

## Escape from Perilous Adventures

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Primarily The Bethesda & Stouffville Telephone System was conceived that a few residents in an isolated area might have connection with their chief business centre, which happened to be Stouffville. No thought was given to defining the limits of the area that was to be served. As more and more applications for service were received our lines began to sprawl across the country without much thought concerning where we were being led, and, ere long we had subscribers who were interested in reaching centres other than Stouffville.

The first of these extensions was made to Markham late in the fall of 1941. Suggestions from subscribers, or would-be subscribers, indicated other extensions. In March 1945, an extension to Aurora was suggested as being desirable and in March 1946, Thornhill and Richmond Hill were suggested. Our directors actually appointed committees to obtain information concerning the prospects of obtaining subscribers in those districts; we even made approach to The Stark Telephone, Light and Power Co., of West Toronto Junction.

We were in imminent danger of embarking upon a program of expansion, that had we pursued it—might have landed us in financial difficulties, and, finally, in disaster for our Company. The story of the developments which diverted us from wild expansion is a very important, phase of our history.

As has been stated, the extension to Markham had been made, and was completed on Dec. 1st, 1944, less than five months after the connection had been made, the officials of The Markham & Pickering Co. intimated to us that they thought that Markham Village should be considered as being, exclusively, within their territory. This had been our opinion when the connection had first been mooted to us, by the Markham & Pickering Co.—we had suggested a boundary line somewhere along the 5th Con. Line about midway between Ringwood and Markham, but the M. & P. Co. officials declared that they were not in a position to undertake the construction.

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## New Ontario Grants will Give Stouffville \$3,027, To be Paid Immediately

The new unconditional grants announced by Premier Frost last week will give Stouffville finances a boost of \$3,027.75. This amount will be made up in a municipal grant of \$1,419.75, public school \$912 and high school \$696.

These amounts are part of a \$7,250,000 hand out to municipalities for education and unemployment and a \$3,500,000 grant based on school attendance in both primary and secondary schools.

The grants will be received almost at once by the municipalities and school boards in order that they may be taken into consideration when arriving at their 1955 budgets.

The municipal grant is a special grant equal to one-half the basic unconditional subsidy paid under the Unconditional Grants Act of 1953.

As stated in the budget of March 10, the total amount of municipal assistance this year is more than \$157,000,000 in comparison with \$18,000,000 in 1943.

The grants now proposed to be voted will raise this contribution to \$165,000,000. The amount the House voted for education last Thursday was \$98,000,000. With this special new grant of \$3,500,000, expenditures for education this year will amount to the huge sum of \$101,500,000 as compared to only \$14,000,000 12 years ago.

The premier tabled in the House particulars of the unconditional grants computed on the basis of municipalities and counties. Mr. Frost said he has had many consultations with municipal authorities on unemployment concerning a Dominion-provincial conference was made last January. Mr. Frost termed the grants "an interim measure" to make a special contribution to municipalities in order to place them in a position in which they can provide welfare assistance when it is required and at the same time stimulate employment.

## A Native of Dickson's Hill Dies at Ottawa

On Sunday, March 20th, Col. Dr. John Dickson Courtenay died at his home at Ottawa in his 93rd year.

Dr. Courtenay was a son of Israel Courtenay and Margaret Dickson, and was born at Dickson's Hill. He was educated at Dickson's Hill and Kemptville public schools, Hamilton Collegiate Institute and graduated from Toronto Medical School in 1885. Following graduation he began practice at Morrison in Wellington County where he married Miss Minnie Morison. Moving to Watford, Ont., he continued in general practice for several years. Deciding to specialize, he went to Britain where to took post graduate work in diseases of the eye ear and throat. Returning to Canada he located in Ottawa in 1896 where he became widely known. During World War I he served overseas in the Canadian Army Medical Corps.

His wife and daughter Elizabeth predeceased him. He is survived by two sons, Dr. Harold and Lyle and a sister, Miss Ann Courtenay, all of Ottawa; Two grandchildren and several great grandchildren also survive.

Burial took place at Morrison on March 23rd.

The Easter Thank Offering Meeting of the W.M.S. of the Stouffville United Church will be held in the Church on Thursday, April 7, 2.30 p.m. Mrs. Bruce Gray, wife of Rev. Bruce Gray of Kew Beach United Church, Toronto, will be the guest speaker. Mrs. Stanley Hastings will conduct the devotional period. Mrs. Claude Brillinge will be guest soloist. A cordial invitation is extended to all women interested in the work of the Missionary Society.

The Rev. J. S. Lowden will occupy the Baptist pulpit next Sunday, in Clarendon.

## Membership Drive By Horticulturists

The Canvassers for members in the Stouffville Horticultural Society will be calling at your home shortly. The membership fee is still \$1.00 and that gives you a choice of one of the following options: (1) Gladioli Bulbs 10; (2) Pin Frog Flower Holder; (3) Fall Bulbs; (4) Donate to the Park Garden; (5) Voucher, value 50c to be redeemed at Don Lewis' on purchase of shrubs, roses, trees, etc.; (6) Voucher, value 50c to be redeemed at Silver Bros. on purchase of Seeds, Fertilizer or Annuals. The vouchers must be used before July 1st. Your membership and interest are needed to beautify Stouffville and help us go "over the top" for over 500 members.

## Local Judo Artists Reach Semi-Finals

Lorne Schell of Stouffville and Ken Ogden of Ballantrae were successful in reaching the semi-finals in an all-Canada Judo competition held at the Y.M.H.A. in Toronto Saturday. The two local men defeated three teams before being eliminated. Thirteen teams from all parts of Canada participated in the elimination tournament.

Lorne Schell and Ken Ogden have been taking judo lessons for over two years. They train in Toronto every Wednesday night.

## Red Cross Drive Over The Top

The Red Cross campaign in Pickering Twp. and Village will be completed on Saturday. From information received from Red Cross headquarters in Toronto it was revealed that the appeal of the newly organized Pickering Twp. and Village branch would wind up with an indicated total response of over 150% of its unofficial objective.

## Extensive Alterations to Local Business Places

Extensive alterations to several business places along Main St., including the establishment of a new super market began this week. Largest operation is the changeover of the Schell Meat Market, corner of Mill & Main Sts., to a super market, including meats. The new premises will extend back the full 114 ft. of the lot with the new store occupying the front 75 ft. and the rear portion being used for meat cutting and cold storage. The building will be entirely of brick construction, two storeys high with apartment above. Plans are also being prepared for an entirely new front in the building. Bud Spang is the contractor for this extensive job.

On the same corner the entire front of the long-established Spofford Blk. is being removed to make way for a new front, central entrance, more window space and large electric display sign. Only recently several new offices were completed on the second floor of this building.

Other alterations planned but not as yet underway include the enlarging of the Ratcliff & Co. premises to include the entire block as a super grocery; new store front on the Sellers house on the south side of Main St., and a seven hundred sq. ft. 2-storey addition to The Tribune office space.

Alteration of the Bellman Blk. was recently completed, allowing for three business premises rather than one as formerly.

## THESE THREE SISTERS WILL SKATE



The three Robb sisters, Christine, Myrna and Joanne, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. John Robb, 5th concession of

Markham, are all accomplished skaters and members of the Stouffville Skating Club. They will be seen in a special

number at the "Ice Revue" this Friday night at the local Arena. The music for this specialty is entitled "The Sisters".

## Metro Offer for Park Too Low, County Will Not Sell

York County Council meeting last week voted to retain the 500-acre county park at Lake Simcoe deploring the offer of \$120,000 made by the Metropolitan Council as much too low.

The County has the title to the park and is the owner of it. They had asked Metro to share the operating costs of the park as a survey revealed that two-thirds of those people using it were from the metropolitan municipalities. Metro officials hinted that the county wished to maintain the park for future gain as sub-division property but Warden Ralph Corner, Georgina, denied this.

Metro Chairman Fred Gardiner stated that he believed the offer to be very fair and could not understand why the County would turn it down.

## Kingston Sentences for Local Co-op Robbery

James Budd was sentenced to five years and Kenneth Budd four years in Kingston penitentiary when they appeared before Magistrate Hollinrake in Newmarket Court this week to stand trial for the break-in and robbery at Stouffville Co-Op a few months ago. Charge against Kenneth Budd included illegal possession of explosives.

Boyd Mason, another member of the gang, was sentenced to two years less one day definite and one year indeterminate and Mrs. Dorothy Budd was given one year in the reformatory on several forgery charges. All had served time for previous convictions.

Both Constables Hilliard and Stewart were in on the local investigation and Constable Stewart presented the evidence at the trial.

Bell read from Romans 10 and gave many wonderful incidents concerning the hospital work. The medical staff at the hospital take time before every operation to pause for prayer. This avenue of service presents opportunities for witnessing among the natives who come to be treated. Dr. Bell is superintendent of the 40-bed hospital situated at Tungan Magajya, Nigeria, W. Africa.

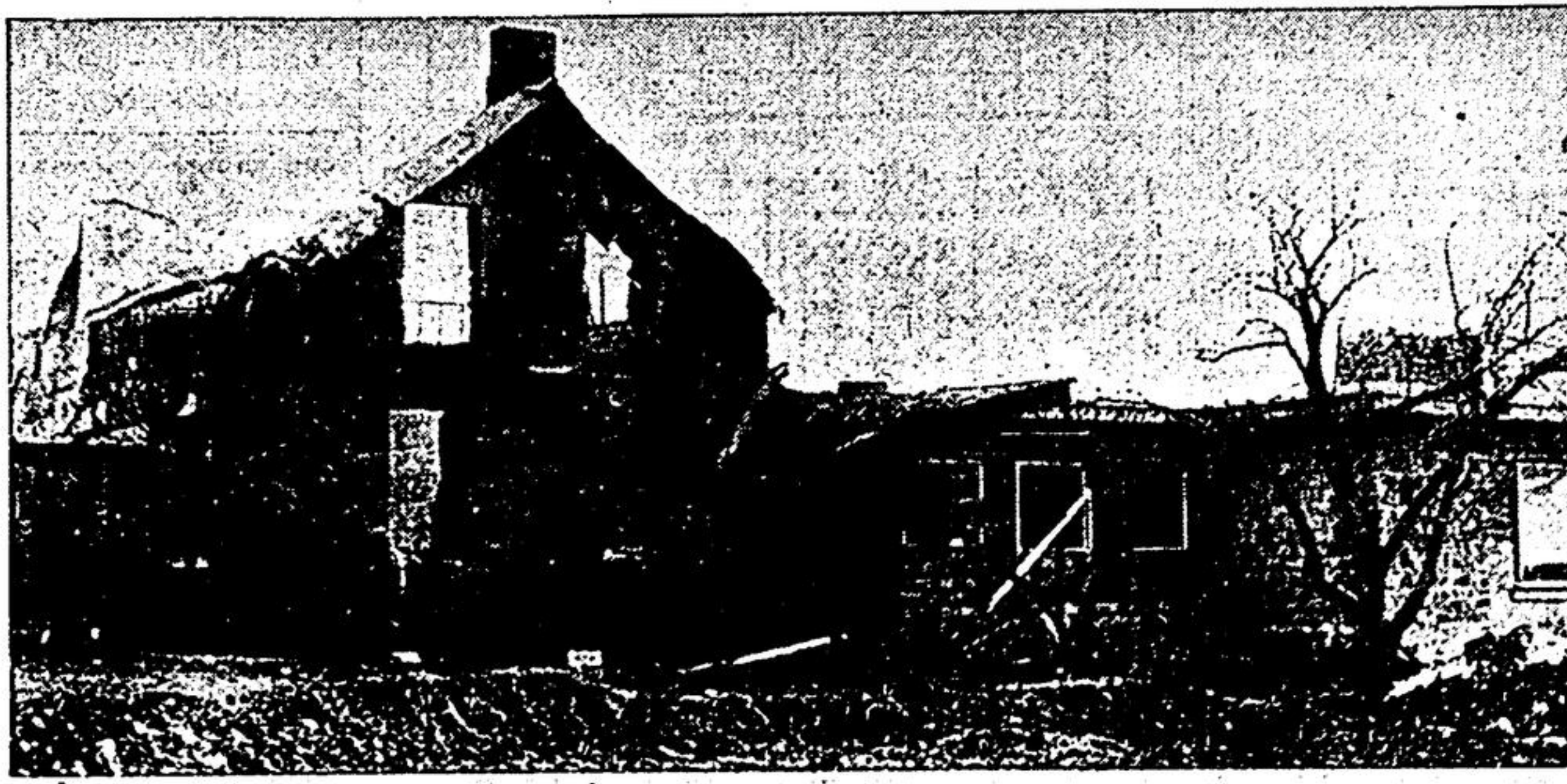
On Monday night Miss Norma Cuthbertson, Canadian representative of the Voice of the Andes, showed pictures of her trip last year to Quito and surrounding places in South America. She told much about HCJB, the first missionary broadcasting station which had its beginning in 1931. This station now operates five transmitters on both long and short wave, with a "round-the-clock" schedule, broadcasting the gospel of Jesus Christ in ten different languages and in more than 1400 gospel broadcasts monthly.

On Tuesday night Brigadier B. Welbourne of the Salvation Army, who spent over 20 years in missionary work in Korea, told thrilling accounts of his work there. He said that up and down the hills of Korea lights have been lit, and although the land is going through chaos and destruction, the lights will never be put out. Before he left, there were 29 churches and 5,000 Christian people.

## Death

WARRINER—At Orillia on March 28, 1955, Walter Warriner, beloved son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Warriner of Stouffville, in his 24th year. Private funeral from the chapel of L. E. O'Neill Wednesday, March 30th, at 2.30 p.m. Interment in Stouffville Cemetery.

## LANDMARK AT BROUGHAM DESTROYED BY FIRE



An early morning fire at Pickering Township. A 150 year old stone house owned by Judge J. A. Gruffey was

being modernized and the family had planned to move into their new home in April.

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## Announce Erection of a \$100,000 Motel for the 9th Con. and No.7 H'way

A request for permission to erect a \$100,000 motel, restaurant & garage on the south side of No. 7 highway west of concession 9, was submitted to Markham Township Council at their regular meeting on Monday evening. The proposed construction would be built on a four and one-half acre lot with a 620-foot frontage and a depth of 300 feet. The plan has already been discussed with the Markham Twp. Building Inspector and the Dept. of Highways. The lots are in the area desired to be annexed by Markham Village.

"Should we mess up Markham Village's master plan in view of the proposed annexation?" questioned Reeve LeMasurier, "and if the land isn't annexed do we want this motel in Markham Twp?"

"We are prepared to build it to township specifications," stated one of the representatives. Reeve LeMasurier suggested that the blueprints and recommendations be placed before the Planning Board.

The spokesman for the delegation requested that council and the planning board take prompt action on the matter as their option on the land expires April 5th.

Mr. J. K. Salmon appeared before council and requested that stiffer building restrictions be placed on homes in the area extending north from No. 7 highway along the 5th concession and half way to the 4th and 6th concessions. Mr. Salmon requested that the lots should have a minimum frontage of 165 feet and a depth of 235 ft. "We don't want this area to become cluttered," stated Mr. Salmon. Reeve LeMasurier assured the owner that council would turn it over to Planning Board and would recommend it be given serious consideration.

Keep Monday, April 11, for the open Horticultural Meeting in the United Church Basement. Mr. Ken Pipher of Toronto will show pictures taken recently in Mexico.

## Was Life-long Gormley Resident

On Monday, March 28th, Mrs. Violet Jones, a life-long resident of Gormley, passed away in her 61st year. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Lehman.

She is survived by her husband, three sons, Orval in England, Morley and Albert of Unionville and one daughter Phyllis (Mrs. Harry Sayers), Richmond Hill. There are also two brothers, Wesley Lehman of Clarendon and Tom Lehman of Detroit, Michigan. There are eight surviving grandchildren.

The funeral service will be held on Thursday afternoon from the Whright and Taylor Chapel, Richmond Hill, with interment in Heise Hill Cemetery. Bishop Alvin Winger and Rev. C. Hunking will conduct the service. The pallbearers will be Messrs E. Hunt, C. Steckley, Levi Steckley, Roy Brillinge, Jesse Steckley and Gordon McWhirter.

## Receive \$18,000 Government Grant

Markham Twp. will receive a total of \$18,857.75 in unconditional grants from the Ontario Government. The announcement was made by Premier Frost last week. Of this amount \$7,665.75 will be a municipal grant and \$11,192 an elementary school grant. The grants have been proposed in an effort to provide welfare assistance when required and to stimulate employment.

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Mr. and Mrs. Win Timbers and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kilnick motored to Niagara on Tuesday to see the big ice jam in the Niagara River.

## Vast Development would Benefit Unionville the Planners Assure Residents

The far-reaching plan of residential development as recently laid before Markham Township Council and Planning Board would be a definite benefit to Unionville and not a cause for any alarm, the planner Dr. Alfred Bernhart assures residents.

Possible future overloading of the narrow village Main St. would be taken care of by means of a second route to the east of the present 6th con. School needs would be taken care of by the sub-division as well as the provision for water and sewers to the older established part of the village.

A new type of neighbourhood, different from usual monotonous rows of single houses along straight or slightly bent roads is being planned on approximately 115 acres west of Unionville. The layout of the 270 homes emphasizes the get-together aspects of suburban life without neglecting the pleasures of country living.

The proposed neighbourhood which will be fully architecturally controlled follows the natural trend of growth of the village of Unionville towards the west and will form a harmonious link between developments north of Highway No. 7 and Pomander Avenue.

Developer Sam Selberras is well known for his efforts to improve planning, designing and workman-like construction of contemporary homes. Among others he developed the Sandringham district, Graymar district and Haddington district in North York and the north-east block of Birchmount Road and Danforth Road in Scarborough.

The neighbourhood is planned by Dr. Alfred P. Bernhart, P. Eng. and E. E. Embacher P. Eng. introducers of the "planner's dream" to have Metropolitan Toronto surrounded by a garland of Satellite Garden Villages, separated from the metropolis and from each other by wide greenbelts. Unionville, they feel, will be one of the most beautiful flowers in this

garland, due to the wonderful scenery of the land and the ideal water and drainage conditions.

The main aim in designing the layout of the proposed neighbourhood is to promote and encourage a neighbourly social life, friendship and co-operative participation in common activities. The homes will be grouped in courts of six to twelve houses, thus providing for the next level of social life above the family life itself. A common play and park area for each group of houses will be provided and can be used according to the wishes of the residents, either as flower gardens, small children's playgrounds, wading pools, or green areas with shrubs, barbecues, etc. The siting of the houses makes the utmost use of the beauty of the land and the landscape.

Several housing groups will form a garden block and several garden blocks, connected by a central meeting place will make up the neighbourhood. The elementary school, the rink and the neighbourhood park will be the centres of the neighbourhood social life. The groups of houses will be connected not only by roads as usual, but in addition by a system of green stripes and footpaths, completely divorced from automobile traffic, thus allowing for the safe walking, running and cycling of little ones and permitting a leisurely and pleasant walk for adults. The daily shopping at the existing or future local shops can thus be done by using either the footpaths or the roads. Thoughtful planning has made the watercourse, crossing the neighbourhood and handling the runoff of some 500 acres more westerly, to be an asset rather than a nuisance for the neighbourhood. Several small ponds and a footpath are proposed along the watercourse, the largest pond to be the centre of the future 2 1/2 acres neighbourhood park. Ponds

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