



Looking ahead - thirty miles

By Saturday, May 6, an anticipated 500 cyclists will have registered for the Stouffville Lions-sponsored Bike-athon, covering a distance of thirty miles. One of the participants will be 7 year old Jane Huxtable, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Huxtable, Fairview Avenue. The final registration date is April 29. —Jas. Thomas.

Retain C.N.R. station - Roberts

STOUFFVILLE - Three months ago, the Council, Town of Whitchurch - Stouffville, received correspondence from the C.N.R., requesting an

opinion on the possible shut-down of the village station. Members were informed that such an application had been submitted by the railroad to the Canadian Transport Commission.

The Council declined to take an immediate stand, but rather, agreed 'to consider it', and reply later.

This newspaper, however, was definite. In an editorial of the same week, it advocated the maintenance of this landmark structure and the continuation of present service. At the same time, the Publisher appealed to John Roberts, M.P., York-Simcoe, to look into the matter and add his weight to the Tribune's appeal.

This, Mr. Roberts did. At a Transport Commission meeting, April 20, the Member posed this very question.

A transcript of the reply reads in part: "There has been no such application, but this does not mean there will not be. However, under the law, no railway station can be closed without our authority. Where passenger service operates, we have always prescribed that the stations must be kept open, cleaned, heated, lighted and available for the use of passengers; also other arrangements for the purchase of tickets would have to be made".

The Chairman repeated that, to his knowledge, no such application, related to the Stouffville Station, had been received. Mr. Roberts was assured by the Commission that the matter would be looked into more closely and the confirmation placed in writing.

Splash!

UXBRIDGE - A target date of May 31 has been set for completion of a new \$262,000 centennial indoor swimming pool in Uxbridge Town. Betz Pools Ltd., of Stouffville, has the contract.

Shot in head - lives

STOUFFVILLE - Twenty-one year old Wayne Barber, formerly of R.R.3, Stouffville, remains in 'fair' condition, following surgery to remove a bullet from his head. The young man, according to reports, was struck down in a Nanaimo, B.C. restaurant, during a shooting spree, that killed a 16 year old girl. Two other persons were injured. Witnesses said a man, brandishing a .22 calibre pistol,

Suburban mail service soon in Stouffville

Locate group boxes half mile from Office

STOUFFVILLE - A convenient new postal delivery service will be introduced soon to a section of Stouffville, to accommodate up to 600 householders, presently receiving mail downtown.

Eleven individual group boxes will be located in areas one-half mile or more from the central Post Office. The sections are Stouffer Street east and Fairview Avenue west. Mail will be delivered to these boxes daily, Monday through Saturday, by 11 a.m. Mail posted at these locations, will be picked up at the same time. No fee is charged, but each box-holder must purchase his own padlock. No mail will be placed in a box that does not contain a permanent lock.

Notification of the new plan has already been sent out to persons affected, and replies to date have been favorable by 10 to 1.

Stouffville Postmaster, Jack Sanders said the service was given serious consideration after Town Council sent a letter to federal authorities, requesting a change. He said the group boxes would serve as a stop-gap until the village warrants door-to-door delivery. For this, 2,000 'drops' are required. At present, Stouffville has about 1,500.

Mr. Sanders said that while no one is obligated to obtain mail through this method, the low cost and convenience should make it worthwhile for most. It will also release several hundred boxes in the main Post Office to persons whose names have been on a waiting list for some time.

Coupled with the convenience of the group box plan, a sub-post office has been arranged for Widdifield's Drug Store in the Stouffville Plaza, where stamps and money orders may be obtained. Alterations are presently underway and should be completed by early May, Mr. Sanders said.

All parcels and registered mail must be picked up downtown.

A single carrier will be required to take care of in-town pickups and deliveries. The contract has not been let.

In addition to mailing cards and letters at a group box, the ten red boxes, scattered about the town will also be maintained.

The more personalized service, to the 11 group box sites, will begin early this summer.

Music Mania

April 28-29

STOUFFVILLE - Music Mania '72, the year's top community entertainment program, is all set to go, this Friday and Saturday, in the auditorium of Stouffville Dist. Secondary School at 8 p.m.

Proceeds will be used to assist in equipping the new Latham Hall in the Stouffville Park.

Sell-out crowds are anticipated both nights.

Among the originals since the show was introduced twelve years ago are - Lorne and Marion Bowdway; Bud Sanderson, Wally Lee, Percy Schell, Lloyd and Bea Jennings, Kay Downswell, Molly Mumford, Ken and Priscilla Gamble, Bill and Marg Murphy, Les and Audrey Clarke, Don and Helen Huxtable, Glenn and Pat Byer and Ivan Harris.



Student 'Queen'

Seventeen year old Vicki Aldred, Grade 12, is the Centennial 'queen' of Uxbridge Secondary School. She was selected at a semi-formal Spring Prom, April 21. Her attendants were, Jill Doble, Grade 13 and Wendy Kester, Grade 11. Vicki is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Aldred, Mill Street, Uxbridge. —Jas. Thomas.

Two breakins too many

STOUFFVILLE - For the second time in three weeks, the office premises of Les Wilson Motor Sales, Main Street West, has been entered and ransacked by thieves.

For the proprietors, it is two times too many.

A spokesman for the firm was critical over the police handling of the report. The dispatcher, he said, had never heard of us, and had to be told how to get here. He also criticized the lack of results. "All they (the police) know is how to write out parking tickets and drive customers out of town," he said.

Regional Inspector, Wally Harkness said the department was plagued by similar offenses throughout the area. He promised to check into the Stouffville break-in personally and see if matters could be speeded up.

In the first entry, about \$50 was taken. The loss in the second, has not been estimated.

Halt bootleg garbage

STOUFFVILLE - Acting on an eye-witness report, Mayor Ken Laushway went to the highest authority in the province to have a 'stop order' issued on garbage disposal at a gravel pit site on the Bloomington Road, east of Hwy. 48, Tuesday.

The location is a half-mile from Stouffville's water reservoirs.

Mayor Laushway told Council that on visiting the property he found several truckloads of refuse, freshly dumped. Evidence was supported by Marshall Miller, Bylaw Enforcement Officer.

When first attempts to halt the flow ran into legal 'red tape', the

Mayor contacted Member Bill Hodgson (York-North) and the Minister of Environment, Hon. James Auld. The decree soon followed.

When questioned by councillor Tom Lonergan, concerning the Town's failure to lay charges, Mayor Laushway said his immediate desire was to get the dumping stopped. "It would have taken weeks under the bylaw", he said.

The Mayor was commended on his success in warding off what could have been, a serious situation.

A letter in this connection, a copy of which was sent to Mayor Laushway, is published on Page 3.

Silence breeds concern

STOUFFVILLE - Contrary to reports of suggested 'apathy' concerning the proposed Airport in Pickering Twp., Bill Hodgson, M.P.P., York-North claims the

project has aroused considerable concern in the Stouffville area.

In a 'Report from Queen's Park', submitted to The Tribune this week, Mr. Hodgson pinpoints the reason for concern to a lack of adequate information.

"People ask if there is a real need for the Airport? - Am I in the noise zone? - Will I be compensated for devaluation of my property? - Why is my property 'frozen'? - 'I'd like to be able to answer these questions, but this pertinent information has not been released," he said.

Mr. Hodgson noted that M.P., John Roberts at the federal level was encountering the same problem. He said he was hopeful some facts would be made known at an Airport Information Meeting in Stouffville Dist. Secondary School, May 1.

Airport facts May 1

STOUFFVILLE - Factual information, related to the proposed International Airport in Pickering Twp., has been promised for a public meeting, May 1.

The gathering, organized by the Council, Town of Whitchurch - Stouffville, will be held in the auditorium of Stouffville Dist. Secondary School, Edward Street. The time is 8 p.m.

Officials representing the Federal Dept. of Transport and the Ontario Dept. of Municipal Affairs, will attend along with York-Simcoe M.P., John Roberts, and York-North M.P.P., Bill Hodgson.

Area residents, particularly those directly affected by the planned project, are urged to attend.

'Popped'

STOUFFVILLE - The Stouffville Branch of P.O.P., (People or Planes); was 'popped', Tuesday, when delegates appeared before Town Council.

Their request to have a spokesman accompany government officials on the platform at the High School, May 1, was rejected. The decision was protested, without success.



Thirteen year old gymnast displays her skills

A very successful Athletic Night was held, April 20, at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School, with dozens of students participating in a two-hour program. One of these was 13 year old Jennifer

Smith of Grade 8, a promising gymnast. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Donald Smith, Russell Avenue.

—Jas. Thomas.

Uxbridge demands airport answers

GOODWOOD - The senior governments have made Township Council "obsolete", according to Mrs. Eleanor Todd, of Goodwood.

Mrs. Todd's letter was discussed at a meeting Apr. 17. She stated her objection to the Airport and asked whether Council could provide additional details about the site.

Clerk Don Kennedy revealed he has been unable to arrange a meeting between Council and the project representatives, and added - "They can't answer the question you want answered anyway".

Reeve Bob Nesbitt did not appear pleased concerning this.

"I want to know how they're going to protect people from problems like noise and pollution", he stated. "I can't take a stand one way or the other until we get some answers".

"What about compensation for our loss in assessment?" asked the Reeve.

"Tell them to get off their backsides", suggested Councillor Frank Hendy.

A period of heated discussion followed. At one point, Councillor Clark Muirhead suggested that, in some instances, there might be a sound case for legal action against the federal or provincial governments.

A resolution was put forward by Mr. Muirhead, seconded by Mr. Hendy, to seek some answers. Specific questions are:

(1) Who will be responsible for the health, safety, and welfare of residents in the expropriated area;

(2) Who is to be responsible for maintenance of roads in the expropriated area;

(3) What grants will be paid to the municipality in lieu of taxes, and how will the amounts be determined; and

(4) How will people in the land freeze areas be compensated?

Woman still missing

MARKHAM - The mysterious disappearance of a 68 year old Markham area lady has so far baffled York Regional police.

Mrs. Aubrey Brooks, Hwy. 7, R.R.1, Markham, was last seen, March 4. All relatives and friends of the missing woman have been checked, with no results.

Inspector Wally Harkness has expressed concern over the woman's prolonged absence and has assigned two detectives, Bruce Findlay and Bob Smallbone to work full-time on the case.

Mrs. Brooks is described as 4'11" tall; 115 pounds; short, wavy hair and hazel eyes. When last seen, she was wearing a black or dark blue coat.

Anyone with information on this matter is urged to call 887-5877 immediately.