

Twp. of Pickering

Rural residents kill urban mosquitos

PICKERING TWP. — A mosquito-spraying program has been approved by Pickering Twp. Council for an east and west side area of Frenchman's Bay.

Councillor Jean McPherson, opposed the motion saying that she had received calls from the people in the north end saying they hoped council wasn't going to spend their money in this way. She felt the cost should be borne by the people who were benefitting.

"Then the cost of dust control should be borne by those who are benefiting", said the reeve, and Mrs. McPherson said that this took place in most parts of the township.

Recreation Director David Bass brought up what he called a serious consideration — what effect this would have on the song birds. He said that many of them relied on mosquitoes for their food and would abandon the area.

"Then the birds can go to the north end of the township," said the Reeve.

Twp. of Uxbridge

Petition opposes wrecking yard

UXBRIDGE TWP. — How does a municipal council force a resident to improve his own property?

"This is the problem in Uxbridge Township after a petition, signed by five persons, complained about the appearance of land owned by Leonard Wallace, lot 25, conc. 5.

A spokesman for a delegation of neighbors said that while the site had been cleaned up to some extent, it was feared that it would soon return to the same state "once the pressure was off". He complained also that strong lights were left burning and a motorcycle was often left running late into the night.

There is a gas outlet on the property, council was told.

Deputy-reeve Earl Dowsell said the township could possibly restrict the hours of operation, but felt it unfair to close down the pumps.

It was revealed that the Bylaw Enforcement Officer had visited the owner but a written report was not yet available.

Hire legal firm

Special assignments

UXBRIDGE TWP. — For special assignments, including amendments to the Official Plan and applications from Century City, Uxbridge Township will utilize a Toronto legal firm that includes Mr. W.Z. Estey and Associates, Adelaide Street West.

The decision, approved April 1, met with opposition from deputy-reeve Earl Dowsell and councillor George Harvie but passed on 3-2 recorded vote.

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With regard to major developments, Mr. Estey recommended in City, Uxbridge Township will utilize a Toronto legal firm that includes Mr. W.Z. Estey and Associates, Adelaide Street West.

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Unionville girl run over by unlicensed 'dune buggy'

This machine is called a 'dune buggy'. It's a stripped-down model of a 1956 Volkswagen and it almost brought death to a 12 year old Unionville girl last week. Karen Fediuk, Sciberras Road, Varley Village was seriously injured when two wheels of the 'car' passed over her head. —Jas. Thomas.

Blue Hills Academy

United Church donation — \$10,000

YORK COUNTY — Blue Hills Academy's fund drive has received a substantial boost with a \$10,000 gift from the United Church of Canada.

In addition, the United Church's Board of Evangelism and Social Service also made an interest-free loan of \$20,000 for the Academy's development program.

Blue Hills is a residential treatment centre for emotionally disturbed children, located on the CFRB Sideroad south of Aurora. Two of its "cottage units" have been completed, and it is now conducting a campaign to raise \$209,400 in order to complete construction by 1972.

The announcement of the gift and loan was made jointly by Campaign Chairman Bob Silcox and Arthur Johnson, honorary treasurer of Blue Hills.

"Both monies have already been received, and I can tell you that they have come at a most opportune moment for us," said Mr. Johnson. "We very badly needed that money to keep our doors open so that we could continue our building program and be ready to serve the county this spring."

Blue Hills presented its needs to the York Presbytery of the United Church last October, and at that time the Presbytery recommended that the church's national headquarters make a donation.

In a letter to the academy, Rev. Charles H. Forsyth, secretary to the Board of Evangelism and Social Service, said the United Church was impressed with the Academy's plans and what it was trying to do for the emotionally disturbed child — an area in which the church has been vitally interested for many years.

Mr. Silcox said Glen Ferguson of King, a member of the Academy's Board of Directors, had spearheaded the request to the United Church and had been discussing the Academy's plans with church officials for more than a year.

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QUEEN'S PARK — Higher qualifications for elementary school teachers have been announced by Minister of Education William G. Davis.

As of September 1, 1971 those entering elementary teaching will require one year of university in addition to the existing requirements. The decision, based on the recommendation of the Minister's committee on the training of elementary teachers, is a major step toward the planned goal of a university degree as a requirement for elementary teaching.

Mr. Davis said the new qualification represents the highest academic requirement that has ever been established for elementary teaching in Ontario. Further steps towards the university degree requirement will be taken when circumstances permit, he said.

Mr. Davis said the new regulation is not retroactive and that teachers already certificated will not have to meet the new requirement.

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Cottage residents all year round

MUSSELMAN'S LAKE — The problem of Musselman's Lake residents using summer cottages as year-round dwellings, has been brought to the attention of Whitchurch Twp. Council by Vernon Davies, owner and operator of Cedar Beach Park.

The complaint was contained in a letter received April 6.

In reply, Bylaw Enforcement Officer, Marshall Miller said properties change hands so frequently, it is difficult to keep pace. He noted, that in one particular area, about twelve families were utilizing summer homes on a permanent basis.

Deputy-reeve Norman Barnard suggested the matter be brought to the attention of the Health Unit since, in most cases, the lots are not large enough to accommodate septic tank service.

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