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Bremner Disposal Site

Town mayor finds no cause for complaint

Owner welcomes inspection

STOUFFVILLE - The infamous Bremner Dump, is again the subject of hard words and strong differences of opinion.

Mayor Ken Laushway, following a visit to the site, reported on his findings to Town Council, Dec. 28. He was accompanied on the tour by Bylaw Enforcement Officer, Marshall Miller and a representative from the Ontario Water Resources Commission. The location is east of Hwy. 48 and three miles north of Ringwood.

The property includes 185 acres.

"You could put all the garbage from Whitchurch-Stouffville in there, until the year 4,000 and no one would ever see it", said the Mayor. His principal concern, he said, was the way in which the site was operated. His opinion was highly favorable.

"I don't know how anyone could operate a disposal site better than these people are doing it", Mr. Laushway stated. He described how the garbage is packed into 50 foot wide 'cells', with each cell separated by 25 feet of solid ground. He said he only saw one spot where water might run from the dumping area, and it was blocked by a solid dam.

Possibly thinking of earlier comments about the difficulty of obtaining entrance to inspect the site, Mr. Laushway said Mrs. Bremner objected only to people breaking down fences to get in. He reported that she told him any councillor, official or ratepayer was welcome to come to the office at any time and ask to view operations. The Mayor also conveyed Mrs. Bremner's request that she be advised of any suggestions to improve the procedures.

On the question of drums dumped there, as claimed by Bob Lewis and his delegation, Dec. 14, Mr. Laushway said he found only a few old, empty containers.

He was told that more than 500 Whitchurch residents have used the Bremner dump during the year, the Mayor said.

"If that site should be closed", he concluded, "then the York Sanitation dump should be shut down this very minute".

He also observed that Mrs. Bremner had told him she had caused hard feelings by stopping some residents from dumping oil.

"That's a lie", said councillor Merlyn Baker. He asked the Mayor if this reference was to a specific person, and Mr. Laushway admitted it was.

"I've talked to this man myself, and he has never dumped oil on that property", continued Mr. Baker. "I'm surprised that you didn't check with him yourself".

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Stouffville home 'all aglow' for festive holiday season

Beautifully lighted homes sparkle throughout the town and countryside this Christmas season. One of the most eye-catching properties in Stouffville is the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon

Wagg and family, Main Street East. The illumination was captured by The Tribune cameraman, using a full second time exposure at f-4.5 and fill-in flash. —Jas. Thomas.

Holiday trip

STOUFFVILLE - While local residents are sloshing around in a mixture of mud, snow and sleet, Carl Kilpper, R.R. 3, Stouffville will be sunning himself on a beach in the Bahamas or Florida.

Mr. Kilpper, a custodian at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School, was the winner of an 8-day holiday for two, in a lucky draw, Dec. 28, sponsored by the downtown Stouffville merchants.

Consolation awards were won by Mrs. Roy Dart, Markham, R.R. 2; Ray Pipher, Ninth Line North, Stouffville; W.J. Ryckman, Clarendon; P. Prestace, Tindale Road, Stouffville; and Mrs. Margaret Thackeray, R.R. 1, Locust Hill.

Purse stolen

MARKHAM - Mrs. George Low, R.R. 2, Markham, makes it a practice to pick up hitchhikers, particularly if the weather is bad.

On Dec. 21, she gave a young man a ride, letting him out on Hwy. 48 at Ringwood. Later, she found her purse missing from the front seat.

Mrs. Low is not interested in pressing charges. She's not even concerned over the amount of money lost. All she's asking for is the return of treasured family photos (two children are deceased), her driver's licence and other personal papers.

They should be mailed to the address, published above.

Uxbridge Secondary School

Keep it 'dry' - Board

A 'sniff' with every check

STOUFFVILLE - "We just take a little sniff," commented one officer, when asked by motorists if the police-sponsored safety check included the driver as well as his car.

Dozens of vehicles were stopped on Main Street in Stouffville, Dec. 22. The campaign, to extend into the new year, covers the entire Region of York.

In a period of three nights, five charges were laid under the Highway Traffic Act and 110 warnings issued re repairs.

Checked closely are headlights, brake lights, turn signals and horn, along with driver and ownership permits and proof of insurance.

"The program's working out quite well," said deputy-chief Robt. Hood. Where minor mechanical defects are found, the driver is given 48 hours to get them fixed.

UXBRIDGE - As far as the Ontario County Board of Education is concerned, there's something unsavory about serving liquor in schools. For this reason, trustees have rejected a request from the Town and Twp. of Uxbridge to use the Uxbridge Secondary School as a site for an event in connection with the municipality's centennial program in 1972.

Members were told that a liquor licence was required for a banquet, Jan. 20. It was feared that approval of one application, would lead to a 'flood' of similar requests all across the County.

At present, the Board has no definite policy on the use of liquor in schools, but a committee has been set up to look into the matter. Recommendations will be introduced for discussion in January.

Honor chairman

YORK REGION - Board of Education Chairman Arthur Starr was honored, at a meeting, Dec. 20. He was presented with an engraved silver tray in recognition of service during 1971. Mr. Starr will continue to serve as trustee representative for Whitchurch-Stouffville.

Gravel pit controls within six months

STOUFFVILLE - Gravel pit operations within the municipalities of Whitchurch-Stouffville and Uxbridge, will likely come under the provisions of recently enacted legislation, within the next six months.

Provincial Mines Minister, Leo Bernier outlined the requirements, Dec. 22, effective Jan. 1. These, however, will cover only the Niagara Escarpment immediately, but will be extended gradually, to take in the whole of Southern Ontario.

The process may extend over a period of three years, Mr. Bernier said.

The Minister noted, however, that priority would be given to areas producing high tonnage and sites closest to urban centres. This could mean that such locations as Whitchurch-Stouffville and Uxbridge, could come under the regulations as early as March 1, 1972. The

legislation was first promised in Oct. 1969.

Regulations, among other things, establish permit fees of \$100 for any pit operated by a

corporation and \$25 for private pits. Screening requirements, setbacks and site plans are also governed by the new law. Dust and noise control are not.

A security deposit of 2 cents per ton will be levied against all operations. The revenue will be used to ensure rehabilitation of excavation sites when the mineral has been removed. The province is also studying methods of rehabilitating pits already abandoned.

The measures provide that no pit or quarry can be located within 100 feet of a public road or within 300 feet of a residential zone. All sites must be fenced and equipped with gates, to be locked when operations are not in progress.

the cars had already been towed away.

Commented one officer: "If the Minister of Transport thinks studded tires aren't a necessity, he should try and drive on a night like this."

Dozens of accidents

One long skating rink

YORK REGION - The worst icing conditions of the winter season, Monday, turned roads throughout York Region into one long skating rink.

Driving was particularly treacherous between 7 p.m. and midnight. Later, the sleet turned to rain and a gradual improvement occurred.

The York Road Department had sanders working on shifts around the clock. In spite of

their efforts, calls from stranded motorists were listed at over a thousand.

Hardest pressed of all were officers of the York Regional Police Department. Accidents, most of a minor nature, were everywhere and constables, attempting to investigate as many as possible, found themselves in precarious positions. On a couple of occasions, they drove several miles, only to find



It's a small world

Mrs. Constance Millard (left) and Mrs. Doris Faulkner, reside in Brighton, Sussex, England. Mrs. Millard on Newmarket Road and Mrs. Faulkner on Cleveland Road, about one mile apart. However, prior to coming to Stouffville, two weeks ago, they had never met. But they met

on Saturday, enjoying each other's company over a cup of tea at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Graham Hudson, Main Street East. Mrs. Faulkner is Mr. Hudson's aunt. Mrs. Millard is the mother of Mrs. Bob McNeil, Edward Street. —Jas. Thomas.

Anti-rabies clinic - Feb. 3

STOUFFVILLE - An anti-rabies vaccination clinic has been arranged for Whitchurch-Stouffville, Feb. 3.

The program will be in charge of the Dept. of Agriculture and held in the administration room of the Stouffville firehall.

The hours extend from 2 to 8 p.m.

With rabies reaching a most epidemic proportions in York Region this winter, residents are urged to take advantage of this service.

Prepare for estate type development

GOODWOOD - An increased build-up of estate-type development and some light industry, is being contemplated by Uxbridge Twp. Council and Planning Board.

It's all part of a continuing over-all study of land use in the municipality, started almost a year ago. Considered also are such questions as general clean-up and garbage disposal.

While a report, filed Dec. 20, by Planning Board Chairman, Roy Hammond, laid down no hard and fast rules with regard to estate sites or lot sizes, the hamlet of Goodwood was considered a likely location.

Reeve Bob Nesbitt said the township was being divided into four sections for the purpose of this study, with each being considered individually.

Mr. Nesbitt favors estate-type build-up, if controlled. He promised that once the study is finalized, it would not be permitted to gather dust. The conclusions will be incorporated into the Zoning Bylaw and Official Plan, he said.

The reeve feels Uxbridge will have no difficulty attracting this kind of development, once arrangements are completed at the administrative level. He said that at present, about a dozen estate-type plans were waiting to be processed.

Late Harry Watts

Prominent businessman

MARKHAM - Private family service was conducted by Rev. Fred H. Cromeby from the Dixon Funeral Home, Markham, Tuesday, for the late Albert Harry Watts, following his passing, Christmas Day, at his residence, 22 Strathroy Crescent. He was 48.

Mr. Watts, for many years, a prominent town businessman, was active in many phases of community life.

He loved sports, particularly hockey and aided in the sponsorship of Markham teams during the late '40's and '50's. He was a member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

Harry Watts enjoyed meeting and being with people and his warm personality gained him a

wide circle of friends.

Earlier this year, he was stricken seriously ill and confined for many weeks to York Central Hospital, Richmond Hill. He recovered sufficiently, however, to return home.

Of the deceased, Rev. Cromeby said: "He was a very genuine person, a fine Christian man, he'll be missed both in the church and the community." Rev. Donald McKillican, a close friend and neighbor assisted in the service.

Surviving, besides his wife, the former Gladys Hollinger, is one son, Gordon and a brother, Philip of Sarnia.

Interment was made in Elmwood Cemetery, Markham.

Pickering Winter Carnival

Snowmobile races fail to excite twp. reeve

PICKERING TWP. - Are snowmobile races a necessary part of a successful winter carnival?

Pickering reeve John Williams doesn't think so. Furthermore, he's afraid that once such events get started, they'll never stop.

The event, scheduled for Jan. 29, is sponsored by the Pickering Recreation Commission, and will include many phases of sporting activities.

While permission has already been obtained from private property owners for snow vehicle racing, the 'blessing' of Council is still being requested.

Councillor Don Kitchen said that like it or not, the township had no jurisdiction over such an activity, since the bylaw permits snowmobiling on private lands if the owners' permission is obtained. The selected site is on the west side of Moore's Road.

While response to the Carnival from organizations was reported as good, participation and interest among Pickering's more rural residents was said to be poor.

Last year, the event, without snowmobile races, raised over \$900.