



Tiny tots hold carnival spotlight this week

This Friday and Saturday, April 9 and 10, members of the Stouffville Figure Skating Club hold the spotlight of attention for three shows, including an afternoon matinee. The cast features a host of tiny tots like 4-year-old Terri Lennox (left) and Lisa Addison, age 6. Evening performances are at 8 p.m. and the Saturday matinee at two.

—Jas. Thomas.

Free call demand but —

Cost factor delays extension

STOUFFVILLE — The inclusion of the Stouffville 640 exchange as part of the 'free call' area to Toronto, could cost the Bell a capital expenditure of up to \$2 million, a spokesman for

the firm told The Tribune this week. Ted Taylor, District Manager, said that while Stouffville was high on the priority list, the economic climate was such that

an expenditure of this kind could not be contemplated immediately.

Mr. Taylor said he was well aware of the demand but argued against acquiring an affirmative survey, only to have the project turned down at the Commission level.

Area manager Gordon Wansbrough, said a future rate structure was not yet available for Stouffville. At present, a private Stouffville line costs \$4.55 monthly while in Gormley, after Jan. 1, 1972, it will be \$7.20. The Gormley exchange is 'free call' at the beginning of next year.

Mr. Taylor said signed petitions, either for and against an extension to the 640 exchange, would accomplish little. He advised instead, to phone the Bell office direct at 294-3100.

A teacher strike said 'last resort'

STOUFFVILLE — The possibility of a secondary school teacher's strike in Stouffville and across the province looms ever nearer, but so far, there's no indication that current education cost guidelines, imposed by the now Premier, Wm. Davis, will be lifted.

Spending restrictions have forced some boards to consider closing schools, reducing programs, raising the pupil-teacher ratio, reducing the number of non-teaching employees, curtailing transportation privileges, and dismissing fully certified teachers at the end of the current school year.

The date set for teacher action is May 3, Ontario Federation executive councillor Lin Jones of Stouffville told The Tribune. At this stage however, no one is prepared to say just what form this action will take.

Mr. Jones attended a meeting Saturday in Toronto and another is planned for April 14. This will be followed by a series of public discussions, April 19 to 24. While province-wide walkout is looked on as a 'last resort', the probability becomes more real with each passing day.

"The Boards aren't happy and it's the student who is suffering," said Mr. Jones. He said the Federation feels the public in general do not fully understand the situation.

Timbers Liberal choice

SANDFORD — How high is up? Bob Timbers, reeve of Scott and ex-warden of Ontario County, now has his sights set on a seat in the provincial legislature at Queen's Park. At a Liberal nomination meeting in Sunderland, he was the unanimous choice as a candidate in the riding of Ontario North. The post is currently held by Conservative Matthew Dymond of Port Perry.

UXBRIDGE TWP. — Two prominent organizations are at work in the Twp. of Uxbridge. One is a mortgage-holders' association with a goal of securing back interest and principle payments on properties purchased by Century City Developments Limited, and owing since May 1970.

A second, established soon after, has as its objective, the promotion of the city concept to a successful conclusion.

This week, a third group is announced, calling itself 'Why a City' citizens committee. The thinking of its members is in direct contrast to that of the second. They are anti-Century City and plan to publicize the disadvantages of such a scheme. "Many of the arguments and many of the statistics put forward have given a distorted picture," a spokesman told The Tribune, "an effort should be made to present all sides".

Committee members include Dr. and Mrs. C.M. Godfrey, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Strobel, Mrs. Francis Hogg, W.M. Fitzgerald and Lorne D. Almack.

Former police chief resigns

MARKHAM — Harvey Cox, 47, former Police Chief, Twp. of Markham and recently appointed Inspector in the new York Regional force, has resigned.

The resignation, verified by Mr. Cox, Tuesday becomes effective May 10. He declined further comment.

The decision severs his connection with area police work that extends over a period of twenty years.

Mr. Cox joined the Markham Department, April 1, 1951 and graduated through the ranks to assume the position of Police Chief following the death of Clarence J. Wideman, March 2, 1963.

Parents petition Board

Retain small rural schools

VIVIAN — The planned closing of three small rural schools at Vivian, Shrubmount and Pine Orchard and the busing of students to the new Rogers School in Newmarket, has aroused the concern of many parents in these areas, so much so, that a petition has been circulated opposing the move. Although the Board of Education feels the shift in location could be accommodated by September, they first wish to discuss the proposal with the people concerned.

One meeting was held at Pine Orchard School, April 7.

Points in favor of the present system include: distance too great for primary school children to travel by bus; children too far removed from their homes should an emergency arise; excellent program now provided at present schools; the 'open classroom' concept still in experimental stage; community involvement between teachers, pupils and parents would be lost;

proposed regional school should be built in immediate area (e.g. Ballantrae) since a new library and gymnasium are already planned for that site.

While the Board recommendation calls for the closing of Vivian, Pine Orchard and Shrubmount Schools by September others are also included on the list: Vandorf, Ringwood, Pottageville, Strage, Snowball, Eversley and Lloyd Schools in 1971 and Hillcrest School in '72.

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Stouffville Machine and Tool

Economic slowdown hits firm forty employees laid off

Tax increase 1,000 percent

MARKHAM — When Ernest Hoover, R.R. 2, Markham, purchased his 94 acre farm in 1945, the taxes were \$102.

In 1971, on the same piece of property, the taxes are \$1,095.39 or an increase of over 1,000 percent.

Out of the \$1,095.39 total, \$769.24 is for education costs (\$423.99 - Public School and \$345.25 - High School).

With the 25 percent reduction, the cost of education still exceeds \$500.

"The tax increase wouldn't be so bad," said Mr. Hoover, "if the price of pigs had gone up accordingly".

Extend series

STOUFFVILLE — The fifth game in the current Stouffville-Petrolia Peewee Finals will be played in the Stouffville Arena, Tuesday, April 13 at eight o'clock.

The series is now tied, Petrolia taking the opener, 6-3 and Stouffville squaring the set, Saturday, by an identical score.

Games three and four are in Petrolia at 1:30 p.m., Saturday and 4 p.m., Sunday.

College choir song service

STOUFFVILLE — The presence of the Emmanuel Bible College choir from Kitchener is a much anticipated event in Stouffville.

It is also appropriate that the occasion should fall on Good Friday, April 9.

The variety program, entitled 'Tell it Like it is', will be held in the high school auditorium at 7:45 p.m.

Last year, an estimated 1,000 persons attended.

The choir comprises several students from this area including Laurie Norton, Stouffville; Donna Drudge, Stouffville, R.R. 1 and Larry Johnson, Sunderland.

95th birthday

MUSS LAKE — The community extends congratulations to Mrs. John Paxton, South Road, Musselman's Lake, soon to celebrate her 95th birthday. The date is April 15.

During the past winter, Mrs. Paxton has made her home with Mr. and Mrs. Ivan McLaughlin, Stouffville, R.R. 2.

Work prospects bleak

STOUFFVILLE — A year ago Stouffville Machine and Tool employed 55 men. Today they employ 15.

Since 1939, the company has been Stouffville's oldest and largest industry. But last April a gradual series of layoffs began that has ended in unemployment for 40 men.

"I've never seen the economic situation this bad", said Manager, Derek Chadwick. "Nobody likes a lay-off, but there is absolutely no work around. We've been taking orders today that we wouldn't have considered a year ago just to keep the factory going".

And he predicts the economic situation will get worse before it gets better. "It would take a miracle for us to get back to normal production before next fall", he told The Tribune.

Mr. Chadwick feels the layoffs are the result of a slump in the automobile industry and Canadian economic policies.

"Increased costs and competition from Germany and Japan have put service

industries like ours in a particularly bad position. Japan is by far our biggest competitor. They can import goods into Canada cheaper than we can produce them".

"The situation is the same throughout Canada and the United States", he continued.

"Our branch in Akron, Ohio is in the same boat. Half of their employees have been laid off too".

When asked if any of his former employees had found work elsewhere, Mr. Chadwick was skeptical.

"The industry is highly specialized", he answered. "It's doubtful if any of our men have found work in Brantford or Simcoe. They have laid off as many people as we have".

But one ray of optimism penetrated an otherwise gloomy economic forecast.

"We've laid off as many men as we're going to", Mr. Chadwick told The Tribune.

He added that he hopes to gradually start hiring men back during the summer if business picks up.

Order inquiry

CLAREMONT — Chief Inspector D.D. Higley, Criminal Investigation Branch, Ontario Provincial Police, has ordered an inquiry into the death of 16 year old Katherine Joan MacGregor of Claremont.

The young girl's body was found March 28 on the side of the road, near conc. 7, Pickering Twp. She died of carbon monoxide poisoning, an autopsy showed.

Inspector Higley said he felt the circumstances surrounding the case should be brought out into the open. No charges have been laid although a youth, said to have met the girl following a babysitting job, was taken in for questioning but later released. The car used was quite badly rusted out, police said.

'Clackers' banned

STOUFFVILLE — Playtoy gadgets called 'clackers' have been banned at Orchard Park Public School.

The decision was announced by the principal, W.K. Sutherland, following a staff meeting Monday.

Mr. Sutherland said several children had been injured through misuse of the device and he felt it should be outlawed before something more serious occurred.



Section of gasoline tanker 'turns turtle' on Don Mills Road

Several hundred gallons of gasoline spilled out on the ground Saturday, when a second trailer of a tanker truck, flipped over near the entrance to a service station on Don Mills Road, north of Gormley.

Stouffville firemen were called to the scene but no blaze resulted.

—Jas. Thomas.