



Sweet harmony

Knox Presbyterian Church was full to capacity Nov. 3 when the Rickmanworth Masonic School Choir performed along with the Georgetown Choral Society. The sweet sounds from the girls choir were very much appreciated by the audience. Rickmanworth school is located about 20 miles outside of London, England. (Herald photo)



Show and tell

Bishop Reding Secondary School held its Career Day Nov. 13. Students were treated to a variety of workshops from an army officer, a police officer, a lawyer, a fashion and self image designer, a hotel and administrative person, a wildlife biologist, a nurse, an architect, a chartered accountant and a stock broker. Here, wildlife biologist Karen Watkins holds up a collage of the activities open to a wildlife biologist. (Herald photo)

Main-Maple corner could be altered to make it safer

The Region is going to look at altering the intersection at Main Street and Maple Avenue.

A letter from Bryan and Janet Meyers sent to councillors Monday cites problems with the turning lane on the north side of Maple Avenue to Main Street.

"The sidewalk ends abruptly (on the east side of Main Street) and forces pedestrians out into oncoming traffic. If a pedestrian is to cross in the marked section of the intersection they are forced to walk on a loped, tree lined, grassed property and they lose complete sight lines to oncoming traffic," the letter said.

A 15-year-old girl was struck by a car while she was crossing Maple

Avenue at Main Street in October.

Main Street is a town road but Maple Avenue is a region owned road so the intersection is under the jurisdiction of the Region, said Town Engineer Bob Austin.

"It is a dangerous area," said Councillor Pam Johnson.

She wants the town engineers to help study the intersection because children use the east side of Main Street where there is no sidewalk.

"We don't have much problem with Main Street even though there is a sidewalk on the west side (only)," Mr. Austin said.

Town staff will consult with the Region's staff about the intersection, he said.

Adoption advocates

About 5,000 Ontario children at any one time are in need of adoptive families, according to the Ontario Council on Adoptable Children, a province-based child advocacy organization.

"Many of these kids have a physical or mental or emotional disability; most are school aged; some must be placed with brothers and sisters," says Gina Osborne, spokesman for the Council.

MP's Report

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Economy is on the upswing

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Since the September 1984 election of a Progressive Conservative government in Ottawa, the Ontario economy has been on the upswing. Here are a few examples.

—since September 1984, 457,000 jobs have been created in the Province of Ontario. The Ontario unemployment rate has fallen from 9.4 per cent to 5.8 per cent, a decline of 3.6 percentage points. This is the lowest unemployment rate in almost six years. Total unemployment has fallen by 152,000.

—84,000 jobs have been created in the Toronto area in the past twelve months.

—urban housing starts in 1986 were at their highest level since 1973, with construction commencing on 71,740 units.

—total housing starts in 1986 rose by 25.6 per cent, to their highest level in 10 years.

—retail sales have increased by 8.8 per cent in the past year - (July 1987 VS July 1986), and by 34.6 per cent since the September 1984 election.

—farm cash receipts in 1986 increased by 7.2 per cent compared to 1985.

—total exports in 1986 were up 5.4 per cent compared to 1985, while exports of fully manufactured goods were up 4.9 per cent.

—according to the Conference Board, personal disposable income increased by 6.6 per cent in 1986, and is forecast to increase by 7.6 per cent in 1987.

—in Ontario, help wanted advertising is up 166 per cent since the September 1984 election compared to a 34 drop during the Liberals' last mandate.

Norval road confusions prompt re-naming

Town council is looking at renaming part of Winston Churchill Boulevard in Norval.

"Brampton council" recently approved a motion renaming Winston Churchill Boulevard as Old Pine Crest Road for the section of road to the south of the intersection of Winston Churchill Boulevard and Adamson Street.

Brampton council also agreed to change Adamson Street to Winston Churchill Boulevard.

The name change was requested by Norval resident Thelma Jarvis who lives on Winston Churchill Boulevard.

Recently, several deliveries have been unable to find Mrs. Jarvis' house and she is worried that police or fire vehicles may get lost in an emergency.

Brampton Administrative Assistant Allan Rothwell said the problem in identifying streets arises when the driver approaches the intersection of Winston Churchill Boulevard and Adamson Street from north to south. The travelled road veers right onto Adamson Street but there are no signs on the street, he said.

Strangers tend to assume that Adamson Street is Winston Churchill Boulevard, Mr. Rothwell said.

He recommended changing that section of Winston Churchill Boulevard to Old Pine Crest Road - a name that has long been associated with the road.

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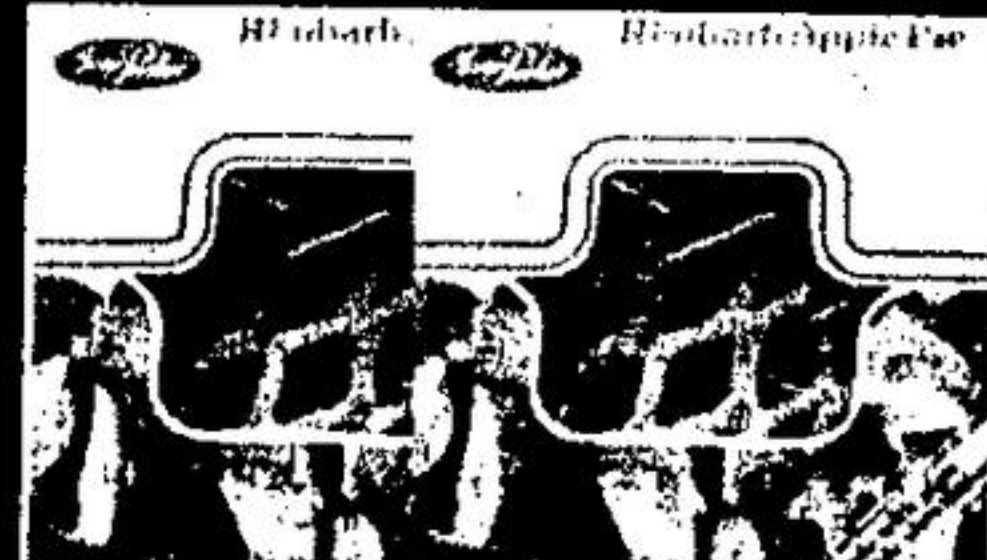
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