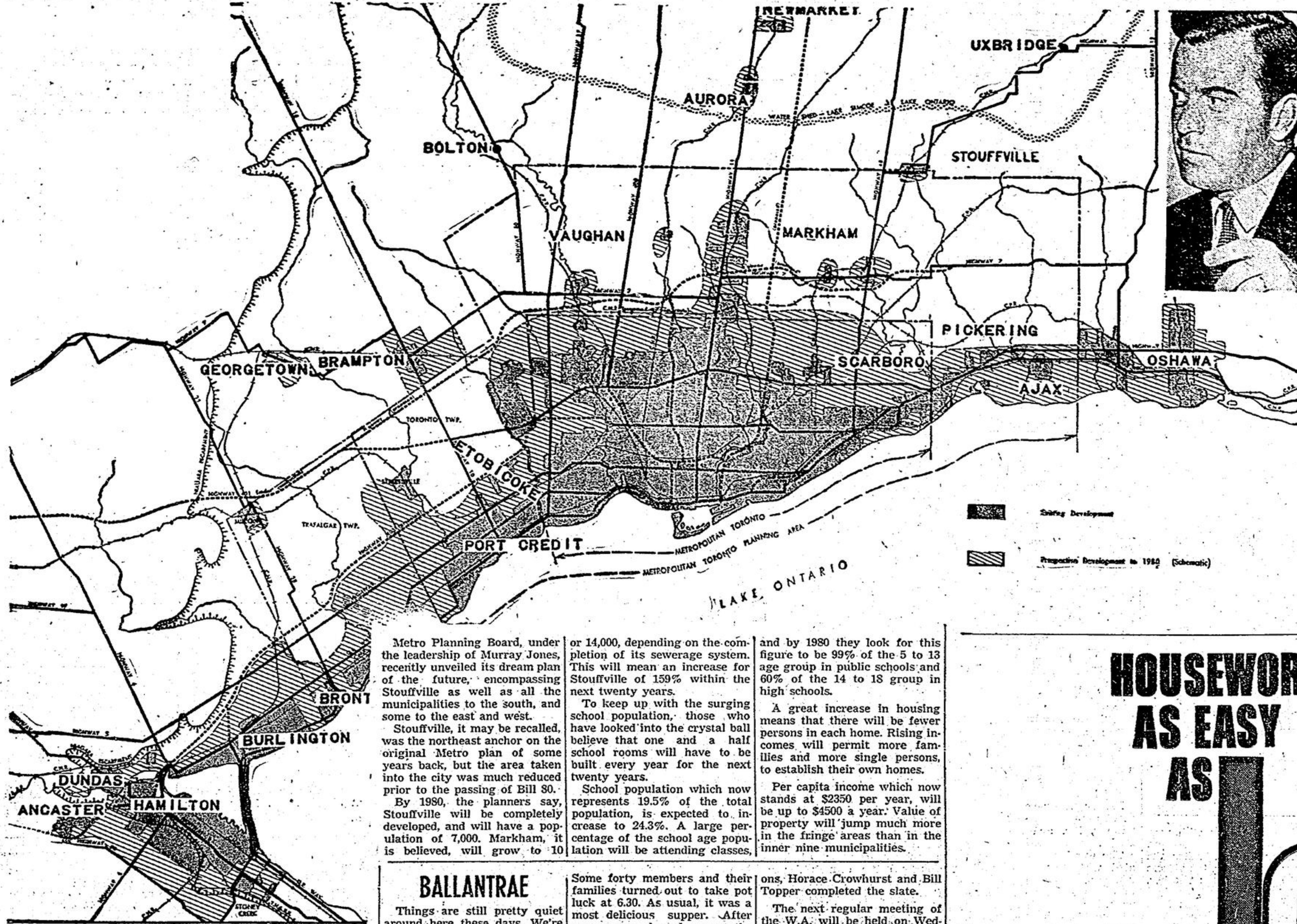


Metro's Dream Plans For 1980



Metro Planning Board, under the leadership of Murray Jones, recently unveiled its dream plan of the future, encompassing Stouffville as well as all the municipalities to the south, and some to the east and west.

Stouffville, it may be recalled, was the northeast anchor on the original Metro plan of some years back, but the area taken into the city was much reduced prior to the passing of Bill 30.

By 1980, the planners say, Stouffville will be completely developed, and will have a population of 7,000. Markham, it is believed, will grow to 10

or 14,000, depending on the completion of its sewerage system. This will mean an increase for Stouffville of 159% within the next twenty years.

To keep up with the surging school population, those who have looked into the crystal ball believe that one and a half school rooms will have to be built every year for the next twenty years.

School population which now represents 19.5% of the total population, is expected to increase to 24.3%. A large percentage of the school age population will be attending classes,

and by 1980 they look for this figure to be 99% of the 5 to 13 age group in public schools and 60% of the 14 to 18 group in high schools.

A great increase in housing means that there will be fewer persons in each home. Rising incomes will permit more families and more single persons, to establish their own homes.

Per capita income which now stands at \$2350 per year, will be up to \$4500 a year. Value of property will jump much more in the fringe areas than in the inner nine municipalities.

BALLANTRAE

Things are still pretty quiet around here these days. We're glad to report that a lot of telephones were repaired at long last, over the weekend. Yours truly can now gather news again—when there is some to gather.

Welcome home to Melvyn Copeman. He came home from Newmarket Hospital on Friday. He's still going to have to take it easy for awhile, but is coming along fine.

The congregational meeting held at Ballantrae United last Wednesday was well attended.

Some forty members and their families turned out to take pot luck at 6.30. As usual, it was a most delicious supper. After supper was cleared away, the annual meeting was conducted. The meeting was the combined charges of Lemonville and Ballantrae. Rev. George Davison of Lemonville was in charge of the meeting. The board of sessions for 1969 is made up as follows:

Elders—Mrs. Dorothy Hood, Henry Davis; Honorary Elder, Mr. Milford Rose; Bd. of Stewards — Treas., Archie Watson; M & M Treas., Jim McDermott; Secty., Ingrid Schnell. Ed Ly.

ons, Horace Crowhurst and Bill Topper completed the slate.

The next regular meeting of the W.A. will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 10th at 2 a.m. This meeting is to be held at the home of Mrs. Archie Watson, Ballantrae.

Mr. and Mrs. Symms, Lakeshore Rd., attended a happy event Sunday afternoon. Their first and only (so far) grandson was christened at Richmond Hill. After the christening, family and friends returned to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Symms — the parents — for a delicious dinner. The baby's name — Kenneth Robert.

DICKSON'S HILL

The Annual Meeting of the Dickson's Hill Cemetery Board took place in the church there, on Thursday, Jan. 28.

Reports were given and plans made for the ensuing year. A letter from the Department of Health was read, asking that the present by-laws be revised

so a more efficient upkeep could be enforced. Two new members were added to the present board — Art Wideman and Alex Jones for 1969. The present members are: Messrs Win Timbers, Roy Moyer, Herb Hisey, Wes Wideman and Geo. Hoover.

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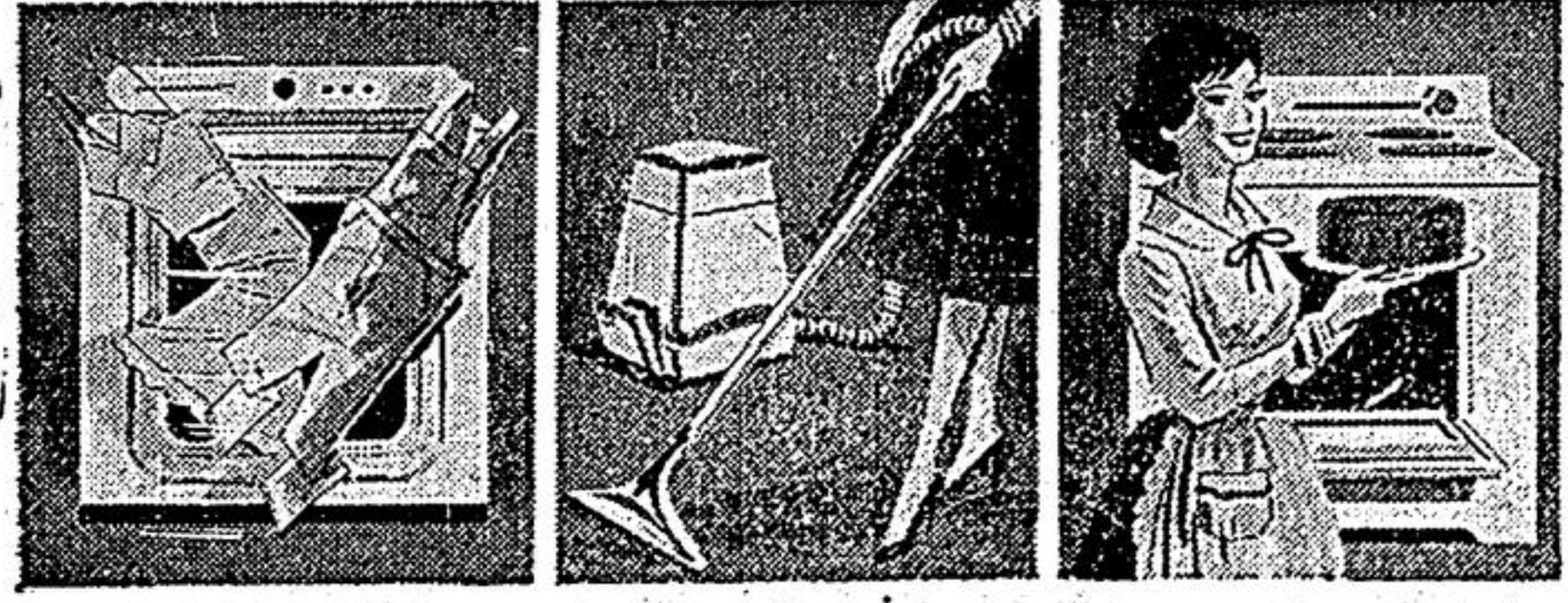


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