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Scene**

Recycling depot in Stouffville now taking fine paper

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Along with the regular materials the Whitchurch-Stouffville Recycling Group is now taking fine and colored paper.

Businesses in the area including the town officers are now

bringing their paper to the depot in Stouffville which last Thursday was filled wall to wall. The response to the new service has been good, according to Pat Wild, one of the volunteers who run the depot.

Along with the paper they

also take cans, bottles, corrugated cardboard, magazines and phone books.

The depot is open Thursdays 10 a.m. to noon and Saturdays 9 a.m. to noon. They are hoping to extend the hours in the summer, according to Wild.

It is run totally by volunteers and they now have three mentally handicapped adults helping them with sorting on Thursdays.

This is part of the outreach program at St. James Presbyterian Church who have been coming to help for about six weeks. According to Sean Heavener, their supervisor, they are really enjoying it.

The depot is regularly busy with people, both from homes and businesses bringing in their recycling materials. Some come because the municipality doesn't pick up their recycling and some come because they have more than the municipality will take. This is the reason they also take newsprint and tin cans.

But they also have many businesses bringing in their materials. The depot is filled with material to be recycled and each area is labelled so that people can sort their own recycling.

Now, Wild says, "We want people to start saving the paper too."

The new paper is picked up and sent to Quebec and Ontario Paper Company in Mississauga.

Because they send both paper and magazines they usually

break even in funds. The company pays for the fine paper and the depot has to pay to get the magazines and colored paper taken away.

"We don't make or lose any money," says Wild.

In June they will be having an annual meeting and all are welcome to come.

They are also hoping to have a pamphlet out soon about the depot that will be available at community centres and at the depot to explain the services of the depot.



Reg McKay and Keith Lewis sort recyclables at the Stouffville recycling depot.



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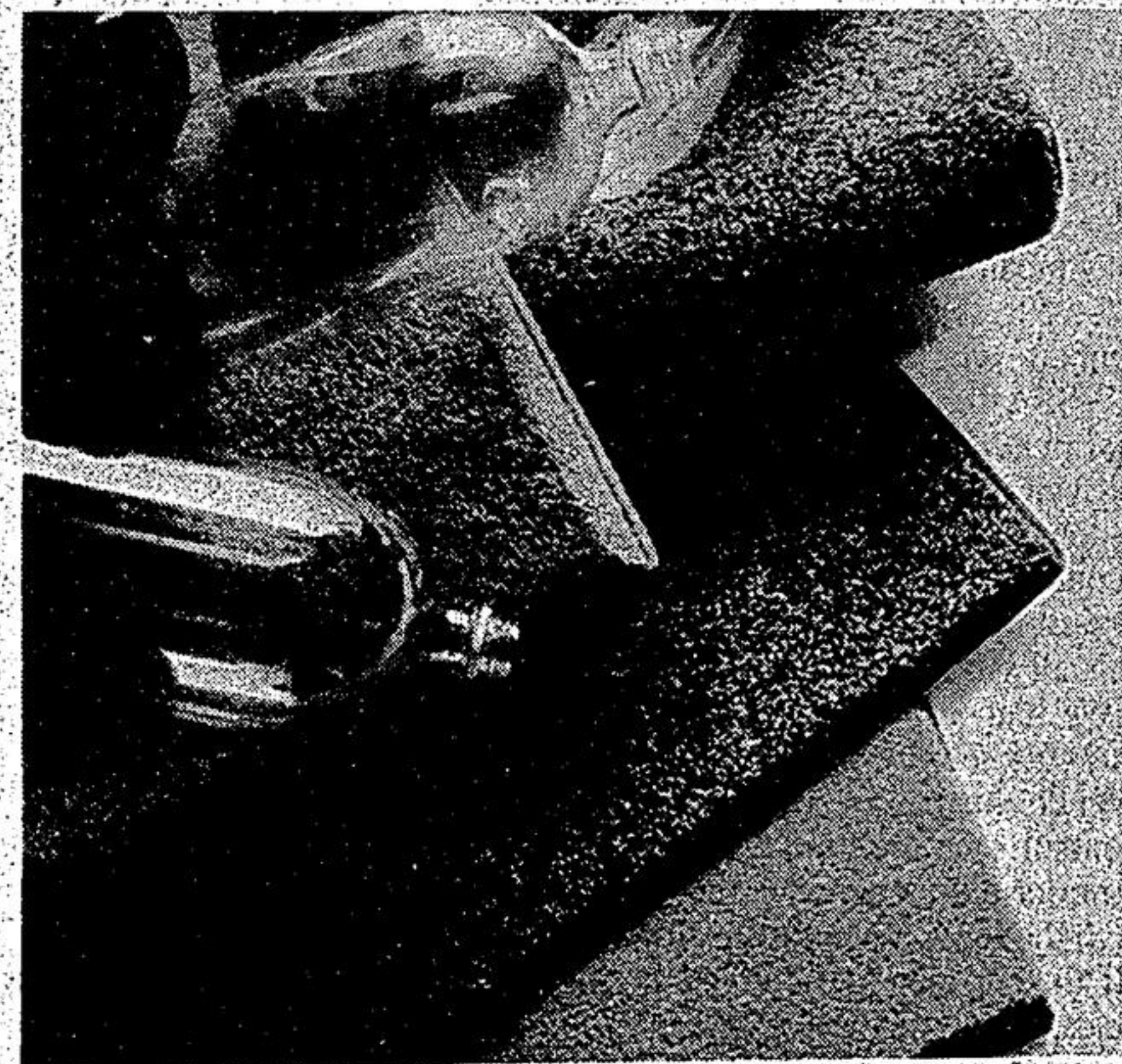
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