

"Mountain of garbage" could be 25 feet high

STOUFFVILLE — Garbage — a "mountain" of it. That's what the future holds for the sanitary land-fill site east of Hwy. 48 and south of Ballantrae in Whitchurch-Stouffville, if the Province approves continued dumping privileges there.

The property, listed under the ownership of York Sanitation Co. Ltd., R.R. 2, Aurora, contains about 175 acres. At present, the refuse, trucked in at the rate of from 400 to 600 tons per day, is covered close to ground level. However, the idea now is to go up rather than out — twenty-five feet up. Town Council met with officials of the Dept. of the Environment, April 9, along with representatives of the South Lake Simcoe Conservation Authority and the Whitchurch Conservation Authority.

A Public Hearing, to outline the program in full, has been authorized by the Town.

Mayor Gordon Ratcliff stressed the seriousness of the problem in a press interview,

Saturday. He said it had been the hope of Council that the dump would soon be phased out. Instead, he said, there was a threat of more garbage coming in rather than less. He said some water pollution had already taken place and there was always the fear that the underground springs serving the former village of Stouffville, could become contaminated since the site is only a short distance away. "The pressure's on us," the Mayor said. "I urge all residents to get involved."

A second meeting with the Department will be held in three weeks.

Mayor Ratcliff said dumping privileges had been cut off by Markham at the Sabiston site near Thornhill and also Maple. "The pressure's here — in Whitchurch-Stouffville," he repeated. He said ninety percent of the refuse was coming out of Toronto. "I don't know why we should become a garbage centre for Metro," he concluded.

Public hearing on industrial park

CEDAR VALLEY — May 23 and 24 are the dates set for a Public Hearing in Latham Hall, Stouffville, related to a proposed Industrial Park on the north side of the Vivian Road at Cedar Valley.

The meeting, to air both sides of the controversial issue, has been called by the Ontario Municipal Board following the receipt of appeals from both the land-owner and area residents.

The site includes about 80 acres. The property owner, Mayor Gordon Ratcliff said, wished confirmation from the O.M.B. that the zoning, established by bylaw in 1970 as industrial, would be maintained.

Residents are opposed to industrial build-up at this location, claiming it will lower

the value of homes in the community. They also feel the Vivian Road cannot accommodate increased truck traffic.

Vandorf resident honored

WHITCHURCH — Dr. F. H. van Nostrand, R.R. 1, Gormley, and nine other persons, will be singly honored by officials of the Metro Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, at a ceremony, April 26.

A citation on an illuminated scroll will be presented in recognition of those who have made significant contributions to the aims and objects of the Authority.

In addition to Dr. van Nostrand, other recipients will be William C. Davidson, Q. C., Hugh M. Griggs, Frederick G. Gardiner, Q. C., Hugh S. Honsberger, Q. C., Werden Leavens, C. R. Purcell, John P. Roberts, Q. C., Mrs. Dorothy Hague (posthumously), and Dr. A.H. Richardson (posthumously).

Water—water "everywhere" is complaint

RINGWOOD — When improvements were completed at the Hwy. 48 Regional Road intersection in Ringwood, several years ago, a storm sewer was installed in an open ditch to the west to handle surface water that would otherwise flood the area.

However, like so many other engineering "oddities" that plagued the project, it hasn't worked. The man-hole, fitted with a steel grating, is too small, residents say, and during the spring run-off or a heavy rain, water backs up. Recently, it flowed across the road and into the parking lot of a nearby service station.

Aside from the eroding of properties to the east and west, it represents a potential hazard. "It's been like this for 4 or 5 years," said Clarence Fockler. "It's terrible." Mr. Fockler said he and others had appealed to the municipal council, the Region, and the Province for some kind of action to remedy the situation, without results. "All they ever do is promise," he said.

The storm sewer was initially installed by the Dept. of Highways, the spokesman said. That is why he feels the province should repair it.



Smile of a champion

It's all over. Yes, the hockey season in Stouffville officially ended on Saturday, with the crowning of five league champions. In Peewee class, the winners were Apache Freight Lines. The smile flashed by captain Kevin Wells tells it all.

—Jim Thomas

Trustee wary of W. E. B. group

STOUFFVILLE — During the recent secondary school teachers' strike in York County, an organization known as W. E. B. (Watching Educational Bureaucracy) was established. A leader within the group is Mrs. Joyce Horton, R.R. 4, Stouffville, and a former staff teacher here.

What are its aims? What has it accomplished? Are its recommendations considered by the Board or totally ignored?

John McMurray, trustee for Whitchurch-Stouffville, was questioned on this and other subjects during a regular press interview, Thursday.

Mr. McMurray said it wasn't clear to him and some other Board members just who or what the W. E. B. association is supposed to represent. He said it was rumored to be a front for the teachers. "Perhaps they are working in the genuine interest of the public," he said, "and if so, I hope they go about it in the right way. He suggested that if its membership is honest and sincere, considerable benefit could be derived. He said he hoped the views of the organization would be impartial. Perhaps the Board needs something to shake it up once in a while," he concluded. "It helps keep members on their toes."

Quick action saves home

MUSS LAKE — Quick action by firemen, Friday, saved a home on Hillsdale Drive near Musselman's Lake.

The blaze was first noticed by the owner, Walter Corey, and when efforts to put it out failed, he turned in the alarm. Overheated furnace pipes are blamed.

Damage has been estimated at \$2,000.

Steel roof rack protects driver in 2-truck crash

GORMLEY — A roof rack, used to carry steel pipe, saved a driver from serious injury, Tuesday, when his vehicle owned by Quality Utilities Limited, collided with a gravel truck on Don Mills Road, north of Gormley.

The above-cab container absorbed the full force of the impact.

Admitted to York County Hospital at Newmarket with a possible broken arm was Stephen Parker of Richmond Hill. Total damage was estimated at \$750.



Cub candidate in Bike-a-Thon

Close to 500 cyclists are expected to participate in the Stouffville Lions-sponsored Bike-a-Thon, for the Cubs. Other registration dates are April 20 Saturday, May 4. Registrations opened April 13 and one of the first to sign up was 11-year-old Jackie Armet of 17 Pine Street, Stouffville. She'll be riding for the Cubs. Other registration dates are April 20 Saturday, May 4. Registrations opened April 13 and one of the first to sign up was 11-year-old Jackie Armet of 17 Pine Street, Stouffville. She'll be riding for the Cubs. Other registration dates are April 20 Saturday, May 4. Registrations opened April 13 and one of the first to sign up was 11-year-old Jackie Armet of 17 Pine Street, Stouffville. She'll be riding for the Cubs.

Councillor levels —

'Publicity act' charge

GORMLEY — Bill Corcoran and Nels Hansen were criticized in Planning Committee last week for "working up" an enormous publicity act in conjunction with their application to develop a 97-acre mobile home subdivision in the Gormley area.

Both principals were present when councillor Eldred King condemned the publicity campaign used to promote the project and their persistence in presenting a proposal which would create a high density population in an ecologically sensitive, unserved rural area. It was "totally unfair" to the municipality of Whitchurch-Stouffville, the development would foster environmental problems and assessment inequity, Mr. King concluded.

Jim Hill of the Area Services Branch added that his opinion on the matter had not changed since he commented on the same proposal over a year ago. Mobile homes were excellent single family dwellings but Area Services could not support development of the subdivision in a rural area. The province would hopefully open up more serviced land oriented towards existing communities for this purpose.

The three-year-old mobile home park in Stroud refuted most predictions levelled at the Gormley proposal, councillor Cathy Joice argued. It enhanced the area visually, economically and provided much-needed low cost housing.

The density of the dwellings

proposed and the inadequacy of the Gormley site to support the required services was the dominant argument on which the Committee majority based its recommendation to reject the plans.

With Mrs. Joice and Jim Wong opposed, it is anticipated that recommendation will be ratified by Council.



Five year old Lisa Fockler stands beside a ground-level grating leading to a storm sewer on the north side of the Stouffville-Gormley Road at Ringwood. Washouts occur in the area after every heavy rainfall. Residents say their complaints have brought promises but no action. —Jim Thomas

Mayor to start thirty-car rally

STOUFFVILLE — Mayor Gordon Ratcliff will flag away the first five cars Saturday night at the town hall to start the Ontario championship car rally.

The event, which will include more than 30 entries, gets underway at 8:30 and covers 250 miles. The course runs east from Stouffville and winds up back in town Sunday morning at 5 a.m. The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville and the Maple Leaf Rally Club host the rally.

Club members Terry and Linda Epps of Elm Road are the organizers. The town is providing \$100 in prize money, with local car dealers also donating prizes. Contributors include John Roe Ford, Emerald Isle and Markham Toyota.

Local entries are Karl Klipper of Albert Street, with Allan Fuller of 10th Line S. as

Win \$100

STOUFFVILLE — At least two Stouffville area women benefited from the Olympic Lottery draw, Monday evening. Faye Craig of Winlane Drive and Marianne Detmers of Goodwood each saw her number drawn for a \$100 prize on the television program.