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## Weldon store sold after 48 years

**STOUFFVILLE** - Down through the years, the Weldon family name, has become synonymous with Stouffville.

It dates back to 1924 - forty-eight years. That business link with Main Street will end next month, Feb. 29, when Lloyd Weldon turns the key in the front door for a last time. The store and adjoining residence has been purchased by Len and Norma Wilkes, a transaction finalized several weeks following the Ratcliff Block fire, Nov. 9. Mr. and Mrs. Wilkes plan to carry the same line of goods as at their previous location.

The firm, originally owned by the late Arthur E. Weldon, was once located in the present Shea Block, Main Street West. There, in addition to boots and shoes, he handled gas, motor oil and axle grease. The gas pumps were positioned on the sidewalk, close to the curb.

Mr. Weldon moved to the present site about 1931 and son Lloyd formed a partnership following his return from the Service.

"Retire? I don't like that word", said Lloyd, "it sounds old - decrepit". He said he would think more seriously of the future when the time comes. At present, he's concentrating on selling every item of stock.

## Community Centre paid in full

**LEMONVILLE** - The former Lemonville School, proposed for a Community Centre, has been purchased and paid for in full by Arthur Latham of Stouffville.

A cheque, in the amount of \$19,000, made payable to the Town of Whitechurch-Stouffville, was delivered by Mr. Latham personally, Tuesday, to Mayor, Ken Laushway.

The \$5,000, raised through community contributions, will be used to modernize the interior of the structure, Mr. Latham said.

A second cheque, in the amount of \$5,000, has been made payable to the Twp. of Uxbridge, to improve facilities at the Community Hall in Goodwood.

## Apartment renting

**STOUFFVILLE** - Gerry Meharg Ltd., (640-3131), is accepting rentals at the new Albert St. apartment. Accommodation is for adults only with 1 and 2 bedrooms, \$159 and \$189 per month respectively.

## The last word

**STOUFFVILLE** - The partial re-print of a Tribune story, related to a debate between Merlyn Baker and Mayor Ken Laushway over the controversial Bremner Dump, has met with the councillor's approval.

With one exception. He said the news item left the impression that he had claimed liquid industrial waste was still being deposited there.

"I have never said that", corrected the councillor, "not since the beginning of December, anyway. I don't know where he (the editor) got that idea".

He told Council, Jan. 11, that he had discussed the matter with the paper's editor, and appreciated the fact that his version of the conversation was published.

## Merchant protests parking ban

**STOUFFVILLE** - A strong protest has been lodged against a recent bylaw to ban parking on Park Drive North.

Mrs. Nicholas Kamps appeared at a Council meeting, Jan. 11, to state her position. She and her husband are owners of Kamps Upholstery, Main Street East. Mrs. Kamps said she felt the bylaw was unfair. She pointed out that parking was already banned on the east side of Park Drive. This, she felt, should be sufficient.

"That's a very narrow street", observed Mayor Ken Laushway, "there's hardly enough room for two cars to drive on it - let alone park".

"Do you think it's worse than



## A 'minor' distraction

With the ice divided and four teams playing at the same time, the confusion, on a Saturday morning in the Stouffville Arena, can be distracting for the minor-leaguer, waiting his turn on the next shift. Here, the camera catches Mite House League Coach Garry Murphy enthusiastically cheering on his club, while 6 year old Bradley Jones, watches the action elsewhere. —Jas. Thomas.

## In fifteen years

## Town population—25,000

**STOUFFVILLE** - A population of 25,000 is projected for the Town of Whitechurch-Stouffville, within a period of 15 years.

The figure was contained in a report introduced at a meeting of Council, Jan. 11. York Region has requested each municipality to prepare a Brief concerning population goals in relation to the Toronto-Centred Region Plan.

A division is made between urban and rural. For the urban area, the maximum population has been limited to 13,500. The rural area, containing approximately 34,000 acres of marginal or non-productive land, has been described as

ideal for estate-type development. Also re-stated, is a limit of 500 persons per hamlet, as stipulated in the old Whitechurch Official Plan.

A rural population of 12,000 has been recommended. The report calls for a complete policy review in 10 or 15 years.

Councillor Merlyn Baker suggested the maximum rural population could well go over the 12,000 limit. Mayor Ken Laushway cautioned members against over-stating future goals in this regard.

The subject will be re-introduced for further discussion Jan. 25.

## 'Like a eunuch in a harem'

## Suggest town name be changed

**STOUFFVILLE** - To keep everybody happy, the identity of the former Twp. of Whitechurch and the former Village of Stouffville, were incorporated into one. Hence, The Town of Whitechurch-Stouffville.

But everybody isn't happy over the arrangement. One of these is: ex-Stouffville deputy-revee Bill Parsons. He aired this, and a few other complaints

before Council, Jan. 11. "I have enough trouble just explaining Stouffville to people", he said, "now you've got this long hyphenated thing. The Whitechurch is like a eunuch in a harem. You could apply for a change."

Mayor Ken Laushway said the union of the two names was his idea and he was prepared to take full responsibility for it. He

other streets?" demanded Mrs. Kamps. She named Elm and Church Streets, among others, as being equally congested.

She went on to point out that there is no parking allowed on Main St., in front of their shop, and the new bylaw means they can't park at the side either. Mrs. Kamps suggested that the parking ban on the east side of Park Drive should be enforced.

Mayor Laushway maintained that it is enforced.

"I've seen folks get tickets for parking there", he said, "sometimes the street is so blocked, cars can't get through at all".

Councillor June Button in-

dicated agreement with Mrs. Kamps.

"I think there are other streets just as narrow", she stated.

Clerk Ralph Corner said the banning bylaw, passed in December, has not yet gone to the Department of Transport for approval.

"We haven't received it back from the Region yet", he said.

"I would like to take a look at this street", said councillor Merlyn Baker. Other members agreed. In addition to Council, the Works Dept. will take another look at Park Drive.

The bylaw was approved by the Region at a meeting Jan. 13.

## Blood donor clinic

**STOUFFVILLE** - The first of two Blood Donor Clinics for 1972, authorized by the Canadian Red Cross Society, will be held in the Stouffville Legion Hall, Wednesday, Jan. 26.

Urgently required are blood types ORh Pos., ORh Neg., and ARh Pos.

The Clinic is open from 2:30 to 4:30 and 6:30 to 9 p.m.

The blood is needed for three emergency heart operations, scheduled for the Toronto General Hospital, Jan. 28 and 31.

## Lady driver found dead

**GORMLEY** - A tragic accident, near Gormley, Jan. 12, took the life of a Bloomington lady, the lone occupant of a northbound car that went out of control on the Don Mills Road and overturned in a deep ditch.

Killed was Mrs. Vera McGarry, R.R.2, Stouffville. The grim discovery was made the next morning by a nearby resident, Mr. Geoffrey Campey, while on his way to work. It is believed the victim had been pinned in the wreckage about eight hours.

Mrs. Campey recalled hearing a 'bang' about 11 p.m., and so did a neighbor. However, with trucks and snowplows travelling back and forth at all hours, the noise was not considered out of the ordinary.

Due to the depth of the ditch and a bank of snow on the side,

**BALLANTRAE** - The present V. L. A. subdivision at Ballantrae should first prove itself a benefit to the community and the municipality, before a second phase of development is endorsed.

This was the feeling of Mayor Ken Laushway, when the issue came up for discussion before Council, Jan. 11.

The original build-up of 44 homes is now complete. Phase 2 calls for 66 units that, according to the Mayor, could raise the population of the hamlet to over 500.

Representing the developers were Clayton Clouter, Peter Milligan and solicitor, Harry Raymond.

Mr. Raymond said there was some urgency in moving ahead with the Plan, since the V. L. A. program was due to terminate in two years. He urged Council to confer with officials at a higher government level before arriving at a decision.

Mayor Laushway was firm. He said he personally did not favour as many as 500 people in a rural hamlet and suggested a review of Ballantrae and other similar communities before residential growth got out of hand. He said provisions for servicing such areas could prove costly.

While the majority of members were inclined to agree, councillor Betty van Nostrand did not. "To me," she said, "the subdivision has already proved itself. I'm not convinced the

extension would put the population up over 500".

Councillor Merlyn Baker said he thought V. L. A. benefits would be renewed, as in the past. He noted too that there were many proposals to build in the Ballantrae area. "I don't think one developer should expect to have all the priorities - no matter how much pressure is exerted on this Council".

Later, a Planning Committee resolution, opposing the second phase of development, gained Council support.

## Centennial 'queen'



Sixteen year old Patricia Manley was the happiest girl in Uxbridge, Saturday night. She was selected the Town's centennial queen at a beauty pageant attended by several hundred admirers, including Patricia's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Manley, Uxbridge, R. R. 1. —Jas. Thomas.

## Chain store approved

**STOUFFVILLE** - A new Canadian Tire store, Main Street West, gained Council approval, Jan. 17.

At a special meeting called to consider the development, realtor Harold Wood appeared on behalf of Perivale Investments. With him were Peter Kirkgard, representing Canadian Tire, and the Corporation's solicitor, Bob Spratt.

An agreement had been worked out earlier, after several meetings between the municipality and the principals.

The new store, when completed, will initially cover 7,500 square feet. Included will be four service bays, a retail sales area and storage space. A second phase will add a 'lubritorium' and gasoline sales bar.

The 2-acre site is located on the south side of Main St., ad-

acent to Emerald Isle Motors. A house, presently used as offices by Harold Wood Real Estate, will be demolished before construction starts. The property is owned by Perivale Investments, and Mr. Wood has handled the transactions with Canadian Tire.

Prior to a start on construction, approval must come from the Region of York and the Ontario Municipal Board.

said Council had no legal authority to alter it. Instead, it would have to be approved by ballot.

"It costs me money", complained Mr. Parsons, "the girl in my office has to type it out a hundred times a day".

Other complaints. Mr. Parsons' list of complaints and recommendations went on. He criticized the interior design of the re-modelled municipal office and the impersonal attitude of certain employees. He recommended the setting up of a Ways and Means Committee "to get rid of foolish rules".

With respect to distribution of the Williamson Fund to the needy poor in the Village of Stouffville, Mr. Parsons said such an arrangement was no longer possible since the village, as such, was no longer in existence.

Mayor Laushway said the Town had already received a legal opinion on this point.



The crowning ceremony was handled quite capably by Uxbridge Mayor, Ray Newton. Later, he 'stole' a kiss, just to make the occasion complete. Patricia will now reign over all events during the Town's centennial year. —Jas. Thomas.