



This house is being pulled down to make way for the two-storey addition to be built on the rear of the Stouffville District Credit Union, Main St. W. The work is being done by Building Demolition

Limited. Willowdale. In spite of a slight delay caused by an occupational hazard, hornets, the building is expected to be completely dismantled within 10 days.

—John Montgomery

### Council won't budge

## Zoning change stalled

CEDAR VALLEY — Council refused to be budged from a wait-and-see stand on the industrially-zoned acreage at Cedar Valley when faced with a persuasive representation of area residents and a brief from Whitchurch-Stouffville Ratepayers' Association at last week's meeting.

The brief requested that

council adhere to an Ontario Municipal Board decision, which recently denied an application to locate industry on the site, by opposing further efforts of Michael J. Real Estate and Professional Syndicate Developments to re-open negotiations relative to the Cedar Valley Industrial Development.

Council received the brief without comment but later countered with a resolution to defer preparation of documents to change the zoning on the Cedar Valley land until planning studies, contemplated by the OMB decision, were completed.

Planning Chairman, Merlin Baker, in explaining the intent of council's resolution, contended that "until all things have been decided and agreed to by law, council has no right to interfere."

Residents are being given the run-around, was the general interpretation voiced by a sceptical Cedar Valley deputation after the meeting.

Tom Wood, Whitchurch-Stouffville Association president claimed that, by ignoring the ratepayers' brief and approving its own resolution, council was "back-tracking" from a previous agreement to adopt the OMB ruling.

If there's no appeal, everything's fine, he concluded. Should the developers renew their efforts to locate industry on the site, Mr. Wood added, they would certainly be better equipped to continue the fight than the opposing residents who have limited time and money.

## Misunderstanding claimed by mayor

STOUFFVILLE — Council's delay in acting on a joint feasibility study for the proposed sports complex was due to a "misunderstanding" according to Mayor Gordon Ratcliff.

Council didn't procrastinate at all, I don't think, he said. "We're definitely interested."

It was decided at an initial meeting with the York Board of Education that a second meeting would be held to determine "the terms of reference," for the feasibility study, the mayor said. He said he felt it was the duty of the

board to call the second meeting, but they never did.

Meanwhile, the York Board was waiting to receive confirmation from council that they would pay half of a \$3000 bill for a feasibility study. But Council was unwilling to shell out that amount until they had determined if it was necessary.

Now, the second meeting between the board and council over "terms of reference" should go forward shortly.

## No small fries in this contest

STOUFFVILLE — Potatoes, potatoes and more potatoes. These are not for eating but for judging. The Tribune is sponsoring the largest potato contest in the Markham Fair. The largest by weight will receive a \$5 prize with a second worth \$3 and a third \$2.

According to Ivan Norton, one of the fair organizers, the largest potato in the competition in past years was almost 3½ pounds.

Those with potatoes for the contest, must have them in to The Tribune office by Sept. 30 at 5 p.m. or may bring them to the fair no later than the evening of Oct. 1.

Markham Fair this year hopes to break the record attendance figures of last year and extends from Oct. 3 through Oct. 6.

## Low cost housing approved

STOUFFVILLE — Planning committee provisionally approved part of a plan of subdivision submitted by Clay Clouter on Sept. 12. The approval was for the southern two-thirds of the site on parts of lots five and six, conc. 8, since the northern sector borders on an intensive agricultural operation.

Earlier in the meeting, council listened to three local

residents as well as Mr. Clouter speaking in favor of the plan and the need for low-cost housing. The Clouter proposal includes a number of low-cost lots.

"The possibility of buying a home is out of reach for young people," Ed Chilman of Rupert St. told council. "This is a very generous offer by Mr. Clouter."

A total of 27 people were represented in two delegations.

Committee chairman Merlin Baker replied, "I've never heard any committee member saying we're not in favor of low-cost housing... It's a question we're going to put it."

Speaking against the proposal, Mr. Baker said, "There are farmers on the same type of land who are raising excellent crops."

## Many items at auction sale

ALTONA — An interesting auction sale will be conducted at the property of David and Jane Phillips, Altona, this coming Saturday, Sept. 21.

The list which appears in the classified section of this issue, includes a host of antiques with such items as spinning wheels, pine cupboards and even a powder horn. The auctioneers are Earl Gauslin and John Annis.

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### Sitting on a time bomb

## Dump meeting planned

By DON BERNARD  
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LEMONVILLE — A mass meeting is to be called for later this month to confront Environment Minister, Bill Newman with the threat posed by the Highway 48 garbage dump.

The sponsors of the meeting, likely to be at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School, is a group called Preserve Our Water Resources (POWR). They want to close the York Sanitation dump.

A planning meeting last week at Lemoville Community Hall saw 25 people meet to plan strategy to force the provincial government take action in the matter.

POWR is headed by Chairman, Tom Wood and Secretary Dennis Sainsbury and includes members of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Conservation Club. It is seeking affiliation with the Garbage Coalition, a group of volunteer organizations throughout Ontario.

A representative of Pollution Probe was also present for the meeting.

Mr. Wood told the group that the main aim of POWR is to stop the dumping at the York Sanitation Site. Mayor Gordon Ratcliff and Councillor Merlin

Baker also attended the meeting.

The main speaker was Fred Munroe, chemical engineer and resident of the area. He described some of the dangers of chemical pollution that could happen at the Whitchurch-Stouffville dump.

Mr. Munroe said that when the dump is completed, the bottom of the garbage will be only 30 feet above the main aquifer, which provides the main source of water for the wells that serve the village of Stouffville.

He said that the land there is mostly "Kame Moraine" which is very permeable. That is it is mostly sand and gravel and could not stop the seepage of chemical pollutants from the garbage.

Mr. Munroe stressed that only two per cent of the garbage dumped at the Highway 48 site is from the immediate area, and the rest comes from Metro Toronto.

"The material that goes into that dump is not classified or controlled," he said.

He added that the company is acting illegally but nothing is being done.

Mr. Wood added later in the meeting that Mr. Newman has "said much but done nothing" in regards to the dump.

## \$10 guitar proves a costly purchase

STOUFFVILLE — A Stouffville youth was found guilty of possession of stolen property last week, after he told the court that he paid \$10 for a guitar valued at \$2,500.

James Douglas Hopper was charged with theft and possession of the instrument stolen from a station wagon parked on Harold Ave.

The guitar's owner, country music entertainer, William Johnson, told the court that he left the guitar in his car outside his parents' home. He had purchased the instrument for \$470 in 1961, but told the court that someone had offered him \$2,500 for it because it is a rare model.

York Regional Police Detective Brian Cousineau told court that he questioned Mr. Hopper on May 21 and the accused told him the guitar had been given to a friend.

When the detective went to the friend's home to enquire further and was told the guitar had been sold for \$40.

Gary Crust told the court that he had bought the guitar from Miles Maschiner of Claremont, but was unaware that it was stolen.

Hopper testified that he bought the guitar in the first place for \$10 at the Stouffville Sales Barn from a man he had never seen before. The man wanted \$40 for it, but finally agreed to sell it for \$10. He admitted under cross-examination that he knew the guitar was worth more than \$10 and told the court he hoped to sell it and make a profit, and it was worth \$100.

The youth said that he gave it away after seeing a story about it in The Tribune stating that the guitar was stolen from a station wagon.

Crown attorney L.J. Applegath questioned how Hopper would know the guitar was stolen as there was no description of it in The Tribune article. He asked the youth why he would be afraid of being charged with possession of stolen goods over \$200 if he thought the guitar was worth only \$100.

The youth's mother testified that she had seen the instrument in her son's room and he had told her it belonged to a friend.

## Truck traffic menace

MUSS LAKE — Tourist traffic in the Musselman's Lake area has already dwindled with the summer season. Truck traffic, according to homeowners there, has not. It continues to be a year-round menace.

About 200 residents who signed a petition forwarded to

### Woman killed in collision

GOODWOOD — Homeward bound after the weekend, a 53-year-old Rexdale woman was killed Sunday in a two-car crash in Goodwood.

The car with Treva Marie Markus in it was southbound on the 3rd of Uxbridge when it collided with another car at the intersection of Highway 1A. She died of multiple fractures.

Twenty-two year old, James Markus is in fair condition in Scarborough Centenary Hospital following the mishap.

The other driver, Thomas Reynolds, 23, of Concession 4 Pickering, was taken to Uxbridge Cottage Hospital with facial cuts.

Comments on the residents' complaints, ward councillor Jim Wong said they were "well-founded". Trucks on the narrow Regional road (9th), he felt, had played havoc in the Lake area for a long time.

Council added its support to the petition which will be forwarded to the York Regional authorities.

### Stained glass panel ordered

STOUFFVILLE — Although maintenance normally takes priority over design in renovation work to local municipal buildings, a small aesthetic bing has been approved for the Town offices in Civic Square.

Work has been commissioned on a \$925 stained glass panel which will be installed in the main upper-office window, facing Main St. The Town's new coat-of-arms will be incorporated into the stained-glass design.

## Three youth flee from paddy wagon

NEWMARKET — Two Stouffville area lads and another youth were apprehended Tuesday after overpowering a security guard while being transported from the Don Jail to Newmarket Provincial Court.

The three were handcuffed together in the paddy wagon when it arrived at the court house. The guard went to the rear to open the door when he was kneed and knocked to the ground.

About .90 minutes later James Hopper, 18, of Stouffville was captured. He was to be sentenced on a theft possession charge concerning a stolen guitar. Police say they broke the handcuffs off with rocks.

All three face additional charges of escaping custody. Every available York Regional Police officer had been called out to take part in the search.

## Approval for bypass signs

STOUFFVILLE — York Regional Council has passed a resolution approving the signing of Bloomington Road as the Stouffville by-pass.

The Ministry of Transportation and Communications has concurred with this proposal and will install and maintain the required signs.

Although traffic studies done several years ago by the region demonstrate only approximately 10 per cent of the traffic on Main St. during the summer peak periods would use the by-pass, it was felt marking the by-pass would help alleviate traffic congestion.



The mound of garbage at the York Sanitation dump on Highway 48 grows higher and higher. Here the heavy machines move the garbage into a higher pile. A mass meeting is to be held later this month to confront Environment Minister Bill Newman to close the dump.

—Don Bernard.