

Mayor's report

Metered water coming to Stouffville will replace flat rate billing system

STOUFFVILLE — The town's flat rate water system will eventually be replaced by meters, Mayor Gordon Ratcliff said in a recent interview.

Commenting on the meters, Mr. Ratcliff pointed out that the meter system is the fairest way to charge for water, but "there are old residences in town that don't have meters so we won't be changing until the whole town is on them."

The town has one of the lowest water rates in the region, Mr. Ratcliff said, although he did admit that if the town went to meters there would be more water saved.

"We would conserve a lot more water if the homes went on meters, but it is quite expensive to change. It will come, but not for a few years yet," he said.

When asked about the unfairness of a industry using large amounts of water and paying the same rate as a home user does, Mr. Ratcliff stated that the situation cannot occur. "Every industry or commercial operation that uses water is on meters and they pay for what they use. It is only the private homes that are on flat rates; so we don't get an industry using 10 times more water but paying the same rate as a residence. There are even differences in residential homes, such as if someone owns a swimming pool they will pay \$11 above the flat rate. So there is really no unfair situation arising from the flat rate."

Mr. Ratcliff also warned the town to be prepared to conserve as much water as they can this summer. He stated that there is a by-law to regulate the amount of water used in the summer and he feels it will be rigidly enforced because of the increasing water costs. "There will be no wasting of water this summer," he said.

When asked if he thought it possible to direct some funds to buy new playground equipment in the park, Mr. Ratcliff said the budget will be reviewed later this month and at the present time he really didn't know.

"There is the possibility of new lights

going into the park and we will also be considering the proposal to prepare a soccer field, but I don't know how the budget looks yet."

"If the playground equipment is considered to be a hazard then we should install new equipment, it would be looked after. I'm sure it won't cost too much money either."

Another area discussed was the lack of fire alarms at the Ballantrae Community Centre and whether alarms would be installed.

Mr. Ratcliff pointed out that a resolution has been passed to put in the alarm system, along with a smoke detector. He said it is required under the new building code and that it should have been in the original contract. "The architect should have seen that the alarm system was put in," he said.

One area that Mr. Ratcliff and the majority of council do not agree on is the Lehman's Pond issue. Council has voted to have the pond filled in on the ground it will be a threat to youngsters attending the school that will be built north of Manioba St., within the Dulverton subdivision.

Mr. Ratcliff stated that he is in favour of leaving the pond in its natural state, and expressed hope that council will change its mind on the matter.

"We are expecting a conservation study of the area in a short while and if it favors leaving the

Family Life Centre saved

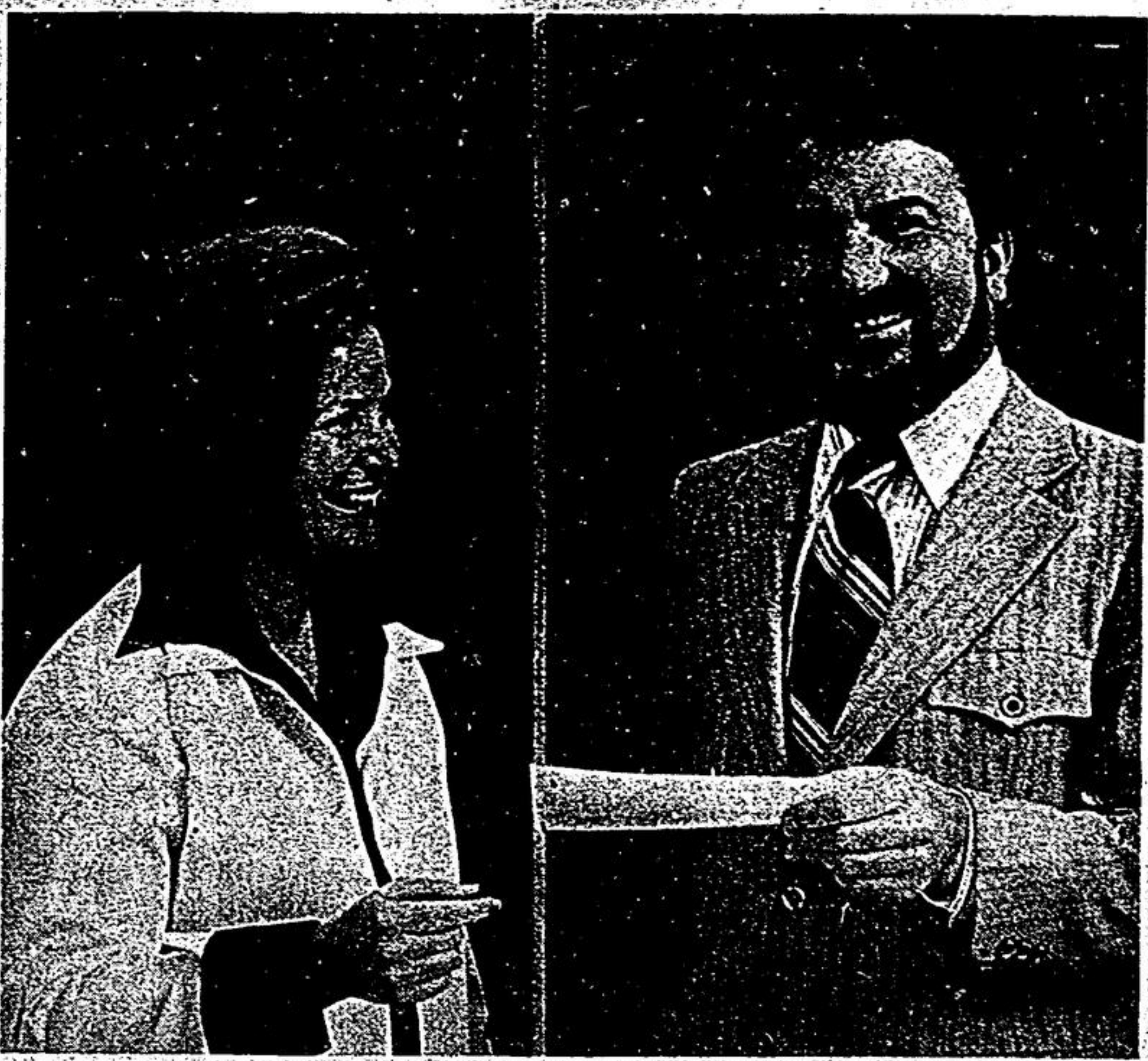
(Continued from page 1) recently mainly supported by grants from York Region, but these have run out.

"They're getting by on a shoe-string," said one source. If no alternate source of funding is found and the Region will not change its mind, the centre may have to close its doors.

There was a backlog of more than fifty cases when the money ran out and presently volunteers have stepped in the breach and are counselling some of them.

Local churches and service clubs contribute to the operating costs, but is barely enough to cover overhead. Unlike the Stouffville branch, Markham has to pay rent for its quarters.

Charles Creamer, the Chairman of the Board of Directors, has not thrown in the towel, however. "We're going after the region again this year," he said, "and if we get a grant for this year, we should get funds by June or July." He explained that application to the region had already been made. "We're hopeful," he concluded.



Anita Waite, the founder of the Stouffville Branch of the Markham Family Life Centre, accepts a \$1,000 cheque from Stouffville Lions club president Paul Roney. The money will cover the Centre's operating costs until June 1.

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Students sought for reunion Homecoming weekend July 1

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To date over 4,000 invitations have been sent to graduates to attend the school reunions and centennial celebrations on the July 1 weekend.

There are many of these students that have not yet been located, and anyone who could supply the committee with the addresses of the following names, please contact Aurelia Smith at 640-3663 or Audrey Clarke at 640-2144. For former SDSS students contact Maryanne Holshof, Stouffville Public School, Summitview, 1930-1939

William White, Raymond Bainborough, Mabel Marton, Wallace Byer, Douglas Shank, Alexander Fong, Betty Muston, Eileen Carter, Jessie Chamberlain, Elsie Chamberlain, Charles Pipher, Muriel Longhurst, Audrey Anderson, Kenneth Anderson, Betty Leslie, Lidia Harrington.

1940 Charles Holly, Lillian Pipher, Phyllis Hill, Madeline Pipher, William Clark, Evelyn Shantz, George Wilkinson.

1943 Charles Scharmay, Harry Bridges, Osbourne McKinnon, Kenneth Wilson, Victoria Hollingsworth.

1961 Mary Allen, Valerie Boham, Murray Fenwick, Lauraine Gueer, Peter Hambley, Mary Ohter, Mary Perry, Carol Smith.

1965 Georgina Fedrickson, David Perry.

1966 Paul Allen, Eunice Buennan, Kim Jarriet, Ed Smith, Steven Thourhill, Bill Perry, Mary Cleghorn.

1967 Georgina Clarke, Kathy Stewart, Tom Stewart.

1968 Nancy Bruce, Kim Forsyth, Michael Toole.

STOUFFVILLE CONTINUATION SCHOOL

Kathleen Conner, Ann Dike, Jean Eode, Clemeth Ellan, Leo Jagnes, Frank Levaudie, John McNeil, Dixie Welsh, June Welsh, Warren Stewart, Eileen Switzer, Alma Sider, Jean Boyd, Jessie Jakes.

1974 Hilda Miles, Jerry Jarvis.

1975 Tammy Welsh, Charlene Barday.

1976 Doris Lehman, Ruth Burland, Wasilka Stefanoff, Georgina Clarke, Astrid Jaago.

1977 Janet Baglieri, Stewart Burke.

1978-79 Charlotte Crowe.

(See Classmates page 15)

Orchard Park 1959
Clare Byer, Bruce Stride, Ruby Mallet, Paul Lomas, Ron Lomas, Astrid Osterdahl, Erle Grove.

1960 Brenda Otter, Raymond Rioux.

1963 Gord Jeffrey, Linda Couse, Bonney Heatherington, Danny Irwin, Jim Typart, Marie Jensen, Birgit Christensen.

1964 Judy Churchill, Dale Jeffrey, Sandra Pipher, Larry Plaskitt, Wayne Stone, Duke Carpenter, John Chown, Bob Phoenix, David Perry, John Delaney, Darlene Lehman.

1967 Ken Davis, Mike Gregoroff, Donald Jeffries, Debbie King, Bruce Will, Gail Robinson, Colleen McKean, David Williams, Stella Trotman, Rick Thornhill, Caroline Frenchman, Brenda Love, Caryl Roderman.

1968 Marsha Gregoroff, Sue Gailer, Lloyd Morris, Michael Wilkins, Bob Frederickson, Lanny Jollymore, Anna McGinty, Deborah Brown.

1969 Doris Lehman, Ruth Burland, Wasilka Stefanoff, Georgina Clarke, Astrid Jaago.

Wayne Peck, Wayne Collis, Gordon Fockler, Derek Love, Kim Greenfield, Rick Coffee, Pat Gordon, Brenda Gordon, Sandy Rasmussen, James Raid, Arlene Boettger, Gleen Gibson, George Doolittle, Michael Boyle, Michael Blumreisinger, Mark Keating, David Tremblay, Steven White, Donald Phoenix, Teter Ryckman.

1970 Audrey Doolittle, Gordon Harper, Donald MacDonald-Ross, Ralph Peck, Dean Pipher.

1971 Paula Lovegrove, Penny Smith, Willie Bateman, Ken Carlin, Ernie Durt, Wayne Holden, Bev Jones, Lise Struing, Clark Work, Ray Driscoll.

1972 Christina Beattie, Bryan Bolton, Wanda Skulmoski, Linda Kirk, Rick Dupont, Susan Doucet, Danny Burke, Ann Gregory, Stephen Hill, Lori Moore, Steve Powis.

1974 Janet Baglieri, Stewart Burke.

1975 Tammy Welsh, Charlene Barday.

SDSS 1954-55
Hilda Miles, Jerry Jarvis.

1958-59 Charlotte Crowe.

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