

Girl hit after car skids 168 ft.

STOUFFVILLE — A 19-year-old Stouffville youth has been charged with criminal negligence and impaired driving after his car skidded 168 feet and knocked a 10-year-old girl off her bicycle.

Francis Clifford Steele, 19 Main Street, was east-bound on Elm Road when his car left the road on the north side and knocked Donna Hoover, off her bike.

The girl is in satisfactory condition this week in Scarborough Centenary Hospital, after being in critical condition when admitted July 10.

Nursery school in church basement

STOUFFVILLE — There will be a new nursery school in town this fall.

Norah McElroy, Blake Street, will run the nursery in the basement of St. James' Presbyterian Church. The school is open to four and five year olds and will operate five days a week, with a class in the morning and another in the afternoon.

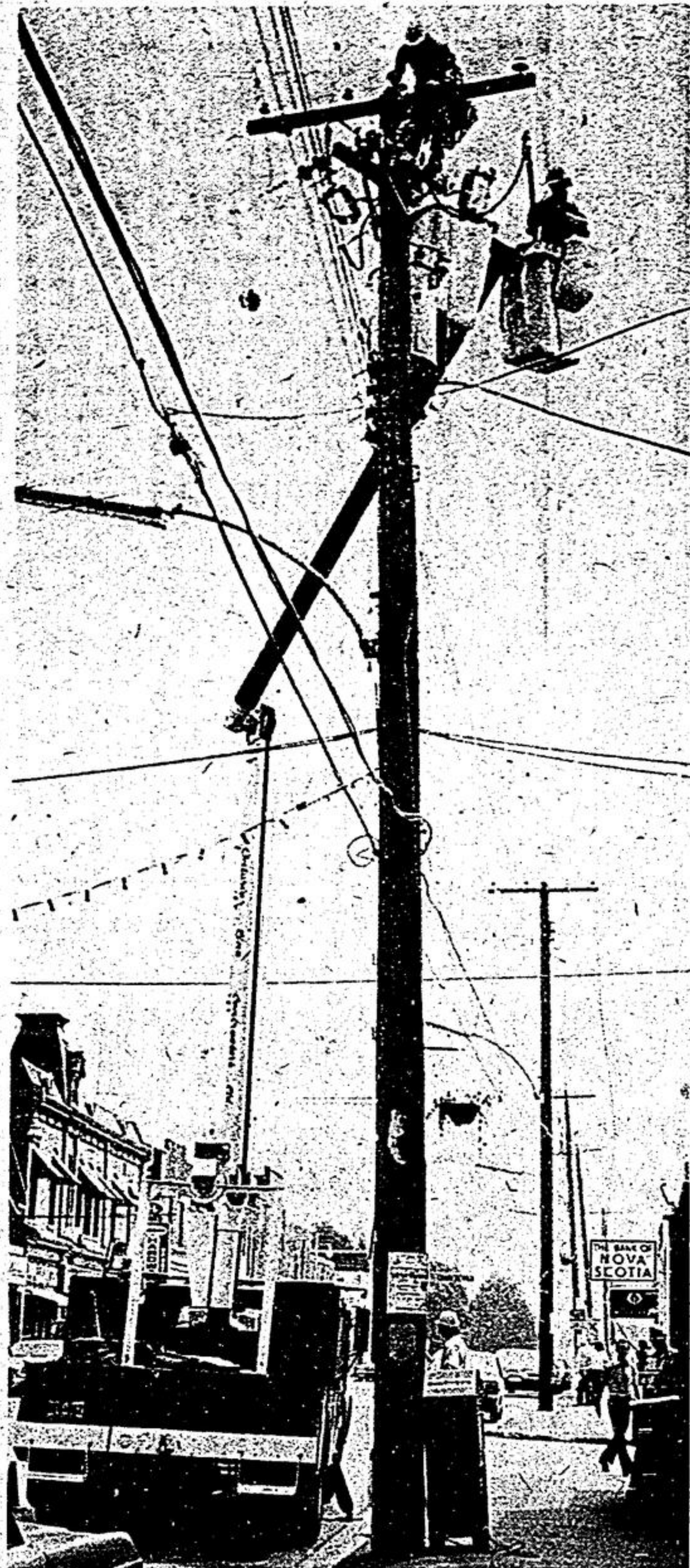
The nursery school will operate from September to June and will observe all school holidays, Mrs. McElroy said.

"It will develop the child socially, intellectually and physically," she said.

The cost is \$35 per month. She said that two other schools in town are operating at capacity.

Mrs. McElroy is originally from Midland and moved to Stouffville last year. She has had training in early childhood education at Humber College and Centennial College, and has been working in that field for the past five years.

Enrollment for the first class will be 15-20 youngsters, with registration slated for August.



Necks were craned upward Monday on Main Street to see what was going on. Part of the local hydro system was being upgraded with heavier cable. The affected area is between Church Street and Edward Street. The job was cleared up in a day and there was no interruption of services. Ontario Line Contractors limited of Oakville were retained by the town public utilities to do the work.

—John Montgomery.

Poll to be taken

Day care need study

STOUFFVILLE — A poll will soon be conducted to determine if there is a need for a day care centre in Whitchurch-Stouffville.

Council last week voted to place a newspaper ad asking that anyone requiring such service should contact the municipality.

The decision was made by council upon receipt of a letter from the Ministry of Community and Social Services.

The letter stated, "we are

planning to promote the development and expansion of municipal resources."

The letter revealed that the government would pay "100 per cent of the capital cost incurred in the conversion of available space to day care purposes and 80 per cent of the cost of building new facilities."

Commented Mayor Gordon Ratcliff, "There have been some requests for day care centres."

Said Councillor Eldred King, "I think we should find out

if there is a need for this type of service first."

The Ministry indicated, "We would also like to promote programs of private home day care which may be attached to established day nurseries and to promote the provision of service for some handicapped children who may be integrated into programs designed basically for normal children."

There was also a suggestion that the location of a day nursery in the high school would offer advantages to the high school students and to the day care children.

Council members agreed this would provide, "invaluable experience," to the students.

York board wants increased grants

AURORA — York County Board of Education needs larger provincial grants, according to a brief made public last week by the board.

The secondary school section will need more provincial aid in 1975 to keep within spending ceilings and maintain standards of school service, according to the brief.

The board was responding to the fact that it is already \$50,000 over its \$21.6 million secondary school budget and is asking the provincial govern-

ment to allow up to a 10 per cent latitude in spending ceilings.

This would increase per pupil spending in elementary schools by as much as \$75 and high schools, \$120, board's business manager George Ford said.

"The board believes some changes should be made to ensure that the quality of education does not suffer for lack of funds... and that a greater degree of local responsibility in spending is permitted," the brief read.

Participation House board fires director

MARKHAM — Six people have resigned from the Participation House staff, following the dismissal by that institution's board of Executive Director Kathe Neumann last week.

Bill Crothers, acting chairman of the board, said "the decision has been made in good faith for the best interests of the residents."

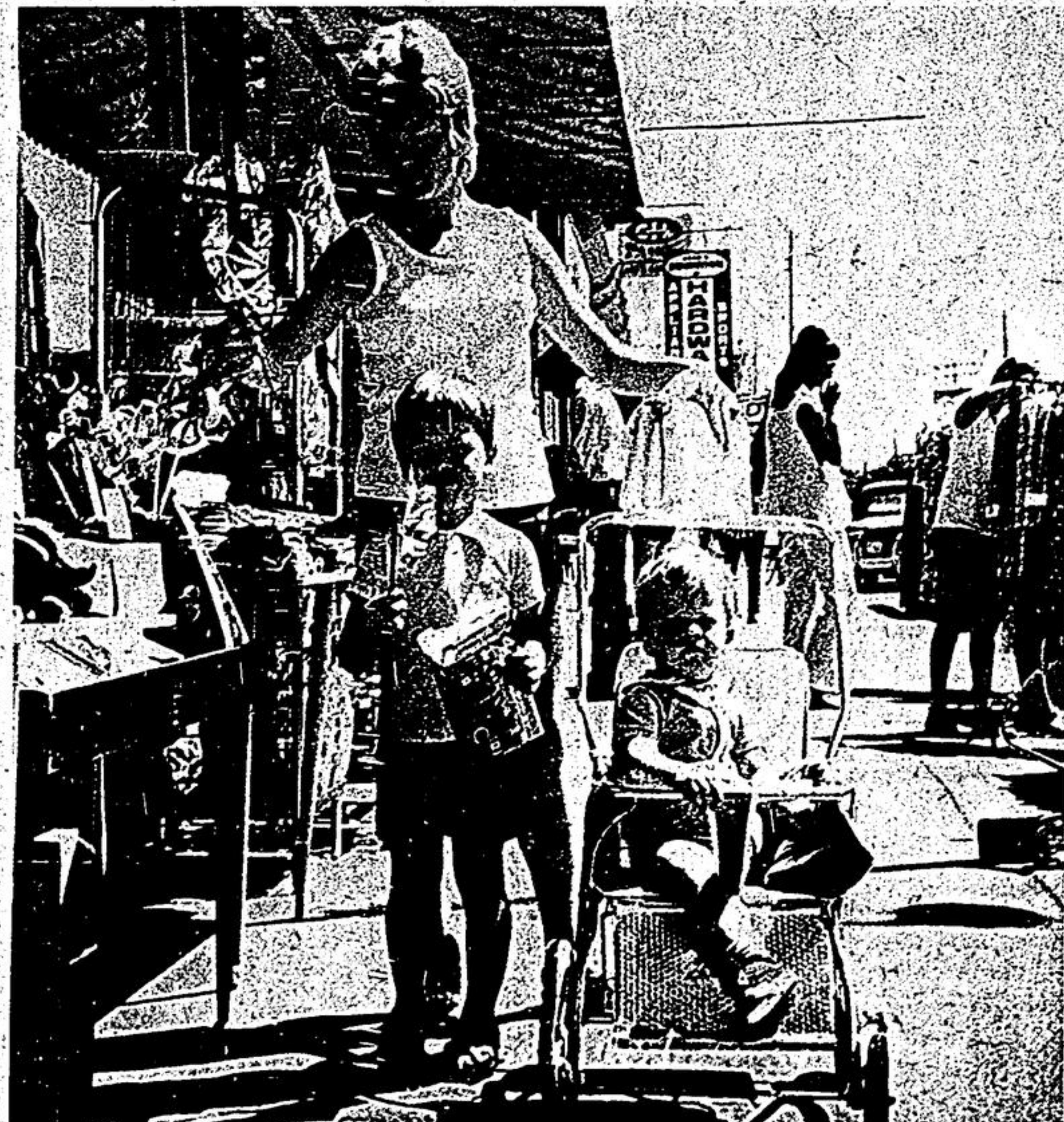
He would not elaborate on why Mrs. Neumann had been fired.

Mariane Martyn, one of those who resigned, said the main problem was "parental interference" in the operation of the residence for Adult cerebral palsy victims.

According to Miss Martyn, no official reason was given for the dismissal. Mr. Crothers denied parental interference as the reason for Mrs. Neumann losing her job.

According to reliable sources, the residence is still operating despite the fact that one part-time and three full-time nurses, a workshop assistant and a volunteer co-ordinator resigned.

Participation House has 44 beds and is located on the 9th Line at Highway 7.



Bev Woolhead contemplates the purchase of a windmill. In the foreground are sons: Jamie, 3, (left) and Robbie, 1½. There was a wide variety of goods to keep both adults and children occupied at the open air sale.

—John Montgomery.

Club takes over 102 acres

STOUFFVILLE — The flood control area north of the high school is now under the control of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Conservation Club.

The club has been trying to work out a deal to take over the area for passive recreation for almost a year.

The final arrangements were made at a private meeting last week between the town, the club and the Conservation Authority.

Said Mayor Gordon Ratcliff, "The conservation club will be acting as agents to administer the property." He said the arrangements have been finalized but the contract has not yet been signed.

The mayor explained the contract could be terminated at the request of either party at any time.

The conservation area will

be covered under the municipalities insurance policy, but the mayor indicated there was little likelihood of any claims being made.

The club has to have the Conservation Authority's permission to make any changes to the site.

"It's in the hands of the lawyer now," concluded the mayor.

Lime on lawn

BALLANTRAE — A Ballantrae man was shocked last week when he discovered someone had dumped a quantity of lime on his lawn and garden.

The total damage was \$200 at the home of Edward Hanson, Felcher Avenue. The investigation continues.

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Mayor charges provincial order not 'implemented'

STOUFFVILLE — Mayor Gordon Ratcliff has charged that promises given by Minister of the Environment William Newman with regard to the York Sanitation landfill site have, "not been implemented."

At a press conference Friday, the Mayor revealed the guarantee made by the minister to restrict the dumping at the site to 300 tons a day has not been kept.

"The control order has been violated every day," said the

mayor, "the minister has not carried out what he promised."

The mayor indicated that at a meeting with the minister, councillors were assured they would be allowed an environmental hearing within three months. The town wishes the hearing as it is their intent to close down the 185 acre dump site on Hwy. 48.

Mayor Ratcliff said the town has as yet received no word from the ministry as to a date for the hearing.

Mr. Newman was contacted early this week, at which time he told the Tribune, "There is no provision under the Environmental Act for a hearing on the present site." He said if there was an application to expand the site a hearing could then be held.

On being informed of the minister's statement the mayor insisted the town had been promised a hearing and he said the sanitation company's plan to build a hill of garbage 45 feet high is, "regarded as an expansion of the site." He said he would contact the minister immediately.

In reply to the charge that the control order has not been implemented, the minister replied, "Of the 11 points in the order, only two have not been fulfilled." He explained that

scales to weigh the garbage are required but haven't been installed yet as there is a six to eight week delay in delivery.

"More garbage is going in than is allowed," said Mr. Newman, "in our estimation they are going over the limit."

The ministry has warned York to cut back the tonnage but their hands are tied as, according to Mr. Newman, "it's very hard to prove an estimate in court." It can't be proved the order is being violated until the scales are installed, he concluded.

The mayor indicated he thought, "they are dumping perhaps 700 to 800 tons daily."

There will be a special meeting between council and solicitor Robert Black of Mingay and Associates law firm, this week, to determine what legal action to take.

Residents wait OMB decision

CEDAR VALLEY — Cedar Valley residents can do nothing now but wait and see whether their opposition to the proposed industrial development in their area, has been successful.

At the end of a day and a half Ontario Municipal Board hearings held at Latcham Hall last week, Chairman F.G. Blake said, "The Board is going to reserve its decision in this matter. The decision will be given in writing at a later date."

Residents opposed the proposed 85 acre industrial site located on the north side of the Vivian Road at Cedar Valley at a previous two days session of the hearing held in May.

Vern Morrow, second vice-president of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Ratepayers Association rose to give his objections to the project. Although Mr. Morrow does not live in the area he said he was opposed in principle to this type of development and he added he has been a staunch foe of the Pickering Airport.

He claimed the development was inconsistent and said, "you can't have an industrial development in the middle of nowhere." He berated the town

for what he called, "diverging from people oriented planning."

In his opinion the town wouldn't break even after providing services and the industries would be highly automated and provide little vocal employment. "Why dump here a pocket of industry and there a pocket?" he asked.

He said, "it's an unhealthy situation in any democracy when people have to fight for themselves. He compared the situation to, "Nazism and communism," and he charged that information that the area was unsuitable was being suppressed. He explained he is not a radical who, "lives in a commune and sleeps with anybody."

He admitted he shouldn't be there saying the same thing as others and that he had nothing new to add.

The ratepayers, in the absence of their lawyer were represented by Tom Marshall, a Cedar Valley resident.

Quite a bit of the hearing time was consumed in arguments between Mr. Marshall and Lawrence Mandel, (See HEARING, Page 2)

Region aghast at expansion study

YORK REGION — Metropolitan Toronto's latest attempt to expand northward gobbling up southern stretches of York created an uproar at the regional council meeting last week.

Mayor Evelyn Buck of Aurora caused the stir when she read from a report commissioned by Metro Toronto concerning expansion into areas between Steeles Avenue and the parkway belt. Another proposal

in the report would have expropriation of certain tracts of land in the region for housing.

"I find this repugnant," said Markham Councillor Bob Adams.

Regional Chairman Garfield Wright admitted he knew of the existence of the report and he said he had requested a copy but he had never received one.

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Mayor Buck had received a summary of the report from Regional Solicitor Edward Oakes who would not say how he had access to the not yet publicly released report. "I managed to obtain a copy," was all he would say.

The report has apparently been distributed to the mayors of all the boroughs forming Metropolitan Toronto.

Council files rates petition

UXBRIDGE — A petition objecting to higher rates for campers at Elgin Park was filed by Uxbridge Council last week.

That was done on request of Councillor Joe Esmonde who said "we should try it for a while and see how it works."

"People go down there expecting to have a quiet time and are disturbed by nothing but a bunch of hooligans," Councillor Esmonde said.

Sports complex study approved

STOUFFVILLE — The school board will spend up to \$1,500 for a feasibility study of a proposed sports complex at Stouffville District Secondary School.

That decision was made at a York County Board of Education meeting last week.

The study will be undertaken jointly with the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

Georgina Trustee, Mariane Gillan, objected to the board paying for a study on a project that may never come to pass.

Whitchurch-Stouffville trustee John McMurray replied that there would be no cost to the board in building a complex adding that to quibble over \$1,500 was "ridiculous."

He said the complex would be used by the whole community and "everybody is going to benefit from it." Mr. McMurray is chairman of a special board committee studying the project.

Other trustees favored the complex, but wanted assurance that the school would not be cramped by the additional facilities. Mr. McMurray assured them that the study would answer those questions.

Markham Trustee, Doreen Quirk, said she favored the idea of "co-operative planning," and trustee John McKay said the proposed swimming pool would be used by the school.

Tentative plans call for using land on the west side of Edward Street for the facilities, including the street itself which would be blocked off. The complex would connect with the high school gym.

Other possible features of the facility could be a sauna bath and curling rink, as well as an indoor swimming pool.