



Spring festival features 'the good life'

Fresh air, clear water, good friends - these things and more were pointed up as benefits to be gained from country living, as rural Pickering hosted thousands of visitors on the weekend. Billed as a 'Spring Festival', the organizers had events and attractions set up in every hamlet. This location is the Bassett Farm, conc. 8. The mid-stream wader is 15 year old Vicki Lindop, Glengall Lane, Stouffville. —Jas. Thomas.

Can't sell liquor — only give it away

STOUFFVILLE - In the Town of Whitchurch - Stouffville, organizations are prohibited from selling liquor. But they can give it away.

Peculiarities of provincial law governing the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages, were strongly criticized at a meeting of the Stouffville Community Centre Board, May 4.

The majority of members could see nothing wrong with the serving of liquor in Latcham Hall if proper regulations were followed.

Councillor Tom Lonergan, however, opposed this stand, pointing to other locations in town that could cater to such functions. "I don't think it's necessary to allow liquor to be sold in every public hall", he argued.

On a recorded vote, councillor Lonergan was supported by Mrs. Fran Wylie while Ed Grimshaw and Wilf Morley were in favor. Chairman Lloyd Jennings cast the deciding vote, allowing liquor to be served.

However, the issue didn't end there.

An application was read from the Stouffville Players theatrical group, requesting the Hall in June for a fund-raising masquerade ball, at which liquor would be served.

Mr. Morley admitted that only through the sale of liquor, could a profit be realized.

But councillor Lonergan was not convinced. He advocated a ban on liquor sales, regardless of circumstances.

His stand met with general agreement after members were reminded that liquor cannot be sold anywhere in Whitchurch - Stouffville, except at provincial stores.

To avoid legal provisions surrounding the factor of a 'dry' area, it had been the practice at various events, to sell tickets on a draw. The purchase of a ticket entitled the holder to one 'free' drink. There has been some slackness about this lately, and police have begun to 'crack down'.

Pentecostal 'tenants' refused park hall

STOUFFVILLE - Latcham Hall, built and donated to Whitchurch - Stouffville by Arthur Latcham, will not be rented out to any religious organization for the purpose of regular worship on a continuing basis.

The resolution, approved by the Stouffville Community Centre Board, May 4, followed a second appeal, placed before the members by Rev. S. A. Grant, pastor of the Stouffville Pentecostal Church. At present, the congregation holds services in the Community Centre at Altona.

Rev. Grant said a site for a church had already been purchased and the use of the Hall would serve only as a stop-gap

until the new sanctuary was built. "We feel we have a service to offer people, and we should be located where the people are," he said. Rev. Grant was unable to suggest a firm date when work might begin on the building, but suggested it would be within two or three years.

On the question of why the congregation had not acquired the former Anglican Church property on Main Street when it was available for \$8,000, the minister said the site was too small to accommodate future expansion.

The Board, while sympathetic to the pastor's cause, felt it unwise to permit any one group to utilize the hall regularly for such a long period of time.

Crushed by farm tractor

BOGARTTOWN - A 42 year old Bogarttown farmer remains in serious condition in York County Hospital, Newmarket, following an accident on his property, Sunday afternoon.

Clifford Jones was pinned under his overturned tractor for half an hour until released by tow truck operators, police and ambulance crews.

Although the cause of the mishap was not immediately determined, it is understood the tractor was on a steep hill, causing the operator to lose his balance and fall off. The machine then toppled back, pinning the farmer beneath.

Although critical when admitted, the farmer is now reported slightly improved.

Residential lots priced at \$18,000

MARKHAM - The price of serviced residential lots in the old Town of Markham, has climbed to an all-time high - close to \$18,000.

This figure, reported to The Tribune by a private resident, has been pretty well confirmed by James Ireton of Thos. N. Shea Real Estate Limited.

Mr. Ireton said that in the past few months, an increase of about \$2,000 on most properties was general. In Sherwood Estates, a choice lot was priced at around \$15,000. By now, he said, it would be closer to \$18,000.

Raw land, close to a developed area, holds an asking price of about \$18,000 per acre. Mr. Ireton attributes the increase to 'supply and demand'.

"The airport announcement isn't really a factor," he said, "the number of homes is limited".

Shea's Stouffville representative, Cec Hendricks, said a serviced residential lot would sell for perhaps \$9,000. Newer homes are bringing from \$28,000 to \$32,000 he concluded.

Health Centre

MARKHAM - A Community Health Centre, to operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, may be constructed on part of the York - Markham Hospital site, conc. 9 and Church Street, Markham.

The project was discussed at a directors' meeting of the York - Markham Hospital Board, May 11.

It was felt that the Clinic could serve as a local centre for minor surgery rather than have patients sent to hospitals in Scarboro, Richmond Hill or Newmarket where accommodation is already over-taxed.

A questionnaire will be circulated throughout the Markham, Unionville, Stouffville area to obtain a cross-section of opinion.

Wreck airport survey tower

GREEN RIVER - A 110 foot survey tower, erected by the engineering firm of Marshall, Macklin and Monaghan at a site on Sideline 26, between Hwy. No. 7 and conc. 7, Pickering Twp., was pulled to the ground and wrecked, Sunday night.

The steel structure, although privately owned, had been leased to the federal government for work in connection with the proposed international airport project.

Tire marks leading out of the field onto the road indicated a large machine, possibly a diesel farm tractor, was used to snap the structure free from its cement base.

It cost \$2,500 to install the tower, a company spokesman said. Damage has been estimated at \$5,000.

The act of vandalism, the first major incident reported in the area, came as no real surprise to workmen. They noted, however, that police patrols had been stepped up to prevent such occurrences, and with considerable success. "I guess they didn't get around Sunday night," said the spokesman, "at least not at the right time."

The loss is covered by insurance.

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Town Council members split on onus of responsibility for Sunday Sports decision

STOUFFVILLE - By a vote of 5-2, Whitchurch - Stouffville Council has agreed to the preparation of a Bylaw that would legalize certain Sunday sports within the municipality, without putting the question to the electorate.

The decision to proceed in this

manner was included in a motion put forward by Mayor Ken Laushway, May 9. It was supported by councillor Tom

Lonergan and passed. "I'll take the responsibility for passing this," the Mayor said, "I think this is a responsibility

Council should accept. The whole question has been hidden behind a cloak for years."

Mr. Laushway said many of the sports now going on, were done so, illegally.

"Times are changing," he continued, "people have come to expect sports events on the Sabbath". He noted that last winter, for the first time, the arena was open for skating on Sundays - and no one complained.

A 1968 amendment to the Lord's Day Act (Ontario), provides that such activities be legalized either through passage of a bylaw or by a referendum, held in conjunction with elections this fall.

Councillor Gordon Ratcliff stated his position quite plainly - put the question to the people.

A similar stand was taken by councillor Merlyn Baker. "We hear more and more about shorter work weeks and more leisure time," he said, "but it has to go into God's day. I think His laws are more important than ours."

Councillor June Button was just as blunt, only in an opposite way. "If the Council can do it, the sooner the better," she said.

Councillor Tom Lonergan pointed out that the Provincial Act bars any activities before 1:30 p.m., so sports would not conflict with church services.

Councillor Baker said that while he could not support the resolution, he would assist in the drafting of the Bylaw, "if that is the wish of Council."

The committee hopes to have the draft ready for the next meeting, May 23, at 1:30 p.m.

Carry Centennial torch

UXBRIDGE - Not all young people these days are totally preoccupied with drugs and protests.

Thirty students, from Uxbridge schools, will demonstrate this graphically at the beginning of June, when they participate in a 240-mile marathon. This will take place in conjunction with the opening ceremonies for Uxpo, the town's centennial celebration.

A ceremonial torch will be lighted in Ottawa, June 3, by M.P. Norm Cafik and Prime Minister Trudeau. The students, running in relays, will carry the torch to Uxbridge. It will be presented to Mayor Ray Newton and Governor - General Roland Michener, to light the Town's centennial flame at 2 p.m., June 5. This will signal the beginning of week-long Uxpo festivities.



Rock-a-bye babies — all sixteen of them

When 16 little puppies arrive on the scene, it takes considerable planning to provide for their needs. So it was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gibson, Mongolia. A special upstairs

room was turned over to Heidi and her family. It's a first litter for the affectionate St. Bernard. Not bad for a start. —Jas. Thomas.

Mother of 4 dies in crash

RINGWOOD - A tragic two-car crash, May 10, west of Ringwood, took the life of a 33 year old Stouffville mother of four.

Mrs. Carole McConnell, Manitoba Street, was killed almost instantly, when her westbound auto was in collision with a second vehicle, travelling east.

The other motorist, Mrs. Agnes Sloan, 69, of Willowdale, was said to be the holder of a learner's permit. Her passenger has not been identified.

The impact, on a slight hill, was almost head-on.

The victim's two year old son, Dale, was seated in the front seat with his mother. His condition is reported as 'fair' in Scarboro Centenary Hospital.

The other children include, Stephen, 14; Debbie, 12; Colleen, 10. Married in 1956, the couple moved to Stouffville 13 years ago.

Surviving also are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sully, Toronto, and three sisters, Patricia (Mrs. Herb Baxter), Kennebec; Cathy (Mrs. Stanley Starink), Toronto - and Margie (Mrs. Larry Bangsund), Picton.