

## Buttonville Community Happenings

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### Neighborhood Notes

The Buttonville Branch of YCHA met at the home of Mrs. Chris Adair, Markham, Friday morning of last week for coffee and a business meeting.

The new chairman Mrs. Alvin Robinson presided and discussion centred on the benefit euchre, gift and bake sale which the members will hold March 26 at Buttonville Hall. Proceeds will be for the hospital. Members are making aprons and other handmade articles for the sale tables.

Members are also reminded of raffle tickets distributed for a draw at the White Rose Ball, which will be held at the Thornhill Country Club May 15.

The April meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Dorothy Barbour, Markham.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Shenfield

### Chairman Ab Campbell Demands Long-Range Study Of Rapid Transit

Metro Chairman Albert Campbell is pressing for a long-range study of transportation needs in Metro region to determine priorities in commuter services, expressways and rapid transit.

Expansion of GO service on existing rail lines radiating from Toronto was included in the proposal Mr. Campbell presented to Metro's Executive committee Tuesday of last week.

The official plan drawn up in 1959 listing needs to 1980 cannot be completed on time under present methods of financing, the chairman declared. Federal as well as provincial financing will be needed to keep up with the rate of growth.

Mr. Campbell recently submitted a brief to the federal government, presenting a blueprint of logical and feasible expansion of commuter rail service.

Local Members of Parliament have also been pressing Ottawa to give support to such a program, and York Simcoe MP John Roberts reported last month that Federal Transport Minister Donald Jamieson has agreed to undertake a study of commuter needs in York Region and neighboring municipalities.

In viewing the overall situation, Mr. Campbell urges that consideration be given to availability of railway right-of-ways that could be used for commuter service, the growth of municipal regional governments around Metro, and the location of the new Toronto International Airport.

The study should involve federal and provincial as well as municipal authorities, said Mr. Campbell, establishing priorities up to the year 2000.

have been ill this winter, but are now both on the road to recovery and are convalescing at the home of their daughter in Agincourt.

Mrs. Shenfield was in Scarborough General Hospital for some time, and while she was there Mr. Shenfield picked up a serious flu bug. Mrs. Shenfield called one day last week to say how very much they have appreciated the well-wishes of their friends and neighbors, their cards and other gestures have given much encouragement.

Mrs. Robert Chaffers reports a very fine celebration for the Bahais at the Thornhill Community Centre late last month, with about 175 persons attending.

On Thursday of this week the Jalal Rock Group, five Bahai musicians from the west coast who are touring the country, will make a free presentation at Pickering College in Newmarket.

The evening which begins at 8 pm is sponsored by the Matal Spiritual Assembly Bahais of Canada. There will also be a presentation of the Bahai faith. Anyone who enjoys good music or is interested in Bahai will be made welcome.

Friends were happy to see Mrs. William Rodick in the community on Sunday.

Friends also welcomed the Waltons back home again last week.

There were 30 tables of players at Buttonville Hall for the final game of the winter euchre series last Friday evening, and the grand winner was a newcomer to Buttonville games, Mrs. Betty Shaddock, Rummerville was Mrs. Bernice Tooley.

Winners for the night were Miss Hazel Harris, Mrs. Shaddock, Mrs. Reg. Allen, and Mrs. Jim Grainger, Ernie Luke, Jim Grainger, Bobby Stonehouse and William Mills. The lucky draws were won by Mrs. Howard Gehring and Mrs. Douglas Hood, and freezeout winners were Mrs. Earle Bremmer, Mrs. Keith Carson against Russell Burr and Mrs. Bill Wray.

Rev. Dugan to Dorval, Quebec  
Rev. Chris Dugan, who tendered his resignation to the Brown's Corners United Session in January has been called as senior minister to the congregation of Strathmore United Church in the Montreal suburb of Dorval, Quebec. His resignation here becomes effective May 15.

On Sunday, Mr. Dugan's message was titled "Whom Do You Say . . .", and the children's meditation "Station JESUS" (the voice of conscience).

Mrs. Don Reesor was back as organist for the first time since she became ill in December and Brian Reynolds was soloist.

On Sunday at Brown's Corners Rev. Chris Dugan announced

the "elevation" of Mrs. Gertrude Hood to the position of Elder of the Lord's Table. Mrs. Hood is the first woman to hold such a position in Brown's Corners Church.

Harold Steffler has been appointed as roll clerk of the congregation.

Wednesday of next week the

Happy Timers (Unit No. 1, UCW) will tour the Crippled Children's Centre on Bayview Avenue, at 8 pm. Following the tour, members will return to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Carr, 16th Avenue. Ladies wishing to join the tour should call Mrs. John Buchanan, 297-1788.

## Markham Farmers Get Exemption Regarding Fire Protection Rate

Farmers in Markham Town will continue to be exempt from paying the amount of taxes for fire protection charged to the municipality's urbanized areas.

Council Tuesday afternoon passed a bylaw exempting farmers from approximately 90 percent of the costs for fire protection although some councillors felt that some form of fee should be levied in the case of a fire on farmland.

The bylaw is the same one that was in effect in the old Township of Markham prior to the arrival of regional government in York County.

Councillor Murray Henderson wondered if there should be some differentiation made between working farms and other lands lying idle and growing weeds.

"These latter lands shouldn't be exempted," he felt.

Councillor James Jongeneel pointed out that the Assessment Act didn't differentiate between working farms and land held for speculative purposes.

Councillor Art Bonner said that "fighting grass fires can be a very expensive proposition."

Farmers in the various municipalities in York have been protesting the alarming rises in their taxes with the new assessment policies adopted by the

province based on the 1967 market value.

At a recent Whitchurch-Stouffville Council meeting a delegation of farmers requested that the municipality continue to give them the same tax relief from the cost of police and fire protection as they enjoyed prior to the advent of regional government.

The farmers were formerly residents of the old Markham

Township prior to regional government which put them in the environs of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

They had received such relief from police and fire protection costs in Markham but this reduced rate had been washed out by regional government.

Mayor Ken Laushway agreed something might be worked out regarding fire protection but pointed out that police protection came under the authority of the York Police Commission.



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## VICTORIA SQUARE NEWS

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### Neighborhood Notes

Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Herman Morrison, who will be holding open house in the community hall on Saturday from 2 to 5 pm, the occasion being in honor of their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Everyone is welcome. No gifts please.

We wish Mr. and Mrs. Morrison many more years of happiness together.

Birthday greetings to Mrs. Kenneth Petty March 19, Lois Gee March 20, Paul Boynton March 21, Susan Sanderson March 22, Susan Boynton March 23.

Wedding anniversary greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brumwell married 38 years March 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Frisby and girls had Saturday evening dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Pattenden and family at Stouffville.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Leitch and girls have recently returned from holidaying in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. George Joyce have returned after holidaying at Fort Myers, Florida.

Mrs. Helen Watt and family of Scarborough spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Steckley.

The March meeting of the Women's Institute was held on Tuesday evening of last week at the home of Mrs. Earl Empingham.

A new food product from our grocery shelves and my reaction to it.

The guest speaker was Mrs. Louise Gatenby, home economist for York County, who gave a very interesting talk on "Spices".

For further information regarding the children's safety at the "No Stop" highway zones of the school buses, kindly contact Mrs. Joanne McLaren, 887-5491.

Another euchre party will be held in the community hall on Friday evening at 8 pm. Ladies will provide lunch.

## Establish April 30 As Deadline Markham Town Interim Tax Bill

Residents of Markham Town will soon be the recipients of their municipality's interim tax bill, due April 30.

The interim bill which will provide the municipality with operating capital while waiting for the total tax expenditure figures — will bring in seven mills or approximately two and three quarter million dollars.

Council passed the bylaw March 9 and discussed at the same time the possibility of advising residents of the rebate which will be available to those eligible under the province's Bill 143 tax relief amendment.

Bill 143 resulted from a spate of yowls from ratepayers over the drastic increase in their taxes as a result of re-assessment in York County.

Councillor James Jongeneel queried as to whether the billing for the interim tax figure should include notification that rebates would be available because "if we don't let the people know they have something coming back we'll be swamped by phone calls."

Councillor Roy Muldrew agreed stating "this should be

pointed out to the residents when we send the interim tax bill."

He later acknowledged that the two items were separate in nature and that the rebate notification should be sent separately.

Clerk Harry Crisp explained that the rebate matter was completely under the jurisdiction of the province and the municipality had no way of knowing just when the rebates would be available and to whom.

He pointed out that the rebate applications would be assessed through a review court and after this any one eligible would receive the rebate.

Council decided to notify the residents that such a tax relief under Bill 143 would be forthcoming as soon as it was approved by the review court.

The municipalities are being hampered in preparing the final tax bill due to the many factors involved in establishing a mill rate with the inception of regional government.

As a result, municipalities have been issuing interim tax bills until the final mill rate is established for the year.

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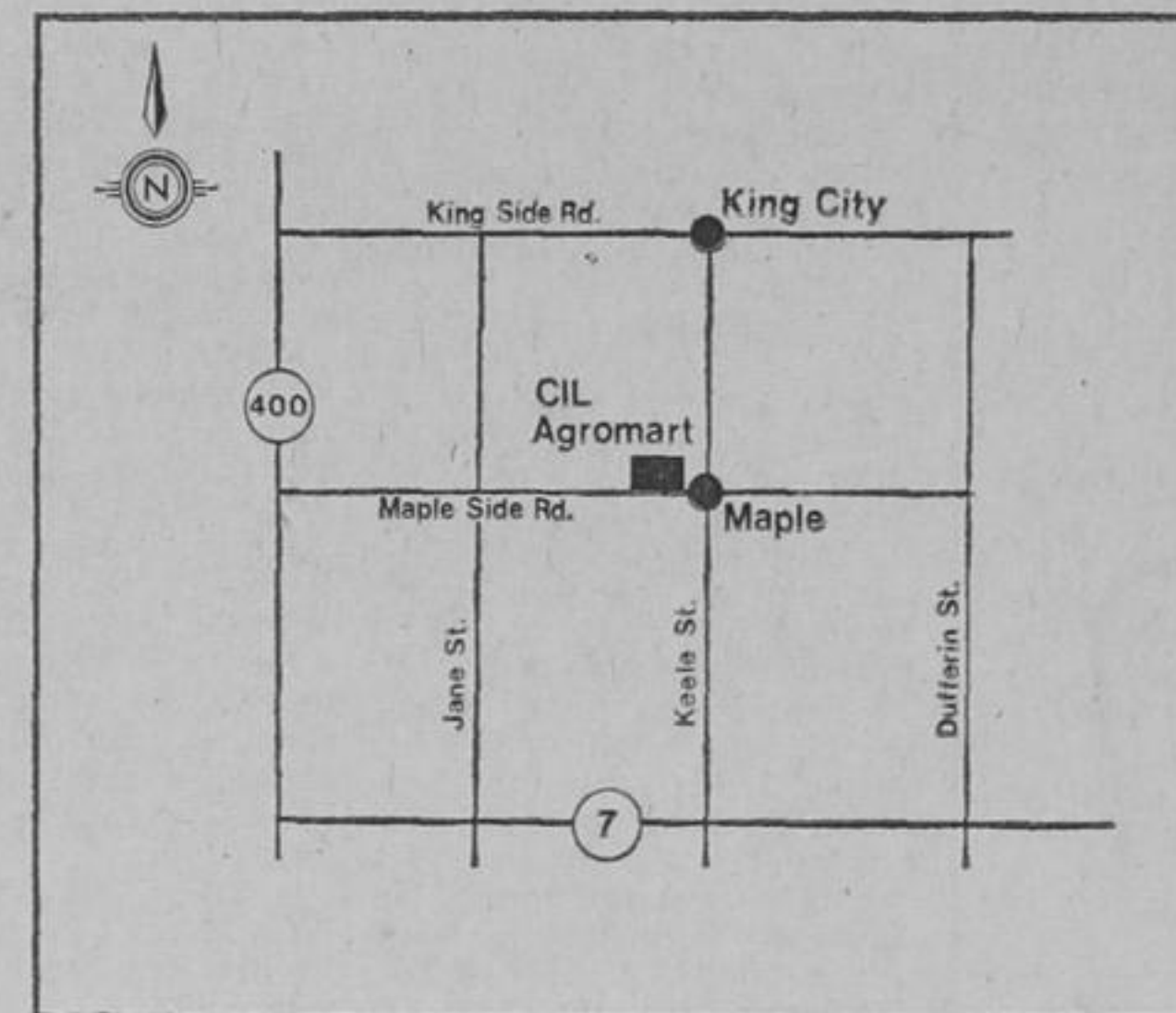
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