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Ukeleles

YORK REGION - Parts of the Region may soon echo to the plunking and twanging of ukeleles, placed in the hands of Grade 7 and 8 students.

This proposal was approved by the Board of Education at its meeting August 16. Schools in Area 2, which includes Whitchurch-Stouffville, Aurora, and King Township, will introduce an Instrumental Music program using these instruments made famous by Mickey Rooney.

Present plans call for the purchase of 40 to 50 ukeleles.

Some discussion arose at the Board meeting over the price of instruments. Trustee Bob Houghton maintained they could be bought for \$6.00 each, retail. The report, however, recommended setting aside \$600.00 for the purchase. An interesting discussion of various ukelele types was terminated by Chairman Arthur Starr, who said, "I feel sorry for the parents who have to listen to six dollar ukeleles".

Council will restrict karts

UXBRIDGE TWP. - In a surprise move, Uxbridge Township Council declared its intention of altering the bylaw which governs Goodwood Kartways. The go-kart track has been the subject of considerable controversy lately.

At a special meeting, not attended by opponents or supporters of the track, Council members passed a resolution. Introduced by Frank Henty and seconded by Darcy Higgins, it passed unanimously. (Reeve Bob Nesbitt was absent).

The heart of this resolution reads: "It is the opinion of Council that revisions to the hours of operation, level of noise, etc., are necessary, therefore, be it resolved that the existing bylaw governing go-karts will be reviewed and changed prior to the renewal of Goodwood Kartways' licence for 1972."

Mrs. Van Bell, an owner of the track, expressed surprise at the move. The Bells have retained a solicitor, Mr. D.I. Malcolm, to act on their behalf.

Police ready for new headquarters

YORK REGION - Police Chief Bruce Crawford has announced his intention of moving administrative headquarters for York Region Police during the first week of September. The new premises, presently occupied by Office Specialty in Newmarket, will be vacated by Sept. 2.

There may be some delay in closing the deal, said the Chief, and consultations are presently in progress between the Region and Office Specialty.

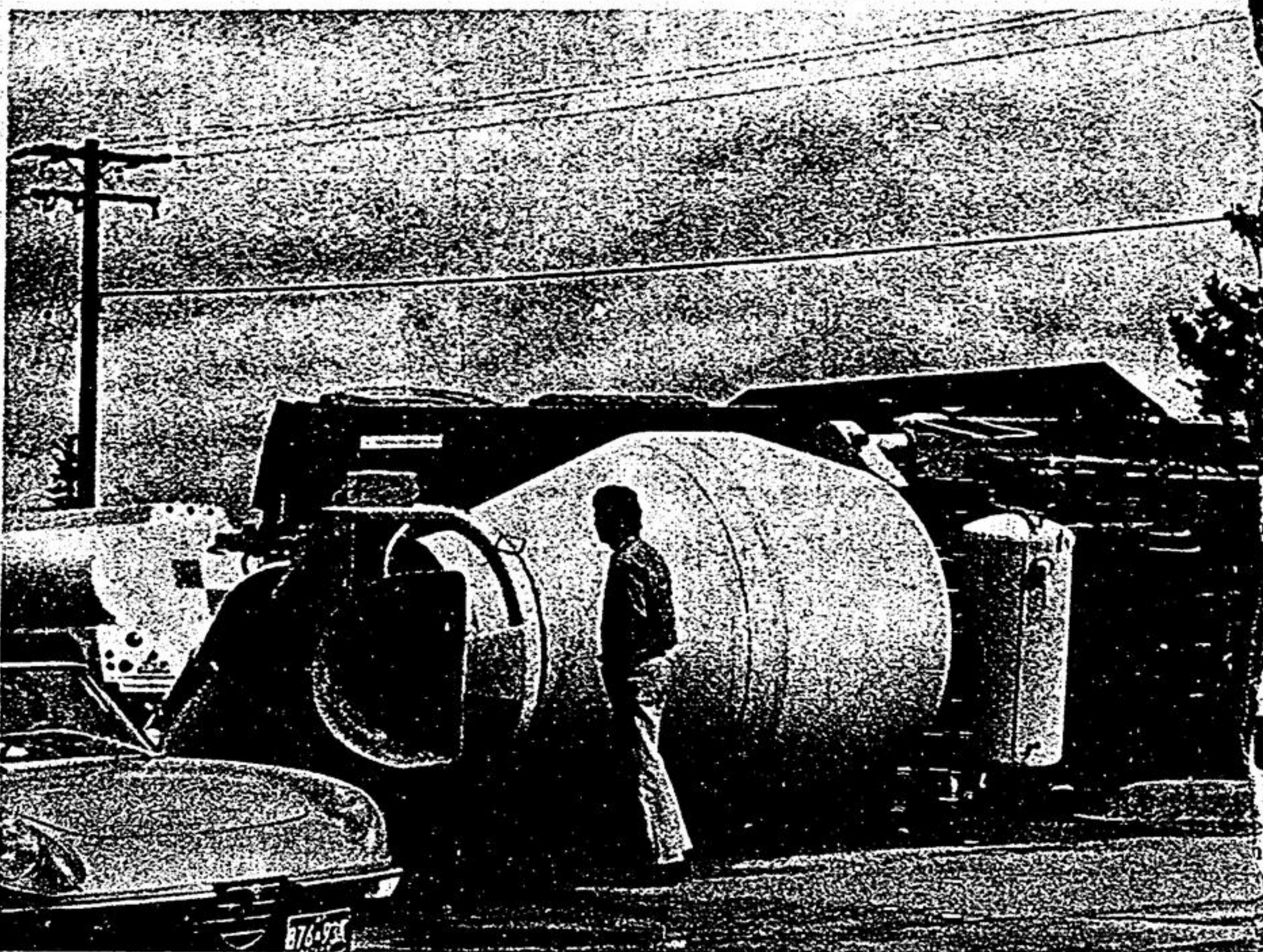
Chief Crawford emphasized that only the administrative personnel would move in September, meaning the Chief himself, two Deputy Chiefs and office staff. Other departments would not be able to move until November, due to delays in receiving communication equipment and confinement facilities. In addition, extensive remodelling of the existing building will be necessary.

Pickering permits \$1 1/2 million

PICKERING TWP. - The number of building permits issued in Pickering Township in June counted to 36, at an estimated value of \$1,558,600. To date, 103 permits have been issued; total value, \$2,632,300.

Among the permits were those for 18 single family dwellings at an estimated value of \$504,000.

Other projects were: a mushroom house and repairs at Dominion Mushroom, \$156,000; Murphy Oil Company, Service Station, \$35,000; Heavy Water Upgrading Plant, Ontario Hydro, \$720,000; a Steak House & Tavern, by Pedan Enterprises Ltd., \$60,000; garages, and carports, \$71,000; residential repairs and additions - \$71,000.



Unusual accident draws attention
This cement truck, operated by Newmarket Ready Mix, presented a bizarre spectacle on Monday. The truck was headed south on Don Mills Road when it went out of control and turned over just north of the Aurora Road. No other vehicles or the truck driver, Stu Payne of Newmarket, were injured.

Hold hearings shortly on town plan

New zoning prepared by region planner

STOUFFVILLE - An Ontario Municipal Board Hearing, held August 17 at Stouffville District Secondary School, did not appear very decisive. At the end of three hours, Chairman David Jamieson announced that the Board intends to continue the present extension on two bylaws.

The bylaws under discussion concerned restrictions on pits and quarries, and the "restricted area" bylaw, which implements the town's Official Plan. At an earlier hearing, these bylaws were ruled effective until the end of October.

Present at the hearing were Paul Mingay, the town's solicitor, two other solicitors appearing for persons affected by the bylaws, and Regional Planning Commissioner Murray Pound. Attendance varied from 30 to 40 people. Councillors van Nostrand, Button, Ratcliff, and Simpson were at the hearing as well.

When the chairman asked those present to indicate which bylaw they were interested in, no-one appeared to be there about the pits and quarries bylaw.

As the hearing progressed, witnesses were sworn and told their stories. Many of the complaints were offered by

several people. Some wanted to sever or subdivide their land; others had unsuccessfully sought building permits; a few asked for rezoning in particular areas.

There appeared to be one or two stock answers to those who appeared with requests. As the zoning is presently under review, and a draft of a new bylaw has been drawn up, many people were advised to wait a few more weeks. They could make representations, they were told, when public hearings are held on the new bylaw. One man, obviously dissatisfied, protested that he had waited a long time and was getting tired of it.

A second suggestion to the complainants was that they approach Council, Town Clerk Ralph Corner, or Mr. Pound to seek a solution.

Stouffville Streak

STOUFFVILLE - The town's very own commuter train, appears to have firmly established itself as a going concern.

In a letter to Donald Deacon, M.P.P. for York Centre, CN's vice-president Mr. W.D. Piggott submitted a survey taken from July 12-30. The survey determines, on a station-by-station basis, the volume of business on the commuter train.

School payment variances

YORK REGION - According to figures released August 16, Whitchurch-Stouffville owes the Board of Education \$99,000.

The figures were contained in a report submitted to the Board, and show amounts owed by each municipality in the Region as of August 6. Two have overpaid so far: Richmond Hill and Vaughan. They will be credited with interest on the amount in excess of the requirements.

Most municipalities, though, are behind in their remittances. Leading the list is the Township of Georgina, which owes over \$700,000. Georgina has not made any payments yet this year.

On the other hand, the Town of Markham has paid \$1,980,000 and still owes \$150,000. Whitchurch-Stouffville, which owes almost \$100,000, has already paid \$380,000 to the Board.

Board members voted to receive the report without comment.

County crime up by 7.7%

YORK REGION - The latest crime statistics, submitted to York Region Police Commission, showed an increase of 7.7 percent over the same period last year.

Chief Bruce Crawford, explaining the figures, said this

increase was not unexpected. It was, he said, "within the usual levels".

Much of the increase was in the category of Break and Enter. Chief Crawford said this reflects a problem the police have in supervising cottages.

Library offers book bargains Saturday



There were two interesting sales in town last Saturday. The Stouffville Public Library had a sale of books which had been withdrawn from circulation. Kathy Williams took care of things, selling books for a dime apiece. Both fiction and non-fiction were available. The sale will be held again this Saturday afternoon, but Baroness Orczy admirers are too late - the photographer already bought a book with



the complete Scarlet Pimpernel novels. Across the street and down the road, a very successful auction sale was held in the Arena. A large crowd attended to examine and bid on the antiques being offered. Mrs. John Miller (right) was interested in this object, displayed by Mrs. Gary Williams. It's described as "vase, hand-painted, European Ewer (modern)" and sold for \$27.50.

Historical hearse sold

BALLANTRAE - Used hearses are apparently popular items around here. A 1957 Cadillac hearse, belonging to Mrs. Ann Barrett, was sold within four days.

Mrs. Barrett is Animal Control Officer for Uxbridge Township, and has used the hearse for that purpose for a year. She decided to sell because of the vehicle's high running cost. Asking price was \$700.

Before Mrs. Barrett purchased the hearse, it was used in Springhill, Nova Scotia. It performed nobly after the mining disaster in that town.

The big black Caddy weighs in at almost three tons.

At the time the Tribune talked to Mrs. Barrett, there were just over 46,000 miles on the vehicle. The hearse comes with all accessories, including automatic transmission, flower-holders in the interior, and a little sign on the door saying "Please Close Gently."

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by a recommendation that approval be withheld pending agreement on a lot fee.

Another letter submitted at the August 16 meeting came from Mr. G. Farrow of the DMA's Community Planning Branch. Mr. Farrow spelled out exactly how far the Board's powers extend.

"Our Act appears to limit the Minister to considering the adequacy of school site(s) and this would make it difficult for us to set conditions (concerning) a levy paid to the Board of Education."

The question of lot levies demanded by the Board has influenced the progress of a number of developments in Whitchurch-Stouffville and throughout the Region.

In a six month period, June 30, Chief Crawford said, \$1,359,000 had been spent, or 42 percent of an allocated three and a quarter million dollars.

This expenditure, the Chief explained, included the purchase of new cruisers and equipment.

On the subject of overtime, Mr. Crawford said such costs were difficult to control. He noted that the investigation involving the hashish seizure near Ringwood, would involve considerable overtime work.

"There's really nothing we can do about it," he said.

Commission members were pleased. Commissioner Stewart Rumble described the report as "very satisfactory".

High prices feature Arena antique auction

STOUFFVILLE - An auction sale in Stouffville Arena on August 21 has been described as "tremendously successful."

The remark was made by Mrs. Mildred Holmes, who owned the items offered at the sale.

A large crowd was there even before the business of the day started. While some drifted off, more kept arriving, and attendance was estimated at about 150 persons. The crowd included both local residents and visitors, and a few collectors were present.

At one point, two collectors bid against each other on a rare Currier & Ives print, which finally sold for \$90. The seven prints offered brought a total of \$253.

Other notable items were the grandfather clock, which was sold for \$470, a music box which went for \$175, a collection of arrowheads which brought \$140, and a settee for which the winning bid was \$575.

Many of those present were pleased with the place chosen. One man considered it "ideal", and others echoed his view, pointing to the ample parking, good management, and convenient lunch bar.

Mrs. Holmes expressed her sincere appreciation to her many friends, who turned out in force to help with the sale. She also praised auctioneer Alvin Farmer and his assistant, Gordon Orr. She was especially pleased by the "splendid and generous assistance extended" by local and out-of-town friends, and praised the Masonic Lodge and the Gormley Missionary Church which loaned tables for the event.

There is a possibility that future actions of this type will also be held in the Arena.