

Sports Caravan for town

STOUFFVILLE - Stouffville has been selected as a location for the government-sponsored Sports Caravan Project, a leadership type program, authorized by the Federal Department of Health and Welfare.

The 'Centre on Wheels' will serve all communities within a radius of 15 miles, including Markham on the south; Claremont on the east; Vivian on the north and Gormley to the West.

Sports '71 as it is called, will operate here from Nov. 22 through 25. All phases of athletics are involved.

Mayor Ken Laushway has been working for the past week, organizing the program at the local level. A host committee has been selected with the first meeting, Oct. 20.

Plowboys win County honors

HAGERSVILLE - Two junior plowmen from R.R. 2, Claremont, brought honor to their area, Oct. 13, topping thirteen other entries in the Inter-County Class at the International Plowing Match.

Douglas Dunkeld and Bruce Pearse scored 276.8 points, 5 points ahead of the team from the County of Haldimand.

They were presented with the Gulf Oil Canada Limited trophy at the awards banquet held at Hagersville, Friday.

In third place was the entry from York, comprising John Sheridan, Stouffville, R.R. 1 and Peter Hulshof, Stouffville, R.R. 3.

Community Centre, canvass

LEMONVILLE - With the former Lemonville Public School scheduled for the auction block, Oct. 30, residents in the area have only nine days in which to raise 10 percent of the purchase price, if the property is to be retained for a Community Centre.

Plans for a door-to-door canvass, extending from concession 5 to 8, were outlined before a public meeting in the Whitchurch-Highlands School, Tuesday.

To complete an estimated 400 calls, forty volunteers are required, committee chairman, Reginald Fairbanks explained.

If the purchase of the site is not successful, all monies will be refunded, he said. If the site is acquired, receipts for income tax purposes will be honored.

A goal of \$15,000 has been set. To date, \$2,000 has been donated.

The York County Board of Education has had the property appraised. The building is located on a private road and restricted to institutional use.

Vandorf police office to close this year

VANDORF - For the past 25 years, there's been a police station in the hamlet of Vandorf.

First, was the O. P. P., then the Whitchurch force and now a branch of the York Regional Department.

As of Dec. 1 however, this arrangement will end. The Vandorf Office will be closed and the personnel shifted to a central quarters at Newmarket.

Closed also at the same time, will be police stations in Aurora, King and a smaller one in Newmarket.



Uxbridge in autumn - a picture no artist could paint

With the Chalk Lake area of Uxbridge Township only a thirty minute drive away, it's not necessary to travel hundreds of miles into Northern Ontario to view the autumn colors. So it was last

weekend, beauty beyond description. And enhancing the scenery even more was pretty 18 year old Sally Schell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Schell, Sunset Boulevard, Stouffville. - Jas. Thomas.

Blame Dept. for Ballantrae school delay

BALLANTRAE - "I think people should know it's not our fault. This is an example of poor planning by the Department of Education."

These sentiments were expressed by Mrs. Margaret Coburn at a recent Board of Education meeting while trustees were discussing a

report on a proposed addition to Ballantrae Public School. Figures submitted revealed that the school, with a capacity of 195 students, presently has an enrolment of 386. This increase has occurred despite measures taken to reduce it, such as placing Grade 7 and 8 students in high schools.

An addition of 105 pupil places was planned last year, but, according to Mrs. Coburn, was delayed by the Department.

The new proposal is to add six more classrooms, in addition to the earlier planned increase, and to make Ballantrae the site of a Central School. This would more than double the size of the present structure.

The report noted that the school has been overcrowded for two years now, and terms basement classrooms 'sub-standard'.

While the earlier addition has

received approval from the Department of Education, no move to begin work has yet been made. Contracts have not been let, nor have construction tenders been called. Director of Education Sam Chapman, replying to questions from the trustees, explained that it would be unwise to combine the two plans, as this might further delay approval.

The Board voted to build the extra classrooms. The proposal now goes to the Department for its okay.

Board rejects \$30,000 offer

VANDORF - Thirty thousand dollars for the 2-room public school at Vandorf?

That was the highest of five tenders received by the York County Board of Education. And the trustees turned it down.

While the reason for the rejection was not fully explained when the Board met, Oct. 12, it

was later learned that the property's debenture position had some bearing on the decision.

Also turned down were prices on the old Hagerman School (\$22,110), and Pottageville School (\$27,250).

Fifteen tenders were submitted for the Hagerman site and seven for the Pottageville property.

To date, the only figure agreed on, was for the school at Mount Pleasant. The highest of three bids there was \$6,000.

Skating Sunday

STOUFFVILLE - For the first time since its opening, 22 years ago, the Stouffville Arena will offer public skating on a Sunday.

The date is Oct. 23 and the hours, from 2 to 4 p.m.

The regular Saturday night has been taken over by the Wexford Jr. 'B' Raiders, due to the fire loss of Tam-O-Shanter

Amalgamate Town of Uxbridge and Township - brief asks

Abolish county school boards

UXBRIDGE TWP. - The hands of municipalities have been tied by "antiquated" and "inadequate" provincial laws; no more regional governments should be formed in Ontario; Uxbridge Township should be amalgamated with the Town of Uxbridge and all County school boards should be abolished.

These, and other forthright statements, were contained in a Brief submitted this week to Uxbridge Township Council. Councillor Frank Hendy, author of the report, made an exhaustive study of the regional government question, with special reference to the OAPAD

study conducted in the Oshawa area.

"The breakdown and rejection of the study justifies the retention of County government," said Mr. Hendy. Referring to rejection of the report by Ontario County, he said,

"Many people were glad it was turned down."

Mr. Hendy's Brief claimed that Regional Government had not been accepted by "the people of this area". He suggested formation of a rural region, to include the northern Ontario County townships.

This, he said, could be called

Syndicate firm reveals plans - 1,000 homes

Five developers involved

STOUFFVILLE - The time when signs on the outskirts of town will read "Stouffville - Population 10,000" was pictured vividly at a meeting, Oct. 15.

Whitchurch - Stouffville Council, sitting as a Planning Board, heard a series of proposals.

A group of developers, recently banded together as a syndicate, are seeking approval of a project which would increase the size of Stouffville by 50 percent and double the present population.

The syndicate includes Stouffville Developments Ltd., Dulverton Holdings, Suncrest Construction, Fryn Investments, and Perivale Investments.

In general terms, they are proposing to build over 1,000 new homes on the north side of Main Street. The suggested site has its eastern boundary at Highway 47, while the western edge is about halfway between Hwy. 48 and the Ninth Line.

The two largest landholders are Dulverton, which has 138 acres, and Stouffville developments with 67 acres. The other partners hold less than 20 acres each.

James Carthy, of the legal firm of Weir & Foulds, was retained to represent the syndicate. He explained that dramatic increases in the cost of sewage treatment facilities and channelization of Duffins Creek had led to the developers banding together.

Mr. Carthy stated that his clients were prepared to pay a fee of \$1,000 for each lot as soon as plans were registered. He emphasized that development would proceed by stages, each phase being decided by engineering factors and subject to review by the municipality. A formula, he said, would have to be found which would be acceptable to everyone.

Special initial costs, amounting to over a million dollars, were cited. Expenditures of a quarter-million dollars are envisaged for each of two stages of enlarging sewage treatment facilities. Pumping capacity improvement is budgeted at \$50,000; a new well will cost \$55,000 and a new water tower will be built for approximately \$500,000. This work would also be done in stages, to correspond with construction.

Mr. Carthy and Magnus Paulson, planner for the group, explained that the size of the proposal was no real problem.

"Size is a necessary part of what we're trying to do," said Mr. Carthy, "we're trying to break the log-jam on planning, and there's no other way to achieve this."

Council members listened carefully to the proposals, and asked a number of questions.

He kissed her -

HAGERSVILLE - It took a little persuasion, but head table guest, Clark Young of Unionville went one step farther than to shake a contestants hand, at the awards banquet in Hagersville Arena, Friday. He kissed her.

Mr. Young was asked to present a Bulova wrist watch to the winner of Class 31. A pert 18 year old, Wendy Opersko of R. R. 5, Waterford came forward.

Mr. Young, the elder statesman on the O.P.A. directorate, went through the routine of the customary handshake until someone from the audience called out - "Hey Clark, you can do better than that - kiss her!"

He did.

The matters of approval at higher levels, financing, schools, industrial-residential balance, traffic patterns, and a C. N. level crossing were all discussed.

Mr. Carthy stressed the flexible nature of present plans, and a desire for close consultation with the municipality. It was decided that the solicitor would draw up an outline of the proposals covering all aspects.

"We're heavily committed to our zoning review at present," observed Mayor Ken Laushway. He suggested the two groups might meet again in November.

Parking - for a goat

STOUFFVILLE - Manager Jack Chambers of the Stouffville I.G.A. thought he was seeing things, Saturday when he looked out into the parking lot at the rear of his Main Street store.

There, in one of the pre-marked stalls was not a car, but a full-grown goat.

The animal was found grazing in the park by 6 year old Ricky Ewing, Main St., East and the 'two soon' became 'friends' - so much so, that the goat refused to leave.

Albert Brown, Tenth Line South, took 'Billy' in tow and at present he remains unclaimed in the farm pasture.

"These supermarkets sell just about everything now days," commented one shopper.

Cyclist injured

CLAREMONT - Two young men were injured, one seriously, when the motorcycle they were riding, went out of control on the Brock Road, north of Claremont, and rolled into a ravine.

Paul Finlay, R. R. 1, Goodwood, driver of the machine, remains in the intensive care unit of Scarboro Centenary Hospital with multiple fractures.

His passenger, Nelson Lund of Richmond Hill, was treated and released.

Theft spree

STOUFFVILLE - A 19 year old Stouffville youth appeared in Court, Oct. 14, charged with seven counts of theft from newspaper boxes in Markham, Whitchurch-Stouffville and Vaughan.

Edward Joseph Dion, Main Street, was arrested by Detective Bruce Findlay and Patrol Sgt. Donald Hillock, York Regional Police.