

Driver killed instantly at 'suicide corner'

GORMLEY — Suicide Corner. It seems like an appropriate name for the intersection of conc. 5, Whitchurch-Stouffville and the Stouffville Gormley Road.

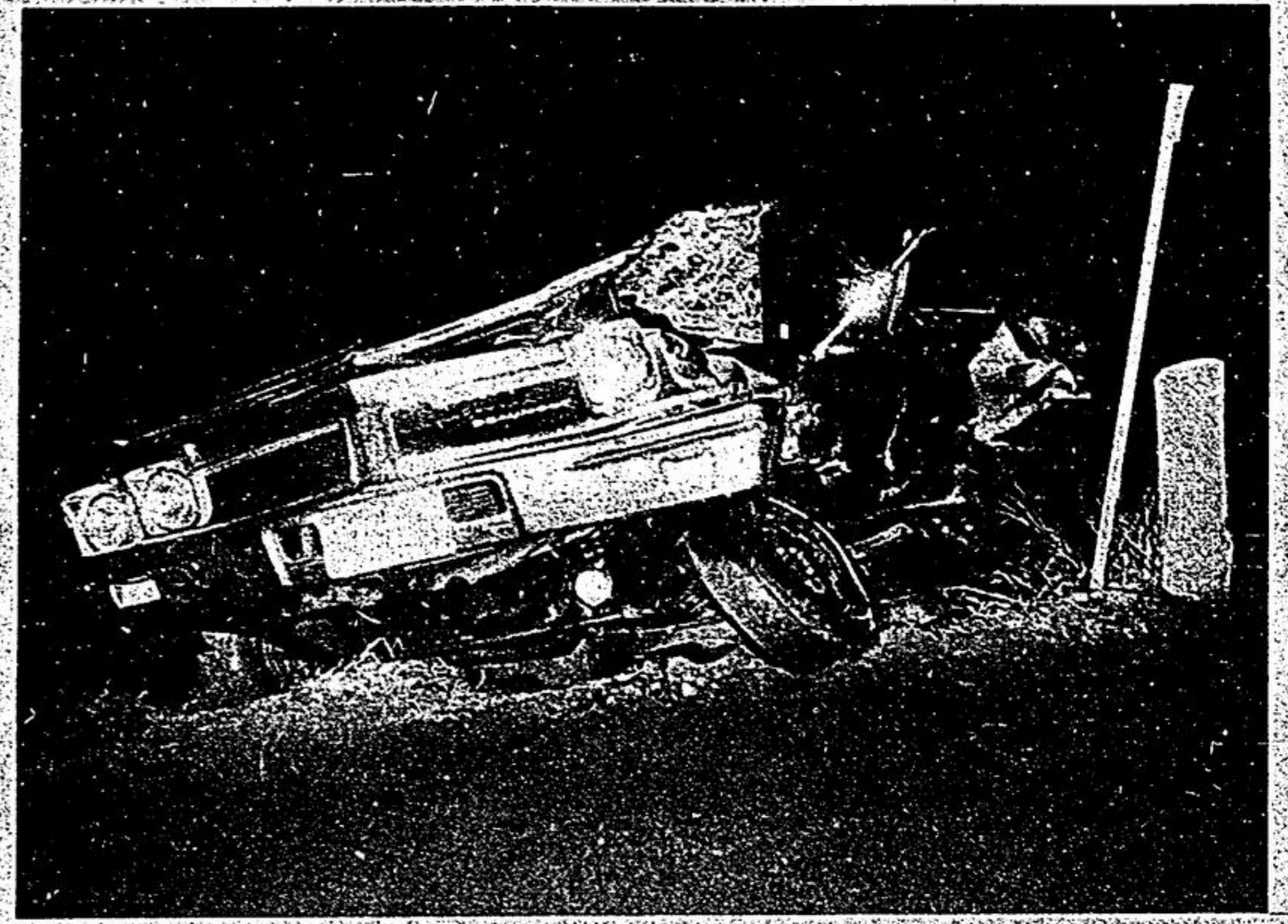
Area residents are well aware of the hazards, so the grinding crash, May 22, that snuffed out the life of a 45 year old Oshawa man was merely 'another statistic' on a lengthy list.

Philip Maitland died instantly in his southbound Beaumont, when the vehicle was struck broadside by a huge G.M.C. tanker, travelling west.

A section of the car had to be pulled apart to free the body. Transport driver, Lorne Mathews, 58, of Whitby, was able to maintain control of his truck, although the rear of the trailer came to a halt on the edge of a deep ditch. Total damage was estimated at \$11,200.

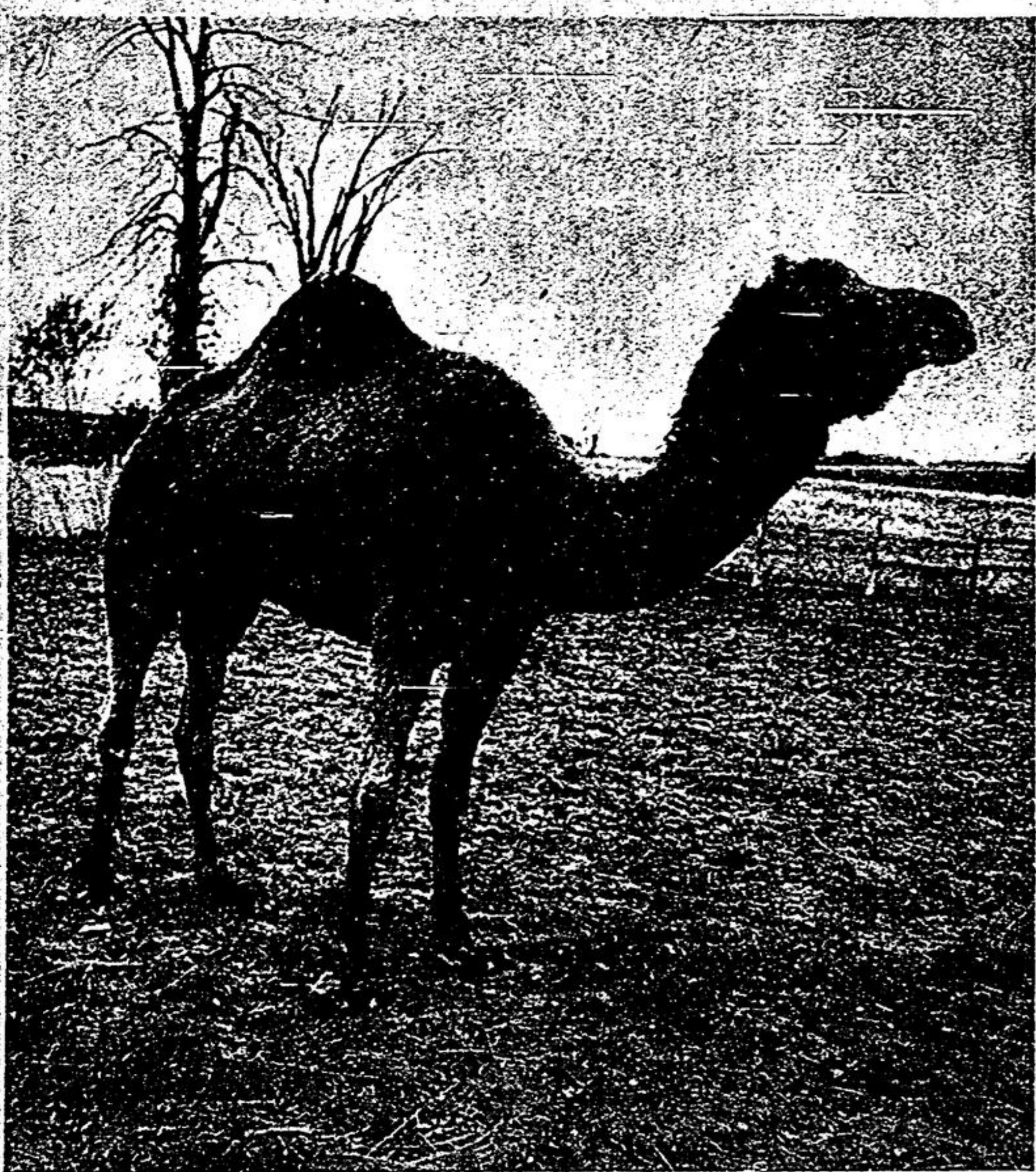
One owner, knowledgeable about the corner is Michael Dumas, R. R. 4, Stouffville. Over a period of two years, he's counted 37 accidents at the site, "then lost track." "They put up a light but it hasn't done a bit of good. They'll wait until two or three more people are killed before they do something. Six years from now they'll still be thinking about it," he said. He suggested that police-operated radar on the Stouffville-Gormley Road might help, "but an officer can't sit there 24 hours a day."

Harry Kennedy, operator of The Homestead, a restaurant east of the corner, claimed the problem could have been eliminated if the road had been properly constructed in the first place. He said every driver, southbound on the Fifth "takes his life in his hands." "It's a



A 45 year old Oshawa man died in the wreckage of this car, following collision with a tanker truck at the intersection of conc. 5, Whitchurch-Stouffville and the Stouffville Gormley Road.

— Jim Thomas



Ugly but beautiful

To the casual observer, he may seem ugly. But to the female of the species, he's beautiful. This camel is one of several being cared for on a small acreage north of 17th

Avenue in Markham, prior to taking up permanent residence in the new Metro Zoo in Scarborough.

— Jim Thomas

Queen's Park orders dump use reduced

STOUFFVILLE — York Sanitation Limited, of Aurora, must reduce its acceptance of refuse at lots 14 and 15, conc. 8, Whitchurch-Stouffville, to a maximum of 300 tons per day, by order of the Provincial Ministry of the Environment.

In addition, the firm must clean up its existing operation.

The announcement was contained in an address delivered by William G. Newman, Ontario's new Environment Minister, at a meeting of the Whitchurch

Conservation Club in Vandorf, May 23.

The order contains a total of eleven directives to the company. Mr. Newman explained that should the site operator refuse to comply, the Ministry could have the work done on a charge-back basis to the owner.

It is estimated that between 600 and 800 tons of refuse is trucked into the land-fill site daily. It was on this issue that councillor Art Starr (Ward 1) questioned why the cut-back wasn't to 150 tons, the current legal limit, rather than 300. Mr.

Newman replied that the closing of another property recently had placed an extra burden on the Hwy 48 dump. He suggested that Town Council and his department could go into the matter more thoroughly at a special meeting later on. He told The Tribune, however, that even the 300 ton limit could put them (Metro) in "real trouble."

Other requirements in the Order were that leachate be removed from adjoining properties, that waste be compacted and covered each day, and that scales be installed to record the tonnage of waste deposits.

When questioned concerning the long-range effects of the disposal site, Mr. Newman admitted it could take up to a year to find an alternate location. "We've got to find a solution to Metro's garbage problems too," he said.

The answer, the Minister said, is through recycling, but even that process couldn't accommodate every type of waste.

The Order states that no waste can be deposited within 125 feet of property boundaries and no liquid waste or septic tank pumpings can be accepted.

It was May 14 that Town Council, by resolution, requested the Ministry to "curtail violations by York Sanitation." Mr. Newman said this appeal plus other private requests, had led to the government Order.

Trustee shocked by teacher poll

STOUFFVILLE — "Astounded" That was the word used by Whitchurch-Stouffville trustee John McMurray to describe his feelings over a poll conducted among the high school teachers of York concerning the continuance of Sam Chapman in the office of Education Director.

There were 805 replies. From this number, 583 recommended he be deposed, with only 71 in support.

"The teachers have no right to dictate to the Board on matters pertaining to administration," Mr. McMurray said, "the Board should make its own decisions in this regard."

The local trustee said all members were well aware of the problem and were seeking a solution.

Mr. McMurray, incensed over the matter, recalled how both sides had agreed to "no retaliatory action," when the teachers returned to their classrooms in March. "They (the teachers) have gone against this," he said.

The trustee explained how Ron Hall, currently the Acting Director during Mr. Chapman's

absence, would soon be made Supt. of Operations. This, he said, would bring him in closer contact with the teachers. He referred to him as a "people person" and praised the efficiency of his work.

Trustee seeks re-election

STOUFFVILLE — Despite problems of strikes, threatened strikes, student and parent unrest, John McMurray, Whitchurch-Stouffville trustee on the York County Board of Education, plans to seek re-election for the two-year term of 1975-76.

Although admitting that things could happen to change his mind, he presently anticipates letting his name stand. "I'm just getting warmed up," he said, "and while not the smoothest road I've run, I enjoy and accept the challenge."

Mr. McMurray, in a press interview Thursday, maintained that his real interest is in the welfare of the student.

"Ontario prides itself in having the best education system in Canada, and I'm convinced that by working together, we can have the best system in York," he said.

Confrontation, Mr. McMurray contends, is not the proper way to solve long-standing problems, but rather "sit down and talk things over."

Dog shot

GOODWOOD — A prized 13 month old German Shepherd dog has been shot and its owner, Eric Munding, R. R. 1, Goodwood, is angered over the incident.

The pet, according to Mr. Munding, was on their own property when killed.

Durham Regional Police were called in to investigate and although one party has been questioned, no charges have been laid.

'Passive approval' for industrial site

CEDAR VALLEY — It's the layman vs. the professional, residential home-owners against the industrial developer.

Those are the two sides in a dispute now before a Hearing of the Ontario Municipal Board in Stouffville. The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville has taken a position of "passive approval of the industrial site."

The location of the proposed development is on the north side of the Vivian Road at Cedar

Candidates meeting

VANDORF — Candidates from three major parties contesting York-Simcoe Riding will be present at a meeting May 30 (tonight) at Vandorf Community Hall. The program gets underway at 8 p.m.

wonder someone hasn't been killed before this."

Ronald Gee of the York Regional engineering staff said re-construction of the intersection could begin in 1975. The purchase of necessary properties should be completed this year, he said.

Wally Harkness, deputy police chief, visited the crash scene. He said an in-depth study would be undertaken to learn the cause of the collision, with preventative recommendations to follow.

The Hearing has now extended over two days and will resume on a date acceptable to both parties.

Representing the ratepayers has been Tom Marshall, a resident in the community. A solicitor hired by the people, informed them, May 22, he could not attend. Toronto lawyer Lawrence Mandel is speaking for the firm of Professional Syndicate Developments Limited. During the two days, Mr. Mandel produced four experts each of whom presented evidence that the planned industrial park would not prove detrimental to the area.

Residents, on the other hand, are attempting to prove that industrial build-up in their community would lower the values of local properties, cause water pollution, and create traffic problems.

Application standard: Chief

BALLANTRAE — A complaint that application forms, to acquire volunteer firefighters for a future Ballantrae brigade are "too personal", has been rejected by Chief Walter Smith of Stouffville.

The charge has been levelled by Tom Wood, president of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Ratepayers' Association. Mr. Wood suggests the questionnaire seeks out too much personal information with much of it "immaterial to the job of a fireman." He said he doubted that a similar criteria is used to select volunteers in Stouffville.

Chief Smith described the form as "standard", used not only in Stouffville but across the Region. He contended that such questions as health and places of employment are important in setting up a working brigade unit.

"We have to know if a volunteer is available to respond to alarms and we don't want anyone dropping dead with a heart attack," the Chief concluded.

Co-op victimized on two occasions

STOUFFVILLE — The premises of the Stouffville Co-operative, north of Main Street, was 'victimized' in two separate incidents, last week, according to York Regional Police.

Initially, someone drove their car over the gas island and collided with the diesel pump causing \$840 damage to the unit. Later, the building was entered by removing the screen and breaking the window. A quantity of change was taken from the soft drink machine.

Guitar found — Several weeks ago, Bill Johnson, Main Street West, had his \$1,400 guitar stolen from his car. The instrument has since been recovered from a house near Ballantrae. An 18 year old Fairview Avenue, Stouffville youth stands charged with theft and possession of stolen property.

Garage breakins — Police report breakins at two service stations, the first at

Dave's Gulf in Stouffville, and the second at John's Garage in Gormley. At the Gormley depot, a tool box was stolen and a clock and radio damaged. A quantity of soft drinks were taken in Stouffville, valued at \$50.

Sr. Citizens' Week

STOUFFVILLE — June 16 to 23 is Senior Citizens' Week across Canada.

The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville will participate in the program. Mayor Gordon Ratchiff has set Friday, May 31 as the date for a public meeting in the auditorium at Parkview Home.

Representatives from local service clubs, churches as well as interested individuals are invited to attend. The time is 8 p.m.

Dickson Hill School

Grade 8's stay

DICKSON'S HILL — The present Grade 7 students at Dickson's Hill will remain in their 'home' school through Grade 8.

The Board of Education decision was revealed this week by John McMurray, trustee for Whitchurch-Stouffville. There was no opposition, he said.

Originally, it had been planned to bus the Grade 8's from Dickson's Hill to Stouffville, beginning in September. The majority of parents however, were opposed to the change and aired their com-

plaints at a committee meeting of Board members, including Mr. McMurray.

Mr. McMurray said he hoped something similar could be worked out for Grade 8's from the Ballantrae area, as well as Orchard Park and Summitview in Stouffville.

The target date for the return of Grade 8's to Ballantrae is Sept. '75 and Summitview Orchard Park by Sept. '76.

"There's a trend back to the Kindergarten to Grade 8 schools as opposed to the 3-tier system once considered most practical," he said.



Seventeen year old is 'queen' of S.D.S.S.

Seventeen year old Kim Lewis is the new student 'queen' of Stouffville Dist. Secondary School. The ceremony was held at Friday evening's May Prom at Sleepy Hollow Golf and Country Club. The queen, her attendants and

escorts are (left to right) — Peter Hillier and Rita Prospero; Don Reesor and Kim Lewis; Heather Conolly and Bob Gaston. Kim was crowned by Patricia Ermen, the queen of '73.

— Jim Thomas

King man Liberal candidate

YORK-SIMCOE — Michael Willinsky of King Township, a 34 year old researcher, dentist and teacher, will carry the banner for the York-Simcoe Liberals in the July 8 federal election.

Mr. Willinsky was the choice of delegates at a Riding nomination meeting, May 27, in Dr. G. W. Williams Secondary School, Aurora.

The 3-way contest also includes incumbent, Sinclair Stevens, Progressive Conservative and Wally Gustar of the N.D.P.