

SPORTS

Lawn bowling is featured this week. See Page 10.



An Argument for Country Living
By Kimberlee Pearce

Brochures in today's Tribune

The town's recreation department is issuing the fall and winter brochure to all Whitchurch-Stouffville residents this week in *The Tribune*. Winter hours commenced on Sept. 3, the department announced. The hours are Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. For further information or if you have any questions, call 640-6527 or 1-800-267-PLAY. If you did not receive a brochure in today's *Trib*, stop by our office at 6244 Main St. and pick one up.

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Attewell calls for end to strike

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Local MP Bill Attewell is urging the Prime Minister to end the national postal strike. Attewell, Markham/Whitchurch-Stouffville MP, has written to the prime minister's office asking parliament be recalled to end the strike.

He is also asking for legislation declaring postal service an essential service be introduced. "That would render any strikes in the future illegal," he explained. The federal representative introduced a similar private members bill in 1988. But it was quashed. However, the events of the last week have prompted Attewell to

suggest the matter be considered again. His office has been flooded with telephone calls from people who are angry with the current situation, he indicated. Attewell said the strike will be one of the top issues discussed at the Ontario Caucus meetings Sept. 9.

Other MPs from all three federal parties have since taken up the call to end the strike and last week a veiled threat was issued by the Minister of Labor, Marcel Danis, suggesting he wanted to see progress through this past week-end from both sides in the dispute. On Friday, Ken Atkinson, the Conservative member for St.

Catherines also called on the government to recall MPs to legislate the CUPW employees back to work. On Saturday, employees of the post office were permitted to deliver government cheques after the corporation gave in to demands from the public and government officials.



Frustration reigns at postal pick-up points

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A day after some confusion and frustration Canada Post's temporary mail pick-up depot in Stouffville finally opened. Plans to open the site at 82 Sandford Dr. were delayed. According to Canada Post information, residents should have been able to pick up their mail and government cheques at the vacant storage unit last Thursday. But like so many other temporary depots across the greater Toronto area, it never opened. It wasn't until Friday morning that some mail arrived. However there was still an air of mayhem and disappointment among some local residents looking for mail. The depot was staffed with several postal employees from the Ottawa head office. Large broken boxes were being used as makeshift tables, while work went on to connect electrical power within the premises. There were no long lines or picketers outside the unit. Yet many walked away empty handed. Although the facility is meant to carry all personal mail, only pension cheques were available Friday. Seventy-eight-year-old Doug

Bacon was at the depot Friday morning. "It's an inconvenience because I don't drive much," he said. "But there was no hassle at all. People were friendly." Bacon came expecting to stand and wait in 30 degree weather for his cheque. Others, like Darlene Tustin was expecting a cool welcome from postal union picketers when she arrived at the depot. She was so apprehensive about coming she arranged to come with a friend. While relieved by amicable surroundings, Tustin was disappointed to hear her unemployment cheque was not yet available. "There's nothing I can do," she remarked. "I'm more than a little upset." With a mortgage due and other bills to pay, her cheque is about a week and a half overdue. Tustin has to wait at least 10 days before Canada Employment may help

Like others who left the depot without mail Friday, Tustin will have to come back and try again. But those staffing the facility didn't know when any other mail was expected. Mail pick-up centres are supposed to be open from Monday to Saturday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. **School is in once again** Residents of Whitchurch-Stouffville are reminded that school has started up again this week. York Regional Police are warning motorists to be extra cautious now that the school buses and children are on the streets again after the summer break. Police say they will be keeping a close watch on local motorists in the coming weeks.

overheard...
"If it wasn't for the charity of friends and my mother, I'd be really bad."
- Darlene Tustin on the effects of the postal strike.

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