

Service dropped

YORK REGION — According to information officer Tom Henry, GO-Transit is cutting back its bus service for Stouffville, Oct. 30.

Last May, GO introduced two round trips a day from Stouffville to the Richmond Hill Go-Train terminal. The buses affected presently leave from Stouffer Street and Main and Edward Streets at 6:20 a.m. and 7 a.m., departing from Richmond Hill in the evening at 5:20 and 5:50 p.m.



GENA STINSON

Recalls years in Markham

Health nurse retires

MARKHAM — Until about five years ago, when she was transferred into the Richmond Hill area, Community Health Nurse Gena Stinson was a very familiar figure to Markham area residents. Now she's retiring.

Many teachers and people she'd met during her 14 years in Markham, gathered at the York Regional Health Unit offices in Richmond Hill, to wish her well.

It wasn't Miss Stinson's choice to move into the Richmond Hill area, she explained, "I had been in Markham so long, I didn't want to leave." She added she enjoyed her work in the

schools and the community. Miss Stinson remembers the days when Markham was a much smaller community. As a community health nurse, she had a very close relationship with the people. She visited mothers with newborn children; immigrant families; and conducted immunization

programs in the schools. Much of her time was spent "in the country."

"I'll never lose interest in Markham," she noted, explaining she plans to do volunteer work of some kind. She also hopes to travel, something she enjoys very much.

Discuss program

STOUFFVILLE — Stouffville's Main Street could undergo a major change if local merchants agree to participate in a government-sponsored project offered by the Ministry of Housing.

The "Main Street Revitalization Program" provides communities of 30,000 or less with low interest loans up to \$150,000 to help beautify downtown areas and municipally-owned buildings.

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Sports — District News

Record gravel victory

UXBRIDGE TWP. — "A victory for the people", was the way councillor John Paxton described a decision, Thursday, to defer further negotiations related to a re-zoning application on a proposed 500 acre gravel site, south of Regional Road 21 between concessions 6 and 7.

Then he warned: "This is but one battle, we haven't yet won the war".

It was a surprise turnabout. Councillor Paxton put forward a motion that no further action be taken on the issue until after Dec. 5, 1978, and it received unanimous support.

This means the proposal will be dealt with by the new council since the municipal election date is Nov. 13.

Members agreed that, because of public protest and possible governmental investigations, it would be better to "sort everything out" before proceeding further.

Speaking to his motion, councillor Paxton admitted concern over requests for investigations. He noted that the Hon. Thomas Wells, Minister of Inter-governmental Affairs had refused to get involved because "councillor Gary Herrema has said that Mr. Regan contributed to Mr. Wells' last campaign which places him in an uncomfortable position. So Mr. Wells will not personally handle an investigation, but has referred it to the Attorney General of Canada".

Mr. Paxton also pointed to the possibility of further litigation from a group of Uxbridge citizens opposed to the re-zoning.

Respected resident passes

STOUFFVILLE — Rev. J. John Hamilton conducted the service, Oct. 8 from the O'Neill Funeral Home for Ann Gibbins, a long-time respected resident of this community.

Mrs. Gibbins passed away Oct. 6 in Scarborough Centenary Hospital after suffering a stroke nine days before. She would have celebrated her 100th birthday Feb. 7 of next year.

The late Mrs. Gibbins was born in Wales, coming to Canada with her husband, John, in 1929. For a time they lived at Milliken, then moved to Lemonville where they resided 30 years. Mr. Gibbins died in 1962.

For the last 11 years, she made her home with a son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Reg Gibbins, Loretta Crescent South, Stouffville. She enjoyed it there, taking full advantage of the proximity of the Missionary Church where she attended services regularly. She also took a keen interest in activities around town as well as family members and friends.

Surviving are three sons, Reg of Stouffville; Glyn of Scarborough; Ross in Toronto; eleven grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren. She was predeceased by a son, John and a daughter, May (Mrs. Henry Steel).

Pall bearers were — Marsden and Ray Steel, Calvin Sayers, Peter Gibbins, Gordon Gibbins and John Gibbins.

have gotten out of hand," stated councillor Norm Lyons, "this type of politics isn't needed in Uxbridge".

Councillor Herrema announced at the meeting that no further research on the governmental investigation would be requested on his part. "Let someone else start it if they want; this issue has divided council long enough".

Members agreed to hear further comment from the people; work closely with a township committee and lawyer and review the proposed agreement.

At the conclusion of discussion, councillor Paxton admitted he was satisfied with the result. "It's now up to the people. They should make their views known at the polls," he said.



This is a worked out gravel pit near Goodwood, one of many, will permit an extension of such operations. It's a certainty that 'scars' across the landscape in the Twp. of Uxbridge. Due to this gravel pits and related problems will be an election issue in Uxbridge over the next few weeks. —Keith Bolender.

Gravel pit operations despoil countryside

By Keith Bolender

UXBRIDGE TWP. — Buried within the hills of Uxbridge Twp. is a commodity called gravel. To the aggregate producer, it's gold. To the private home-owner, it's hell.

Caught in the middle of this verbal clash is the local council — a battle that, in all likelihood will be settled by the ballot box. It now seems certain that gravel pit(s) yes or no will be an election issue.

The anti-gravel feeling isn't new to Uxbridge. It's been brewing for years. However, the latest application by aggregate entrepreneur, John B. Regan has brought hostilities to the surface and threatened a full-scale war.

The site in question includes about 400 acres between concessions 6 and 7. It is currently zoned agricultural. Mr. Regan has agreed to pay the municipality 6½ cents for every

ton of gravel extracted. In addition, he'll pave a portion of the 7th, north to Regional Road 1A, over which his trucks will travel.

While the offer may appeal to some members of council, the opposition isn't interested. They don't want to see the township "torn up" any further, regardless of financial return. And they plan to fight it to the end.

If residents are fed up with what has been described as "greedy gravel gougers," it's no wonder. They need look less than five miles in almost any direction to see the effects — a municipality "scarred for life" by unscrupulous companies who dug out their "gold" and left behind huge holes in the ground.

I visited such a site, Friday, only a stones-throw from the hamlet of Goodwood, and, putting it mildly, I was shocked at what I found.

The excavation, com-

parable to The Grand Canyon, extends close to 60 feet — straight down. Yes, it's "protected" by a fence, but nothing that secure that hindered my entry. At the bottom of this chasm is a large muddy pond.

Across this abyss is a house, inhabited or not, I'm not sure. The gravel has been extracted so close to the structure itself, it appears on the brink of falling in.

As I stood there in absolute amazement (and disgust), I couldn't help but think what an appropriate setting it would have made for a science fiction

movie involving a war between two planets. Except for one lonely house, everything is complete devastation.

If this site is an example of what can and has happened in Uxbridge Twp., then residents have every right to be concerned. With respect to the location I visited, this concern has come several years too late.

This municipality, once a virtuous maiden, has been gang raped; disemboweled and left to die.

A few self-respecting people aren't about to stand idly by and see the act repeated.

Foxhunter Farms

Pony Club to Stouffville

MARKHAM — The Markham and District Pony Club has a new 'home'.

The location is the well-known Foxhunter Farms on the Stouffville-Gormley Road, west of conc. 7. A membership meeting has been called for this Friday at 7 p.m. The fee is \$12 a year.

"We try and keep the rate down so no one is barred," Sherry Butcher, Asst. District Commissioner told The Tribune. The club can accommodate up to 40 young people, ranging in age from six to 21 years.

The District Commissioner is Stan Hatch of Mount Albert.

The term "pony" is deceiving, Mrs. Butcher said. The size of horse has nothing to do with it, in fact, she explained, a member doesn't have to own a horse at all.

The executive wishes to acquaint more parents with the benefits of their sons and daughters belonging. Rallies are held throughout the year and competition is quite keen. According to Mrs. Butcher, most top riders to-day, at one time belonged to a pony club.

Order ignored - man wounded

YORK REGION — A Quebec man, shot in the shoulder by a York Regional Police constable when he disobeyed orders to drop, what appeared to be a rifle, has been sent to the Ontario Hospital at Penetang for a mental examination.

The order was handed down after Murray Freedman, 25, of Cote St. Luc, Quebec, appeared in Newmarket Court charged with robbery, theft over \$200, possession over \$200, possession of an offensive weapon, assault on police, criminal negligence and prowling.

It all started at 3:10 a.m., Oct. 11 when a newspaper truck was taken from in front of the Royal York Hotel in Toronto. The vehicle was spotted as it travelled north from Metro into York Region, but the driver

managed to elude his pursuers. Later it was found in a bush but there was no one around.

At 5:05 a.m., residents reported shots in the area and officers were dispatched. They found a man standing behind a pile of wood shouting "get off my property or I'll kill you". He was ordered to come out with his hands up. He did so, but holding what looked like a gun. He was twice told to "drop it" but refused. When he continued to advance, a warning shot was fired, then a second, with the bullet hitting the man in the shoulder. The object he held turned out to be a piece of metal pipe.

The wound was only superficial. Freedman was treated in York County Hospital at Newmarket and released into police custody.



Veteran Gormley auctioneer in action

Like old man river himself, veteran auctioneer Alvin Farmer of Gormley "just keeps rolling along". He's shown in action at a sale.

Friday, on the property of James A. Rice, Stouffville-Gormley Road.

—Keith Bolender.

Second chance

MARKHAM — Despite the fact a 17 year old Markham youth had a record for theft, Judge Reid Scott agreed to give him yet another chance after hearing the boy had a job and was trying to reform.

"Since you're making the effort, I won't stand in your way," he told Stephen Readhead after the lad entered a plea of guilty to taking a car without the owner's consent.

According to evidence, the youth broke into the vehicle, then used the owner's credit card to fill it up with gas.

Cheque bounced

STOUFFVILLE — A 27 year old man will be sentenced, Oct. 25 after pleading guilty to a charge of false pretenses when he appeared before Judge Reid Scott in Newmarket Court.

According to evidence, David Sweet of R.R. 2, Stouffville, purchased a \$50 pair of boots from a store at the Upper Canada Mall, using a worthless cheque. The court learned that not only did the accused write the cheque on an account that contained only 85 cents, but he gave the clerk a false address and phone number as well.