings, Ballinger dug into his pocket and produced cheques in the amount of \$77,473.00.

These, he handed to Mayor Fran Sainsbury while others looked on in envy.

The first was in the amount of \$71,185.00. This is to subsidize an energy conservation program at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Rec. Centre.

The second, totalling \$5,288, will go towards the purchase computer software, also at the Rec. Centre.

Bob Wong, Ontario's Minister

of Energy, commended Whitchurch-Stouffville on its energy conservation projects at the Complex. These include insulation for building, pipes and ductwork; also a system to recover waste heat from the compressor used for ice resurfacing. This waste heat generates hot water for use in showers and washrooms. In addition, an energy management system will control the operation of heating and refrigeration, to lower energy consumption.

Fund

The Ernie Kennedy Trust Fund, part in the Bank of Nova Scotia and part in The Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, is close to \$40,000.

The Scotia Bank account, spearheaded by Lee Sand and Gravel with the co-operation of local truckers and associated companies, stands at approximately \$25,000.

Public donations, held in trust at the Bank of Commerce, has reached \$15,000. This account will be closed March 4, Frank Busato told The Tribune this week.

Hundreds attend funeral

Area mourns loss of farmers' friend

MARKHAM — Over the years, Cecil Reesor touched many lives, within the farming community and beyond.

This was apparent, Friday. The sanctuary of Markham Missionary Church was filled to overflowing, a tribute unparalleled in the area.

Mr. Reesor, was killed instantly, Feb. 6, in a freak accident at his machine shop on Warden Avenue, R.R. 1, Unionville.

He was 66.

An estimated 700 people attended the service. Hundreds more paid their respects Wednesday and Thursday at Hagerman Mennonite Church where Mr. Reesor was a member.

David Martin, the family's pastor, described Mr. Reesor as "a wonderful neighbor, a trusted

friend, an excellent mechanic, a devoted church member and an honest businessman."

"He was an important person to many of us in many different ways," he said.

Personal reflections were spoken by Joe Nighswander, Mary Conrad and Glen Steiner.

Mr. Nighswander described the deceased as "a volunteer of the highest order."

"He lived in Markham but was a citizen of the world," said Mrs. Conrad.

Mr. Steiner called him an in-

novator. "No idea was too radical to be tried," he said.

Pastor Martin referred to Mr. Reesor as "a man of peace whose life was dedicated to non-violence."

Cecil Reesor was born Oct. 17, 1922, son of Carl and Annie Reesor. From his property on the 5th Conc. of Markham, he sold farm machinery, later using his mechanical genius to keep used equipment repaired.

He had many interests and associations, including — Hagerman Mennonite Church, The Mennonite Home Association, Willowgrove Camp, The Mennonite Foundation, Rockway Mennonite College and the MCC Relief Sale at Black Creek Pioneer Village.

However, his concerns were global in scope, Arthur Byer said in a tribute prepared by Mrs. Reesor and family.

For a time, he served as an ordained minister and Sunday School teacher.

Besides his wife, the former Ruth Marie Wideman, Mr. Reesor is survived by one son, Arthur; four daughters, Joyce, Norma, Anne and Helen; two grandchildren, Michael and Emily; three brothers and five sisters.

Pall-bearers were Ken Reesor, Richard Reesor, Jay Reesor, Keith Doner, Guy Farintosh and Alvin Grove. Spring interment will be made at Wideman Cemetery.

Outmatched again

DURHAM REGION — Durham Region has lost out again in its bid to host the International Plowing Match and Farm Machinery Show.

Victoria County got the nod for 1992 at the O.P.A. Convention in the Royal York Hotel, Toronto, Tuesday.

Chairman Ted Smith of Sunderland called it "bad news".

"It was our third shot and we thought we had it," he said.

He declined to speculate on whether the committee would try a fourth time. "We'll want to take a long look at it," he concluded.

A shock for firefighter

STOUFFVILLE — A Stouffville firefighter attended an accident late Saturday night only to discover one of the injured persons was his nephew.

Paul Stover, a Fire Dept. captain, responded to the call just before midnight. On his arrival, he recognized one of the parties as his nephew, Jeff Stover, Elm Road, Stouffville.

Most seriously hurt was a companion, Robin Oliver of Kitchener. Their car veered off the Uxbridge townline, south of Lincolnville and hit a tree.

Both men were found some distance from the accident scene. "At first, I thought he was gone," Fire Chief Bill Brown told The Tribune. "I could detect no pulse."

He said Mr. Stover was applying mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Chief Brown revived Oliver with oxygen.

Both men were admitted to Uxbridge Cottage Hospital. Oliver was later transferred to Sunnybrook.

Four other calls

It was a busy two days for fire volunteers.

At 3:52 p.m., they assisted ambulance operators after a man was believed to have suffered a broken ankle in rugged terrain east of Valleyfield Road, Musselman's Lake, David Marshman, R.R. 2, Stouffville, was the injured party.

At 5:21 p.m., they responded to a single-vehicle accident on Ninth Line North, Stouffville. The driver was taken to hospital but his injuries weren't considered serious.

On Saturday afternoon, they again aided ambulance operators in the rescue of an injured skier deep in Vivian Forest. The man had to be transported on a specially designed stretcher used

by firefighters in such emergencies.

Later, the Fire Dept. was called to a reported blaze in a house at Ballantrae. Damage was minimal.



Ambulance operators and firefighters work on an injured motorist following a single-vehicle crash on the Uxbridge townline late Saturday night. Robin Oliver of Kitchener remains a patient in Sunnybrook Hospital, Toronto.

—Jim Thomas

Guilty

David Field, 33, Grade 5 teacher at Claremont Public School, has been found guilty on three counts each of sexual assault and sexual interference involving three children in his class.

The verdict was announced Tuesday by Judge J. Woods following four days of testimony.

The judge pronounced an emotional scene with cries of grief from the courtroom.

Old firm new site

STOUFFVILLE — A Stouffville 'institution' will soon have a new home.

Birkett-Hassard Insurance is moving from 161 Main Street West to 51 Main Street West.

The change in locations will take place near the end of April.

The original Birkett Insurance Co. was founded in the hamlet of Balsam, east of Claremont in 1898. The business was moved to Stouffville in 1929 and successfully operated by the late Tom Birkett and son Gord.

Bob Hassard purchased the firm in 1970.

The new site, currently accommodating The Dance Centre, is owned by Ken Schell, a Birkett-Hassard employee.

The building is newer and more spacious. It's also more central.

It's a good move for all of us, Bill Hassard, Bob's son told The Tribune.

Break-ins

A rash of residential break-ins, many in the rural areas of Pickering and Uxbridge, is causing home owners much concern.

Durham Regional Police are calling on the public for help.

They urge anyone who may be approached by people with items or cash, especially low value, to phone Crime Stopper immediately at 3-5777.

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