



Mayor Gordon Ratcliff (left) of Whitchurch-Stouffville and sales representative Lawrence Hennessey of Vandorf, discuss the benefits of a new 35,000 square foot pharmaceutical plant, to be built on a 31 acre site at Main Street West. The industry, McNeil Laboratories (Canada) Limited, is a subsidiary of the world-wide Johnson & Johnson organization.

Prestige company to build plant here

Johnson & Johnson subsidiary buys site in town's west end

"Welcomed"

STOUFFVILLE — Mayor Gordon Ratcliff has welcomed news that a 35,000 square foot industrial plant is to locate on a 31-acre site at Main Street West.

"We're very fortunate to secure it," the Mayor said, at the conclusion of a news conference, Thursday. He observed that the company's parent firm was noted for the architectural design of its buildings.

Mr. Ratcliff said the industry would provide added employment for residents in the area and encourage other prestige companies to acquire sites in town.

STOUFFVILLE — A south side section of Main Street, west to Ringwood, could eventually become Whitchurch-Stouffville's industrial 'golden mile'.

The plan moved a step closer to reality, Nov. 8, with the announced purchase of 31 acres by McNeil Laboratories (Canada) Limited, a subsidiary of the world-wide Johnson & Johnson organization.

The site, known locally as the Ferguson farm, was owned by Gino Testa, R.R. 2, Stouffville. Lawrence C. Hennessey of Vandorf completed the sale through the firm of Len Cassidy Real Estate, Toronto.

Information pertaining to the company's decision to locate here, was revealed at a press conference in Stouffville, Thursday. Present were Mayor Gordon Ratcliff, Administrator Ralph Corner, Ward 4 Councillor Cathy Joice and Mr. Hennessey.

Phase 1 of the plant will include approximately 35,000 square feet and when completed, likely by Dec. 1974, will employ up to 100 people. The firm will manufacture pharmaceutical

lines, including tranquilizers, anesthetics, analgesics and sedatives.

Initially, the company had selected property north of Gormley, and later, near Ringwood, but both were given up since the sites could not be serviced.

A plant of this size will carry an assessment of close to \$650,000 and contribute about \$14,000 annually in taxes.

Mr. Hennessey anticipates a building of unique design, comparable to the one in Don Mills. "It will be a real asset to the town," he said. He noted the highway frontage was a priority, and the site was of sufficient size to permit expansion. He said discussions related to the firm's coming to this area had extended over 1 1/2 years.

Mr. Hennessey praised the co-operation he had received from the Mayor, the Administrator, and members of Council and Planning Committee. The purchase of the property was a cash deal, he said. The price was not revealed.

Four students are 'Tops'

STOUFFVILLE — While last week's graduation exercises focused attention on student achievement, the exceptional accomplishment of four boys, now in Grade 13, was officially recognized at a meeting of Council, Nov. 6.

Jeff Aida, Rick Briggs-Jude, John Campey and Paul Howard the 'Stars', as far as hometown fans are concerned, of the 'Reach for the Top' competitions held earlier this year, were honored by Council and the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, in a special ceremony attended by parents and school staff representatives.

Mayor Gordon Ratcliff, in presenting framed scrolls to the students, congratulated them on their success in reaching the top in regional and provincial confrontations to compete at the national finals of the televised quiz series.

Former S.D.S.S. principal, Bill Duxbury, referred to the contestants as "four fine young men." He followed by teachers Neville Hodgson and Robin Ward who supervised the local team, acknowledged their accomplishment and the honor they had brought to the school and the town.

Sheep killed blame wolves

UXBRIDGE TWP. — Wolves are believed responsible for the slaying of a Suffolk sheep on the farm of Robt. Nesbitt, conc. 6, Uxbridge Twp.

The torn remains of the animal were found about 50 yards from the barn. It's the second sheep to die in this manner and Mr. Nesbitt feels several wolves were involved. He has filed for compensation under the Livestock Compensation Act.

Thief strikes sour note

STOUFFVILLE — Robert Daniels, R.R. 2, Stouffville, is a young musician who plays a guitar and writes his own lyrics. Up to now, his repertoire is over 50 songs.

On Saturday, someone broke into his car on Main Street and stole not only his guitar, but all the music in the case. Through The Tribune, he is asking that the lyrics, of no value to anyone, be returned.

"There's just no way I can do it all again," he said, "there's just too much to remember."

While the guitar is worth \$300 new, Robert isn't so concerned about it as over the loss of the music. He plays in a trio called 'Whisperwind'. The group is scheduled to perform at 'Music Night' in Latham Hall, Nov. 24.

Anyone with any information on the whereabouts of these items, is asked to call 640-4037.

"Treated like animals" claim arrested youths

STOUFFVILLE — The presence of additional police in Stouffville, Halloween Night, prompted expressions of appreciation from several citizens.

Three young people, however, did not share this feeling. Two of these, Alan Vague and David Smith, were arrested Oct. 31 and charged with causing a disturbance. Nellie Kamps was a witness to the incident.

Letters of protest have been sent to Town Council and the York Regional Police Commission.

Mr. Vague, in a written statement to The Tribune, said they were treated "like animals." He complained that

following their release, they were refused transportation home from Newmarket and had to walk 18 miles in the rain. "The police are supposed to be our friends," said Mr. Vague, "but with friends like that, who needs enemies."

Miss Kamps said an attempt had been made to contact the

councillor in their Ward and they had spoken to the mayor, "but nobody seems to be able to give us any help." She concludes, "I intend to fight for justice in this case because if no one fights for their rights, then such injustices will keep on happening, and will only get worse."

Charges withdrawn

STOUFFVILLE — On Halloween Night, three boys were arrested on Main Street in Stouffville and charged with causing a disturbance.

Two of these, Alan Vague and David Smith, filed letters of protest, one to Town Council and one to the Police Commission. On Monday, in Newmarket Provincial Court, the charges were withdrawn by the Crown.

Ballantrae Planners reject industrial complex

BALLANTRAE — Large-scale industrial development is not compatible with the community of Ballantrae, at least not at the present time.

Planning Committee made this assessment after considering a plan, submitted to the Ministry of Treasury (by Schickedanz Development Ltd.), to establish 42 industrial lots on the north-east corner of Hwy. 48 and the Aurora Sideroad.

Council rejected a previous proposal, from the same company, for an industrial subdivision on the 154-acre parcel last spring.

Councillor Jim Wong reaffirmed the opposition he voiced at that time. Extensive industrial build-up at the Ballantrae location would, he pointed out, "practically envelope the Community Centre and the adjacent public school. There are many spots already zoned for industry in the municipality," he added, "I don't see the wisdom of having more here." Mr. Wong said that he would willingly call a meeting of residents to assess their opinions on the matter.

Councillor June Button commented that she had inspected the site and had also come to the conclusion that the proposed development would

overwhelm the area and that industry was not particularly compatible to the location.

The property, presently under the airport freeze, is zoned industrial under the old Zoning Bylaw and similarly designated in the Official Plan.

Councillor Eldred King reminded the Committee that the Ministry had requested the Town's comments on the submitted plan. He speculated that

Mr. Schickedanz had the prerogative to develop the site but added, "I think we should respect Council's opinion if we decide it is premature to open the land up at the moment and I believe the Minister's Office would uphold our opinion."

Nickels-dimes buy zoo pets

GOODWOOD — When the students of Goodwood Public School visit the new Metro Zoo in Scarborough, they can point with pride at two animals there and say, "Look everybody, they're ours!"

And they'll be right, for a bush-tailed possum (\$150) and a long-tailed porcupine (\$120) have been purchased through a fund-raising campaign called 'Project Noah'.

Under the leadership of Mrs. Forsyth and Mrs. Fockler, the students and staff organized bake sales, put on plays and even raised money by doing extra chores around home. When the nickels and dimes were tallied, they found they had enough to buy both the possum and the porcupine.

The total contribution from all schools in Ontario County was \$22,057.22.

To discuss plant sites

BALLANTRAE — The possibility that an industrial park could be located on the north side of the Aurora Sideroad, at the rear of the Ballantrae School and Centennial Centre, has prompted the Ratepayers' Association to place this issue on its agenda, Thursday evening (to-night).

While the site is zoned industrial, the majority of Town Planning Committee members are opposed to its development.

The time of the meeting, in the Centennial Centre, is 8 p.m.

S.D.S.S. students honored for academic accomplishments

STOUFFVILLE — It was Graduation Night at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School, Friday, and 171 students received diplomas.

Many of these were singly honored through presentations of honor pins, honor bars, awards and bursaries. Top academic recognition was paid to Linda Farrier and Pamela Lawson (Year 1); Dale Grose and Fiona Waite (Year 2); Shirley Morgason and Carolyn Chase (Year 3); Jeffrey Aida and Rebecca Elson (Year 4); Debbie Johnson and Norma Harcourt (Year 5).

The senior band, directed by E. M. Hawley and described as "the best in York County," played several rousing numbers and was accorded a standing ovation.

Principal G. D. McCartney and Board of Education Chairman J. M. Hunter addressed the assembly. Mr. McCartney welcomed former principal W. E. Duxbury back to the school. The address to the graduates was delivered by G. R. Harding, a member of the staff.



The Frank Yake Legion \$25 Award is presented by Branch President Grant Turner (left) to Blair Clarkson.



Charles Jackson (left) presents the Akron Standard \$100 Award to Duncan Macdonald, Stouffville, R.R. 2.



John Campey (right) of Gormley, receives an engraved watch for General Proficiency from Kenneth Wagg.