

# Letters

Here's a recycling idea; let's make April recycling month. Each week we have two or three new recyclers. It would be beneficial to all if you personally converted your neighbors and friends to recycling. They do not recycle because they do not understand what it means.

We often hear the comment 'I'm glad you are doing so well, but I hear other Depots are folding. This month the

Recycling Council of Ontario will officially be born. Our Chairman, Mike Wheeler, is a Director on that Council, a helpful factor to York Region.

This Council will hopefully find and help create new markets for recyclable materials, such as newspaper.

Hopefully they will find a market for telephone books, which we presently cannot accept, simply because we cannot sell them. I have again started receiving calls re-

figures for publication, but neither published them for some reason or even mentioned same.

At that time we had shipped over 500 tons of recyclable material earning approximately \$14,000.

Expenses briefly were fireproofing paper room - \$900, plus electrical work, regular hydro bills, office supplies, a \$300 cardboard baler and a large portion towards the truck to increase recycling; which is our

main aim, and employ three men, two being handicapped adults.

Recently, we were unable to obtain used lumber and had to pay \$300 for partitions in the barn for the safety of our regular and volunteer workers.

A large portion of the money we make is spent simply on shipping this material.

Our current monthly gas bill for the truck is \$300 as the newspapers usually have to be

shipped out of town.

We were very upset when the Federal Grant was not renewed.

Fortunately, the Town of Richmond Hill donated \$2,000 to us at the end of February for which we are deeply indebted.

Now that Spring is here we trust the newspaper pickups will increase, although the market is quite low.

Final payment of the \$8,500 truck has been made, but unfortunately the insurance for same is

\$1,000 per year and that is a lot of empty bottles.

Don't forget in our mixed metal bin we accept any mixed metal, eavestroughing, rusty slides, etc., etc.

Clean up time is recycling time. Nothing put in your garbage should be useable by someone else.

There are many community groups in the Hill holding rummage and garage sales.

They will even pick it up, so why don't you start

to think about others, just a little bit more.

When the old CN station gets moved to 18th Avenue and Leslie, why don't you bring your empty bottles, etc., and come out of a Saturday morning for a look at YOUR recycling depot.

Marlene Turner, Secretary, Richmond Hill Recycling Committee ED. NOTE: The ultimate in recycling must be the CN station itself.

## Town selling slice of our birthright

Markham Council is girding its corporate loins to sell a slice of our birthright for a mess of pottage.

"It is slated for demolition. The building is a lost cause." That's the conclusion of Ron Moran a councillor for the Town of Markham, on the prospects of saving the house identified as 288 John Street. It's a conclusion confirmed by a colleague, Councillor Ron Dancy.

It's a big, old, red-brick house set among trees and lawns east of the sprawling, flat-top complex of shoe boxes known as the Thornhill Community Centre. The Burton family, associated with the Robert Simpson Company, owned the house and the land until the Town of Markham bought the property.

Markham decided against building the Community Centre to complement the old house. Instead, the house was kept separate and rented out to Town employees.

Now Markham wants to make a trade. The developer who wants to carpet the corner in concrete for another plaza, covets the unproductive space now occupied by a brick house, trees and lawns at 288 John. Markham covets property owned by the developer.

Like Esau, Markham Council is, in this case, governed by expediency. It wants to trade away a slice of birthright - yours and mine.

"Unfortunately, there's no interest among council members to save the building," said Councillor Dancy. Evidently a number of councillors have had a look at the property and, according to Mr. Dancy, decided

that the old house is nothing special.

It evidently never occurred to these self-appointed experts to solicit the opinion of the Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee for the Town of Markham.

Council appointed the committee in 1974. Council underwrites the Committee's expenses. Council expects the Committee to act as guardians and watchdogs of the Town's cultural heritage. Council depends on the Committee to compile an inventory of buildings of historical and architectural significance.

Yet nobody bothered to ask Mr. Ernest Annau, Committee Chairman and head of his own architectural firm, "Is 288 John Street on your committee's inventory? Is the building of historical and architectural significance?"

The answers, had anyone bothered to ask, would have been an unequivocal, "Yes" to both questions.

Mr. Ernest Annau and members of his LACA Committee may be forgiven if they feel their rear draftily exposed by Council's chill indifference to the role they are expected to perform. Committee members have been fighting rearguard actions to save threatened buildings. They thought the Burton house was safe.

"After all," they reasoned, "the town owns the building. We don't have to designate it to make it safe. We need to concentrate our energies on the hot spots. Council will never deny an application for designation of a historically and architecturally significant building."

Right? No. Wrong.

Mr. Annau didn't know that the Burton house was slated for demolition. When he did find out, it was through Council; it was through the Society for the Preservation of Historic Thornhill.

The Society was trying to establish whether the building might be secured from the Town as a headquarters building for York-Summit District Scouts. The fate of the Burton house was not general knowledge until Andrew Meles, of the Society, spoke to Mr. Ron Moran. It was news to the Society. It was news to Mr. Annau, too.

Anyone who feels any sense of commitment to the Heritage Act or the terms under which Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee operate must feel betrayed by Council's cavalier attitude to the Burton house.

It's almost as if Council meekly stacks muskets and troops sedately below every time boarders scale the poop deck of the ship of state. Council's action invariably leaves the citizenry walking the plank into a spreading sea of asphalt ringed by high rises. Who needs it?

If you want to keep Council on deck fighting our battles instead of spiking all the guns - be at the Thornhill Community Centre at Bayview and John on Thursday, April 19, for a public meeting on paving a plaza between John and Green Lane. At present, nobody seems to be listening. Bring a drum.

Patrick Trant, President Society for the Preservation of Historic Thornhill

## Supermarket column 'right on', she says

I certainly enjoy Bob Rice's column which he supposedly writes when he comes down to earth.

"Behind the Supermarket Scenes" is right on.

The supermarket scene, like he writes it up, has become a laughable matter. It's better to laugh than cry, they say.

There's nothing quite like it. You meet your friends and neighbors in the supermarket and everyone hates shopping so much that they all drop their coupons and laugh

about the articles they are certainly smart enough to leave on the shelves.

And by the way, Bob Rice, be sure to warn your wife and friends to check those expiry dates on various products, especially the ones on SALE, supposedly.

I actually saw at a local supermarket Eskimo Ice Cream Treats on sale in February with an October 31 expiry date.

I couldn't believe my eyes. Everyone is looking for some kind of treats for the kids, but I sincerely

hope no one bought them.

I guess if the Nuclear Power problem doesn't get us, just maybe if supermarkets are not living up to a human responsibility, maybe they will finish us off.

I wonder how many cases of supposed virus and flu diagnosis are maybe food sold long after it should have been. Keep up the good work, Bob, we need all the laughs we can get.

Marlene Turner 147 Chassie St., Richmond Hill

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Suzanne Timperon, Publicity Chairman, Richmond Hill & District Unit

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