



The fountain in Stouffville's Centennial Square proved to be of more than ornamental value to these two girls on one sultry day recently. Enjoying the water are (left) Heather Glenn of Mill Street, and Lucy Elliott of Church Street.

Mayor's report

Dulverton starting date is unknown

STOUFFVILLE — According to Mayor Gordon Ratcliff the proposed Dulverton subdivision is "very close to approval by the Ministry of Housing."

The mayor said he learned this about a week ago from the town engineer, Howard Hunt.

The subdivision will stretch across the northern part of Stouffville,

from the 9th to the 10th concessions.

"There are no hitches between the town and the developer," Mr. Ratcliff told The Tribune.

"Preliminary engineering has now been done on the sewage treatment plant and it will go in conjunction with the new development."

The sewage plant, he explained, is presently at

full capacity and an extension is required before any additional building will be allowed in the former village.

There could be some delay, the mayor said, with the rechannelization of Duffin's Creek. "The South (Lake Simcoe Conservation Authority are pledged to put up 50 per cent of the cost and they may have trouble raising the money with

the present government's austerity program," he said.

The mayor continued, "It is not entirely necessary that the rechannelization proceed the development. They could work along as the development goes in."

Mr. Ratcliff refused to hazard a guess as to when the actual construction would begin on the subdivision. "I have made predictions before and they were wrong," he joked, "so now I'll wait and see."

Question: The property for the Stouffer St. S. plaza has been cleared and graded. Do you know when actual construction will begin?

"They have taken out a building permit so they must be pretty close to starting. I would expect them to get it underway sometime during the fall," he said.

The mayor said he would check out complaints that the developer had breached the subdivision site plan by bulldozing all the trees on the lot.

"I'm not 100 per cent sure they violated the site plan. I will take a look at it next week," he promised.

"I am pretty sure it said they were to preserve the trees," he continued, "if so they will have to replant. It will

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Queen's Park report

Child battering studied

by Bill Hodgson MPP

Because of rising living costs, because of a large, impersonal outlook in our urban society, because of parental neglect or a loving home, because of an innumerable number of other factors, some children are on the receiving end of repeated abuse by their parents.

Whatever the reasons — and there are many — some hospitals throughout Ontario have started to record the rising incidence of child abuse in the past few years. The form of abuse most notably recorded involves small children who have been beaten, had their limbs scarred in some fashion or other, or who have been locked away in a dark room for several hours. Other young children have been allowed to go hungry for long periods of time.

Regardless of the circumstances, it would appear to be a growing problem in some centres. Regardless of the circumstances it is a problem which many people want to ignore or hide under the carpet. Society as a whole is not willing to face up to it. I can understand why. Who can imagine that in some form or other, young defenceless children are being abused by adults who should know better but don't seem to.

Other projects in the child abuse prevention program can be found in Waterloo, Ottawa, Kingston and London.

Because of a heavy constituency workload and because of my attendance being required at the Committee on the Ombudsman as well as chairing the Norfolk-Haldimand Committee, I will be unable to accompany the Select Committee on Company Law to Europe this month.

An Opposition Member was recently quoted as saying that the value of these committee trips is questionable. What he appears to be saying is that M.P.P.s should confine themselves to a pretty limited world or that "no" improvements can be made in any of the province's laws.

To my way of thinking, that is a very short term view. As a member of the Company Law Committee for many years, I found it essential that legislators have to get first hand knowledge of complex subjects. Insurance is such a field.

Presently this Select Committee chaired by M.P.P. Vernon Singer is looking at re-insurance. Zurich, Switzerland is one of the European centres noted for its large re-insurance industry. I think this is just one example of how valuable such committee work is in developing sound reports upon which effective laws

can be made for whatever the concern may be.

There are great events in the riding which are coming up shortly and which I plan on attending. In fact, by the time this report appears in the press, the Tournament of Champions Horse Show to be held on Sept. 4 will have come and gone. This sports classic will be televised by the C.B.C.

Again, it is time for the Kleinburg Binder Twine Festival to be held on Sept. 11. This community event has put Kleinburg on the map. It is an annual experience at which friends and neighbors can enjoy themselves and learn a little about the pioneer life of rural Ontario.

Question: Do you think the plaza proposed for the corner of Main St. and Highway 47 will be allowed to proceed without the theatre the developers earlier promised but have since said they cannot lease?

"I can't say. They have to take a study. We have to see the study first and see what the market will support," the mayor replied.

He said he was not entirely sure the developers, Arrowhead Construction, were sincere in their promises to build a twin theatre in the first place.

Question: Has the proposed reconstruction of Commercial St. (running parallel to Main St. on the north side) been postponed for this year?

"There are no funds in this year's work budget to construct Commercial St."

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