

Waste ban deadline, June 15

Indiscriminate dumping feared when disposal site is closed

Council determined

WHITCHURCH TWP. — June 15 is the deadline date for acceptance of liquid industrial waste at the R. W. Bremner disposal site, north of Stouffville in Whitchurch Twp.

Officials of the waste management branch, Dept. of Energy and Resources fear the worst—indiscriminate dumping in roadside ditches and fields. But they admit the municipality has the power to close down the property and this order was issued by Whitchurch Council, May 4.

The dump is the only site near Metro that accepts waste materials of this kind. It has been estimated that up to 50,000 gallons of miscellaneous materials are deposited there daily. At Sarnia, a huge digester is now in operation but firms claim the cost of trucking loads that far makes the solution impractical.

While rural residents near the site are obviously concerned over the possibility of pollution, the loudest complaint has come from Stouffville since village artesian wells are located nearby. It is feared that seepage could contaminate this underground water supply.

Wesley Williamson, a department official, said that the closing of the dump in January produced a critical situation with reports of illegal refuse deposits everywhere. He revealed that the Ontario Water Resources Commission has the power to prosecute but only if a well, stream or water course is contaminated. He admitted that new legislation was now before the House but would not become law until after Sept. 1.

A spokesman for the O.W.R.C. admitted that the policing of such bootleg practices was difficult. "There's little we can do except clean up the mess," he said.

Reports out of Whitchurch indicate that council intends to stick by its guns and then deal with related problems if and when they arise.

Township of Markham

Reeve refuses to sign subdivision agreement

MARKHAM TWP. — Reeve Stewart Rumble has refused to sign a subdivision agreement that would allow development to proceed on 69 lots at the 'Village in the Valley' in Unionville.

Reeve Rumble accused the company of failing to provide deeds to sufficient lands for future school sites. He noted however, that if it was the wish of council to proceed, another member could be named to sign in his place.

Councillors Jim Jongeneel and Eldred King accepted the challenge, requesting deputy-reeve Anthony Roman to assume the responsibility. Mr. Roman also refused.

Reeve Rumble said he would add his name to the document only after promised land deeds were delivered.

The matter was subsequently tabled for further discussion at a later date.

Stouffville-Claremont

Two Lions Clubs combine to win best float award

STOUFFVILLE — Lions Clubs from Stouffville and Claremont combined to enter the winning float in the giant Sunday Parade at the Ontario-Quebec Lions Convention in Windsor. More than thirty members accompanied by their wives, participated in the event.

The float was a replica of the old covered wagon complete with oxen and centennial costumes. The wives of the Claremont club members who have a ladies' club of their own, participated in their smart blazer uniforms and other wives wore old-fashioned gowns. The parade took three hours to pass and in addition to the floats had more than twenty bands.

Special mention for their contribution to Stouffville goes to Ollie Pellett, Walt Richards, Ron Lee, John Foulds and Frank Wilson, Bill Webb, Ray and Ken Ward were among the chief organizers of the Claremont contingent.



Whitchurch barn destroyed in early morning blaze

Flames roar through a frame barn on the property of Walter Kubinski, Hillsdale Drive, Whitchurch Township, in an early Sunday morning fire that completely

destroyed the structure. There were no animals in the building and several hundred rabbits in an adjacent shed escaped injury. A nearby farm house was not damaged. —Jas. Thomas.

Police crash party

UXBRIDGE TWP. — When several young people, both boys and girls, organized an open-air party in an Uxbridge Twp. field, last month, the police weren't included on the guest list.

But officers attended anyway, following complaints received from nearby residents. They found the gathering already in progress, the group seated around a bonfire. In cars parked at the site, they also found a considerable quantity of liquor and beer.

The location was described as lot 4, conc. 4, in Whitchurch Court, May 26, William Paul Baker, 23, of Claremont, R.R.1, was fined \$200, and costs following a conviction before Judge H.W. Jermyn of having liquor in a place other than his residence. He entered a plea of guilty.

In commenting on the amount of alcoholic beverages seized, Judge Jermyn observed: "You certainly go well supplied."

Car struck girl

STOUFFVILLE — A 24 year old Toronto man was fined \$25 in Richmond Hill Court, May 29, when he pleaded guilty to a charge of failing to report an accident.

It was revealed in evidence that Ted Karasirwich was northbound on Baker Avenue, Stouffville, April 22, when his auto struck a young girl, identified as 5 year old Darlene Good, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Garth Good, Main Street East. The accused, the Crown stated, did not stop his car at the scene or report the incident to police.

The driver's counsel argued, however, that his client did in fact stop, render assistance to the child and offer to take her to hospital.

The solicitor said Mr. Karasirwich was living only two doors away from where the accident had occurred.

Go-train sponsor asks profit refund

YORK CTY. — Last fall, Mount Albert lawyer, John Medcof was successful in raising sufficient funds to sponsor a Go-Train Special from Barrie to Toronto and return.

The venture was strictly an experiment, to prove to the Provincial Government that a commuter service of this kind was required. Profits on the day amounted to \$305.41.

With the recent announcement out of Queen's Park, ruling against the service, Mr. Medcof has asked that his money (\$305.41) be refunded.

Copies of replies between Premier Roberts and Mr. Medcof are published as follows:

Dear Mr. Medcof:

Many thanks for your letter. I am assuming that it was intended as an amusing item of whimsy, but if I am wrong about this and you really are applying for the return of the so-called "profit" you deposited with the Provincial Treasurer, it can be returned to you on application to the Treasurer of Ontario.

Yours very truly,
John P. Roberts.

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Thank you for your letter of May 20. Please return the money. It was given to encourage needed commuter service. When you cancelled the rail service to Richmond Hill, the 150,000 people north of Metro did not think it "amusing".

Clogged highways, pollution and accidents (609 so far this year) are not "amusing". Spending three-quarter million dollars of the tax-payers' money for busses when Gray Coach and Trailways already serve the area is not "amusing".

Please make the cheque payable to Asphodel Enterprises Limited carrying on business as Railway Boosters for \$305.41. We shall use it to promote further rail service so urgently needed!

Yours truly,
John C. Medcof.

Underwater line

MARKHAM — Anyone wishing to complete a call from Markham's newest telephone booth location, would need more than a dime.

And certainly a pair of rubber boots would be appropriate.

Neither Bell officials nor Markham police can explain just who installed the booth — in the centre of the Rouge River, north of Hwy. 7. The coin box had been removed and the glass side panels smashed.

Seven dollar debt brings \$50 fine

STOUFFVILLE — A Stouffville man who, according to Judge William Camblin used too much force in an attempt to collect a seven dollar debt was himself fined \$50, on a charge of assault in Richmond Hill Court, May 29.

Ross Heatherington, Main Street West, entered a plea of not guilty. Derek Simmonds testified the accused visited his auto sales office concerning an unpaid bill. An argument ensued, he said, and Mr. Heatherington grabbed him by the throat.

Alan Simmonds, brother of the complainant and an employee at the same establishment, said he was attracted to the scene by loud shouting and ordered Mr. Heatherington to let go.

Stouffville police were called.

Mr. Heatherington, in taking the stand, said he had experienced difficulty in settling the account. He told how one of his workmen had called at the premises on two occasions and he also had been there the previous day. He said that when he confronted Mr. Simmonds with the bill, the complainant tried to leave. He admitted stopping him but denied using force to do so.

In registering the conviction, Judge Camblin said the penalty for assault is usually a jail term.

Water runs red

MARKHAM TWP. — Water samples have been taken from a section of the Rouge River near conc. 7, Markham and 19th Avenue, after two residents complained of a red liquid plainly visible in the stream.

The initial call to police was received Saturday. Another followed on Sunday.

Andrew Kerr, an investigator with the Ontario Water Resources Commission was called to check on the type of pollutant and its source. The department is awaiting a report.

Pickle cruet sells for \$92

STOUFFVILLE — Ninety-two dollars for a pickle cruet?

Yes, the auctioneer had heard correctly. Stouffville's Walter Atkinson has become accustomed to antique sale prices like that. And the one, Saturday, was no exception. It was the property of Mr. and Mrs. Norm Baker, Rose Avenue.

Successful bids included — \$72 for a cranberry bell, \$36 for two milk glass candlesticks; \$16 for a single English brass candlestick; \$40 for a priscilla open compote and \$450 for a grandfather's clock.

Officer resigns

STOUFFVILLE — Police constable Donald Moxam, a member of the Stouffville force since Jan. 1, 1970, has resigned to return to a Department in Copper Cliff where he served before coming here. His resignation is effective June 6.

Hired to fill the vacancy is William Kenneth Clause, formerly of Pembroke, Ont. Constable Clause commenced his duties, June 1.

Unionville fights back

UNIONVILLE — On Jan. 1, 1970, Unionville's police village status was dissolved.

Added to this, is the fear that the widening of Kennedy Road to four lanes will all but wipe out the original core, including some homes.

Many residents are strongly opposed to this type of treatment and to make their feelings felt, have established an organization called the Unionville Conservation and Development

Association.

To prove the existence of a strong community spirit, a Spring Festival is planned for this Saturday at 1 p.m., continuing through until ten. Included will be a 30 mile bicycle race, a display of art and sculpture, an antique auto show, a street dance, model air-plane races and special music by the Claremont Citizens' Band, a Dixieland Band, The Merry Men of Markham and the Markham Melody Makers.

Police repeat that all information will be treated in the strictest of confidence.



Still active at 86

A native of Stouffville, Mr. Christle Armstrong, Albert Street North, still enjoys a life more active than some people many years his junior. Mr. Armstrong, who was born on Stouffer Street in 1884, is an ardent sports fan, and seldom misses an I.G.A. ball game or 'Clipper' hockey match. One of his favorite summer pastimes is maintaining his backyard garden. In his younger days, he was a member of Stouffville's hockey team and played lacrosse. He was well known in town as a tailor, a business from which he retired only a few years ago. —Peter Harris.