

Cycle funeral cortege 'enough to waken the dead'

STOUFFVILLE - It was a funeral cortege, but the ear-splitting roar, created by more than 50 high-powered motorcycles, Sunday, was enough to waken the dead.

The procession, that extended more than two miles, was a Club-styled tribute to 28-year-old Brian James Sullivan, a member of The Vagabonds and killed in a two-vehicle crash on Coxwell Avenue, Toronto, Oct. 5.

Representatives estimated at close to 200, included Satan's Choice, Para-dice Riders, Lancers, Vagabonds and Scorpions.

While the deceased was living in Toronto at the time of his death, his parents, a brother and a sister moved recently to Ballantrae. They made their own arrangements, Friday. An "advanced guard" of cyclists arrived, Saturday. They ordered flowers, paid the account in cash, and left without incident. Only one police officer was on duty at the time. He requested no pictures be taken "for fear of starting something".

While the service time was set for 2 p.m., it was not until noon that town-folk began noticing the steady stream of chrome-coated bikes moving east on Main Street, some singly, then in pairs of two, four and six. Bing's Restaurant was jammed to capacity.

Most of the riders were similarly dressed, with only their jacket crests setting them apart. Some sported silver ear-rings. Many were accompanied by girlfriends, some also wearing crests that read: "Property of ..." using the first name, or pseudonym of a male companion.

While none attended the service, all entered the parlors, signed the register and left. Their motorcycles were angled, parked on Church Street, leaving only sufficient space for a single-lane of traffic. A Club tow-truck was stationed on the sidewalk, ten feet from the Funeral Home entrance. Its purpose was not explained.

Three York Regional police officers were



Two members of the Satan's Choice Motorcycle Club and a girl companion walk to the cemetery at Churchill to attend a brief graveside service for Brian James Sullivan, killed Oct. 5, in a

collision on Coxwell Avenue, Toronto. The accident victim was a member of the Vagabonds.

—Jim Thomas.



The two-mile funeral procession, that travelled from Stouffville to Churchill, included an estimated 60 cyclists from six

clubs. This location is the intersection of Hwy. 48 and the Aurora Road at Ballantrae.

—Jim Thomas.

positioned at the intersection and while spoken to on several occasions, they seemed more concerned with traffic control than any personal confrontation.

In unison, as the casket was being carried to the waiting hearse, the riders started their machines and jockeyed into position. One of the cyclists roared to within a few feet of the

presiding pastor, Rev. Douglas Davis, but braked quickly when the minister raised his hands.

Then, two by two, the procession moved west to Hwy. 48, north to

Ballantrae, and east to the cemetery at Churchill, where a brief graveside service followed. The cycle cortege then broke up, the majority heading back to Toronto.

Ken Laushway to step down at end of term

Councillor Ratcliff will seek mayoralty

STOUFFVILLE - "I will not be a candidate for Mayor of Whitchurch-Stouffville in 1973". Mayor Ken Laushway made this statement at a Council Meeting, Tuesday.

The surprising announcement followed a reminder that nomination time for the local elections was near.

"I have been around for a long time," the Mayor commented. "I have made many decisions in that time and I'm sure this is the right decision". He hinted however, that he might possibly seek a councillor's post.

Following the statement, each of Mr. Laushway's colleagues offered unrestrained praise.

Councillor Gordon Ratcliff said he deemed it a privilege to have been on Council with Mr. Laushway. "I can't think of any other Mayor in the Region who has spent as much time on the job". Mr. Ratcliff revealed he intended to let his name stand for the mayoralty.

Councillor Betty VanNostrand offered her congratulations on the conscientious manner in which Mr. Laushway conducted his office. "It was a pleasure to have you in the Chair. I am not surprised to hear the announcement - but sorry to hear it".

Councillor Merlyn Baker commented, "I appreciate the leadership and devotion you have shown".

Councillor Tom Lonergan said that in their 7 years of association, he had always found the Mayor fair and con-



Mayor Ken Laushway

scientious.

"I have enjoyed sitting under your leadership," councillor Herb Simpson assured Mr. Laushway. "You have used common sense".

Councillor June Button broke the solemnity for a moment with her impulsive comment, "I'm going to be very upset - not having you to fight with," but added sincerely, "Your shoes will be hard to fill".

Ralph Corner, Clerk through much of Mr. Laushway's time on Council, had the last word. "I want time to prepare my speech. I can't say it off the cuff like politicians."

Sewage plant addition

Cost price approved - predict growth surge

STOUFFVILLE - A tender has been accepted for the construction of a \$350,900 addition to Stouffville's sewage treatment plant and work is expected to begin immediately. Meanwhile, the Ministry of Environment has given approval for a population increase of 920, based on the existing facility.

With this projection in mind, Planning Committee gave lengthy discussion, Oct. 6, to a proposal by Gino Testa for a 110-suite apartment he wishes to locate, south of one now completed on Albert Street.

Chairman Tom Lonergan argued against the size of the new building, which, he said, would be higher than its neighbor. He asked for his committee's comments on high density housing in this area.

Councillor Merlyn Baker, assuming that the structure would be restricted to adults, responded, "I can see apartments along the tracks, but not private residences".

He was informed that two floors of the structure would be reserved for families with children.

Mayor Laushway favored more apartments, but wondered if it should be an immediate project. He cautioned members to think carefully about the population quota in relation to other tentative developments in this area.

Councillor June Button had no personal doubts concerning the proposal.

"We need more apartments in town, but not there," she said

emphatically. "If we have a population quota to meet, we shouldn't put most of it in one building. Let's get some development in the east-end area going".

She and Councillor Baker voted against a proposal which would implement further study on the project.

Not outraged - just stunned

VANDORF - "Stunned" rather than outraged best describes the feelings of residents within the community of Vandorf, concerning a Hydro proposal that could see the erection of a 500 kilovolt tower line through a section of the hamlet.

Some home owners, interviewed by The Tribune wondered why, if Town Council was aware of the project, as far back as mid-August, they had not called a public meeting earlier, instead of waiting until Sept. 26.

While an alternate route, extending east into Uxbridge would be preferable, they feel a corridor on the west side of proposed Hwy. 404, would disturb fewer people and sterilize fewer properties.

Residents hope a satisfactory agreement can be reached when Council members and Hydro representatives get together again this week.

Audience 'bamboozled' by candidates' claim to fame

VANDORF - The 3-candidate meeting at Vandorf, Monday, followed the familiar format, with Liberal incumbent defending the government's record ... NDP attacking it ... Tory telling it like it will be - if the Conservatives win the federal election.

Each offered statistics (from partisan computers) to refute or corroborate claims - and bamboozle the audience.

National issues, that touched every facet of society from the man in the street to the "corporate welfare bum", were discussed in a question and answer session.

However, it was the local 'Airport' issue that received the major round of applause.

P.C. candidate Sinclair Stevens was strongly opposed to the government's actions in establishing the second Port site, and critical of M.P. John Roberts' failure to make representation to Ottawa on behalf of constituents opposed to the project. Mr. Stevens claimed it was unfair to Stouffville and other affected areas, and that the difference between his attitude and Mr. Roberts' was that, with him, responsibility to constituents was first and foremost.

The Liberal member angrily responded, "I don't need lessons from Mr. Stevens on how to protect the people in this area". He challenged his colleague

"How are you going to represent divergent opinions in a riding? ... You have to use some judgement. We don't just have to take into consideration what is in the interest of York

Simcoe, but what is in the interests of the country?"

Wally Gustar, N.D.P. candidate, questioned the ethics of the Airport Enquiry. "It is stacked before it starts. If it was

a just Enquiry, would the Government be expropriating already?"

In concluding his remarks on what a federal representative's role should be, Mr. Stevens said

that, if elected, he would establish an 'Action Office', with trained, full-time staff - in York - Simcoe - to help deal with people's utter frustration with bureaucracy.

Dickson's Hill Mushroom Farm

Fight expansion to Prime Minister - Roman

MARKHAM - Markham Mayor Tony Roman has recommended that Town Planning Committee reject any application that could result in the expansion of the present Mushroom Farm, or the creation of a second one, on 19th Avenue, west of Dickson's Hill.

"The Town must take every step to prevent this, even if it means going all the way to the Prime Minister," said Mr. Roman.

The issue was re-introduced Oct. 5, after planners went on record as opposing an application to lift the Minister's 'freeze order' affecting the property.

In a letter to Planning Director Bill Power from C.A. Bugslag, of the Ontario Plans Administration Branch, dated Sept. 11, it was noted that the major objection was related to

'offensive odors', produced by the Plant. The writer stated that the applicant is willing to

guarantee the continued use of 'sterilized manure', which, according to Mr. Bugslag is

"apparently not offensive". He said the Ministry of Environment was aware of the operation and supported this view.

Dog-killer fined \$1,000

STOUFFVILLE - A 21-year-old Stouffville area man was fined \$1,000 or a year in jail, following conviction in Provincial Court, Newmarket on a 'cruelty to animals' charge, and dangerous use of a firearm.

James Fleming, R.R. 4, Stouffville, admitted to pumping four shots into his neighbor's 11-month-old Border Collie, while the owner, Peter Van der Gulik, stood helplessly by and watched. The animal died the following day.

Testimony revealed that the accused entered the Dadson Farm property on a motorcycle, while the plaintiff was en-

tertaining guests at an outdoor barbecue. He was ordered to leave.

Later, the Court learned that Fleming returned, this time on foot, accompanied by two dogs and carrying a 30-30 calibre hunting rifle.

Mr. Van der Gulik said that as Fleming approached the house, his Collie ran out. The owner said he called his pet back, but the accused fired one shot over his head, then three more into the dog.

Judge Clare Morrison rebuked Fleming for what he called "a cold, calculated and cruel act, uncomprehensible to un-

derstand".

In addition to the \$1,000 fine, Judge Morrison ordered Fleming to pay the owner's \$50 veterinary bill.