

Dogs run loose

By ERKKI POHJOLAINEN
MUSSELMAN'S LAKE
 Responding to complaints of dogs running loose in the Musselman's Lake area, councillor Ron Robb, chairman of the Protection to Persons and Property Committee has promised to 'check into' the problem.

At the committee's last meeting, April 1, Councillor Robb said, "some Valley Road residents constantly let their dogs run around despite numerous warnings."

He added he knows most of the dog owners and will meet with them in person to discuss the situation.

In a letter to the mayor and council, Elizabeth Wright complains of seven dogs always running loose on Valley Road, where she resides, and two on Windsor Drive.

She writes: "These animals terrorize you when you walk, try to eat the tires off your car as you drive by, tear garbage open and foul on your property."

She points out this is not a new problem, stating, "I have lived here for 25 years. As a kid I remember trying to take my dog for a walk on his leash, and being chased by ones that were not tied up."

She proposes an increase in fines, might help deter the offenders. Charges now are \$15 for a first offense, \$25 for the second, and \$50 for the third. She recommends raising them to \$25, \$50 and \$100, with further charges if the owner repeats the crime.

Councillor Robb pointed out that people are often reluctant to file formal complaints. He'll attend to the problem personally, he said.

'The Hand That Cradles The Rock'

Town Players' comedy opens this Friday night



The Stouffville Players spring comedy 'The Hand That Cradles The Rock' opens this Friday, (April 11), and continues Saturday April 12 at 8 p.m. in Latham Hall. Four members of the cast, shown here are, (left to right-standing), Brent MacLeod and Bill Earley; (seated)-Susan Bell and Theresa White. Admission is \$5.



Tina Stringer as 'Carolyn Bricker', a public health nurse, attempts to arouse deep-sleeping Brent MacLeod playing the role of 'Ross'. —Jim Thomas

Prevent tragedies

Avoid addiction follow directions

By BARRY PHILLIPS
 Pharmacists share a deep concern about accidental or intentional abuse of prescription and non-prescription drugs. People often become addicted to otherwise health-giving medications. These tragedies can be prevented by following a few simple rules.

Use medications only as directed by your doctor, nurse or pharmacist. Monitor the rate they are used even if they seem relatively harmless. Dispose of all outdated medications promptly.

Don't even start to rely on chemical "crutches" to cope with periods of emotional stress without continuing professional advice from your doctor. Finally, seek your doctor's advice immediately if any member of your family seems to be developing a dependence on any medication.

Medical experts on addiction believe the process of becoming dependent is often not recognized by the person misusing a drug. To him or her its use seems normal, even essential. Your doctor or pharmacist can outline the symptoms of addiction.

Drugs should only be used on the advice of a health professional in your community. This is the best way to avoid a frightening ride on the 'merry-go-round' of addiction.

Dependency can be treated with the help of your doctor or a specialist. If you have any doubts about yourself or any member of your family, seek help right away.

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