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## Municipalities are on their own

The Ontario Ministry of the Environment will not guarantee an answer to the North Simcoe garbage problem.

But it should have a "pretty good idea" of what lies in store for North Simcoe's waste by the end of this week, according to ministry official.

Although the ministry is widely expected to solve the problem of where North Simcoe's waste will go when the Pauze landfill site closes Oct. 31, if it fails to come up with something "the municipalities are on their own."

That is the message from the District Of-

ficer of the Ministry of the Environment, Ian Gray.

"I don't know where this idea came from that we would be the savior or something," Gray said last Thursday.

"We can't guarantee anything," he said. But if the Ministry of the Environment does not solve the problem of where to truck garbage after Oct. 31, then the garbage may simply "pile up" in North Simcoe according to the chairman of the North Simcoe Waste Management Association.

"If there is no place to go, the garbage will have to pile up," said Lionel Dion, the

NSWMA's chairman. He said the NSWMA's last hope was the Innisfil landfill site, but that site has been found to be leaking pollutants onto nearby properties making it highly unlikely the government would allow it to take any more waste.

The Ministry's officials, including District Officer Gray, are negotiating with several other landfill sites, including those in Orillia, Barrie, Toronto and even New York State, to accept waste from the six municipalities in the north Simcoe region. Gray said any deal would include waste from Tiny Township, which has left the NSWMA and is attempt-

ing to sue it out of existence.

But NSWMA chairman Dion said the idea of sending waste south of the border is "foolish."

"If it was going to cost \$1 million to go to Innisfil (a landfill site south of Barrie), can you imagine what it would cost to go to New York State?" said Dion.

Still, Gray says the New York plan "was not a frivolous idea. There is already waste going from the Halton Region (near Toronto) down there."

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## Graveyard vandalized

On Tuesday evening, a persons or persons unknown entered St. Ann's Cemetery on Owen St. and caused close to \$2,000 worth of damage.

Groundskeeper Basil Laurin said 36 headstones, in the southwest corner, would have to be replaced with a special crane.

"They have to bring a crane from Orillia, and reglue and straighten the stones."

Laurin said this the first time in recent years such an incident has occurred at the cemetery.

He says there has been a problem with people drinking in the area and added that an amusement arcade nearby increased the number of people loitering close to the cemetery.

Rita Puddicomb, whose husband is buried in St. Ann's, said she was very upset.

"These people seem to have nothing better to do."

Last night the St. Ann's Cemetery Board met to discuss the incident and examine a proposal to make the grounds more secure at night.

Although nobody has been charged in connection with last Tuesday's vandalism, Penetanguishene Police Chief Bob Cummings said his department has a "...very good lead."

Chief Cummings said any further information would be handled in confidence.

If you have information regarding the vandalism at St. Ann's Cemetery call 549-2546. Or you can call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-461-TIPS.

## Tiny to pay

Tiny Township is still a member of the North Simcoe Waste Management Association and will have to pay up its share of the money for the 1985, 1986 and part of the 1987 budgets that it owes.

In a landmark ruling in the Supreme Court of Ontario yesterday afternoon, Mr. Justice Hollingworth ruled that Tiny could not dissolve the NSWMA, as it was attempting to do through the courts.

Furthermore, the court ruled that Tiny must live up to its original agreement with the Association and pay its share of the budget.

However, an arbitrator was appointed to decide exactly how much money Tiny must pay.



### Senseless act

On Tuesday evening after 8:30 p.m. someone entered St Ann's Cemetery and knocked over

36 headstones. Groundskeeper Basil Laurin described it as a senseless act. He added it

would cost between \$1,500 and \$2,000 to reset the stones.

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