



Only the blackened shell of a house remains after fire gutted the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Taylor of Claremont. Their two sons, Terry, 3, and Douglas, 5, were killed in the blaze. A fund has been started to help the Taylor family. Don Bernard

Two boys killed in fire

CLAREMONT — Over \$2,000 has been donated so far in a fund to help Frank and Judy Taylor, whose house was gutted Friday morning. The couple's two sons Terry 3, and Douglas 5, were killed in the blaze.

The fund was established by the Claremont Lions Club which kicked in the first \$1000. Accompanied by Carole Redshaw and under direction of Dorothy Britton, small fry Chris and Dawn Fraser, Traci Pilkey, Joanne Redshaw and Susie Carruthers sang the Merry Bells of Christmas. Other singers were the Junior Club, accompanied by Leo

upper floor of the house but could not rescue the boys because of smoke and flames. He ran outside and attempted to climb to the bedroom, but fell through the plastic porch roof.

Passersby wrapped him in a coat and applied first aid. He was taken to Ajax-Pickering Hospital with a severed artery in his leg, and Mr. Taylor is reported in

staken to hospital and was later suffering shock. Another, Mrs. Grant Taylor as insured for a minimum amountly been sold. The couple another house. It had been the deal had not been com-

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Snowmobile troubles start

STOUFFVILLE — Although the snowfall so far this year has been marginal council members have already been receiving complaints about trespassing snowmobilers.

Councillor June Button told council she has been receiving complaints from people living in the new subdivision and that when she went to York Regional Police she was told they can only prosecute when the property

trespassed on is posted as private.

"Carry a shotgun. Its just as effective," suggested Councillor Art Starr.

Someone on council pointed out there has not been enough snow in the past two years for snowmobiles to be a problem which prompted Mr. Starr to say, "I hope we don't get it this year then."

"I didn't want to be the

miserable one to say that," replied Councillor Eldred King, who apparently shares Mr. Starr's views on the subject.

Council decided to wait until the forthcoming provincial legislation on snowmobiles is passed before changing the municipal by-law.

The by-law committee will have to investigate, commented Mayor Gordon Ratcliff.

Tribune publishes Christmas Eve

STOUFFVILLE — The Tribune will be published on Christmas Eve next week to allow the staff of the newspaper to spend the holiday with their families. Deadlines for classified and display advertising will be Saturday at noon. Those with news items for the issue must have them in by Saturday at 5 p.m.

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'Private recreation club'

Neighbors fear influx

STOUFFVILLE — A proposal to establish a "private recreational club" on the site of the Cedar Spring Trout Farm on Highway 48, drew considerable opposition from neighbors at Planning committee last week.

Deanna McNeilly appeared to explain the proposal which would see 200 campsites established on the farm. She said that the zoning presently allowed her to go ahead but she added that she "did not want to cause friction" and decided to seek council approval.

She said the plan is to create a 200-member fishing club, with members allowed to put their trailers there for five months of the year.

A trunk sewer would be installed with holding tanks and the effluent would be pumped to the rear of the property where it would be dumped into a large septic tank system.

She maintained that the proposals would only add to the value of surrounding properties.

Veterinarian, Dr. A. T. O'Connor said he opposed the plan because there were few

local controls on the development.

"I see this as a very loose arrangement," he said. "I was not approached and I am against it."

Miss McNeilly assured him that it would never become a commercial operation.

Another neighbor, Merv Turner, expressed his concern over pollution and noise stating that, "it will be noisy there on weekends."

"This reminds me of a miniature Lake Wilcox," he added.

Dr. O'Connor said that the trailer park "has got to depreciate my property."

"We moved to the country to avoid noise and now we are getting it here too," he said.

One member asked if the project could be stopped and was assured by Mayor Gordon Ratcliff that "if the neighbors don't want it, council doesn't want it."

Robert Lowe questioned whether Miss McNeilly could confine the people to her farm alone.



Randy Bolton of Unionville is up to his neck in Christmas trees at the Drysdale Tree Farm, Saturday. He was busy cutting down a tree. For story and pictures see page 9. John Montgomery

Independent study of kettle lake plan

STOUFFVILLE — An independent environmentalist will prepare a study on a housing proposal for the 6th Conc. near the Vandort Rd., following a planning committee meeting last week.

The developer was represented by Ergo Karuks of KR Systems Ltd. who stated that specific information on the number of lots and the environmental impact would be forthcoming after the official plan amendment goes through.

Councillor Eldred King disagreed adding that he could not support the proposal because of "density and unanswered questions."

Other councillors expressed reservations with Mayor Gordon Ratcliff warning that "we must be careful with it, there is a lake in there, and there are some doubts about 30 lots in there."

Councillor Merlyn Baker suggested that "there is a major engineering job to do, to take

water from roads in the subdivision to the 6th and into the Holland River.

Mr. Karuks maintained that the problem of the kettle lake could be solved to the satisfaction of the Ontario government. He suggested the town have its own consulting engineers to do a study.

Gordon Otes speaking on behalf of some of the residents said that if he got answers to his questions "we would be more receptive to the plan."

He specifically wanted to know the number of houses to be built. Mr. Karuk maintained that that could not be determined until permission was received to proceed.

They are seeking an official plan amendment changing the area from agricultural to estate residential.

Mayor Ratcliff suggested an independent environmentalist be engaged to the study with the costs to be borne by the developers.

Cedar Valley park

Developers seek further hearings

CEDAR VALLEY — The would-be developers of an 86-acre site in Cedar Valley have announced their intention of applying to the Ontario Municipal Board to have the board review its earlier decision.

The OMB this summer ruled against allowing an industrial development proposed by Professional Syndicated Developments Ltd. in the otherwise rurally zoned Cedar Valley area.

The OMB in its decision recommended the land be returned to a rural zoning. The developers appealed to the cabinet, but subsequently withdrew the appeal.

According to the letter received by Whitchurch-Stouffville council, the appeal was withdrawn from the Cabinet because of "totally unfounded allegations of bias and influence contained in the submissions filed by the ratepayers." The developer's solicitors, Thomson, Rogers, also alleged the ratepayers submitted evidence which was rejected by OMB at the time of the hearing.

The solicitor's letter says, "Such innuendos, affecting as they do the good names and good offices of all concerned in this matter, should not be left unanswered or uncontested. Nor can the allegations and the new evidence be adequately met within the format of a cabinet petition."

OMB Chairman W.H. Palmer last week told The Tribune the board would hear a motion on the application and they would have to be convinced a rehearing is necessary. He said before they would grant another hearing there would have to be "new evidence" or something of that nature. If people had been improperly

served with notice of the last hearings this would also be grounds for a new hearing according to Mr. Palmer.

Tom Marshall, who represented the ratepayers at the hearings, appeared before council unannounced last week to discuss the matter.

Mr. Marshall denied there were any "innuendos" in the ratepayers' submissions to the cabinet and he urged council to expedite the processing of a by-law to zone the land rural. Council refused to pass any resolution dealing with the matter.

Mayor Gordon Ratcliff told Mr. Marshall the Area Services Branch has been instructed to bring in a report on the whole area and that Cedar Valley would be given "first priority."

Mr. Ratcliff explained it would have to go through an official plan change as the area is designated industrial on the official plan.

"The name of the game is to wait and make us pay," Mr. Marshall charged, "if they can drag it out long enough they can win." He told council it is now costing the ratepayers money as they have been forced to retain an attorney.

Price change for Tribune

STOUFFVILLE — Commencing January 1975, the annual subscription rate for The Tribune will be \$8 per year and the price for a single copy will jump to 20 cents. The Tribune regrets the necessity of this increase, which has been caused by higher newsprint, printing and production costs.

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Zoning By-Law 72-7 and the official plan.

"There is no need to create an urban community within the municipality," he argued, "development should be confined to uses not requiring servicing."

William Hartshorne also made representation to council. He told council the ratepayers are "not opposed to development on this particular property" as it is not farmland, but they object to the proposed density. He pointed out that all the neighbors have 10 to 15 acre lots.

He argued the repercussions of this development "are going to take place for the next 20 to 30 years," and that "the economy is going into a recession. If you don't have a job you can't afford a home."

"If you have a subdivision it should be beside a subdivision. Not stuck in the bush."

Skaters needed for skate-a-thon

STOUFFVILLE — Stouffville Minor Hockey is looking for people willing to skate to earn some money for that organization. At 5 p.m. Dec. 28, the association will feature a 24-hour skate-a-thon and hopes to have members of the community, young and old participating.

Those who do not have registration forms, may pick them up at the Arena Saturday mornings. Those completing the full 24 hours will receive a plaque for the achievement.



A Claremont man has been charged with failing to yield, when his car pulled out of a roadside vegetable stand. A car driven by off-duty policeman Dwayne Jackson struck the rear of the car and it swerved off the road and smashed into a dead Elm stump. Norman

Bos of Claremont has been charged. His car was called a write-off by York Regional Police. Damage to Constable Jackson's car was set at \$500. The officer suffered a broken nose, while Mr. Bos is in Scarborough Centenary Hospital with fractured vertebrae. John Montgomery