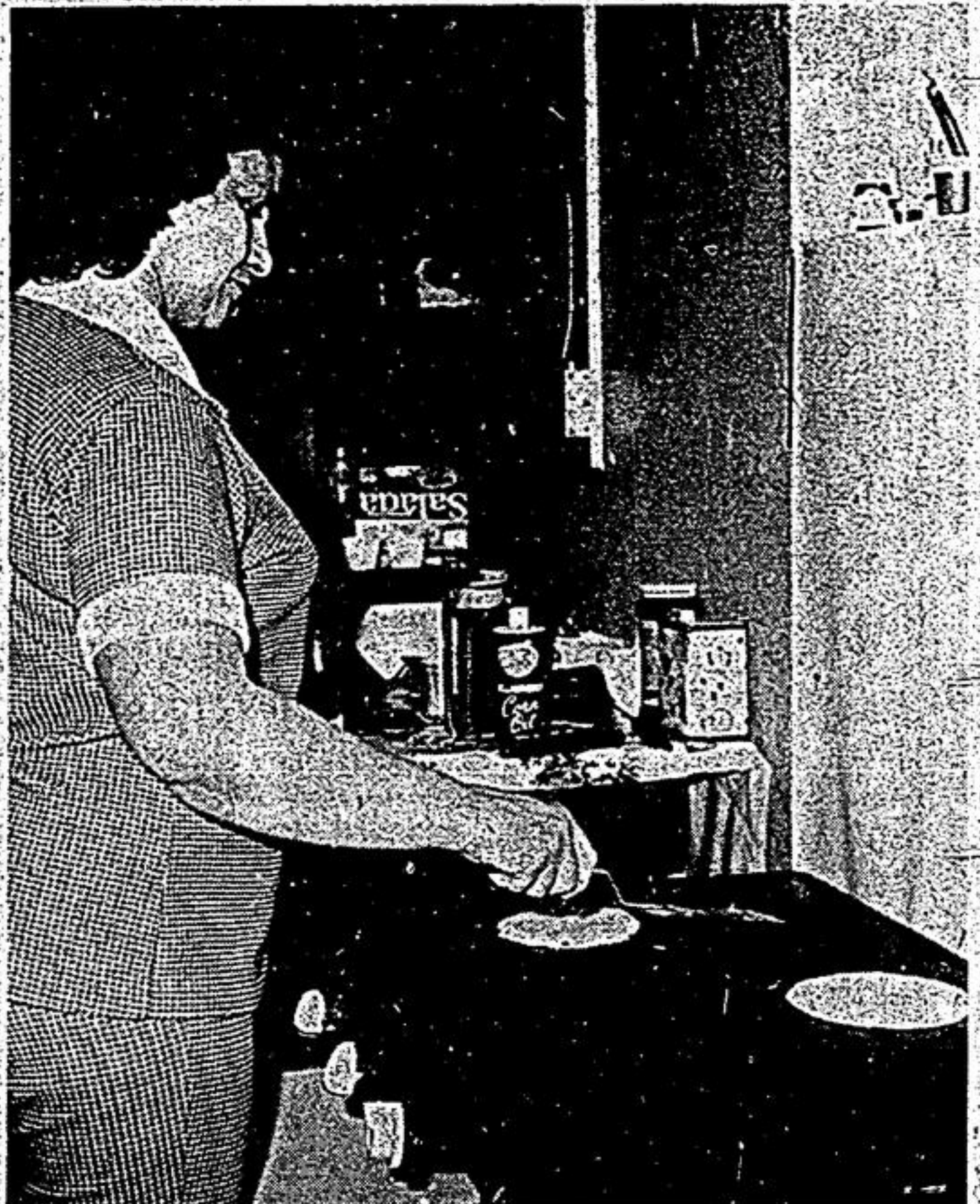




Large crowds enjoy syrup festival

Whitchurch - Stouffville Museum board, shows the old fashioned way to tap a maple tree for sap. He uses a wooden augur and bucket. It was part of the Maple Syrup and Pancake festival held at the museum over the weekend, and continues next weekend. Pancakes and coffee was served for \$1 to visitors. At right, Mrs. Dorothy Yakes flips pancakes. About 180 people turned up Saturday and another 160 Sunday for the event, a large increase over last year. This coming weekend, the pancakes will be topped with syrup made from the sap of the trees on the museum property. The event goes on from noon to 5 p.m. March 27 and 28. The museum is located on the Vivian Rd., just west of Woodbine Ave. — Ted Wilcox



Board split on AIB ruling events

YORK CTY. — As Anti-Inflation Board staff review a salary increase exception granted the York County Board of Education's senior and supervisory staff, trustees remain divided on events leading up to the salary increase.

The rift remains despite a special 45-minute board meeting Monday night. During the session, trustees approved release of closed committee meeting minutes leading up to an Oct. 14 meeting during which trustees salaries in principle were subject to AIB approval.

Minutes and back-up material released as a result of the motion show:

— a committee was formed on Aug. 18, 1975 to "investigate, discuss and make a recommendation concerning salary levels;"

— on Oct. 14 committee chairman John Raniowski told a closed board session his group was "dealing with ranges and setting up a scale" in salary talks with senior staff;

— The committee was split on Oct. 14 on an interim proposal for supervisory staff;

— on a recorded vote, the board approved an interim increase of 10 per cent of \$2,400 and approved that "means be explored immediately whereby the balance can be paid within

the spirit of the federal guidelines;"

— as included in the same motion, the balance would include 16-19 per cent increases for supervisory staff and 16.5 per cent for senior staff; and

— Mr. Raniowski and Education Director Sam Chapman filed affidavits dated Dec. 19 swearing two staff groups had accepted on Oct. 8, an offer Mr. Raniowski had made as committee chairman.

In a telegram to Mr. Chapman Dec. 6, the Anti-Inflation Board stated that exemption from the AIB program would be recognized, "if a sworn affidavit or evidence (shows) that an oral

agreement was reached prior to Oct. 14, 1975"

The AIB later made its decision granting the exemption on that basis. Following letters from trustees and members of the public, the AIB asked its staff to conduct a review of the decision.

An information officer for the AIB confirmed last week a review is underway, but said the issue has not yet been put on the AIB agenda.

The board, meanwhile, will debate the issue further at its April 12 meeting. Board Chairman Doug Allen said Monday that he would receive specific recommendations on the AIB dispute at that meeting.

Trucking firm wants ready mix plant at west end site

STOUFFVILLE — The west end of the former village may soon feature a second concrete plant.

Planning Board members are taking a week to consider whether they will allow Don Anderson Haulage to move to a new location and operate a cement plant out of the same site.

The proposed location is a 10 acre lot two parcels west of Country Ready Mix, where a

carpet outlet currently operates from a commercially zoned building.

Markham lawyer Don Hindson, representing the applicant, said the haulage firm needs room to expand and he asked the board for "some indication that you would be acceptable to the plan."

Mr. Hindson explained that there is some urgency as the offer to purchase is unconditional and must be closed by May 1.

The present building would be left zoned commercial, according to plans, and the rest of the property would be zoned M2, which permits general industrial use.

A truck terminal for Anderson's would be built about the centre of the property and a Custom Concrete plant, rising to a height between 45 and 60 feet, would be constructed at the back of the property.

Mr. Hindson said the concrete plant would be screened by the truck terminal, the entire lot would be paved to keep dust down, all trucks would be stored behind the terminal, and he promised there would be considerable landscaping and screening.

The attorney felt there would be many advantages to the town in this arrangement. He said it would stop Anderson's truck from passing through town as they now do going to and from the east end terminal and would result eventually in a total of about 30 new jobs.

Mr. Hindson said his client would be quite prepared to pay for a planning report and he was promised an answer in a week.

owns a substantial part of Anderson.

Mayor Gordon Ratcliff pointed out that the present ready mix plant has had water problems and Mr. Hindson replied that he is confident they can negotiate for town water.

Mr. Ratcliff said a study has been initiated to determine what should be done with the west end. "It's a very good operation you have but you still have to realize its the approach to Stouffville," he warned.

Councillor June Button was critical of the proposal on the grounds the trucks turning would create traffic congestion but Mr. Hindson maintained that the transports leave in the morning and don't return until night.

"We had entirely hoped for a more dressy type of industry," commented Councillor Eldred King, but he added, "this municipality does have an obligation to provide accommodation to local businessmen."

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Traffic jam comes with spring day

STOUFFVILLE — Warm weather, an auction in the middle of town and the usual

rush to the Stouffville Sales Barn produced a king-sized traffic jam in Stouffville Saturday.

As temperatures soared for the first warm Saturday of the year, hundreds of people headed for the Sales Barn. Despite muddy conditions in the parking area, a large number of vendors were on hand.

On Market St., Betz Pools was holding an auction to sell off remaining equipment from its move to the west end. Market St. was blocked off between Main St. and Somerville St.

Cars were both coming and going from the auction throughout the day. The worst tie-up was around 1 p.m. when extra police were called in to help unsnarl traffic.

Also, "we had been promised a meeting in a month... about the dump site," he said. "The time's gone on from a month to two months."

Councillor Baker said the fact that "no pollution whatever" had been discovered yet was "a happy note."

"I hope that's the results for all time," he added.

Testing results negative

Council wants further testing

STOUFFVILLE — No pollution of nearby wells has been detected yet as a result of the Highway 48 York Sanitation landfill site, according to provincial environment ministry tests conducted Feb. 16.

However, council is unconvinced that the testing, conducted by waste management branch of the ministry, was adequate. Upon receipt of the ministry tests Tuesday, council voted to ask that additional pollutants be tested for and that three other wells be included in the testing.

A motion also was passed that council meet in the future with the water qualities branch of the ministry to determine what testing ought to be done.

The waste management branch according to councillor Merlyn Baker "is only concerned with getting rid of garbage." He argued that council should have been

dealing with the water qualities branch instead.

Council will ask that mercury, lead, and hydrocarbons also be looked for in the testing. At a meeting with waste management representatives last month, council had been told that testing for those items would be too costly.

Mr. Baker said that it was important that the town well be tested along with other sites because only a small amount of polychlorinated bi-phenols (found in newsprint) when mixed with chlorine "can be deadly."

Councillor Cathy Joice said council "shouldn't be so antagonistic that the ministry doesn't do anything." She also wondered "how much of a farce are we making for this municipality?"

Councillor Art Starr, on the other hand, opined that the waste management branch "could have a conflict of interest" in conducting the tests "in that it's their job to get rid of waste." The test results, to him,

make it appear the testers "picked out simple things that make it look like they're doing something"

A concern of Mayor Gordon Ratcliff was that in their meeting with ministry officials, "we were led to believe there would be a decision soon on whether the site would be restricted, closed off, or what."

Future library expansion built-in to planned building

STOUFFVILLE — The new library building in town will be designed with expansion in mind, according to architect for the project, Eugene Janiss.

Dr. Janiss, a Toronto architect, appeared before planning board Tuesday night and later was endorsed by them as the library's designer. Earlier, he had been approved by the library board.

The architect told planning

board that cheaper material would be used for the back wall of the building, with future additions in mind.

Dr. Janiss also said the working drawings would be "quite flexible" and could allow for a size anywhere from 7,000 to 10,000 square feet, depending on available finances.

Councillor Cathy Joice pointed out that council had allocated only \$250,000 for the project, and Dr. Janiss said that

amount was sufficient for the 7,000 square foot option.

In answer to a question about building materials to be used for the structure, Dr. Janiss said brick to match the church across the street probably would be selected.

Councillor June Button wanted to know if "the land being flood plain land would add to the cost." Dr. Janiss replied that it wouldn't, although it might necessitate "some extra fill." The areas with flood danger would be used as parking or landscaping, with the building somewhat higher, he said.

The price per square foot for the building, Dr. Janiss told the board, was about \$55. By comparison, school buildings generally range from \$29 to \$31, he said.

The first tasks to be undertaken will be soil testings and surveyings on the site, Dr. Janiss said.

Lack of dump support has councillors upset

STOUFFVILLE — Some members of Whitchurch-Stouffville council took the opportunity to decry lack of regional support in the York Sanitation dump hearings, when a regional land severance policy statement came up for discussion last week.

The document — "Policy-Interim Land Severance" deals with conditions for obtaining

severances in the region. The draft policy specifically cites the environmental dangers in the Oak Ridges Moraine area.

Councillor Cathy Joice said that she felt it would give away all authority for land severances. Councillor June Button said that council should pressure to have the severance function returned to the local municipality.

Mrs. Button claimed there is an expensive duplication of paperwork.

Mayor Ratcliff generally favored the proposal.

"There are several instances in here I don't agree with, but the region is not going to rubberstamp it," the mayor said.

He told the Tribune later that the policy, as it stands, is too restrictive for conditions in Whitchurch-Stouffville.

The policy mentions the Oak Ridges Moraine and the sensitivity of that formation. Over

half of Whitchurch-Stouffville is in the ORM.

"I was very discouraged," councillor Eldred King said. "I can't understand how the Oak Ridges Moraine can become so important when they (the region) wouldn't support us two years ago."

According to Councillor

Smaller frontage for Faulkner lots

STOUFFVILLE — A bylaw has been passed by the municipality to allow five acre lots on Faulkner Ave.

Following last week's Planning Board meeting council passed the bylaw, with the restriction that no new homes or accessory buildings be allowed within 150 feet of existing homes.

The bylaw also included a clause allowing 168 foot frontages instead of the 200 foot front-

ages required under RR3 zoning.

Lot sizes in the area have been a bone of contention for some time as many residents living on 10 acres wished to divide their land while others were adamantly opposed to the higher density.

The situation was further confused because there are already many five acre lots in existence.

Furniture taken while owner away

LOCUST HILL — The total value of furniture taken from a Locust Hill home has still not been determined because the owner is in California.

York Regional Police report that the home of Florence Swallow, RR 1, Locust Hill, was entered sometime between November 1975 and March 16, 1976.

Entry was gained through a basement window. Items taken included two antique dressers, a color television set, and sideboard.

Mrs. Swallow is not scheduled to return from California until the end of April.



Chris Knapp of Elm Rd., proves the saying you're never too old to learn. She displays a spoonrack made in the evening woodworking class at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School. Last Thursday was open house at SDS.

— Don Bernard