

# Ronalds applies for big expansion

Despite possible problems with a residential subdivision proposed next door, Ronalds Printing in Richmond Hill, has filed a site plan application to add 86,400 square feet to their plant site.

Vice President of Ronalds Printing, Keith Dumond, said the proposed building would eventually house full plant operation

and storage space.

Timing of construction has not yet been established, said Mr. Dumond, but he expects it would take place over a three to five year period.

Town planner, Dave Collinson, said the application will now be circulated among municipal agencies, such as the works, maintenance and legal depart-

ments for comment and then the planning staff will prepare a report to present to planning committee and council for approval. This process will take approximately four to six weeks, said Mr. Collinson.

When asked whether the recent decision by the Ministry of the Environment to require a minimum distance of 200 feet

between residential and industrial uses, or an official plan amendment recently passed by committee, would affect the application, Mr. Collinson declined to comment saying only that the town would contact the Ministry of the Environment and then make a recommendation to council.

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## School is approved

By MILLIE STEWART  
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York County Board of Education surprised Markham school members at Monday's council board meeting.

A new school for the Risebrough subdivision of Markham has received Ministry of Education Approval, and construction will begin in 1980.

Mayor Anthony Roman and several members of Markham Council were at the meeting Monday accompanied by a contingent from CAUSE (Community Association for Unionville Secondary Education), and representatives of Markham ratepayer groups, who have been lobbying for more schools in the town.

They were there to appeal to the Board to approve new schools for Markham and Unionville; four of which are in the top five priorities.

The Ministry of Education, in a telephone conversation, with Board staff, Monday, dictated a letter signed by Bette Stephenson, Minister of Education, approving funds for the new school.

One paragraph in the letter explained that John W. Storey, Regional Director of Education, would communicate with Sam Chapman, York County Director of Education to discuss with him the possibility of designing a new school in such a manner as to allow for "a core design with some demountable classrooms".

According to Earl Evans, Information Officer for the York County Board, "the Board fully intends to go ahead with its stand for a permanent structure".

Mr. Evans feels that perhaps the Ministry was suggesting another type of school to make sure the Board really understood the need for a permanent structure in this area.

The type of school recommended by the Board is expected to cost 2 million dollars; \$1,865,000 for the structure and \$135,000 for equipment.

It will include a kindergarten, 11 classrooms, science room, art room, music room, home economics room, library resource centre, general purpose

room, lunch room with stage, a health room and a guidance room.

The new Risebrough School will have a capacity of 565 and is expected to be ready for occupancy by September 1981.

It was pointed out to Mayor Roman that Markham actually had nine schools in the top 10 priorities.

Regional Councillor, Ron Moran said, "We are always asked how come Council keeps approving new subdivisions when there are no schools to house the children."

Ward 7 Councillor, Tom Gove answered, "If we stop approving subdivisions, the Ministry would stop approving schools."

### Stephenson land zone is changed

At Planning Committee last week an official plan amendment was passed to redesignate the property belonging to W.A. Stephenson Holdings, beside Ronalds Printing, from industrial use to residential.

Only one clause in the original amendment was changed, that being the part which said council would accept Ministry of Environment standards.

Councillor John Birchall said committee members were concerned because there were no 'set' standards by the ministry. The town should 'consider' ministry standards, said Councillor Birchall, and then make their final decision based on all facts available.

### School board turns down McConaghy

The separate school board has turned down an offer to purchase M.L. McConaghy school in Richmond Hill from the public school board.

The separate board is renting the old Yonge Street school for the current school year, in order to cope with its rising student population.

McConaghy was closed last June due to declining public school enrollments.

By law the public board must offer any school it closes to a number of groups including the separate school board and local municipalities.

John Zupancic, separate school director of education, said the board doesn't want to buy McConaghy because eventually it intends to build a new school of its own on Dufferin Street in Vaughan.

"We looked at it from our point of needs and we decided, no, we didn't need it," Mr. Zupancic said.

### He'll try to hold the line

Ontario Hydro is raising its wholesale rates to municipal utilities an average of 16.4 per cent, but General Manager for Richmond Hill Hydro, David McVie, said he hopes not all of the increase will have to be passed on to the customer.

Mr. McVie said Richmond Hill Hydro is in the midst of budgeting at this time and trying to determine costs for 1980.

Costs to consumers in Richmond Hill next year will not be known for about two weeks, he said.

"No doubt we'll have to pass some of the increase on," said Mr. McVie, "but I hope certainly not all of it."

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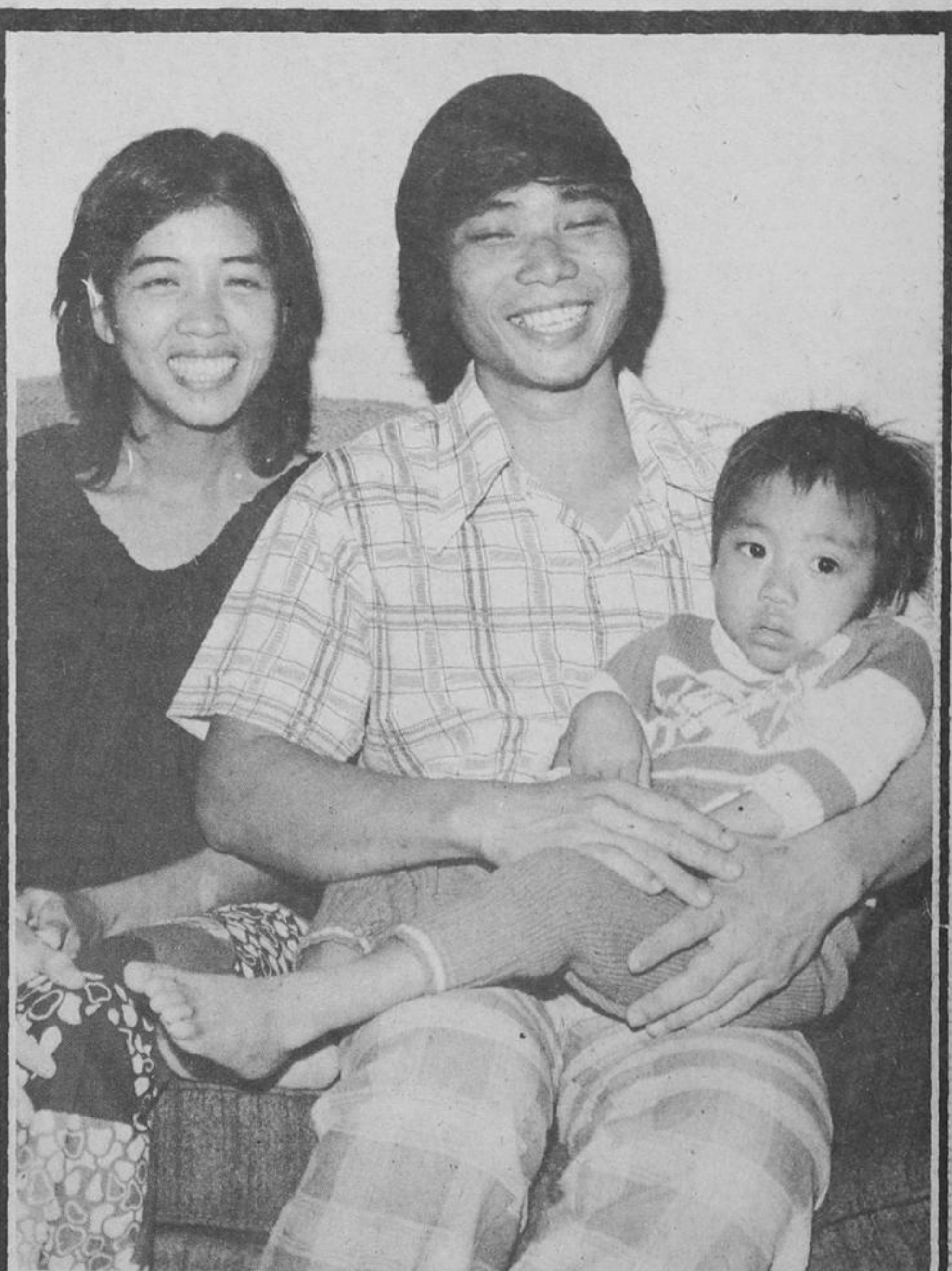
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wife's English is limited, already he has a job and the whole family has been exploring the town. (Liberal Photo by Bruce Hogg)

### Dad has a job

## First Vietnamese family in Richvale

Richmond Hill's first Vietnamese family arrived last Wednesday and already one member of the family has a job and the family has started taking lessons in English.

The family, consisting of Boi Chi Tang, the father, Tuget Hao Tang, the mother, and three-year-old son, Chi Hung Tang, is presently staying at the home of Carol McDonald in Richvale.

Mrs. McDonald, a member of St. Mary's Anglican Church Sponsorship group, was contacted by the Immigration Department Friday October 12 and given a tentative arrival date of Monday the 15th.

The Richvale resident said she did not get final confirmation of the time of arrival of her house guests until Wednesday, the 17th — the day the family arrived.

Operation Lifeline supplied an interpreter to accompany Mrs. McDonald to Toronto

International Airport and she said everything went fine with no hitches once they found the family.

The Tang family arrived in Toronto with a complete set of new clothes and well rested after spending three days in Edmonton.

Contributions of clothing from St. Mary's have since been added to the family's wardrobe.

Mrs. McDonald herself found employment through The Liberal, within walking distance of her home, for Boi Chi Tang.

Tuget Hao Tang, the young mother does speak some English, but her husband cannot speak the language at all.

Two neighbors of Mrs. McDonald do speak Cantonese and the Tang family has spent time visiting with these people as well as getting settled and exploring the area around their new home.

## Grieve elected chief in riding

Walter Grieve of Markham has been named president of the York Centre Progressive Conservative Association.

Speaker was Bruce McCaffrey, committees in the minority MLA for Armourdale, who talked government situation at Queen's Park.

## Community Pulse

### Extra hour

Sunday, October 28 is "Fall Back" Day — the day you gain that one precious hour of sleep you lost last April. Turn your clocks back.

### Special class

A special weekly tutorial class for students with learning disabilities aged 10-15 will start this Saturday at Crosby Heights Public School. The class, sponsored by the York Chapter of the Association for Children with Learning Disabilities, will be taught by Lou Meyden of the York County Board of Education.

For the first week, parents are welcome to stay and observe instruction, which runs from 9 a.m. - 12 noon. To help defray costs of materials and caretakers, a fee of \$3 per child will be charged. Mr. Meyden can be reached at 1-705-436-5954 for further information.

### Millionth today

By noon today Richmond Hill Transit will have had its one millionth rider.

Transit co-ordinator for the town, Bud Newton, said yesterday, his calculations show that sometime late this morning the lucky winner of a free transit pass for one year and a bus ticket to Nashville, compliments of Travelways, will board a Richmond Hill Transit bus.

At press time, Mr. Newton was busy arranging proper recognition of such a momentous occasion.

### Funds approved

The York Region Roman Catholic Separate School Board has learned funds for a new school in Milliken Mills have been approved by the Ministry of Education.

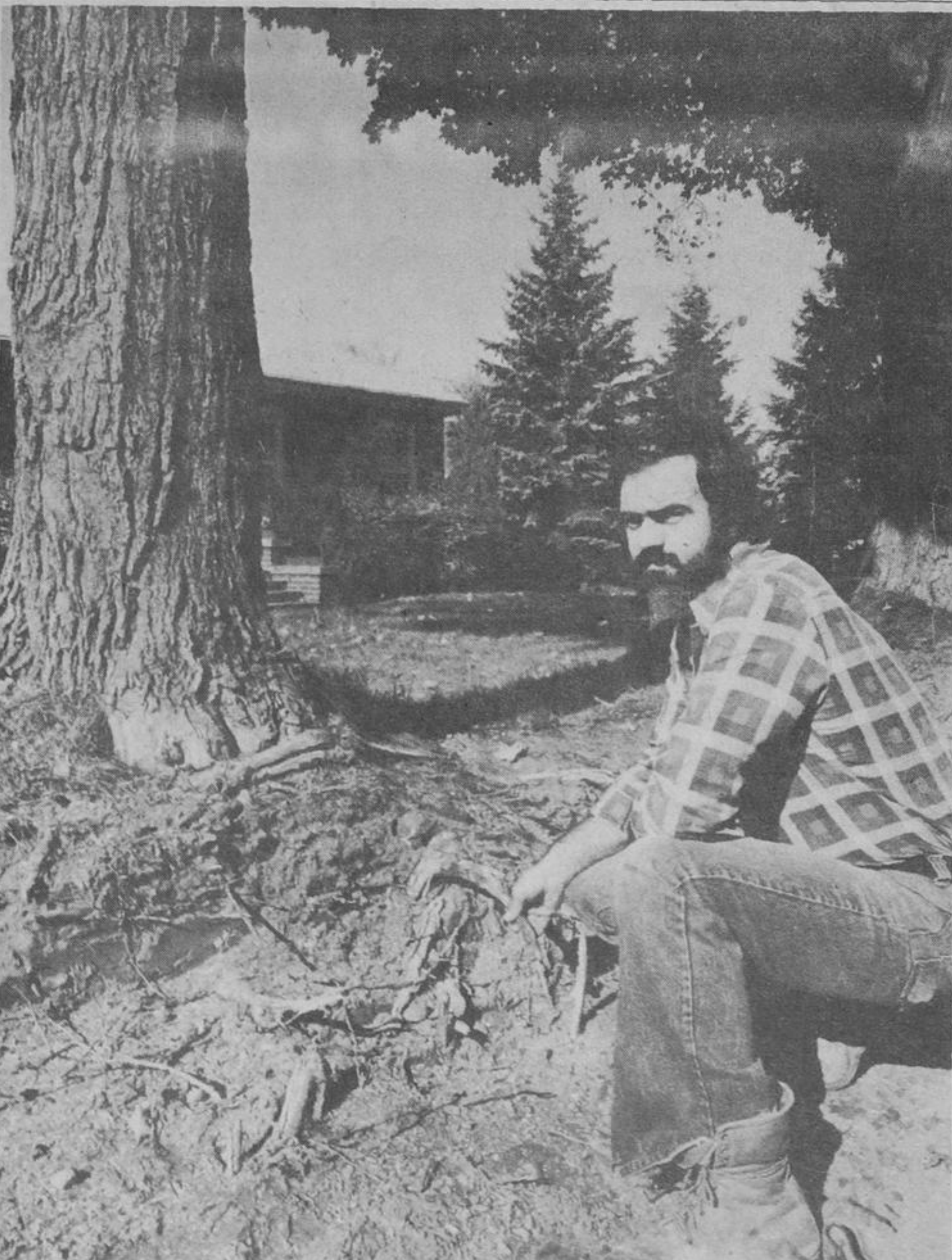
This follows confirmation of funding for the construction of a public school in the Risebrough subdivision, which is in the same area.

Because approval of the separate school was conditional, Superintendent of Business Administration, Ed Joyce, arranged a meeting with Ministry officials Tuesday afternoon.

Results of that meeting were not available at press time yesterday.



WALTER GRIEVE



One of Trench Street's residents, Don Skene, laments damage done to the roots of 80-year-old sugar maple trees on the street. Damage was done by the Town of Richmond Hill during recent reconstruction of Trench Street and the ad-

dition of a new sidewalk. Town officials are now looking into the possibility of replacing these trees with mature trees rather than the usual saplings, if damage is permanent. (Liberal Photo by Bruce Hogg)