

H.S. geared for Grade 8

STOUFFVILLE — Stouffville Dist. Secondary School is preparing to accept between 80 and 90 Grade 8 students in September, Principal Michael Muir told The Tribune, and unless he hears differently, staffing and time-tabling will remain unchanged.

Principal Muir said he'd met earlier with prospective Grade 8 pupils and their parents to evaluate concerns. On the strength of these meetings, the following changes have been

made: (1) The reporting system will be along elementary lines. (2) All Grade 8 classes will be taught in one area with the exception of Physical Education and Shop. (3) Teachers who best suit the needs of these students, will be placed in charge.

He described the move from Grade 7 at Summitview and Orchard Park to Grade 8 at the High School as "a year of transition", the same as must be faced by those graduating from Grade 8 to 9 at Ballantrae,

Dickson's Hill and St. Mark's. "It's still a class unit," he said, similar to "a middle school" that's operated in Toronto for years.

Principal Muir praised the type of elementary instruction provided at Summitview and Orchard Park. "It's well above average," he said, "I know because I see the products they send here."

As to drug problems at S.D.S.S., Muir said incidents of drug use are fewer than at any other school he has known.

"There's a small percentage who receive a lot of concern, and I share that concern," he said, noting that the "drug culture" is something most people know very little about. Where drug use is suspected, police are called, he said.

On the subject of failures in the Grade 8 class of 1980-81, Mr. Muir listed the number at 14 out of 116. Some of these, he explained, will be enrolled in Grade 9 courses where this can be arranged.



Wayne Feasby (left), Whitchurch-Stouffville's "Citizen of the Year" is congratulated by Jim Rehill, recipient of the same honor in 1980. The ceremony, Sunday, brought Canada Week celebrations to a fitting conclusion. — Jim Thomas.

Wayne Feasby

'Citizen' honored

STOUFFVILLE — Women cried and men fought back the tears as Whitchurch-Stouffville honored its "Citizen of the Year".

Wayne Feasby, described by Tribune editor Jim Thomas as "the spirit of Terry Fox in this community", was accorded a standing ovation by close to 300 persons attending a ceremony, Sunday.

A town resident all his life, the 26 year old Yale University graduate suffered a serious injury in a water-skiing accident that left him paralyzed from the shoulders down. But he "battled back" and today, although confined to a wheelchair, holds a permanent position in the Automotive Finance Division of the Bank of Nova Scotia, Consumer's Road.

Wayne's parents and brothers, Harvey and Audrey, Doug and Michael, to whom he says he owes so much, were in

attendance and acknowledged. Present also was his fiancée, Nancy Ault, a graduate physiotherapist employed on the staff of Lyndhurst Lodge when Wayne was a patient there.

It was unique that Jim Rehill, Whitchurch-Stouffville "Citizen of '79" was also Wayne's Physical Education instructor during the years he attended Stouffville High and admires him greatly.

Despite the fact more than thirty names were submitted, the choice was unanimous. In addition to Mr. Thomas, others on the committee included Val Stapley of the Chamber of Commerce and Ward 5 Councillor Wilfrid Morley.

The Tribune, sponsor of the event, was represented by the publisher, C.H. Nolan. He presented Wayne with an engraved citation and an artist's sketch by Pat Wheeler.

Other presentations were

made by Sinclair Stevens, M.P., York-Peel; William Hodgson, M.P.P., York North; Mayor Eldred King, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville; Al Kerr, Ballantrae Lions Club; Ed McAloney, Stouffville Lions Club; Donna Brown, Stouffville Lioness Club; Doug Ellis, Canadian Progress Club; Mary Carey, Silver Jubilee Club; Bob Jones, Kinsmen-Kinette Club; Graydon Card, Chamber of Commerce; Lou Hertle, Legion and Legion Ladies Auxiliary and Joan Marshman, Rebekah and Oddfellow Lodges.

On Monday, a telegram, dated July 3, was called through from Ottawa. It read: Dear Wayne: "Please accept my warm congratulations on being chosen Citizen of the Year in the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville. Your fortitude and determination are an inspiration and example to us all." Signed - Pierre Elliot Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada.

"Fight for us" parents plead

STOUFFVILLE — A group of Stouffville parents, determined to re-establish Grade 8 classes in Summitview and Orchard Park Schools, pleaded with Town trustee Harry Bowes to "fight for us" during a meeting at Latham Gallery of the Public Library, Thursday night.

Several speakers were

openly critical of trustee Bowes' attitude, calling him "sarcastic" and "sneering".

"I have a feeling you don't give a damn about us," called out one parent.

Mr. Bowes advised the people to "work behind the scenes". He suggested that if the two elementary principals and the area superintendent can

be convinced accommodation is available, it would go a long way towards achieving the end result. He explained that the recommendation should have been introduced back in March rather than July.

It was mentioned that in serving both as board chairman and local trustee, there might be a conflict of interest. Bowes admitted that he only had one vote and to exercise that, he'd have to step out of the chair.

Bowes further irritated the audience when he suggested parents would have to prove accommodation is available.

"Why us?" countered a mother of a Grade 8 student, "you're our representative."

"We're asking for a sympathetic ear," said a father, "we don't need your sarcasm."

The trustee agreed that a lack of facilities would be the only reason not to make the change.

The board chairman voiced concern over a lack of signatures on a petition — 37 in total. "We can't move thirty-seven out (of the High School) and leave the others there."

The meeting agreed more names could be obtained. Mr. Bowes then said that for a large delegation to attend a board hearing, July 13, "would only turn trustees off". He said too, that an immediate decision would not be forthcoming.

It was agreed that a committee of five should meet with the two elementary principals and the area superintendent. Named were Gordon Ness, Brian Emery, Wayne Mumford, Martin Johannessen and Roy Rennicks.

System fine

STOUFFVILLE — Not all parents attending a public meeting, Thursday, agreed that Grade 7 graduates should remain at Orchard Park and Summitview Schools another year.

Several said their older children had gone through the

present system without difficulty.

Dr. Bill Murphy recommended a parent-teacher liaison group be established at the high school level to work with the principal and staff "instead of paying attention to heresy, most of which is untrue".

"Hopefully we can alleviate concerns and get on with the show," he said.

Now that the Environmental Assessment Hearing is over, the mayor is hoping for top level discussions involving Mr. Norton, his deputy and the M.P.P. for York North, Bill Hodgson.

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"Do or die"

STOUFFVILLE — Only 22 more days to go, July 31 is the deadline on the Dulverton Development agreement. Decisions the firm must face are: Proceed with the project as planned; ask for an extension or withdraw from the commitment completely.

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City benefits "no garbage"

STOUFFVILLE — Murray Chusid, counsel for York Sanitation Company, has described Stouffville as "a small town — a nice place in which to live". In his summation before the Environmental Assessment Board, Friday, he pointed out that the people, residing in a community close to Toronto, accept all the benefits of a large city yet reject its drawbacks. "Nobody likes garbage," he said, "especially somebody else's". He termed the response "emotional".

York Sanitation has made application to the Ministry of the Environment for permission to extend its operation at a controversial landfill site, east of Hwy. 48, and north of the Bloomington Road. The request has met formidable opposition, both from the Town and a cross-section of residents.

Chusid was strongly critical of the Town's approach to the issue, claiming its position was so clear, a lone expert witness (hydrogeologist Patrick Lee), didn't feel it necessary to inspect the site. He said much the same of solicitor Paul Mingay. He said Mr. Mingay had prepared a list of 15 items for the Board to check on at the dump, but had declined to send his own expert there.

Chusid described the hearing as a repeat of the review in '75, with one ex-

ception, "the property has been improved in every way". He claimed open lagoons and surface run-off had been either capped or controlled; quarterly reports had been filed; there had been no off-site pollution of the aquifer and no water contamination had been indicated.

The solicitor noted that approval had been granted six years ago and this fact had to be taken into consideration by the

present Board. "To think otherwise is to re-invent the wheel every six years."

Chusid said York Sanitation had been operating under a "provisional" certificate. If quarterly reports had shown contamination, then the Ministry could have shut it down "at any time".

He described the site as "necessary for the area now and in the years to come".

"Close the dump"

STOUFFVILLE — The jury is out and won't be back until September. "We'll work on this as expeditiously as possible," Eleanor Lancaster, Chairman of the Environmental

Assessment Board promised at the conclusion of the hearing, Friday.

A decision, to be handed down by the Ministry of the Environment, relates to

whether York Sanitation Company should be allowed expanded dumping privileges at its landfill site, east of Hwy. 48.

In his concluding remarks, Town solicitor Paul Mingay assailed what he described as "the empirical approach" adopted by company hydrogeologist Frank Rovers. This, he said, is where results are obtained through observation.

"I don't deny that observation is important, but this is 1981 not 1600," he continued. "We need to stop and do proper scientific investigation."

Criticizing the stand taken by company lawyer Murray Chusid that the Assessment Board's decision of 1975 should still hold, Mingay replied, "there's nothing written in stone".

Mingay urged the Board to weigh the evidence — contamination of water, odors, expense, reduction of land values and fear of disease.

He pointed to rising trends of chloride in the nearby Hutchinson well; insufficient evidence regarding protective liner materials and the over-all environmental impact that "leaves you (the Board) no alternative but to close the site".

No letters today

STOUFFVILLE — Stouffville's postal employees are calling it a "lock-out". Whatever the terminology, the Post Office here is closed and will likely remain closed until the termination of the strike.

The shut-down occurred Friday.

One employee, incensed over the decision, said the lock-out order had come from the government.

"We're not the bad guys — we were trying to provide a service, a service that was appreciated," he said.

This newspaper, caught in the bind like everyone else, is making deliveries on the Stouffville rural routes, the Markham rural routes, Gormley, Claremont and Goodwood.

Town of Stouffville subscribers can pick up their Tribunes at the newspaper office, 54-56 Main Street. Subscribers in Markham (town) can obtain copies at the Economist and Sun.

Deliveries by carrier boys and girls will continue as before.



Time out for a little nourishment

It was "time out" for a little nourishment as Diane Vague of Ringwood bottle-fed her ten-day old kid "Megan" at the conclusion of The Tribune-

sponsored Pet Show in Stouffville, Saturday. "Megan" won a red ribbon for Best Pet Other Than A Cat Or Dog. — Jim Thomas.