

20th anniversary is marked by break-up

There was no celebration of this 20th anniversary. No parties. No cake.

Just a messy break-up. The Township of Tiny spent its 20th anniversary Oct. 7 in the North Simcoe Waste Management Association by letting its membership lapse and planning how to get along by itself.

The township council locked itself behind closed doors last Wednesday talking about what to do in the next few weeks when the Pauze Landfill Site closes.

Both Tiny and the NSWMA will have to take drastic measures to ship their waste out of the area after Oct. 31 when Pauze shuts under government order.

The landfill site is built on sandy soil and is leaking contaminants into the ground.

Both sides will need to take expensive measures after then, as the waste may be shipped all the way to a dump in Toronto. At this point no one except top officials in Environment Minister Jim Bradley's office is quite sure where the waste will have to be taken.

At last Tuesday's NSWMA meeting Anthony Lancia, president of the Tiny Township Ratepayers Association and publisher of the bi-monthly newspaper, The Quill, asked the association if it would be willing to cooperate with Tiny in building a transfer station to hold the garbage temporarily before it gets trucked out.

"We'll probably build our own," said NSWMA chairman Lionel Dion to Lancia. "I'm sure our association would be willing to let them use it, but they'll have to pay their share."

The next day, NSWMA clerk Yvon Gagne spoke over the telephone to Tiny council as they held their closed-door meeting. But no arrangements were made for future cooperation. "I just informed them what was going on," said Gagne.

The provincial government is expected to direct both the NSWMA and Tiny to an emergency landfill site this week.

Meanwhile, the NSWMA has officially applied to the township for permission to go ahead

with a landfill site in the south end of Tiny. That site has been the focus of all the fighting between the two parties, and Tiny is not expected to approve the NSWMA's application. "Obviously Tiny Township will refuse," said Gagne. "But we can't go to the board directly, we have to go through this process."

The association applied to the township for a change to one of its zoning bylaws. However, this was

merely a formality. After 30 days, if Tiny councillors refuse to make the change, the NSWMA can go over their heads to the ministry of the environment for approval.

Tiny attempted to sue the NSWMA out of existence earlier this year and avoid paying its membership dues. It lost the case but is appealing. The NSWMA has spent approximately \$27,000 in lawyer's fees for the case so far.

Recycling is too popular

So many people are now recycling their garbage in North Simcoe that the waste management association is running out of blue bins.

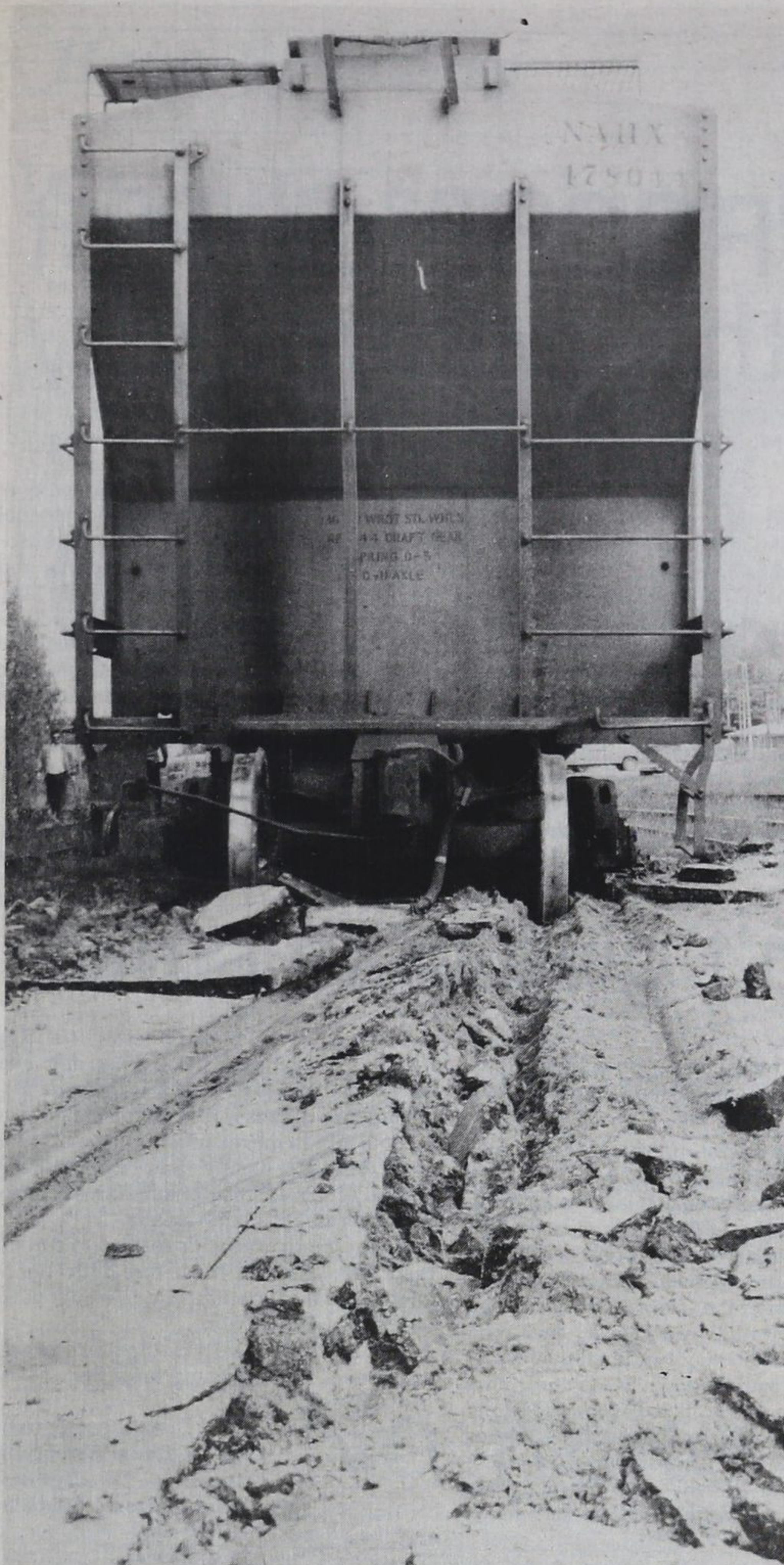
Every week another 60 households in Penetang decide to join in the area's recycling program.

That's according to recycling manager Liz Downer, who gave a report to the North Simcoe Waste Management Association last week.

Increasing the pick-ups from monthly to weekly was "definitely worthwhile doing," she said.

Also, Port McNicoll has seen an increase of 20 households every week

Meanwhile, the association is starting to run low on its supply of blue recycling bins. Almost 7,000 have been given away so far, and it is expected there will be "not too many left by the end of this month," according to Downer.






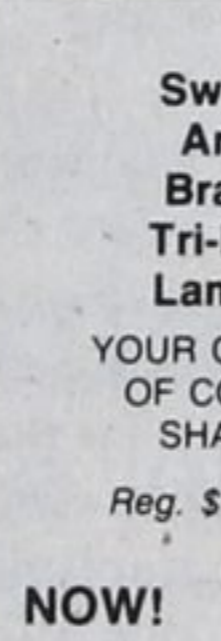



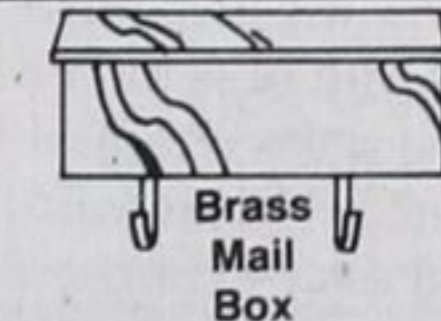
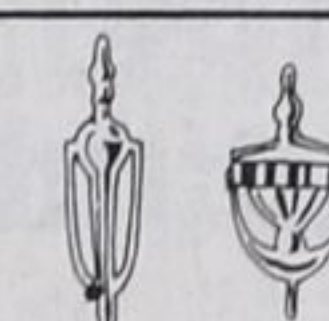



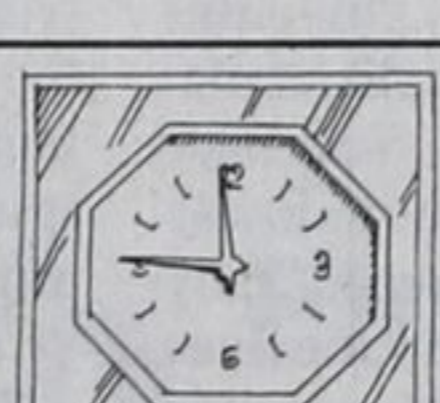




No contest

A roadway for rubber-tired vehicles is no match for the sharp edge of a railway car wheel. A derailed railway car dragged the width of the crossing at the Midland town

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