

District Tribune

Centennial Project In Goodwood

By KATHLEEN MAY GOODWOOD — Centennial projects? Yes, Goodwood has several on the go. Lorne Tindall reports that a bell from the old Methodist Church (1876), will be installed on a stone cairn on the church lawn. The United Church plans to purchase a new electric organ and the Women's Institute plans to give each school child a package of Cosmos seed, the International W.I. flower. Mrs. Alvin Norton has her own private project, the making of a centennial family tree. She is tracing relatives of Robert and Elizabeth Gould and to date has received letters from many parts of Canada. Mrs. Gordon Jones is making a friendship quilt.

Realtors Rapped

By ELSA STORRY PICKERING—The Pickering Township Committee of Adjustment wishes that real estate agents would not tell their clients that a 10-acre parcel in the township is the smallest acreage they can buy. This is not true, they say, but anything from a 2-acre parcel up, may be separated. One condition is that the parcel have the required frontage — 200 feet for a 2-acre parcel up to 500 feet for a 10-acre parcel.

Planning Director John Faulkner is of the opinion that realtors are aware of this, but when they tell their prospects that 10 acres is the least they can buy, they forget to add "without application to the Committee of Adjustment for consent."

Because of this "being taught and preached by the real estate people" as one man put it, A. H. McKenzie was refused a consent to sever a 6-acre parcel from an 81-acre holding, with frontage on the Brock Road at the 5th concession of 330 feet. A parcel of this size requires 390 feet.

Mr. McKenzie found himself in a "hemmed in" position. He originally owned a frontage of 1700 feet. He sold 870 feet frontage to the north to make up 10 acres, for he had been told he could sell no less than that. Then to the south he sold 500 feet frontage to make up 10 acres. He is now in the centre, and hasn't enough frontage for himself.

Committee Chairman Dennis Horsfield wanted to know if he took this information on hearsay without bothering to check, and Mr. McKenzie said that he had telephoned the township office and "someone" had told him, and he was also told by real estate people that 10 acres was the minimum sized lot one could sell.

"I fail to understand how anyone would do any-

thing on the strength of a telephone call," said Mr. Horsfield. The owner of the property to the south, Mr. Charles, who likes Pickering Township and has horses, said he had scoured the township for property, but was invariably told by real estate agents that the least he could buy was 10 acres. He would have been content with less, and better pleased if he had not been required to build a 2,000 sq. foot house.

Mr. Horsfield said the onus still rests with the purchaser to find out for himself. He said that the committee couldn't notify every real estate office which tried to make a sale. Mr. Faulkner suggested that Mr. MacKenzie could decrease the depth in his application to conform with the frontage, and it was also suggested that he purchase the 60 feet required from Mr. Forget, to the north.

"What if Forget doesn't want to sell?" asked Ralph Perry, another interested resident. Member Edgar James said that for the sake of good planning the committee couldn't very well approve this as it is, and Member John Head said: "By doing that we are opposing council by-laws. In this case there is a way out without breaking a by-law. I do not necessarily believe in all the by-laws, but they are there."

Mr. Art Hall's car was stolen Tuesday night and recovered later in Toronto. The United Church Skating Party will be in Uxbridge Arena, Saturday March 4 from 2 to 4 p.m. Anyone needing a ride be at the church at 1:45. Admission to the arena 25c. Beans and vienners to be served at the church after. Please donate a can of beans.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore of Peterboro visited with their daughters and families — Mr. and Mrs. Reg. Sanford and Mr. and Mrs. Don Holt. Mrs. C. D. Jones has improved in health enough to be able to attend morning church service.

Mr. Larry Coates of Scarboro spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. John Maye and family. Mrs. Gordon Jones had

from a heart attack. Mr. Harry Woodland has received word of the passing of his uncle Mr. Roland Watson.

Seventy-Five Attend Meeting

By ELEANOR BUNKER ALTONA — Mrs. Margaret Cressman of Kitchener who works with the Menonite Central Committee, showed pictures and spoke on the "Self-Help Program" for refugees, widows etc. sponsored by Mennonite groups throughout the world at a meeting held at the home of Mrs. Harvey Nighswander, Monday evening. Seventy five ladies representing 10 churches of our area were present. Mrs. Cressman had hand-made crafts, made by the refugees from India, Haiti, Jordan, Hong-Kong and Korea for sale. The M.C.S. sells these crafts in Canada and the United States and the money received enables the refugees to care for themselves. In most cases, it is their only means of support. The articles were authentic designs of each country and were beautifully made.

Varley Village School Impresses Parents

By TAT McLENNAN CEDAR GROVE — The new Public School at Varley Village was open to parents last week and those from Cedar Grove who attended were very impressed with the school. Its lines are clean and simple, the plan adequate and useful and the auditorium beautiful.

This is the time of year for parent-teacher contact. The first set of exams is over and it is presumed the damage can be undone before the next set. MDHS will have a parents' night March 1. It is interesting to note a change in the times here. No more haphazard dropping in on parent's night and talking to any or all teachers for as long as you wished. Now you are lucky to have an appointment with one teacher for a few minutes and this arranged well in advance. It is the price we pay for growing.

What is your pleasure? A night of curling or a date at the theatre? Why choose? Do both. On Saturday evening, March 4, Cedar Grove will be curling at Avonlea. This was very much enjoyed last year by both curlers and novices. Be sure to call Libby McCowan as soon as possible so rink space will be assured.

The Mother's Club is planning a theatre night to see the annual Canadian spoof, Spring Thaw. This musical comment on our unique way of life in Canada has been around so long most of us don't like to count the number of years we have seen it. This year it has a new look. Previously the writing was done by any number of people each contributing a sketch or two and the whole thing was put together like a bag of tricks. This being the Centennial edition Spring Thaw has a new look. It is entirely written by Don Harron, and this year it has a theme. The Mother's Club plans to attend on April 20 (it is at the Royal Alex) and extends an open invitation to all.

Notes About Neighbours Myrna Burkholder was the victim of a freakish accident on Saturday which resulted in a seriously bruised leg. She and Grant stopped to assist a friend who was in the ditch on the Town Line near the Eleventh. Myrna was standing behind the ditched car when another car careened into it and the impact sent Myrna flying.

The year is not improving with age as far as illness is concerned in Cedar Grove. This week Aljean Chapman is in Women's College Hospital; Milly Lapp is unwell with an unidentified something and a miserable virus is still loose that hits with no rhyme or reason. Catherine and Karen Ritchie had it last week but are back at school now. And, of course, we still have measles and some scarlet fever around.

Karen Ritchie and Suzanne Crichton shared birthdays Feb. 20. Feb. 27, the Community Club will meet at the home of Bill and Helen Dawson.

Student Injured

Mrs. W. SANDLE VICTORIA SQUARE — Bruce Morrison injured his back while playing basketball on Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Buchanan and baby Jamie of Willowdale had Sunday evening dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Nichols. Special birthday greeting to Mr. Wm. J. Muirhead, who on Feb. 28 will be celebrating his 85th birthday.

Birthdays greetings to Marilyn Ashton, 9 yrs. Feb. 26; Marnie Ashton, 2 yrs. Feb. 25; Donna Beaty, 13 yrs. Feb. 26. A speedy recovery is wished for Percy Bennett and Mr. Carl Walker, who are ill. Sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Steckley in the very sudden passing of their son-in-law, Mr. Jack Watt.

Another Euchre Party will be held in the Victoria Square Community Hall, Feb. 24. Hospital Auxiliary The February meeting of the Headford-Gormley-Victoria Square Branch of the York Central Hospital Auxiliary will be a work meeting on Monday evening, Feb. 27 at the home of Mrs. Eric Baker. Broulax

Commissioner Mrs. G. Hardie was the guest speaker at the Thinking Day ceremony held by the 1st Gormley Brownie Pack on Feb. 18 and enrolled Karen Brown, Sandra Freer, and Cyndia Weatherill into the Brownie Pack. Mrs. Hardie also presented the Golden Bar to the following Brownies: Dorothy Rogers, Nancy Knight, June-Anne Bennett

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Ethel Brown, Joanne Croft, Susan Everett, Kim Ellis, Sarah Bush, Martin Strike, May-Anne Miborean, and Debbie Hakonson. Church Service The 1st Gormley Guides and Brownies with Commissioner Mrs. G. Hardie, Guide Leader Mrs. F. Hornby, Brown Owl Mrs. M. Sherwood, Ranger Susan Sherwood and Nancy attended the Thinking Day Parade and service with the Markham Brownies, Guides, Cubs and Scouts in the Markham United Church on Sunday afternoon.

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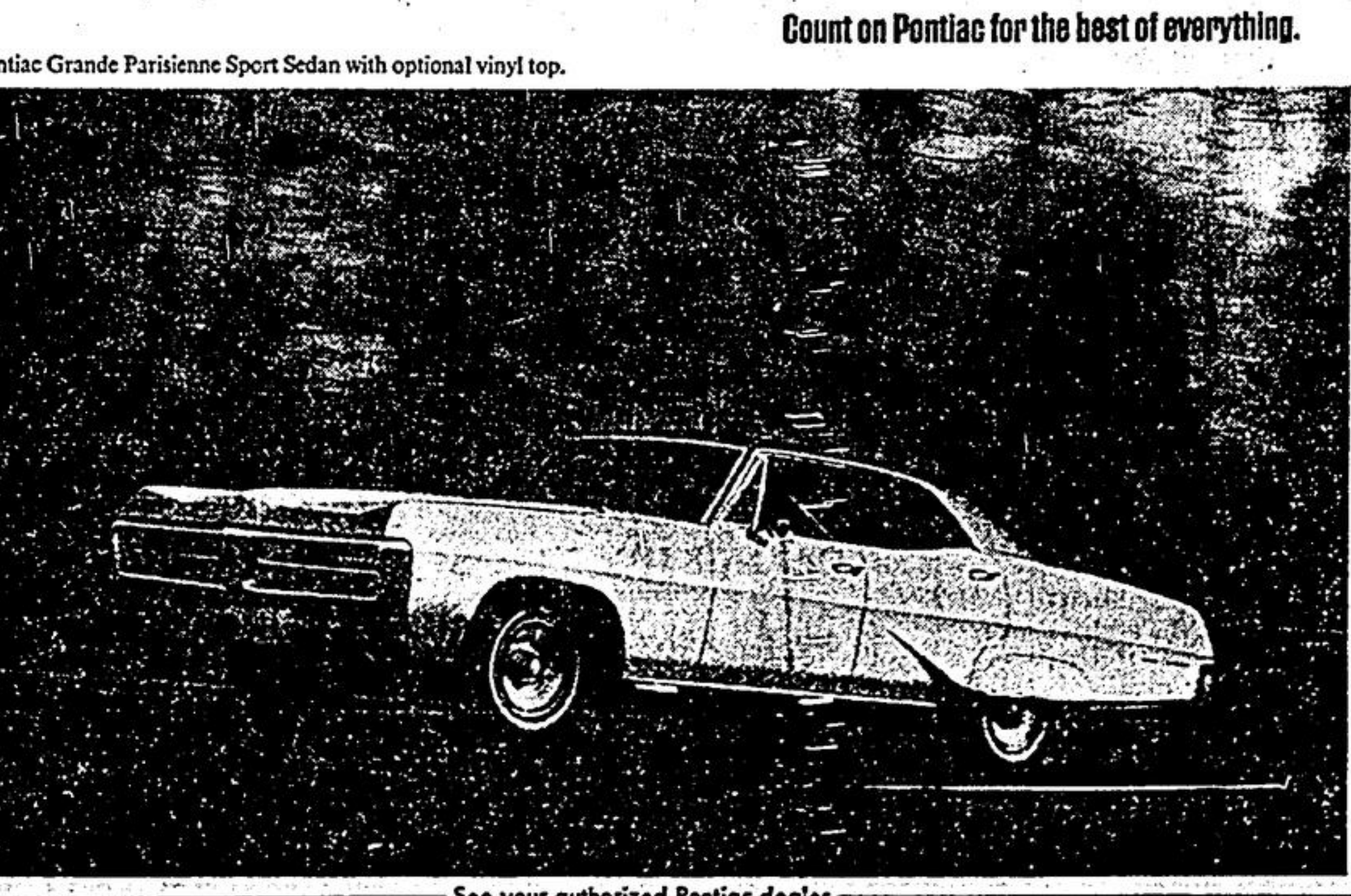
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is considering an Amendment to its Official Plan to revise the Roads Plan Map. This revision will establish most Concession Roads as future 120 foot arterial roads.

Other significant proposals in this Plan are the establishment of the Unionville By-pass and the resolution of the present John Street alignment from Yonge Street easterly.

This Plan is on display in the Municipal Office and will be considered by the Planning Board at its meeting on March 2nd, 1967, at which time comments of Township residents are invited.

H. A. MAYNARD, Chairman. I. S. KEITH, Planning Director.