

Neighbors rap day care plan

STOUFFVILLE — The Chick-a-dee Day Nursery School, currently operating out of the basement of Christ Church (Anglican) on Sunset Boulevard, is seeking a new 'home', but nowhere is it welcome.

A bid to relocate a few doors to the east was rejected by the Town. Now, an alleged desire to move into a house at 219 Second Street, has

encountered strong resistance from neighbors. Several letters of opposition are published elsewhere in this newspaper.

While the site in question, (the former John Foulds residence), is properly zoned, adjacent owners say the road is too narrow and represents a hazard to both children and drivers. Other reasons given in-

clude noise and depreciation of property values. Some say it will change the character of the neighborhood.

John Whytall, one of the most outspoken opponents of the plan, claims the pending deal has been shrouded in secrecy so as not to alarm adjacent homeowners. Mr. Whytall lives directly across the road from the suggested

site. He calls it "a clandestine arrangement" involving the applicant's lawyer, two real estate agents and vendors of the property. The agents, he says, were sworn to secrecy "under the veiled threat of a lawsuit" should the news be leaked.

"Most people are sympathetic to day care but it shouldn't effect a quiet residential area," he

said. He feels the opinions of neighbors should be respected.

Mr. Whytall says a signed offer of purchase has been received. The suggested price is \$149,000.

In addition to street width, Whytall says a stone fence at the front of the lot line, blocks the vision of motorists backing out of the property across the sidewalk.

This, he says, will endanger the lives of preschoolers in the area.

Mayor Eldred King and at least one councillor have been contacted concerning the matter. Fran Sainsbury, in whose ward the house is located, said she favored the original application on Sunset Boulevard. She said that while a new zoning bylaw for this area of Second Street

has been passed by council, it has not yet received Ontario Municipal Board approval. She said she didn't believe the ruling, when approved, could be made retroactive to cover this matter.

She said the Chick-a-dee Day Nursery School operator had been told to seek a site in an R-3 zone and this is what she had done.

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Residents voice opposition to proposed satellite town

WHITCHURCH — "A completely new town" was the way solicitor Wm. Thomas described the 400-lot proposal put forward by The Firefighters (Bethesda Group) and discussed at a public meeting, May 1.

The development, to include parts of two golf courses between Warden and Woodbine Avenues, would be a self-contained community served by on-site wells and septic tanks. The property is owned by the club membership, each of whom is desirous of establishing a home.

While several persons spoke in favor of the scheme, most were opposed.

Candy McGregor of R.R. 1, Gormley called it "the

opening of a Pandora's box." "Let's be sensible," she said, "it'll grow to a town the size of Stouffville."

Mrs. McGregor said people unfamiliar with life in the country, tend to complain about the smell and the noise. This, she said, places undue pressures on farmers.

Brian Tinker, representing the Whitchurch-Stouffville Ratepayers Association, said this "splotch of development" is exactly what the membership is fighting against. "We don't need 400 new houses, especially when hundreds of lots are already approved for building."

Claire Cruickshank recommended population build-up be restricted to the

former Village of Stouffville.

Neale Harvey described the development as "clean homes—packed in like sardines." He spoke of problems related to garbage, noise and light pollution. He suggested the corner of the Bethesda Road and Warden Avenue "could become a local hangout" with increased vandalism.

Councillor Tom Wood described the project as "daring." He said the increase in the Town's tax base would be substantial, "and it wouldn't cost us a cent."

"There'll be growth in Whitchurch-Stouffville," he concluded, "so let's roll up our sleeves and get started."

Don Given and Jack

McCallum, spokesman for The Firefighters Group said they disliked being cast in

the role of "bad guys." "We want to live in your Town and be your neighbors."

Mr. McCallum said many club members are young firefighters who will never

be able to afford homes in Toronto. Judgment was reserved.

Phone call away from crash death

DICKSON'S HILL — Twenty-year-old Belinda Collins of R.R. 2, Stouffville, was a phone call away from instant death, Monday.

The lucky girl had abandoned her fiance's 1973 Oldsmobile on Hwy. 48 and walked to Dickson's Hill School, after the vehicle developed a flat tire.

Minutes after she contacted girlfriend Violet

Moore of 102 Millard Street, Stouffville, a southbound gravel truck struck the driver's side of the car, tearing it to pieces.

"I heard the crash but didn't see it," Belinda told The Tribune. The impact drove the auto part way under two strands of guy wires. (Photos Page B-11). The truck continued

several yards farther down the highway shoulder, then rolled over in the ditch after slamming into a concrete abutment.

John Guy, 32, of Scarborough suffered bruises to his back, shoulders and arms. Damage to his rig was estimated at \$5,000. The car was a write-off.

Passing motorists, observing the uninjured motorist standing beside her demolished vehicle and thinking she'd escaped unscathed, "couldn't believe their eyes. Several returned for a second look."

Mrs. Moore, Belinda's friend, said she saw the flashing lights of a police cruiser but didn't realize until later they were both travelling to the same location.

Auction prize birthday gift

STOUFFVILLE — On the evening of April 5, two people attended an auction sale in Stouffville and were attracted to the same item. It was only a picture and a small one at that, of several Boy Scouts preparing camp. Yet both wanted it badly.

Gladys Clarkson, Montreal Street and Tom Winters, R.R. 3, Stouffville, advanced the bid to \$33 with Mr. Winters' the eventual buyer.

Later, he made enquiries concerning his auction "rival" and discovered, (to his amazement), she had spent 25 years in the Boy Scout movement and was presently serving on Stouffville's Scout-Cub Group Committee. By this time, however, Mrs. Clarkson had left, resigned to the fact the sought-after photo had gone to a total stranger and she'd never see it again.

How wrong she was. A short time later, Mr. Winters delivered the print to Marion Murphy at the local Licence Bureau Office. She gift-wrapped it and presented it to Mrs. Clarkson on her birthday.

"I couldn't believe it," she said later, "I feel very indebted."

Mr. Winters, also a one-time Scout leader, said it

only seemed right that Mrs. Clarkson should have it. "If it wasn't for people like her, there'd be no Boy Scouts in Stouffville," he concluded.



Wind storm levels Gormley area barn

The violent wind storm that swept through the area, April 30, caused more extensive damage than first believed. Near Gormley, a century-old barn, owned by Jim Rice, was toppled to the ground, burying several pieces of construction equipment beneath. The loss is estimated in excess of \$150,000. — Jim Holt



Antique bell returned to original owners

Last month, an unidentified person entered the property of Harry and Donna Naylor, Conc. 5, Whitchurch-Stouffville and walked off with an antique bell, described as a priceless keepsake. The following week, The Tribune published the story on its front page. Two

days later, Mrs. Naylor received a phone call, saying the bell had been returned and could be found at the farm laneway entrance. Sure enough, there it was. The Naylor's 16-year-old daughter, Jody, holds the prized possession. — Jim Thomas

Sunday Flea Market

Expect huge crowds

STOUFFVILLE — The Stouffville Flea Market, one of southern Ontario's biggest Saturday attractions, will soon open for a first time on a Sunday. The date is May 20.

"We have to move with the times," co-owner Norm

Faulkner told The Tribune, pointing to the fact other similar businesses operate on the Sabbath.

He said he personally doesn't believe in wide-open Sundays, ("I wasn't brought up that way"), but it's the trend today. He declined comment on traffic congestion, suggesting it's too early to tell.

Up until Saturday, he'd received no complaints, he stated.

Mayor Eldred King said a Sunday operation of this kind could be approved if exemption is granted through the Ontario Retail Business Holidays Act. Traffic, he said, isn't a prime concern because, at this point, no one knows how much Sunday traffic will be generated. "Certainly, Main Street, (on a Sunday), isn't crowded now," he stated.

As for business locally, he said, Sunday should be better than Saturday.

Beginning Thursday night, (May-10), livestock auctions will start, a switch from Saturday. In its place, (Saturdays), regular auctions are now being held along with live entertainment. Bob Davies, described by Faulkner as "the key", dashed off several "golden oldies". Saturday, much to the delight of the audience, Gospel groups may be hired Sundays, Faulkner said. "Right now,

we're playing it by ear." Mr. Faulkner said crowds of people in the area of the animal loading chute had long been a concern. The switch to Thursdays will eliminate this, he explained. He said too that drovers

with up to 90 lambs on a truck in warm weather also posed problems.

Faulkner said once paving is completed in the south lot, it won't be necessary for patrons to park on Hwy. 47.

Ged Stonehouse

A challenge

STOUFFVILLE — Ged Stonehouse, a past-president of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Chamber of Commerce, will again head up the organization.

He was the unanimous choice of members at the annual meeting, Monday night, succeeding Bill Susands, president in 1983. Other office-holders are: Ken Sandiford, vice-president; Doug Weddell, treasurer and directors Gary Bouwmeister, George Schlukbier, Graydon Card, Bob Boadway, Jean Barclay, Jim Mason and Bill Giles.

President Stonehouse has established several goals in the months ahead including closer liaison between the Chamber and Council and a promotional campaign to 'sell' the town to industrial, commercial and residential interests.

"The whole tenure of the meeting was one of sup-

port," Stonehouse said, "our people are ready for things to happen."

The president wants the Chamber to be a visible entity, an active resource centre.

"There was enthusiasm like I haven't seen for a long time," he said, "everyone was very positive."



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