



**SCAVENGERS** - The clean-up crew at Silver Creek. The team of six university and high school students are part of a project managed by the Ontario Ministry of the Environment to clean up Ontario's creeks and waterways. Back row: Jim Chuang, University of Toronto, Scott Clayton, Sheridan College, Eric Gibo, Erindale Secondary School and Tob Tenute, Ministry Supervisor. Front row: Donna Jones, University of Toronto, Jacqui DeFreitas, University of Toronto, Anne McFee, Erindale Secondary School. (Herald photo)



**HEAVE HO** - Jacqui DeFreitas and Donna Jones haul a length of sewer pipe from Silver Creek. The two are part of a team of six working to clean up Silver Creek. Some of the junk the crew has found has included mufflers, shopping carts, washing machines and beer bottles. (Herald photo)



**A LOAD OF JUNK** - Donna Jones and Eric Gibo drag a large piece of junk that was lying on the bottom of Silver Creek in Cedarvale Park. The team of six students working on the clean-up project has found a "wide

## UP THE CREEK

### Crews find cars, refrigerators, sewer pipes

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Armed with hip waders, rubber gloves and a couple of shovels, students are cleaning up the garbage in Silver Creek.

The clean-up program is a three-year project of the Ministry of the Environment, and has included the cleaning of streams and waterways throughout Southern Ontario, said Supervisor Rob Tenute. This year's project will cost a total of \$850,000.

Mr. Tenute's team of six students have been concentrating on the sections of Silver Creek flanking heavily

populated or industrial areas in Georgetown. The clean-up spans the part of the Creek running from Chipper Court to Wildwood Road.

"There is such a wide variety of garbage," said Mr. Tenute. "Anything that's manufactured ends up in the Creek."

Beer bottles, pop cans, mufflers, refrigerators and washing machines have been dragged from the creek by the team of students aged 18 to 24. One Toronto crew even found an old Toyota. It was so heavy the crew had to cut the car up with a blow torch to get it out.

"Silver Creek isn't as bad as some creeks I know of," Mr. Tenute said. "Cooksville Creek was known for its shopping carts - we haven't found any shopping carts in Silver Creek yet."

But, there is enough garbage for the crew to gather one to two pick-up truck loads per day.

Three of the students - Jim Chuang, Donna Jones, and Jacqui DeFreitas - are studying environmental science at the University of Toronto. Scott Clayton is at Sheridan College in Oakville and Eric Gibo and Anne McFee are Senior students at Erindale Secondary School.

"It's a good job for students especially those in environmental studies. It gives them an opportunity to work outside and it's interesting, you never know what you'll find," Mr. Tenute said.

On Wednesday, the crew was working in the south-east end of Cedarvale Park on a section of Creek about 100 feet long. Donna Jones chipped a broken piece of concrete sewer pipe but couldn't lift it. Jacqui DeFreitas grabbed an end and the two managed to tip one end of the three-foot pipe out of the water. It was full of mud and debris and more garbage.

"Oh, it smells," Jacqui said. "It looks like there's some little animals growing in there," Donna said.

The pipe was hauled from the water and thrown with a pile of metal and concrete junk the crew had already culled from the Creek that morning.

Very little of it will be wasted. The scrap metal will go to a dealer. Metro Salvage, on Mayes Road in Mississauga. Old tires are sent to a

retreaded or melted to Techni-Treads in Brampton. The crew saves the pop bottles for a coffee fund. The concrete goes to the Britannia Road landfill site in Mississauga.

"The garbage doesn't get there by accident," Mr. Tenute said. "If you own an automobile repair shop, we find mufflers and tires; people throw the junk in the Creek."

There is no guarantee another Ministry clean-up won't have to be launched in another five years. But Rob Tenute said he is hopeful the public will see the benefits of the current project.

If people see that someone is trying to clean up, maybe they won't mess it up next time."

## Town will help team host fastball tourney

The town may pick up the tab for rental of part of the Acton Arena for a fastball tournament Aug. 22 and 23.

Bruce Cargill, one of the organizers of the tournament, asked council Monday to lower a \$364 rental fee for the dressing rooms and the hall for a beer gardens during an Ontario championship junior fastball tournament that weekend.

"It's strictly volunteer. The boys are all 20 and under and the town will have concession booths at the boathouse and in the arena," Mr. Cargill said.

He predicted the 500 to 700 people expected to attend the eight team event will use the concession booths.

"We've been trying to get this (tournament) for three years," Mr. Cargill said.

Mr. Cargill said his organization is

willing to pay a nominal price for the facilities.

Acton Councillor Gerald Renne said the town of Acton will benefit because it will be a showcase for teams from all over Ontario.

"It's a tourism event," Coun. Renne said.

Recreation Director Tom Shepard said the town will have to provide staff for the event since the arena is not normally open.

Councillors decided to allow the tournament organizers to pay the \$364 rent from profits made from the Saturday beer gardens.

But if profits should not go that high, the Town will pay the difference.

There is a \$300 start-up fund in the recreation budget which has not been touched this year, Mr. Shepard said.

## Alliance church gets a 'go-ahead' for worship hall

The Christian and Missionary Alliance Church received permission from the General Committee Monday to rezone a parcel of land on the Eighth Line just north of Sideroad 15 in order to build a new church and day care facility.

The five-acre lot, which fronts on the west side of the Eighth Line, will be rezoned from rural and general residential to institutional to allow the buildings.

The decision must be formally approved by town council Monday.

The General Committee gave its approval despite a letter of objection which claims there is a restricted line of sight along the Eighth Line because of several knolls.

The letter said there have been two accidents in the area over the past year.

However, the Town's engineering department offered no objection to the site plan approval. The exact location of the entrance to the church will be determined during the site plan approval process, a report by Deputy Planning Director Bruce McLean said.

Part of the Eighth Line will be upgraded to a secondary arterial road, Mr. McLean said.

Councillor Lillian Bowman asked town Operations Engineer Ted Drewlo if there is a suitable place for the driveway into the church.

Mr. Drewlo said changes and alterations can be worked into the site plan to solve the sight problem.

However, if some changes have to be made to the road, such as eliminating a knoll to increase the line of sight, the Town will have to pick up the tab, Mr. Drewlo said.

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