

MPP organized leader's Tiny visit

Simcoe Centre MPP Earl Rowe says Tiny Township council is not responsible for Ontario Progressive Conservative leader, Larry Grossman's visit to the Wayne Johnson farm in the south end of the municipality on May 22.

In an interview yesterday Rowe said it was through his office that Grossman visited the site preferred by the North Simcoe Waste Management Association (NSWMA) for the replacement of the Pauze dump the Provincial government will close next October.

At last Tuesday night's meeting of the NSWMA in Penetang, Midland Alderman Buzz Brown was loaded with questions to fire at Tiny representatives on who instigated the visit that saw Grossman support Tiny's opposition to the use of prime agricultural land to house the new dump.

Ald. Brown said he was not asking the questions to be funny but wanted to know who was responsible. Brown also asked why the association was not informed about the event, if

Grossman offered any proposals to another site and if Tiny was responsible, how did their actions fit in with the work of the association?

Yesterday Rowe backed up Darby's statements that the meeting at the farm was arranged by the MPP and not the Township. Rowe said he had spoken to a number of the people involved, Tiny representatives, Wayne Johnston, and owners of property adjacent to the 150 acre farm who were concerned with the use of the land for a dump. Rowe added he has spoken to Elmvalle Councillor, John Brown a number of times and he is concerned about the possibility of a dump contaminating the Town's water supply.

"Mr. Grossman was going to be in the area so I arranged for these people to meet with him," said the MPP. "I didn't want us ending having a meeting of pros and cons about the use of the site on the side of the road. I was just trying to help my constituents."

Although Darby was unaware of why the other members of the NSWMA were not invited to the meeting, Rowe said he wanted Grossman to meet with those Townships near

the site who would be directly affected by a dumpsite being so close.

Rowe said one of the major concerns was a water table underneath the proposed site that is believed

to supply the Town of Elmvalle.

Although hydrogeologist studies show a natural clay belt on the farm that would help retain liquids, Rowe said he has been told the

clay is not very heavy and could easily crack with huge amounts of liquid.

"My other concern is a possibility if there was an accident the poison could get into the Wye Marsh as

well as the Town water system," said Rose.

The Simcoe Centre MPP said he and his party could never condone the use of prime agricultural land for a dump site.

Lieutenant-Governor packs school

The Fesserton Public School can now add the name of Ontario Lieutenant-Governor Lincoln Alexander to their list of credits afternoon Thursday mornings visit by Alexander to the school.

Alexander's name can be added to a list that already includes former Ontario Premier William Davis, former Canadian Governor-General Edward Schreyer, Simcoe North MP Doug Lewis, Canadian Figure Skating Champion Brian Orser and Simcoe East MPP Gord Smith with the Lieutenant-Governor's two hour visit to the small two-room school last week.

Even the overcast skies and cool temperatures didn't dampen the spirits of the grade one, two and three students as they anxiously awaited the appearance of Ontario Lieutenant-Governor as they rolled out a foot-made red carpet for their regal guest.

As the school's guest arrived he was greeted, at his limosine, by his two hostesses grade two students Jodi Treganza and Amanda Archer.

After a brief chat, Alexander and his two escorts made their way into the small school filled with over 150 onlookers and other invited guests for a warm welcome that included a performance of a repertories of songs by the grade one class including two songs from Alexander's mother's homeland of Jamaica.

Alexander was soon made to feel right at home along with the students. Grade two student, Melissa Gill wasn't long making herself comfortable sitting on Alexander's lap, with the shortage of places to sit in the crowded room.

After a presentation to each student of their Canadian Fitness awards and a special presentation of a hand made quilt to the school's retiring janitor, Gary Dwinnell by his Honour, he was asked to sign the school's guest book.

Upon the invitation student, Joshua Lefebvre, Alexander was also asked

to join a very special club at the school for the bright good looking group of people that wear glasses.

Youngster Christy Couper had the honour of presenting the Lieutenant-Governor with a specially made book marking his visit to the school.

"This will be a day I'll long remember," Alexander said.

After saying a few words to the students on behalf of Queen Elizabeth II, Alex-

ander let the students in on a secret. The Governor who will be meeting Her Majesty on this Thursday in England for the first time said he was nervous about what lay in store for him during his 15 minute visitation.

In an answer and question period youngster, Tanya Bertram asked his Honour if he would be back for a visit and Lincoln replied, "If that's an invitation, I'll certainly be back,

I'll try to arrange it when I have the time."

Alexander extended his hand to one student in particular, after learning student Jennylyn Dewar was from his hometown of Hamilton. "When Hamiltonians meet they extend a hand of friendship and a special smile," said Lincoln Alexander.

As Alexander does everyday in the House, the Lieutenant-Governor took his seat in a specially stag-

ed parliamentary debate by the students, lead by House Speaker Melissa Gill, on whether junk food should be allowed in schools or not.

Alexander, a former Minister of Labour in the Federal government commended the students on knowing all of the proper ceremonies involved in the parliamentary debates adding it reminded him of years in the House when he was part of the debates.



Her Majesty's representative

Ontario Lieutenant-Governor Lincoln Alexander was the centre of everyone's attention at the Fesserton Public School last Thursday morning, especially this pair of lovely young ladies. Amanda Archer (left) and Jodi Treganza

played hostess to the school's regal guest during his two hour visit. Alexander agreed to come to Fesserton to meet the students after the pair sent him a copy of their school calendar and a personal invitation.

Kids' activities set for Bayfield Park

Registration forms are now available at the Penetanguishene Municipal Offices for a number of summer programs to keep youngsters busy during the long summer months.

The activities are being offered by the Town's Arena, Parks and Recreation Board in co-operation with the Simcoe County Recreation Department.

From August 11 to August 29 swimming lessons will be taking place at the Bayfield Park daily

from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

The cost for the lessons are \$25 per participant.

Youngsters from five to nine years of age can get in on the fun during the Children's Activity Program that will be held in the Bayfield Park from June 30 to July 4 and again from July 7 to July 11.

Registration deadline for the activity program is June 20. These fees are \$14 for a four day week and \$16 for the full five day program.



Bullseye

Chris Pauze was showing how it was really done in the bean bag throw during Fun Day at Ecole St. Joseph in Penetang on Friday.

Burkevale grads of VIP program

About 40 parents and town officials attended a VIP graduation at Burkevale Elementary School in Penetanguishene last Wednesday. The Grade 6 class performed for the audience before receiving t-shirts and certificates.

VIP, Very Important People, is a pilot program developed by the Ministry of the Attorney-General and the Ontario Provincial Police, to teach Grade 6

students about values, peer pressure and petty crimes.

"They target Grade 6 students because that's the age where kids start to get into trouble," says Grade 6 teacher, Mrs. Hicks. "The kids learned a lot about good and bad lifestyles but I think I learned as much as they."

Hicks says the one hour sessions each week began formally, but within a few classes, the students open-

ed up and the honesty of their comments was revealing.

"We had to maintain a sense of humour throughout the sessions while at the same time dealing with sensitive topics," she says. "It's not like teaching math."

Officer Don Penrose of the Penetanguishene Police taught the program with Hicks and says, "I was apprehensive at first

because I didn't know what stage the students were at in their lives. I think I learned as much from them as we taught."

Penrose says kids today are a lot more aware because of the media, school and peer pressure. "And sometimes police can be narrow minded with kids because they're dealing with troublemakers so often."

The program is designed

to teach students that police are not bad and authority figures are not people to be afraid of. During the sessions, the class visited Penetanguishene's court and spoke with Justice Montgomery about crime and sentencing.

During the presentation, Chief of Police, Robert Cummings gave a brief history on the program and said he wanted it incorporated in all elementary schools in the area.