

If parents protest "Dirty" books will be shelved

By Ed Schroeter
STOUFFVILLE — All books used in classrooms at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School have been approved by the provincial Ministry of Education or the York County Board of Education, Principal Mervyn Witherow informed The Tribune this week.

The paper spoke to him concerning the school's selection of literature, after the content of several texts came under criticism in a letter from a parent, published May 24.

The policy on text book

choice is contained in course brochures issued to students each year. The Board, for the most part, considers as acceptable, all materials authorized by the Ministry, Mr. Witherow said. However, in some subjects, such as English, it's impossible for the province to do this. This makes it necessary for the Board to provide its stamp of approval after teachers submit their requests, submit copies of particular books, present statements on their merits and outline the grade levels for

which they are intended.

In addition, the principal of each school must file a statement saying that, in his opinion, "the text is suitable for the age and maturity of pupils for which it is recommended; it does not contain passages of an explicit sexual nature; and it does not advocate or condone immoral conduct, grossly offend religious, ethnic or racial groups or reinforce sex-role stereotypes.

Mervyn Witherow stressed, however that "what's acceptable to one person may not be acceptable to another". For this reason, the policy contained in the brochure, requires principals to provide an alternate text to any pupil whose parents object.

"The student isn't penalized," stated Mr. Witherow, "I think it only right they have this opportunity".

Parents, he said, are provided a list of all books used in the English course. This can be studied before any boy or girl is enrolled.

"But I confess, we're often inundated with print material," he stated. He said parents are always welcome to come to the school and discuss the program at any time.

The principal said that to date, he couldn't recall receiving a single complaint concerning book content. In fact, he noted, when a meeting was held last year to discuss the sex education and family life curriculum, only 20 parents attended.

Provide land for soccer

STOUFFVILLE — Neil McNeil Laboratories (Canada) Limited, Main Street West, has come to the aid of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Soccer League.

On Thursday, company president Leslie Gagnon, without fanfare, signed an agreement to lease eleven acres of property to the club for a fee of one dollar per year for five years. In addition, the lease can be renewed for an additional five years at the same terms.

In accepting the offer, league president Martin Johannessen thanked the firm for its generous offer and Mr. Gagnon in particular, for his interest in the community.

Also in attendance at the lease-signing ceremony was Casey Van Maris, the club's property committee chairman and owner of Parklane Nurseries Ltd., Agincourt. His firm will prepare the grounds at no cost.

Seeding expense and the erection of goalposts will amount to about \$5,000; a figure the league hopes to cover from its own funds.

The site will accommodate five regulation soccer fields.

With the sport increasing in popularity yearly, the offer comes at an opportune time, Mr. Johannessen said. This season, the organization boasts a total of sixteen teams.

'Golden Mile' Study okayed

STOUFFVILLE — Whitchurch-Stouffville Council has made public the contents of its long-awaited Western Approach Area Study, and approved it for inclusion in their proposed Official Plan.

The study originated several years ago when some councillors and local industry objected to a proposed truck terminal on Hwy. 47 between Ringwood and the village, ac-

ording to Planning Board chairperson June Button.

She explained the Official Plan devoted little attention to the town's entrance, the north and south sides of Hwy. 47, and a more thorough study was conducted to determine what the land was best suited for.

The study recommends prestige industry similar to McNeil Laboratories, developed on large lots with private septic

systems, because they develop less traffic, a problem on that stretch of roadway.

The brief further encourages development by plan of industrial subdivision, to limit the number of roads connecting with Hwy. 47, in order to avoid further traffic snarls.

Car lots, scrap yards, and truck terminals are discouraged, or any other industries with open storage yards.

The report urges tight controls of the type of industry, and suggests all buildings be set 200 feet back from the road, and landscaping to camouflage structures and parking lots.

Council could rescind the study if there is enough public opposition. Copies are available for purchase or perusal in the municipal offices, and one will be placed in the Whitchurch-Stouffville Library.

Councillor Bill McNalley said he had always opposed the study because he felt the cost of \$4,600 was too high.

But Planning Board Chairperson June Button said, "If we are to impose restrictions, we have to have material to back up our stand at an Ontario Municipal Board hearing."

"That's why I think this is a necessary thing," she added.

Bill McNalley and Jim Doble say they would rather leave the land zoned as farmland and consider each individual application on its own merit.

Amusement Bylaw

Town blocks pinball arcade

STOUFFVILLE — Town Council appears confident it can legally prohibit an application for a pinball arcade in the Stouffville Bowling Centre block.

The restrictive measure is contained in a new Amusement Bylaw, approved recently by the municipality.

Whitchurch-Stouffville Mayor Eldred King said new regulations, which councillors had been working on for several weeks, had been upheld by the Supreme Court of Canada. They are based on a bylaw prepared by the Twp. of King.

It prohibits coin-operated game or pinball machines for public use on land abutting certain highways or portions thereof. Designated areas so far include Main Street, Stouffville, from Palmwood Gate to Blake Street; Lloyd Avenue to the east end of town; Stouffer Street, from Main to Dorman Drive; Hwy. 48 for the length of the municipality and Felcher Blvd., from Hwy. 48 to Jasmine Crescent in Ballantrae.

Contravention of the bylaw, upon conviction, carries a maximum fine of \$1,000 for each offense plus court costs.

The tuba - his life

MARKHAM — For Walter Gould, there was no music like band music and he loved every minute of this association.

He passed away, Sunday, at Scarborough General Hospital following an illness of about one year.

Walter Gould's speciality was the tuba and his connections with bands spanned close to 50 years. He and Gordon Hagerman of Locust Hill, also a fine musician, usually travelled together.

Mr. Gould played in the Royal Regiment of Canada Band as well as in Unionville, Stouffville, Markham, Newmarket and East York.

Following the completion of farm chores, he thought nothing

of driving many miles for practices and performances. He was considered to be one of the best tuba players in the area.

While this activity occupied much of his time, he always maintained an interest in Markham Fair and held the position of President in 1964. An engraved bronze medallion, received as a Board past-president, was one of his proudest possessions.

Born in Uxbridge, he farmed for many years on the north side of Hwy. 7 and then retired to a new home on Hawkridge Avenue, Markham. He was a member in the congregation of Locust Hill United Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Gould (the former May Card), were married in 1930 and would have marked their 50th wedding anniversary next year.

He was proud of his family that includes three daughters, Margaret (Mrs. George Dart), Manilla; Ruth (Mrs. Robt. Coulter), Willowdale and Anne (Mrs. Charles Terry), Port Perry. There are ten grandchildren.

Rev. Gordon Hunter of Locust Hill United Church conducted the funeral service, Wednesday, from the Dixon-Garland Chapel, Markham, with interment, Uxbridge Cemetery.



Sadness was visible on the faces of students, parents of students and teachers as friends said their farewells to Stouffville Dist. High School's music instructor, E.M. 'Ted' Hawley at a funeral service in the Missionary Church. Here, pall-bearers and

honorary pall-bearers file down the aisle, led by Canon Puxley of Christ Anglican Church. Mr. Hawley died Friday, at his home on Victoria Street.

Jim Thomas



A grief-stricken student is comforted by another, following the funeral service, Monday afternoon. Close to 400 attended.

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Six pall-bearers, present and former members of the high school's senior band, bear the casket from the church assisted by funeral director, Gordon Minton.

Jim Thomas

Teachers-students say —

Farewell to band maestro

STOUFFVILLE — The sky was overcast and threatening, Monday afternoon, but no heavier than the hearts of students, parents of students and teachers who filed silently into the sanctuary of the Stouffville Missionary Church.

They had come out of respect for E. M. "Ted" Hawley, S.D.S.S. music instructor and friend. Mr. Hawley died at his home on Victoria Street in Stouffville, May 25, two weeks to the day his junior and senior bands had presented a memorable spring concert in the high school auditorium.

He was also the leader of a recently organized Town band. A first public performance, scheduled for Latcham Hall,

Monday evening, will go on as planned.

Ted Hawley, a veteran of World War II, was an accomplished musician, able to turn out a tune on almost any instrument. With all this talent, he could still understand the problems facing a Grade 8 beginner and took great pride in seeing each through to graduation.

Ted Hawley's magic baton carried high school bands through to award-winning performances at both Kiwanis and Newmarket Festivals. His dry wit and wry smile made him a favorite with young and old alike.

Mr. Hawley joined the S.D.S.S. staff 11 years ago and while the work load there kept him busy, he enjoyed sharing

his students' talents with others in the community. His bands often played at local nursing homes and in the park.

It was fitting then, that the Town band, under the direction of David Howard, should provide the special music as staff and students said their last farewells. Canon Puxley of Christ Anglican Church was in charge with Jim Rehill at the organ. The Last Post and Reveille were sounded by Bert Worthington.

The floral tributes, in-

cluding several from Pickering High School where Mrs. Hawley is a teacher, were beautiful.

The pall bearers, senior band members past and present, included David Rehill, John Thiessen, Mark and Larry Simpson, Kevin Morley and Kent Wideman. Honorary pall bearers were Christine Simons, Susan Thomas, Melody and Linda Brown, Pauline Powell and Esther Wideman.

Interment was at St. John's Anglican Cemetery, Iroquois, Ont.

Band Concert

Public tribute

STOUFFVILLE — A Memorial Concert, performed by the Whitchurch-Stouffville Town Band, will be held in Latcham Hall, Monday, June 4 at 8 p.m.

The program will serve as a testimonial to the leadership provided by the late Ted Hawley, Town Band leader and High School music instructor, laid to rest, May 28.

The 30-member group will be directed by David Howard of Stouffville, who will team up with Jim Alexander, Bert Worthington and Bernard Berry of "Spirit

Brass" for several instrumental selections. George Baxter will provide a trumpet solo.

The majority of young people in the Town Band are also members of the High School's Sr. Band. "They've been trained since day one by Mr. Hawley—they're his products and they're good," said Mr. Howard.

The Town Band has been practicing regularly for almost a year; Dave Howard continued, Ted (Hawley) was looking forward to this night.

Admission to the concert is free but there'll be a silver collection.

Reunion

MARKHAM — For over a decade, Peach's ball and hockey teams performed on ball diamonds and in arenas in this area.

On Sunday, those same players and their families will gather for a reunion at the Markham Fairgrounds, 18th Avenue and McCowan Road. The Peach's Church, from which the clubs derived their name, is located nearby.

Hundreds of invitations have been sent out, some as far distant as California and British Columbia.



TED HAWLEY