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**Irrigations Project East Gwillimbury Tp.**  
 A request from East Gwillimbury that York Regional Council support its resolution calling for a pilot spray irrigation project to be located in the township, was agreed to by regional council in session July 13.  
 The resolution further stated that the project be constructed to meet all provincial, regional and municipal specifications, with the developer paying the costs.  
 A spray irrigation type of pollution control system was recommended by the Ontario Water Resources Commission as a means of solving the type of pollution experienced in the township, the resolution said. The OWRC had also approved establishment of that type of sewage works in East Gwillimbury.  
 Making the motion for the resolution was East Gwillimbury Mayor Gladys Rolling. Aurora Mayor Dick Illingworth said he wouldn't be prepared to accept anything that was "tied into the developer."  
 "I can just see a hundred houses going up and then it (the spray system) doesn't work. Then what do we do?" he asked.  
 Richmond Hill Councillor Donald Plaxton said that all council was discussing was whether the project went into East Gwillimbury or not.  
 If the developer paid for it, it was all the better. "If it doesn't work, we will have found out," Mr. Plaxton said.

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**Property Tax Needs Reform Says Nader**

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 lake frontage and sites for future building. They also have large holdings in corporations in the commercial industrial and rental fields and in vacant, farm, forest, mineral, water and miscellaneous properties. In most jurisdictions the largest property taxpayers are the corporations."  
 Dr. Gaffney stated that a properly administered property tax will catch all of these indications of a man's wealth, noting that "while the small owner cannot hide his ownership, wealthy families wear several guises: banks, insurance companies, corporations, estates, utilities, etc. Property is assigned to children and relatives these veils pierced—but we can be quite certain that taxes are paid on each individual piece of property."  
 Ralph Nader, who has proved to be a thorn in the side of the American automotive industry, charged in May of this year that "the property tax is one of the most maligned and least understood subjects of public and official discussion today." He claims it has become the object of the taxpayers' revolt not because it is regressive but because it is "the only remaining significant tax over which voters have any semblance of direct control" and because "the property tax, as currently applied, is rife with corruption, favoritism, antiquated laws and secrecy."  
 Nader contends that the property tax becomes oppressive to homeowners because private pressure groups are favored through such practices as underlisting, under-assessment, promiscuous exemptions, abatement fixing, uncollected delinquencies and industrial "tax havens" and parasitic feeding off the collection process by banks and financial institutions.  
 He asserts that by investing in various types of property, a "wealthy person can

avoid the income tax by hoarding... but a property tax cannot be escaped through hoarding. To the contrary, the property tax taxes hoarding and thus encourages the putting of assets to productive use."  
 Mr. Nader quoted the fact that the U.S. Steel Corporation paid no federal income taxes in 1971, but, even though under-assessed, did pay property taxes as "evidence that the property tax needs reform, not abolition."  
 The arguments presented by Gaffney and Nader appear convincing: (1) The property tax can be a progressive one if properly administered. (2) The property tax simply will not fade away; the \$40 billion annual revenue it produces in the U.S.A. cannot be replaced by any other method. (3) Even minor property tax reduction will come about only through the imposition of regressive taxes such as the value-added sales tax and payroll tax increases.  
 It would be ironic indeed if the progressive efforts of the court to provide equality of educational opportunity were turned towards shifting the burden of taxation from the large property holder to the poor, in the form of sales and payroll taxes.  
 The picture in Ontario seems a lot brighter than the one painted for the U.S.A. Provincial assessment should eliminate cases of under-assessment in any municipality, which have resulted from pressure, favoritism or error.  
 The provincial government has made provision for the relief from a large portion of the education costs from the senior citizens, whether they take advantage of it or not, and is providing a substantial percentage of the costs through the grant system.  
 Most property tax money is collected—not by banks—but by the municipality's staff, either by cash payments over the counter or by cheques through the mail.

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**In The Spotlight**

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 a success. The nurses, in charge of nursing stations throughout the North, as well as the teachers, are very community-minded and are doing a wonderful job up there."  
 There are no "hotels" so far north; so visiting doctors stay either on the nursing stations or in small cabins or tents. "In the evening, the children and their parents come to visit."  
 How is the terrain? "All bush, with small rolling hills, and many small lakes... no roads... but very, very beautiful country indeed."  
 Enjoying a 200-mile trip in a two seater plane, prompted Dr. Martinello to say, "We had just about the best pilot in that zone. Flying over a huge moose—the pilot getting as close to him as possible—we had a 'bird's eye view' that was unbelievable! (No doubt the same feeling we had on viewing 'North of Superior', at Ontario Place.)"

Before leaving Dr. Martinello's lovely office in the new Bayview Lane plaza, which his wife, Judy (nee Palmer) had, along with his parents decorated and furnished while he was up north, we saw some of the "tools" of his profession. Colored "candy beads" employed in testing the children's eyes. Visual characters: such as a birthday cake, a hand, a duck, a pony, a star or a moon—all used for preschoolers in the recognition and near-point tests.  
 And Dr. Martinello told us he is always pleased to talk to parent-groups who have pre-school children. If any group would like to line this interesting speaker up for the fall—just call his office in Thornhill (889-1710). He will give you any information you wish to have about keeping your children's eyes healthy.

**GORMLEY NEWS**  
 CORRESPONDENT: MRS. CHAS. MILSTED  
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**Neighborhood Notes**  
 Congratulations of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Empringham who will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary this week.  
 Congratulations are also extended to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Koopman on the occasion of their Silver Wedding Anniversary.  
 Congratulations are also extended to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Petrie (the former Mrs. Jessie Coleman) who were married quietly Friday evening. The reception for the immediate relatives and friends was held at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. David Beadle.  
 Greg and Kimberley Sykes of Williamantic, Connecticut, are spending a week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Tatton.  
 The Canadian East Coast seems to be a popular place for Gormley holidayers this summer.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Tom Clarke and family have returned from a delightful holiday there.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wideman are there now.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Murray Bennett's holiday there was ended suddenly when Carrie became ill and spent three days in a Halifax hospital. Then she and her mother flew to Toronto on Wednesday and Carrie was immediately admitted to Sick Children's Hospital, but was able to return home Saturday afternoon.  
 Mrs. J. A. Duff and daughter, Hazel Largs, Scotland, are spending three weeks with her daughter, Miss Leslie Duff of Callahan Farm.  
 Miss Freda Henderson was a guest of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Climenhage of Stevensville for several days.  
 Mrs. Melvin Henderson spent several days with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Liebeck of Stayner.  
 Kim and Tracy Wilson are enjoying several weeks with their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Brown of Tottenham.  
 Our best wishes follow Mr. and Mrs. Stan Blake and family who moved Wednesday to their new home in Newmarket.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Charles Croxford and children moved Thursday to a townhouse in Toronto.  
 Miss Leslie Wright enjoyed a holiday with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Wright of Rosemont.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Britnell attended Centennial celebrations recently at Grand Valley.  
 Mrs. Charles Milsted attended the funeral of the late Albert Morris at Queensville Wednesday. Albert and his girl friend were both killed in a car accident near Sutton early Sunday morning.  
 Miss Jean Brillinger entertained her Sunday school class from Oak Ridges at Sunday dinner.  
 Tim Barber of Guelph and Scott Brown of Lindsay spent holidays with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barber.  
 Mr. and Mrs. James Miller of Columbus, Ohio, were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brillinger.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Irving Reaman of California are holidaying with their nieces, Misses Mary and Adeline Reaman. They all attended the Reaman family reunion at Fort Erie Sunday in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Reaman's diamond wedding anniversary.  
 Mrs. Charles Milsted and Charleen visited Sunday with Mrs. Tom Christilaw and Heather in Scarborough. Mrs. Christilaw of Blind River is spending the summer with Heather and also taking a university summer course.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Mel Heise of Scarborough visited Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brillinger Thursday afternoon.  
 Mrs. Delbert Baker is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Earl Baker of Elk Lake near Ottawa.  
 The flowers in the Missionary Church Sunday were placed there by Mr. and Mrs. Whitney Johnson in memory of their aunt, Mrs. Frank Thompson, who passed away last week.  
 Rev. and Mrs. Eldon Boettger were pleasantly surprised Wednesday evening with a pantry shower, following the prayer meeting.

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