

# New dump evidence prompts brief

STOUFFVILLE — Town Solicitor Paul Mingay has been instructed to prepare a brief outlining the town's concerns with the decision of the Environmental Hearing Board on the Highway 48 dump.

According to Mayor Gordon Ratcliff the town has new evidence as a result of the Fill and Floodline Mapping Study just completed by the South Lake Simcoe Conservation Authority.

That study places almost

the entire (dump) site in a critical recharge area," the mayor this week told The Tribune.

"Even to put a housing development in there wouldn't be allowed unless it was a very low density," he said.

Mr. Ratcliff said that although he firmly believes the hearing was biased against the town, the charge of discrimination will not be a major point in the brief.

The brief will be submitted, as soon as possible, to the

Director of Approvals of the Ministry of the Environment. It is the director's prerogative to grant or reject York Sanitation's application for expansion of the site.

The brief will also ask for a firm commitment to provide compensation if the water supply of the town becomes polluted.

The reliability of the ministry to carry out the recommendations of the board will be questioned in the brief. Mr. Ratcliff spoke of

evidence that "there is off site pollution" and he expressed disappointment the board didn't take into consideration the dangers of chemical pollution.

Councillor Merlyn Baker said the board "has gone roughshod over the wishes of the people." He was very critical of York's consultants, Hydrology Consultants Ltd. He pointed out that five years ago the consultants had reported that it was safe to dump liquid industrial waste at the site.



## Charley is an institution

Its not often a dog becomes an institution but that is what has happened with Charley. He has become a seemingly permanent fixture in the hamlet and is especially popular with the children at Goodwood Public School, where he spends a good deal of his time. Although he legally belongs to the Gordon Jones family he has more or less slipped into the status of community property. He can usually be seen hanging around the school yard at any time when students are likely to be about. According to one observer he stays in the playground until classes start and then he goes off down the road and walks back with any late students. At other times he can be found lounging around near Bell's store. He is getting a bit older now which is a miracle as he has never learned to stop chasing cars. He

has been hit five times and was once hit by a gravel truck which left him minus a lung and with 40 stitches. Posing with Charley in this picture are from the left: Stacey Graham, Shani Pasterko, Donald Kidd, Gail Jackson, Sherri Todd, Sarah Bolter, Andrea Magill, Cameron Todd and Eric McKenzie. Two grade six students, Cheryl Quenneville and Beth Stewart, on hearing of the story being done about Charley, decided to draw up a report card for him. For reading (children's minds) he received a B-, for adding (children) he was awarded an A, but he was given a low grade for attendance as "the children would like to see him more often." Under general comments it was noted that "to us and the people of Goodwood School he is a great person."

— John Montgomery

## Snowmobilers want trail from Vandorf to lake area

STOUFFVILLE — Members of the C.C. Riders Snowmobile Club of Vandorf appeared before council last week to request help in establishing a snowmobile trail.

Club member Graham Eves explained that the club is trying to establish a route between Vandorf and Musselman's Lake where they hope to meet up with a snowmobile club from Uxbridge.

They asked council to grant permission to use "given roads" to obtain this objective.

It turned out most of the rights of way they wished to use were farm lanes, had never been assumed or were private roads into small developments.

Mr. Eves explained that they are having problems getting permission to cross private properties. The new provincial law requires that permission be given in writing by the landowner and he said many people are balking at this.

Mr. Eves asked for permission to use the untravelled shoulders of the road and he

pointed out that by law they are permitted to use the travelled portion of roads.

"Maybe people will help us out when they see we aren't going to destroy things," commented Mr. Eves. He said people would realize "we're not just a bunch of vandals" if they saw club members using the roadway and he was confident this would make it easier to obtain written permission from landowners for next year.

Councillor Becky Wedley appeared sympathetic and suggested the club use St. John's sideroad as far as possible.

Councillor Art Starr and Mayor Gordon Ratcliff both stressed the club would have to be self-policing.

Council seemed willing to help the club and it was suggested they draw up a specific route and then come back to council with it.

The club members said they would be willing to aid Stouffville people in setting up a club of their own.

Mr. Starr stressed that even if council approved a trail it would not be guaranteed for any length of time if there were a lot of complaints.

# The Tribune

VOL. 85 NO. 30

WHITCHURCH — STOUFFVILLE, DECEMBER 4, 1975

20 CENTS

52 PAGES

## Parents air grievances

# Action sought on Summitview

STOUFFVILLE — A bid by parents to speed up renovations at Summitview School was initiated Monday, as about 60 met at the school to lay plans for lobbying the York County Board of Education.

Group president Janet Arends described the crowd as "very enthusiastic" and said members will soon canvass the town with petitions.

Current plans call for visiting the board at the Jan. 12, 1975 meeting in order to request that Summitview renovations be placed high on the regional building priorities. While Summitview was third on the 1975 list, it has been dropped completely from 1976 priorities.

Another parents' meeting will take place Jan. 5, 8 p.m. at the school. Meetings will be held the first Monday in each succeeding month.

Addressing the group on Monday, Mrs. Arends pointed out that "Summitview is the only elementary school in Area 2 that is over capacity."

The greatest needs in the school, she said, are a larger general purpose room and resource centre. While Summitview's gym has 912 square feet, Orchard Park has 1400, she said. Dickson Hill, Whitchurch Highlands, and Ballantrae Public Schools also surpass Summitview, she added.

School board trustee Harry Bowes said that to get this school back on the priorities list...it's going to be a slow process and very frustrating, but that's what it's going to take.

Principal Lorne Bowday, in answer to a question, commented that "probably a majority of the staff (of Summitview) would like to retain the building with a new gymnasium."

The board's indecision, as he saw it, was over whether to renovate Summitview or wait until a new school is built in north Stouffville, and phase Summitview out.

Ron Arends of Manitoba

Street suggested that "maybe if we got together and did some yelling, it might change things." He said the parents "shouldn't tolerate it for even four years."

New five-year projections by the board call for a new school to accommodate the

proposed Dulverton subdivision in Stouffville, and an addition to Orchard Park School.

Provincial ministry regulations say that 90 per cent of a new subdivision must be occupied before an additional school may be built.

## Bowes heads special study of Summitview

YORK CTY. — Whitchurch-Stouffville trustee Harry Bowes was named chairman of a subcommittee last week to investigate the possibility of an addition to Summitview Public School.

Mr. Bowes said that a delegation of concerned parents and teachers from Summitview appeared before the York

County Board of Education's standing committee on planning and building last week. Besides Mr. Bowes, the subcommittee includes Aurora trustee Norm Weller, board planning director Mac Wilson, and Summitview principal Lorne Bowday.

The committee members inspected the school Monday.

Mr. Bowes said that renovations to Summitview stood third in the board's 1975 priority list, but had been bumped off the list altogether. The school is not mentioned in the expenditure forecasts recently drawn up for 1976.

The parent-teacher group has been meeting regularly in order to form a plan of action to have a major addition built onto the east end Stouffville school.

## Special insert for Christmas

STOUFFVILLE — Reader's of The Tribune are reminded of the Christmas Shopping Guide and contest contained as a special supplement to this week's paper.

A draw will be held Dec. 12 for the \$100 prize in the "Recognize the merchant" contest.

In the Nov. 27 issue we mistakenly announced the Nassau trip draw for Dec. 12. It will take place Dec. 24.

## New bylaw eases park restrictions

STOUFFVILLE — Last week a public parks bylaw was passed, which will supercede the bylaw passed in July.

Mayor Gordon Ratcliff explained the new bylaw was being brought in because the bylaw passed in the summer had some things in it which "were not applicable to this town."

The new bylaw is almost identical to the old one but it gives the community centre boards the power to grant persons or groups permission to conduct meetings in the park.

The previous bylaw only gave council the right to grant permission.

A clause, requiring a request be submitted in writing five days before the date of the meeting, was deleted in the updated bylaw.

The only other change was the removal of a clause prohibiting any person from playing or participating in any organized match or athletic contest in any park unless approved by a permit granted by council. The permit would also specify the time and place of the contest.

Many people had considered the old bylaw too restrictive.

## Day care interviews

STOUFFVILLE — Regional staff are in town this week to gauge the need for a day care centre in Stouffville.

Interviews with prospective users of the service are set for — today (Dec. 4) from 6-8 p.m. at the Public Library and the office of Dr. William Zeck; Friday (Dec. 5) from 6-8 p.m.; and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For information call 898-1551.

## Pickering sports complex \$14 million

PICKERING — A \$14-million recreation complex would be built here, if plans unveiled at last week's executive committee meeting become a reality.

The Town of Pickering would be served with a huge complex including more than 25 sporting and cultural activities.

A start for the centre, however, is not expected for two years, according to Mayor George Ashe.

The first phase of the complex would include a swimming pool, a triple gymnasium, squash courts, staff offices, craft rooms, and meeting, banquet, restaurant and babysitting areas. Total cost of the phase would be \$7.6 million.

The suggested site would be located between Liverpool Road and Duffin's Creek about one mile north of Highway 2. Forty acres would be used there.

Drawing up the plan was George Kormos and Associates of Sudbury.

Later stages of the proposed complex would have a curling rink, ice arena, indoor tract, 800-seat theatre, bowling alley, library, outdoor stadium and playing fields and a children's playground.

Town recreation director Dave Bass says most of the proposed complex could be financed through lot levy fees assessed on new development.

Councillor Jack Anderson called it "a tremendous undertaking for a town the size of Pickering to consider," but that it would be accessible and serve all the town's recreation needs.

## Nativity drama will come alive

UXBRIDGE — The Living Nativity, one of the highlights of last year's yuletide celebrations, will be repeated this year.

It will take place Dec. 20, 22, 23 and 24 with two performances each night at 8 p.m. and 8.45. A half-block in downtown Uxbridge will be used.

The site will be transformed into the square of Bethlehem with village inn, walls and towers as well as shops, camps and sentry fires. The cast, made up of members of the Uxbridge Baptist Church, numbers 80 in all. Real animals are used in the production.

The script, written by Gladys Evans, is based on prophetic writings of the old testament and accounts of the birth of Jesus found in the Gospels. Music and spoken work has been pre-recorded and will be reproduced in stereo.

## Youth shot in gas station hold-up

BROWN'S CORNERS — An 18-year old youth is in stable condition in Sunnybrook Hospital after being shot in the chest at point-blank range by a robber early Saturday morning.

The youth, David Ross of Willowdale, was working at the Fina gas station on Woodbine Ave., south of Highway 7, at about 1 o'clock Saturday morning when the robbery occurred.

A 1973 Plymouth Satellite Sebring with three or four passengers entered the station and a man wearing a mask got out of the car and demanded cash from the youth.

Mr. Ross resisted and was shot in the upper left chest with a .22 calibre pistol. He managed to stagger to B & M Motors where he received assistance.

He was taken to York Central Hospital and later was transferred to Sunnybrook Hospital in Toronto. The bullet

narrowly missed his heart and one lung had collapsed.

The thieves, who have not been apprehended as of yet, made off with approximately \$115. They did not get the money from the till but only what Mr. Ross was carrying on his person.

Police have very few clues to work with.

## Gravel charges laid

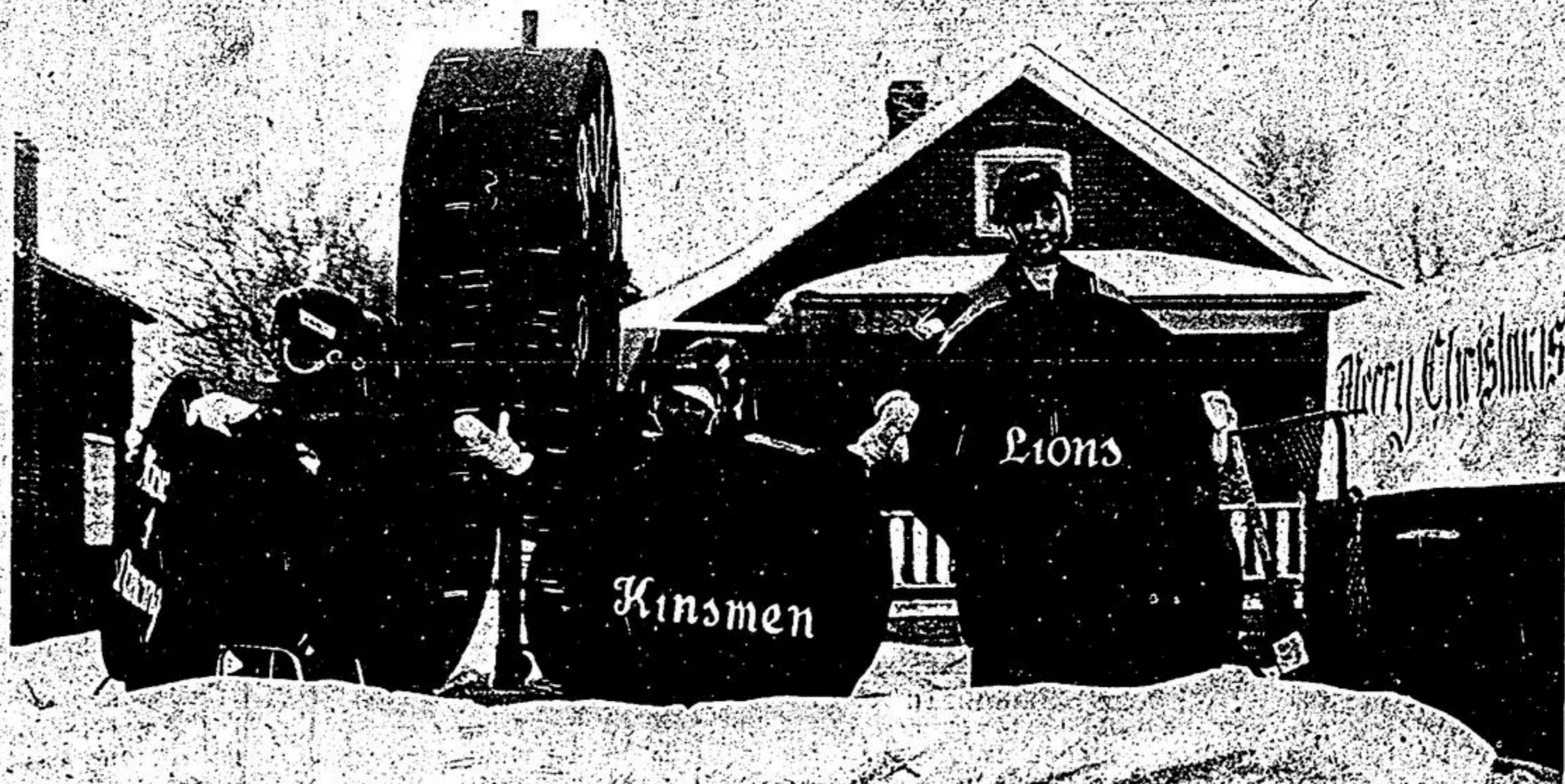
BLOOMINGTON — William Popovitch appeared in court in Aurora yesterday on three charges of "contravening the town's zoning bylaw."

The results of the court case were not known at press time.

The charges were laid by Bylaw Enforcement Officer Willis Wideman for allegedly removing gravel.

According to Mr. Wideman, Mr. Popovitch was unlawfully changing the use of the land as the property he has been digging on at Bloomington is zoned rural.

The charges were all laid on separate occasions and Mr. Popovitch's wife is named as a co-accused.



# GIRLS HOCKEY ASSOC.

This float entitled "Patty Puck", created by the Girls Hockey league, took a \$30 prize as the most humorous float in Saturday's Santa Claus Parade. Top float, winning \$50, was from Stouffville Nursery School and featured a live Dixieland band. Best Christmas

float belonged to the 1st Gormley Girl Guides and Brownies, while Orchard Park won top prize for best school float. Amongst groups and clubs, the Lemonville float took the \$30 prize. — Don Bernard.

## Flash fire as fondue pot upset

MARKHAM — A flash fire started by an overturned fondue pot caused \$2,000 damage to a Main St. Markham home Sunday evening.

Tony Holme had a number of guests for dinner party when the fondue pot overturned setting fire to the table cloth, table and parts of the floor. The rest of the room sustained smoke damage.