

# Dump hearing 50th. day



MAPLE — Last Wednesday night was the night reserved for the people to have their say on the massive Maple dump proposals.

But it was also the night for the politicians before the environmental hearing board and an audience of 100 filling the Maple Presbyterian Church hall.

Bill Hodgson, Conservative MPP for York North, was concerned about excessive truck traffic which would be generated by the dumps.

He suggested a ring road around Maple to divert the trucks but would not say if he would vote against the proposal.

A resident put it more bluntly, pleading that the trucks get out of town before someone is killed.

Marion Bryden, the New Democratic Party's environmental critic, told the board there was a need to investigate other methods of garbage disposal.

She said governments committed to seeking alternatives can be judged by the amount they set aside in their budgets for such alternatives.

Alf Stong, Liberal MPP for York Centre, said there was a need to move into the 20th century with the whole problem of waste.

Several residents were concerned

with the chance of the garbage in the deep pits of Superior Sand and Gravel and Crawford Allied Industries polluting the water supply.

The two companies have used up 47 days of hearings so far to present their case, which includes using a plastic substance to seal in the garbage as if it was in giant garbage bags.

Marjuit Dunker of Major Mackenzie Drive, a member of the citizens group, Maple Against Dumping, read a prepared address outlining to the board

the social implications which would stem from approval of the proposal.

Society needs to learn to reduce, reuse and recycle its waste, she said.

Tom Connolly, chairman of M.A.D. said about 15 residents addressed the hearing, all opposing the dump.

The testimony of environmental groups and government agencies is still to come.

Connolly estimated the hearings will take another two months before wrapping up.

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## Head honored

By Jim Irving

RICHMOND HILL — Students from Don Head Secondary School, who visited Cape Croker Indian Reserve last May, not only brought back their impressions of the trip with them, but they put them on display for everybody else to see.

And that display, a relief map of the 800-member Bruce Peninsula reserve, can be seen in the professional library of the York County board of education offices in Aurora.

It's all part of a project "to show how outdoor educational trips can be integrated into a school program and stress environmental importance at the same time."

That's the way project co-ordinator John Wheeler, a teacher at the school, described it.

Wheeler and fellow teachers, Patricia Holden and George Shore, accompanied the 32 students from the school to Cape Croker.

The display, itself, is mounted on a flat surface, about a billiard table in length. Cut away sections indicate underlying geological formations. Explaining these is a legend at the bottom.

An over-all view of the reserve and its people can be seen in the colorful mural by one of the students, Charlene White.

Both Miss White and Tom Carlton, another student, who built up the base of the display, were on hand at the board offices Feb. 28 to explain the project to the board trustees and others, who were meeting that evening. Unfortunately a mix-up kept those trustees, who hadn't read about the project in their agendas, from visiting it.

Another highlight of the display is a unique log book, complete with birch bark cover, giving both a pictorial and written account of the visit by the students to the reserve.

Also included are five notebooks under the title of "Geographical Application of Cape Croker Field Trip."

Compiled by the students, the books contain maps of Canada, Ontario and the Cape area, plus essays on the physiography, geology and land use of the area. There are also graphs illustrating the proportion of various native trees.

The project wasn't just limited to those who took the trip, however. Typing students, for example, typed up the logs, and science students

examined water and soil samples. Mathematical skills were kept sharp in the drawing of profiles of the reserve, which included graphs showing elevations.

In the social science notebooks, there were notes covering a course in Indian studies, including both the history and present-day environment of Canadian Indians.

The Cape Croker reserve is owned by the Newash Band of the Ojibwa Indians.

## Gunnery range?

TORONTO — The Toronto Anglers' and Hunters' Association was expecting to have its proposal to use the Langstaff Jail Farm for a new range shot down today by Toronto city council.

"I don't think there is much chance of it going through," said association director Peter Edwards.

The association, in existence 52 years without an accident, needs a new skeet and trap range because the site at the Downsview air base is slated for a housing development.

The main problem with the vacant Langstaff farm is that it is zoned agricultural. Besides that, using the buildings on the farm "Would cost us a fortune."

The association carries on hunter safety training programs with the ministry of natural resources, trains RCMP officers for their Migratory Bird Convention Act programs as well as the Metropolitan Toronto Police shotgun squad.

Dr. Frank Kortright, after which the Kortright Centre for Conservation in Vaughan was named, was a president of the association.

The association is pleading urgency at city council. They are not sure whether they will have to move in "six months or six years," said Edwards.

There is still an argument over what to do with the land. "The base commander told me 'as long as they keep arguing, they can keep shooting'," said Edwards.

The proposal to city council was a preliminary inquiry, he said. "If you know of any place where we could move, let me know."

## RC Science Fair model flies

Peter Kubik displays a working model for a Bell 206B helicopter entered as an exhibit at the separate school Area 5 Science

Fair held Friday at St. Mary Immaculate school. Peter, a Grade 9 student at St. Robert's, spent six months working on the

model that flies under radio control for 15 minutes. (More pictures, story and winner list Page C3.)

(Photo by Hogg)

# 3 Hill schools' fate is decided for year

By Jim Irving

AURORA — Part of a 1973 motion by York County board of education calling for a gradual phasing out of primary and junior grades in area schools, with Crosby Heights eventually accommodating pupils in grades 6-8 inclusive, was rescinded by the board Monday night.

At the same time, the 1973 motion called for Walter Scott and Beverley Acres schools to accommodate pupils from Kindergarten to grade 5 inclusive.

The motion to rescind the latter, which was requested by a delegation of parents to the board, was made by Trustee William Monroe of Richmond Hill.

It leaves Walter Scott and Beverley Acres teaching Kindergarten to 6,

Jefferson Public School covering 1-6, and Crosby still covering 6, 7 and 8 for 1977-78.

However, it was also decided to conduct a further study in the matter. In the meantime, parents will be given the option of sending their children to the junior or senior school in their area, as proposed by Trustee Robert Houghton of Richmond Hill.

The motion by the board to rescind was a sudden solution to a matter they have been debating with residents of the area for the past few months, including a delegation of parents from the area, Monday night.

The motion ignored recommendations which would see Beverley Acres, Walter Scott and Jefferson continue to offer Grade 6 programs, provided parents of at least 15 pupils

who will be in Grade 6, choose to have them remain in Beverley Acres; at least 10 remain in Jefferson and 15 in Walter Scott.

Monday's delegation, headed by Jean Close and Susan Stoner of Richmond Hill, and Hill Councillor Al Duffy, presented a brief which, among other things, suggested two K-8 schools in the area served by Walter Scott, Beverley Acres and Crosby.

The remaining school would be phased out and used as a community centre.

It was also suggested a study group composed of board members, teachers and parents, be formed "to determine which is the best method of answering the educational needs of our community." This was approved. Councillor Duffy said asking the

children to walk over three major roads and walk by Walter Scott to get to Crosby was "very unfair;" a "band-aid solution."

He asked the 1973 motion be rescinded and a further study be carried out.

John Kippen, assistant superintendent of education, told The Liberal the phasing out program had proceeded without any trouble up until this last year.

Kippen said the original move came about because there were about 100 students in Grades 1-6. These weren't considered enough to sustain the primary and junior school classes.

As a result, it was decided to change the boundaries, but not the schools.

For example, children already at Crosby would stay there. However, no new ones coming up would be enrolled.

# 3 Hillcrest area schools change

AURORA — Approval of several school organization proposals and boundary changes in the Hillcrest area by York County board of education Monday night have drawn criticism from a resident of the area.

"We've really been taken," is the way Mrs. Beverley Breslow of Castlerock Dr., Thornhill, told The Liberal the next day.

"They (the board) didn't leave us time to do much about it. I'm amazed at the alacrity at which it was passed," she said.

Mrs. Breslow was referring to the six recommendations covering Charles Howitt, Roselawn, Ross Doan and 16th Ave. elementary schools, which were

prepared by staff and passed by the board.

All the schools, except Ross Doan, are in Thornhill postal area of Richmond Hill.

The recommendations were the result of an attempt by the board to find a solution to over-crowding in Ross Doan at Weldrick and Avenue Rds.

Earlier board proposals by the board were to move the Grade 4 and 5 classes at the school to four other schools in the area.

Monday night the board accepted the following slate of recommendations: Effective Sept. 1, 1977, 16th Ave. school will go from K-6 to K-5. This will place all pupils in Roselawn for a minimum of

three years; present Ross Doan Grade 4 pupils, who will be in Grade 7 in 1977-78, will also attend Roselawn.

Effective Sept. 1, 1977, the southeast part of the present Ross Doan attendance zone, will become part of 16th Ave. attendance zone. This will include both sides of Castlerock Dr. from the Little Don River to Avenue Rd., both sides of Rathfon Cres. and both sides of Springhead Gardens from Avenue Rd. to the northern intersection, with Rathfon Cres. on one side and Denava Gate on the other.

Pupils enrolled in Ross Doan on March 14, 1977, will be allowed by parents' choices to remain in Ross Doan for 1-4, rather than having to switch to 16th Avenue. Pupils moving into the zone between March 15 and June 30, 1977, will be enrolled in 16th Avenue.

Also effective Sept. 1, 1977, that part

of Charles Howitt attendance zone, (Roselawn for 6-8) which includes both sides of Rutherford Rd., between Bathurst and Dufferin Sts., will be made part of the Joseph A. Gibson attendance zone, (George Bailey for 7-8). The present four pupils (grade 5-8) in this zone will be allowed to complete their grade 8 in Roselawn.

The situation will be kept under review for Sept., 1978.

Mrs. Breslow said all that was needed in Hillcrest was a one-year plan, seeing as a study of the area was going to be made.

She said her group prepared a statement on the matter for the board and press Monday night, but the statement had not been followed up by staff, nor handed out to the press.

Mrs. Breslow said parents in the area were hoping to arrange a meeting with the education minister soon.

## Chamber insists

RICHMOND HILL — To reject creating an organization responsible for attracting industry to Richmond Hill "is not the right thing to do", a member of the town's chamber of commerce told council last week.

Glen Waugh, of the chamber's civic industrial committee, suggested an industrial committee could serve as a buffer between development and the town.

"A gap exists between council and the chamber of commerce. An industrial committee of some type might prove in time to be worthwhile", Waugh said.

A staff report concerning an industrial commission in the town, recommended that because of the shortage of serviced industrial and commercial land, no body be established for promoting its sale and development.

"The establishment of such a body,

without owning a supply of serviced land, would be like hiring a salesman without giving him a sample case," the report said.

The report did recommend that in the new Official Plan consideration be given to creating acceptable balances between commercial and industrial, versus residential assessment.

This could be achieved, the report suggests, by including in the Official Plan a provision to maintain the ratio between the growth in residential assessment and the growth in industrial-commercial assessment.

The report also recommends that Richmond Hill become a member of the Industrial Developers Association of Canada and the Ontario Industrial Development Council.

Mayor Schiller and Councillor Mike Burnie will meet with the chamber to discuss alternatives to the staff recommendations, council decided.



(Photo by Hogg)

## Roselawn blast off

It was only seconds before blast off as Glenn Woerffel, 12, a Grade 6 pupil at Roselawn senior public school prepared Nike X rocket for launching. Three classes at the school have spent the last term learning

skills and techniques for launching model rockets. The rocketry program has become the vehicle for developing and reinforcing science and mathematics skills.

RICHMOND HILL — Somewhat dissatisfied with the proposed interchanges of Highway 404 with regional roads, Richmond Hill council approved in principle Monday of last week, the design of Highway 404 between Highway 7 and Gormley Road.

The plan for the four-lane, 70 mile-per-hour facility was presented to council by Len Duchack, the project engineer representing the ministry of transportation and communications.

The first segment of the new highway is now under construction between Steeles Avenue and Highway 7, with projected completion in early 1978, Duchack said.

Work on the section north of Highway 7 is expected to begin early in 1978.

Council was concerned the plan does not provide for a major interchange at 16th Avenue. Instead it is planned that 16th Avenue will pass under Highway 404.

"This will allow widening of 16th Avenue to four lanes," Duchack said. He added there is not enough room at this point in the road to provide for an interchange.

Council was also concerned about the traffic noise that could result from the highway. Duchack said the ministry was responsible for noise abatement on new highways, "but Highway 404 has

been on the books since 1959".

"Since it is not considered a new highway, we won't be taking any steps," he said.

The highway plan will not provide for underpasses for cattle or machinery, "since the owners on one side are different than on the other", Duchack said.

Under design is a proposed underpass at the Rouge River. "If that kind of treatment is possible, then it will be that kind of design, if not, I'm sorry", Duchack said.

A public drop-in centre will be established once the plans for the Highway 404 segment are complete.

Between Highway 7 and the Gormley Road, the plan provides initially for two lanes in each direction separated by a 98-foot median. This section could be widened to four lanes in each direction separated by a 50 foot median.

Provision has also been made for a rapid transit system occupying a 74-foot median— leaving three lanes of traffic in either direction, Duchack said.

Construction between Gormley Road and the Aurora Sideroad is slated for 1979. The final segment north of the Aurora Sideroad to Davis Drive is scheduled for construction toward the end of 1980.

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### Big midget meet Monday

Richmond Hill's 10th annual international midget hockey tournament opens Monday with 32 teams. (See Sports B-1)

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Public school budget increase brings bitter round of protest. (See Letters to Editor Page A-4)

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# Proposed 404 approved