



"Honest, I've Been Good"

Nine year old Angie Johnson, Main Street, Stouffville, has a heart-to-heart talk with Santa Claus at St. James Presbyterian Church Sunday School Christmas Party, Dec. 8.

Jet noise concerns Claremont principal

CLAREMONT - With the Claremont Public School, including a recently completed \$150,000 classroom and auditorium addition, located on the north easterly edge of the proposed airport site, Principal Alban Ward fears for the problems that could result.

Mr. Ward indicated that not only might the teachers and students be plagued by noise, but up to 150 children could be moved out of the area through expropriation of land.

The Principal stated that when the Airport announcement was made public, the plans for the school addition had been finalized. Since more accommodation was required, the Board agreed to proceed with the project, rather than put up with additional months of overcrowding.

In speaking against the Airport, Mr. Ward made it clear his feelings were his own, and not necessarily that of any other individual or trustee.

The Principal said some pupils had already been moved more than once during their young lives. He said that such shifts in so short a space of time, had detrimental effects on their progress.

He spoke of the 'annoyance factor' caused by noise, and the now familiar 'jet - pause' teaching practices, employed in some schools close to airport sites.

"I feel it would be difficult to operate a school under these kind of conditions", he said.

Hydro study

VANDORF - Within the next six to eight months, meetings will be held within concerned communities, to hear complaints and listen to proposals concerning the proposed Hydro Tower Line, originally slated for routes through Whitchurch - Stouffville, Uxbridge and Pickering, or south through Whitchurch - Stouffville and Markham.

The promise of public discussion followed a meeting in Toronto, Dec. 7.

In attendance from Whitchurch - Stouffville were Mayor-elect Gordon Ratcliff, councillor Merlyn Baker, Ward 3; councillor-elect Art Starr, Ward 1; Lawrence Hennessey and Town solicitor, Paul Mingay.

Century City land value \$13 million

STOUFFVILLE - Revenue Properties Co. Ltd., owners of Century City land holdings in Uxbridge Township has shown a loss of \$1,117,459 for the first nine months of this year. During this period the company had revenue of more than thirteen million dollars.

The Century City site located on Stouffville's outskirts, is listed in the company's assets at a value of \$13,582,132. The company report notes that about 1,500 acres of the property are to be expropriated for the new International Airport.

The company has taken note of the fact that provincial planning guidelines continue to indicate that the remainder of the land may be used only for agricultural purposes.

There is an amount of \$5,180,754 in mortgages due. The report states, "Virtually no payments have been made on mortgages on the lands or for realty taxes since May 1970".

Decision on traffic control to be Council's top priority

Consider Ballantrae Arena

BALLANTRAE - A new artificial ice arena is being considered for Ballantrae, with the Whitchurch Centennial Centre, a logical location.

A meeting to discuss the proposed project, was held Dec. 3.

Plans call for an ice surface of 100' by 200', with seating ac-

commodation for 1,600. The cost complete, has been estimated at \$350,000.

Government authorities will be approached through Bill Hodgson, M.P.P., York - North and Sinclair Stevens, M.P., York - Simcoe, to learn the amount available in the form of provincial and federal grants.

Analyse congestion on Main Street

STOUFFVILLE - Representatives from the Ministry of Transport - Merv Stevens, Traffic Analysis Engineer - met with Council, Dec. 11, to discuss terms of reference in a Study, subsidized 75 percent by the government, which could be implemented to analyse congestion on Stouffville's Main Street.

Through PITFAR (Program to Increase Traffic Flow and Accident Reduction), the Township selects a consultant to work in conjunction with a Technical Committee, comprising representatives of the Ministry and Whitchurch - Stouffville.

Mr. Stevens explained that PITFAR is geared to probe existing street and traffic patterns with a view to finding solutions that would need moderate expenditure.

Mrs. Cathy Joice and Eldred King, 'new' councillors who will officially take office in January, sat in on the meeting. They wished to know why a sign could not be erected at Ringwood, indicating an alternate route to Hwy. 47 along Bloomington Road.

Mr. Shannon repeated what he had emphasized at a previous meeting with Council, that the Ministry discouraged indiscriminate signing; that such a sign at the intersection of 2, King's highways, would cause confusion to motorists; that authority to create a by-pass would have to come from a 'higher level'.

He suggested, however, that if the results of a PITFAR study indicated the need to re-route traffic, the 'higher level' could be more receptive to the idea. It was estimated that a bypass would not be a probability before 10 years.

Mr. Stevens said that, with guidelines set by Council, a close look could be taken at internal, weekend flow and at the central business section, regarding the need for traffic lights and parking facilities.

A parking survey would establish if shoppers or store owners fill street parking spots; whether off-street parking should be developed to protect the commercial viability of the downtown core against more accessible shopping plazas.

Collation of data would have to be done in summer and the Study would take a year to complete.

Mr. Stevens indicated that, if Council decided to apply for PITFAR, the Ministry would try to fit it into next year's budget but could not guarantee to undertake the Study in '73.

Mayor-elect Gordon Ratcliff concluded, "It is our concern to maintain the core in downtown Stouffville." He promised a decision on the Study would be given "top priority" by the new Council.

Non-institutional home for disturbed children

STOUFFVILLE - A letter from John A. O'Rourke, Aurora, requesting Council's permission to establish a non-institutional private home, in Whitchurch - Stouffville, for children with moderate emotional disturbances, was reviewed by Planning Committee, Nov. 8.

In the letter, Mr. O'Rourke referred to the 12 years of experience he and his wife had gained as child care workers at Thistleton Hospital and, presently, as licensed "parents", operating from their home in Aurora.

He explained that, at the moment, they could care for only two children but, if they moved to a larger house in Whitchurch - Stouffville, they could accommodate five.

He expressed the need for the 'home' setting they could provide: children discharged from treatment centres, and the assistance they could give in helping them to make the transition from institution to community living.

The Committee agreed the

idea and aims set down by Mr. O'Rourke were commendable, but wished to know specifically where, in Whitchurch - Stouffville, he intended to locate.

Councillor Merlyn Baker referred to a previous instance where disturbed children had been integrated into community living, through non-institutionalized private homes, and residents in the area had been very upset.

Members agreed that further information regarding location of the "home" would be necessary.

"It's unfortunate," concluded Mayor Ken Laushway, "that people in this country have not accepted this type of integration yet. It has to be sold to the public."

Reeve would save hotel

GOODWOOD - Reeve Bob Nesbitt appealed to members, attending Council meeting Dec. 11, who will form the new Council in 1973, to give careful consideration to the fate of the old and unique Goodwood Hotel.

He explained that Council had asked that a bylaw be passed to affect its demolition, but added, "I would like to have the building saved. I think, perhaps, there is a place for an eating establishment but we have to find the right person with a lot of money to make it work. I would hate to have it removed by demolition."

Would annex new Airport

YORK REGION - Mayor Bob Forhan of Newmarket has warned York Region municipalities that the new airport and accompanying Cedarwood City should be annexed to York or face serious financial difficulties. All new industry, he declared, would desert the local municipalities for the new area.

Restaurant to file for liquor permit

STOUFFVILLE - Chris Gioicos, restaurant owner in the Stouffville Plaza, will file an application for a liquor permit, following the over 80 percent affirmative vote, Dec. 4.

With lounge facilities already available, he estimated an additional \$7,000 to install a bar. "Stouffville needs it," he said, "at the present time, people are going to Markham or Richmond Hill".

The licence fee is \$10, according to a spokesman for L.C.B.O. The renewal charge

is the same. The official noted, however, that if the application is made through a solicitor, the cost could be considerable, depending on legal fees charged. He observed though, that many apply without legal assistance.

Prior to issuing a permit, the applicant is interviewed by the Board. Certain requirements such as hydro, plumbing and fire regulations must be met.

Following approval, the anticipated waiting period is from 4 to 5 weeks.

Rural sounds squeak squawk

CLAREMONT - The benefits of rural living were expounded by many at the Airport Hearing in Claremont, Dec. 7.

However, one could hardly blame the presiding Chairman, J. W. Swackhamer, for having second thoughts about all this, as he listened to, or attempted to listen to, evidence presented throughout the afternoon.

First, the sound system went wrong, emitting a series of squeaks and squawks; then no sound at all.

Later, when officials at-

tempted to place a map on public display, they found the cement walls unresponsive to thumbtacks.

"Hang it from the basketball thing," called out a member of the audience.

Later still, the Hearing was interrupted when the owner of a red Buick parked the vehicle in the school entrance, blocking all buses arriving for student pickup.

"It's easy to see this isn't the Four Seasons Hotel", commented the Chairman wryly.



Participants In Claremont Christmas Show

The Bond family sisters, including Debbie, Cheryl and Shelly, participated in the annual Christmas Variety Show at Claremont, Saturday.

They were accompanied by their father, Rod. They reside on Ninth Line North, in Stouffville.



Lang Trophy winner

Thirteen year old Peter Mellon of the Stouffville Figure Skating Club came from behind to win the Lang Trophy, emblematic of novice superiority. Peter is a student at St. Mark's Separate School.