## Pro, con development question in Ballinafad

Today's the last chance for Ballinafad folk to line up for or against a proposed estate subdivision by depositing their written reasons in Shortill's general store.

By taking sides residents move along a path that will take them to an Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) meeting at Hillsburgh a week tomorrow when evidence from both sides, the town and the developer will be heard.

The decision to put a box to hold people's reasons, in the general store was taken after a sometimes fiery information meeting in the community centre last Wednesday.

According to Dave Hillier, there may be meetings by both sides before they go to the OMB.

By Winifred Smith

W.I. was held in the evening

at the home of Mrs. Jesse

McEnery. There were 14

members present and eight

visitors. Mrs. Jamieson

president welcomed all to the

meeting, after the usual

opening by all repeating the

W.I. ode and Mary Stewart

collect, the meeting got un-

derway. The roll call was

answered by each telling of a

book they would recommend.

discussed was the District

Annual meeting coming up

May 17. This year it will be

Delegates were appointed to

October of this year will be

the 25th anniversary of

Ballinafad forming a branch

of the W.I. There was some

planning on how the branch

would celebrate. It was

decided to have a banquet

and a guest speaker. Education and Cultural

Convener Mrs. Shortill was

chair for the program. She

called on the conveners for

two minute reports. Current

pening in the neighbourhood.

through the Windows of

Time" was given by Mrs.

Smith in the form of a poem.

prepared a paper on "The

History and Culture of glass

making." It was given by

Mrs. Grace McEnery. It told

how glass was made in the

early days and how many

different types of glass

available; pressed glass, cut

glass, milk glass, crystal and

brown glass. Grace had a

piece of each which she passed around including a fragile blown glass vase

which was very beautiful and

had been handed down for

two generations. The article

also included a story of the

art of making fused glass and

described the memorial

window in Cedar Spring

United Church which is of

different construction than

the ordinary stained glass. It proved to be an interesting

and educational topic. As is

Mrs. Reta Shortill had

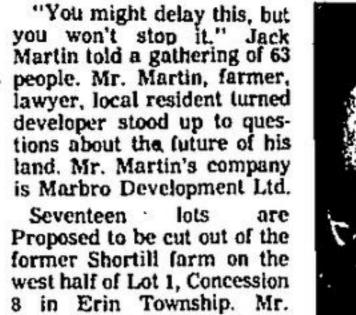
The motto

in Georgetown.

The main topic of business

The May meeting of the

**Ballinafad** 



Council's decision The OMB meeting is to hear Mr. Martin's appeal of township council's decision to turn

W.I., church service

in community news

meeting there was a sale of

plants. Jesse McEnery

auctioned them off in fine

Martin said he was hoping to

the township as hamlet infill.

down the proposed project. Landowners adjacent to the Martin property received no-tice of the hearing, and some



DEVELOPER JACK estate lots Ballinafad.

Pinkerton and Mr. Dave Sch-

wartz did exceptionally well

when they sang the anthem

part in The Christian Family

Recovering

good news that Mr. Lloyd

Burt is recovering nicely

from his recent heart attack.

He is a patient in Guelph

Mr. Morgan Madill was

General Hospital.

tinues to improve.

Region move

We were glad to hear the

of them asked Mr. Martin to give some background on his mean approximately 60 new ideas for the property. Mr. Martin accepted, but told the meeting that he wasn't there

to justify anything to them. Some members of township council attended the meeting, willing to do something, if and except for Jo Schneider,

they are keeping their powder dry until the OMB battle. "What I think upsets a lot of people is infilling," said one man. He added that he didn't think Martin's plan, with a road and 17 three-quarter acre lots qualified as infilling. That's development, he said.

Many people were con-cerned about finding themselves living beside a subdivision, a lifestyle they thought they'd escaped when they moved to Ballinafud from Brampton, Bramalea and Toronto.

Creation of 17 lots would people in the village.

pressed Martin on what he'd do for recreation in the village, and he said he'd be someone asks.

Get him "Why not go up with the idea of getting him (Martin) to give us a park for the kids. Something we don't have," asked Rene March. "I don't like offering things, because people say you're offering bribes," Martin sald.

A couple of people said they feared the granting of Mr. Martin's project by the OMB would be the thin edge of the development wedge for the village. "If you get this, won't other hundred acre people

Between a couple of the proposed lots there's a 66-foot gap from a road to a field to the east. Under questioning, Mr. Martin said the path was needed by him to pass farm machinery in and out of the field. Mr. Martin said he wasn't sure if he'd consider

say down to a 15 foot width. Martin, who said Erin Township gave him no reason for turning down his proposal, also said the subdivision wouldsincrease the value of lots in the area, and supply a fairly decent type of housing. But he added that he was prejudiced on the matter: "I'm gonna make a buck".

making the path slimmer,

Tax revenue On the subject of how much tax revenue the new houses would bring into the village, Mr. Martin said he wasn't

Wilson and Danny of Fergus,

Mr. and Mrs. Rose Ferguson

Christian Family Sunday

was observed in the local

church with a good atten-

dance Sunday morning. A

duet "Consider and Hear Me"

was sung by Blanche and

Brenda Bruce. A chorus was

sung by the Sunday School

children, after which they

presented a rose to every lady

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and Sandra Johnston.

competent to set a figure. However, Stephen Saxe, of Georgetown said from his experience new houses are assessed at a higher value than older houses.

According to engineers hired by Mr. Martin there would be no effect on the water table by the drilling of wells for the new houses. They were also to have septic

Again and again Mr. Martin said he wasn't destroying agricult ral land with the proposed houses.

Some peoplessaid out loud people said they favored the they'd prefer some kind of move. farming operation on the side "We'll all get a kick at the instead of the houses. A few cat on the 19th", said Martin.

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by Doris Fines

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bruce of Kindersley, Sask. spent a few days at the home of Mr. Bruce's brother, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Bruce and family. They also visited with Mr. and Mrs. Ward Bruce and their mother Mrs. Wesley Bruce, who is visiting there from Whitewood, Sask. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce came down from Winnipeg where they were attending a convention. He was a fraternal delegate from the Rural Municipal Secreatary-Treasurer Association, to the Manitoba sister association at Winni-

Brenda Bruce, visiting with able to leave hospital on Elizabeth Rankin, who was Friday and is recuperating at also a student at Guelph his home. We hope he con-University, spent a week and a half fishing and sailing in 85 degree temperatures at Fort Lauderdale, Florida. She has now returned for her last semester at the University, in

with a major in English and a minor in fine art.

County honors

Margie Johnston received her County honors at the 4-H Achievement Day on "Clothes for Leisure" held at Rose R. MacKay Public School in Hillsburgh. Leaders Mrs. Glen Jackson and Judy Johnston attended. The club presented an exhibit on "Trims with Imagination." Commentators were Gwen Hacke and Flora Stewart. A fashion revue was also presented. Members participating were: Jenny Flinders, Gwen Hacke, Judy Johnston, Margie Johnston, Karen McKinnon, Susan Milne, Patricia Pantling, Cheryl Page, and Flora Stewart.

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and the hostess assisting. Christian Family Sunday was observed in the church, May 8th, with members of families having different parts of the service. The first scripture lesson was read by Mr. Fred Shortill, A beautiful duet was sung by Gayle and Leigh Jessop. "We thank Thee for Our Mothers" Mrs. Gloria Johnson representing

the mothers gave a reading "Family Beatitudes." The second scripture lesson was given by Mr. Floyd Shortill. The Junior Choir under the direction of Mr. Bob

bugs HRCA unable to be present so Mrs. Jamieson remained in the Last year's mosquito abatement program cost the to do it we should get stuck events were given by each member telling of a hap-Authority \$2,600 and mem- against it from the start." bers were unhappy when they "Reflections discovered last week that \$ only \$400 of it is eligibible for

> Members were under the impression that the full cost would be eligible for grants, and criticised the region for withdrawing financial sup-

"They asked us to do the program and we did it," exclaimed Frank Rogers from Burlington, "and it's one of the reasons we overspent our budget last year."

Halton Region Conservation with the bill," he said. "I was

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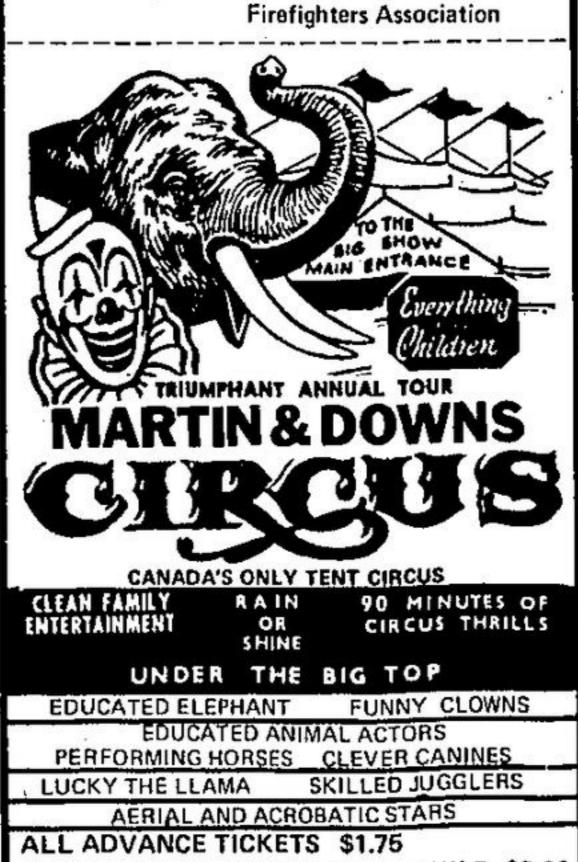
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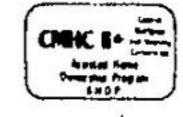
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