



A classroom in the country

Not all education is acquired in a school, at least not for 13 year old Mimi DePelteau, (left), St. Eustache, Quebec, and her hostess for the past ten days, Lorraine Carson, R.R.2, Clarendon. Mimi is here on a student exchange, her third visit to

Ontario. Although she speaks English exceptionally well, she hopes, through association to become even more fluent. Mimi loves country life and likens the open fields to a 'classroom without walls'. —Jim Thomas.

Town Recreation Committee

Objection stops dance

STOUFFVILLE - An open-air square dance, planned for a circular area on Maystone Court in The Ponderosa, has been cancelled, after a poll of residents, failed to gain 100 percent support.

The social function, to be sponsored by the Whitchurch-

Stouffville Recreation Committee, was conditional on approval of all persons living on the street and nearby sections of Glengall Lane and Elm Road.

Member Jim Thomas introduced the idea and agreed to canvass all persons that could be affected by the event. He called on twenty home-owners.

The only concern expressed was related to problems of trespassers on private property. Others, however, requested assurance that off-street parking would be provided, alcoholic beverages would not be allowed and proper washroom facilities would be arranged.

While the committee considered the location as ideal and the suggested problems as minor, members agreed to abide by the original recommendation "total support or nothing at all".

The proposal was introduced, following complaints from several Ponderosa residents that their section seemed excluded from the rest of town.

It was the committee's contention, that a dance, open to everyone, might help to break down this barrier. However, members refused to be part of any function that could impair rather than improve relations with area residents.

Plan to sell century-old hamlet hotel

GOODWOOD - For Sale signs have been erected on the site of 'Goodwood House' the last of four hotels that once served the community. Snelgrove Real Estate has the listing, with the asking price said to be about \$25,000. The local agent is Fred A. Smith.

The history of 'Goodwood House', goes back to the early 1860's, when Michael Chapman came to the area from Goodwood, England, and built the structure. It was then known as Chapman's Hotel. Through the years the building has served as a meeting place for Township Council, a dental 'clinic', a bank, a ballroom, a bowling alley and more recently, an apartment.

To investigate town parking

STOUFFVILLE - A fact-finding committee, to include three members of Council and three businessmen, will investigate parking problems in the downtown area.

The decision, Aug. 4, follows an earlier meeting, with town solicitor, Paul Mingay in attendance to explain the legal aspects of municipal parking lots and parking authorities.

Mayor Ken Laushway said once representatives from the business community are selected, common problems could be discussed and sites visited.

STOUFFVILLE - If you're one of those impatient anglers whose only satisfaction from fishing is catching fish, then Donald and Joyce Burd, Hwy. 48, north of Ringwood have the answer.

For a fee of \$5, you can match your wits with the more than 600 wily rainbow trout that inhabit their pond. On a weekend, it's not unusual for 200 people, including men, women and children to try their luck.

The largest specimen landed so far, measured 22 inches long and weighed 5 pounds. Every catch carries an 'entertainment' charge of 10 cents an inch.

Don and Joyce are enthusiastic about their new pay-as-you-fish operation, not so much from a monetary standpoint but for the enjoyment and recreation it provides. He hopes to add two new ponds next year.

However, the project has its problems. "I never seem to find time to go fishing myself", he complained.

And no wonder. In addition to feeding and caring for 600 fish, Don is the greens' superintendent at Kleinburg Golf Course and a part-time auctioneer.

Many customers, Don feels, are chaps who enjoy fishing, but dislike returning home empty-handed.



A pond, stocked with 600 rainbow trout, awaits the avid rod and reel artist, one mile north of Ringwood on Hwy. 48. The record catch

so far measured 22 inches and weighed 5 pounds. Here, eight year old David Rimmer, R.R.2, Markham, tries his luck. —Jim Thomas.

Board rejects mushroom plant addition

DICKSON'S HILL - Once burned, twice wary, could be the policy of Markham Planning Committee, in connection with the once-controversial Mushroom Farm operation, 19th Avenue, west of Hwy. 48.

At a meeting, Aug. 3, members flatly rejected an owner's application, that would have doubled the size of the present operation.

Planning Director, Wm. Power said the original building contained 4 growing 'cells'. The latest request was for 4 more, plus a storage area for soil and a garage for materials and equipment.

A solicitor for the firm of Mingay and Shibley, Markham, informed members that regardless of opposition, his clients intended to continue business at the

site. He noted, however, that to restrict expansion, would force the owners to cut back on attempts to beautify the premises.

"They can't stop them, but if this application is rejected, it would appear someone is trying to force them out", he said.

With the exception of Roy Muldrew, there was little discussion. "We must take a stand",

insisted Mr. Muldrew. "My opinion hasn't changed as of four months ago". His motion to reject the application was supported by member Murray Henderson and passed.

It was back in August, 1971, that the original permit for the 'factory' was issued. The decision aroused considerable protest from adjacent home and lot-owners.

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Town conservation area said 'a hazard'; urge safeguards

Police break theft ring

STOUFFVILLE - York Regional Police officials are confident they have broken a 'theft ring', involving five youths, three from Stouffville.

Charged by Detectives Arthur Haney and Barry Delaney are - Joseph Michael Blundell, 18; Daniel Blundell, 19 and Kenneth McGinty, 16, of Stouffville; Allan John Stapleton, 22, of Scarboro and Douglas McDougall, no fixed address.

Break-ins, the majority within the last six weeks, occurred at The Cascade Restaurant, Markham; Guaranty Trust, Stouffville; Card's Hardware, Stouffville; Three Bears Variety, Stouffville; Walker's Cleaners, Stouffville; Chas. Richards and Sons, Stouffville; Park Refreshment Booth, Stouffville; Stouffville Co-operative; Crest Hardware, Stouffville; Peter's Service Station, Ballantrae and the private homes of Belfry Hamilton, Elliott Angus and Marie Adams.



Convenes trip

Minor hockey convenor, Edward Grimshaw of Stouffville, is busy finalizing plans for a trip this winter, that will take the town Bantam team to Switzerland. The club will participate in a tournament next January, travelling both ways by charter jet. Details of the tour will be outlined at a public meeting. Tickets, at a reduced rate, will be available to all persons, wishing to go along.

Many young people use man-made lake

STOUFFVILLE - The Stouffville Conservation Area, that includes a man-made lake and flood-control dam, poses a definite hazard to young people who use the site regularly, members of the Town Recreation Committee were told at a meeting, Aug. 2.

Peter Sanderson, manager of the Community Swimming Pool, said the property, supposedly private, but not adequately signed or patrolled, was an open invitation to serious injury or death.

"A drowning there would be disastrous," he said. Mr. Sanderson told of inspecting the pond location and finding between 50 and 75 young people in the water. He said that one 16 year old had fallen over the spillway.

Mr. Sanderson said too, that it was common practice for some boys to dive from abutment railings.

But rather than close down the site, the spokesman had another

suggestion. He recommended the Town make representation to the Authority and request the Area be opened to the general public, particularly during the summer months. He said a co-operative program could be worked out with the Pool, the same as had been undertaken in Markham and Uxbridge. He said that, in time, as Stouffville grows, the pond might be used in conjunction with the Pool, thus easing future accommodation problems.

Mr. Sanderson produced a sketch layout of the Area, indicating such facilities as swings, slides, picnic tables and washrooms. He said his thoughts on the subject were similar to those put forward by Wayne Feasby, also a Pool employee.

He noted that the proximity of the high school to the Pond, made it a favorite site for students to gather, during the months of May and September. He said the general public could use it during July and August. "The thing is," said Mr. Sanderson, "it's being used now, so why not make it safe."

Committee members gave the proposal unanimous support, with several agreeing the site could become a recreation centre during the winter months as well.

Mrs. Betty vanNostrand recommended that a similar presentation be made to Council, with assurance of Committee support. Mr. Sanderson agreed.

Only birds fly over the President's house

MARKHAM - One of the severest penalties ever handed a professional golfer came to light recently when it was learned that Burt Turcotte of Buttonville had been suspended 15 days for flying out-of-bounds.

Turcotte, who owns the

Buttonville Golf Club, was nabbed by U.S. federal agents in Fort Lauderdale after a sightseeing cruise he provided for his wife, unwittingly took them over forbidden airspace - namely, the Key Biscayne residence of Richard M. Nixon.

The Feds grabbed him when he landed and wanted to know why he was casing the Florida White House. "Honest," said Turcotte, "I don't even know where Pierre Trudeau lives - much less your guy."

Pay-as-you-fish trout pond tempts area anglers

Teen minority needs help

STOUFFVILLE - While members refuted the suggestion that "there's nothing to do in Stouffville", co-ordinator Chris Hobbs told a meeting of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Recreation Committee, Aug. 2, that all young people in town weren't interested in hockey, softball and tennis.

Mr. Hobbs said the former Anglican Church on Main Street would serve as an ideal location for 'kids' to meet on a regular basis. He noted, however, that the most recent coffee house program carried on there, tended to 'push' the religious theme too much. "To be handed a religious pamphlet the moment you walk in the door, turns some kids off", he said.

Member Wilfrid Morley said he had taken the time to visit a 'drop-in centre' in a community larger than Stouffville, and was impressed with the activity carried on there. He suggested that while rules and regulations were required, these should be enforced, not by adults, but by a select group of teenagers, capable of accepting responsibility.

Mr. Hobbs agreed to contact several young people of this calibre and invite them to the Committee's next meeting, Aug. 30.