

Beloved pets to rest in peace

WHITCHURCH Plans for Whitchurch-Stouffville's first pet cemetery have been unveiled.

Beverley Gun-Munro and Lynda Hill, both Toronto residents, placed their proposal before a meeting of Council May 7.

If approved, the animal burial ground would be

located on a 53.5-acre property west of the Ninth Line, south of Muselman's Lake.

"There's a definite need," Mrs. Gun-Munro told members, noting it would be a commercial venture unlike pet cemeteries that deal with limited clientele, such as one operated by Dr. Alan Secord near Goodwood.

"We are catering to the urban population... people who don't have the luxury of property like you do," she added.

It would operate in a similar manner to a human burial ground, with customers purchasing individual plots for their pets, Council was told. There are presently no government regulations

applying to pet cemeteries.

"When it comes time for man to part with his best friend, he won't have to bury him in his back lot," Gun-Munro told The Tribune.

She said extensive research and market surveys indicate the popularity of house pets is at an all-time high, thus making such a burial

ground a worthwhile business proposition.

All animals will be accepted, but it's expected dogs, cats and other common house companions will be in the majority.

Park-like surroundings are planned, complete with a large commemorative animal statue and an entrance gate.

The partners also plan to erect a prefabricated building to serve as a storage area and information office. A full-time groundskeeper will be hired.

Initially, a 10-acre parcel would be landscaped for use as burial grounds while another 25 acres of reforestation land will be preserved.

"You realize this is nic-

er than ones we have now for humans," Mayor Tom Wood commented during the presentation.

The delegation was advised to first submit an official application. They've not yet purchased the property, which is zoned Rural.

The proposal has been referred to Town Planner Michael Saunders for a report.

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They're proud to be Canadians

An evening of musical at Orchard Park School. Wednesday allowed students an opportunity to display a multitude of talents on stage. As usual, a choir of kindergarten children stole the show, including their to-

ward Jessica Halonson, Susan Pritchard and Lauren Clarkson. A tree will collection will be turned over to a fund in aid of Ethiopian Relief.

— Jim Thomas

Election a certainty in Ward 1

PINE ORCHARD — While all's relatively quiet on the Whitchurch-Stouffville election front, a contest is shaping up in Ward 1.

Steve Pliakes, owner-operator of the Pine Orchard General Store and Service Centre, Vivian Road, R.R. 3, Newmarket, is a definite candidate. He'll oppose the incumbent, Margot Marshall, also of Vivian Road, R.R. 3, Newmarket.

The 44-year-old father of two says greater importance must be attached to preserving the family unit. This can be accomplished, he says, through providing rental accommodation so young people can live and grow up where they were raised. This, he contends, isn't possible in Whitchurch-Stouffville.

Mr. Pliakes claims people make a community and people make a town. For too long, he says, politicians have tried to put a fence around the municipality and keep others out.

The Ward 1 candidate says everyone takes delight in bashing provincial and federal authorities. "When it comes to local issues, it's the municipality that has the power. He can't understand why there isn't greater interest. At a municipal election, there should be



STEVE PLIAKES

100 percent turnout," he feels.

If elected, Pliakes says he'll work in the best interests of the businessman, not only in Ward 1 but the Town as a whole. Business-

men, he says, are treated as second class citizens.

On the question of hiring a chief administrative officer, Mr. Pliakes says the move was premature. Council put the cart before the horse, he said, "you obtain the development first and hire an administrator later."

The Pine Orchard Store and Service Centre operator says he's not advocating build-up "in a rush" but rather gradual development. He feels this can occur in Ward 1 as well as anywhere else. He described the ward as a neglected area.

Steve and Lilly Pliakes have two daughters, Margaret, 19, attending York University and Jeanne, 15, a student at Williams Secondary School, Aurora.

Lifestyle under study

STOUFFVILLE — What lifestyle is best for residents of Whitchurch-Stouffville?

How large should the town grow and how quickly?

What type of housing development should be en-

couraged?

What services will be required?

Each of these issues will be addressed when Council and staff meet for an all-day study session June 12.

Reason for the discussion is a recent report prepared by the Engineering Department of the Region of York, outlining costs of expanding Stouffville's water and sewerage services to accommodate population up to 15,000.

If a second elevated water storage reservoir is required, the cost would exceed one million dollars, Mayor Tom Wood told The Tribune. If Stouffville is connected to the Big Pipe, a sewer line that extends through the southern portion of Markham, the cost would be around six million.

While water and sewerage services are of prime concern, implications for the Town extend beyond these, Council agrees.

Dump to close

WHITCHURCH — The end is in sight.

The Hwy. 48 landfill site, scheduled to close the end of September, may shut down earlier. The Tribune has learned.

(How much earlier, no one is sure. The report is small garbage loads will be cut off May 31 and larger deliveries will stop shortly thereafter.)

The site must be properly contoured according to an agreement approved by the Town and enforced by the Ministry.

To meet this requirement, York Sanitation asked for and received an extension on a pre-arranged deadline.

Murder baffles police

On April 23, Rev. John Taylor, formerly of R.R. 2, Markham and, for the past 18 years, rector of St. George's Anglican Church, Maple Ridge, British Columbia, was shot and killed as he sat in his rectory study.

That was three weeks ago and R.C.M.P. officers have

made no arrests.

This is the latest word from The Sunday News, a newspaper with offices in Port Coquitlam and Maple Ridge, B.C. "No motive, few clues, murder puzzling police," the Page 1 headline read.

On the morning of his death, Rev. Taylor had

driven his daughter Anne to high school, then proceeded to his church. When he didn't return for lunch, wife Betty became concerned. She found his body in the rectory office.

Rev. Taylor, an honors graduate of Markham High School, completed his Grade 13 through a self-taught home study course. He received an Ontario Scholarship.

Following graduation from Wycliffe College, University of Toronto, he served in several parish

positions including Toronto, Haliburton and Tisdale, Saskatchewan. He and his family moved to Maple Ridge, B.C. in 1967.

The murder has deeply shocked the community. A local radio station has offered a \$10,000 reward for the arrest and conviction of the killer.

Staff Sgt. Harvey Woolf said ten men had been assigned to the case. "There is no motive, no weapon and no suspects," he said.

Classic cars in auction

STOUFFVILLE — How do you like to own a spotless 1930 Model 'A' Ford? Or travel Main Street in a 1936 Auburn Speedster?

If you're the sporty type, a 1969 GTO convertible would look good in your garage. If you're both sporty and practical, a 1956 Ford custom pick-up might meet your needs.

Each will be put up for sale at an auction, June 1, in the Stouffville Park. The Fun Fair, sponsored by Stouffville Christian School, will extend from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The car auction is scheduled for 12 noon.

The four antique auto-

mobiles are part of a private collection owned by Dennis Alsop of Stouffville. A low reserve bid will be placed on each.

The Auburn has been driven little over 1,000 miles. Mr. Alsop explained. He regards it as "personal." On the same date as the Fun Fair, the Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum Board is holding a Giant Benefit Auction, also in the Park, beginning at 9 a.m. and ending at four.

Proceeds from this venture will help restore the pioneer Brown family house, relocated on the Museum grounds.

Cutting corners

STOUFFVILLE — While it won't occur immediately, Councillor Jim Sanders feels the jog between Ninth Line, South and Ninth Line North must some day be eliminated.

He voiced his concern at a committee meeting of Council, May 6.

"We have to deal with it," stated Sanders, "the traffic situation in the area is getting worse."

Councillor Will Morley noted that when the left-hand turn was periodically prohibited at Ninth South and Main, several years ago, additional traffic was re-routed along Sunset and Orchard Park Boulevards. These residents, he said, were assured something would be done to eliminate the problem.

"Objections will be phenomenal," stated Councillor Fran Sainsbury, with respect to removing the Ninth Line jog.

Clerk Pat Muir said costs could be prohibitive since acquisition of properties would be involved. She noted, too, the Town would be dealing with two other levels of government, the Region and the Province.

"It's a situation that must be addressed," said Mayor Tom Wood. "We're now paying the penalty of poor planning."

Buy a buffalo!

STOUFFVILLE — Looking for an unusual pet like a camel, a buffalo or a llama?

Look no longer. A sale of exotic birds and animals will be held at the Stouffville Sales Barn on Monday, May

20, (Victoria Day), beginning at 12 noon.

In addition to the above named livestock, plus mountain sheep and deer, a number of peacocks have also been assigned, along with several parrots and

pheasants.

Bill Simmons, local auctioneer and sale organizer, calls it "a first" for Stouffville.

Buyers are expected from a wide area.



Meet the King and Queen of Stouffville High, Gary McGillivray (foundry Crescent) and Kelly Cowan (Bethesda Road, R.R. 2, Stouffville), were selected Friday evening when S.D.S.S. held its annual May Prom at Sleepy Hollow Golf and Country Club. Kelly is president of the Student Council, Gary is president of the Inter-School Christian Fellowship. Both are students in Grade 12. — Jim Thomas

Fantastic!

BARBANTON — Unforgettable! That's how I'd describe the fun and laughter neighbors on Kelly's party. You'll want to take the two weeks to get in on this party, and the welcome they give you. The party was a success. The party was a success. The party was a success.