

County education system

Principals to play more important role — trustee

STOUFFVILLE—School principals will assume an even greater responsibility when the new County Board of Education is established Jan. 1, trustee John McMurray told a meeting of the Stouffville Home & School Association, Dec. 4. Forty-six parents and teachers attended.



John McMurray
Mr. McMurray said that while an appointed area supervisor would serve as a contact between the schools and the board, it would be the principal's responsibility to deal with localized problems and to seek out solutions. "A principal should know his own staff well enough to decide what's best," he said.

Mr. McMurray said that the area supervisor would likely have qualifications similar to those of an inspector. "He won't be the type of man to go around with a hatchet and instill a feeling of fear in the teachers, but a resource person to rely on for assistance." Mr. McMurray said that schools would not be subject to periodic checks, perhaps not even on a once-a-year basis.

The Stouffville trustee declared that the location of the area office had not yet been determined but he expected it would be within convenient calling distance.

Mr. McMurray suggested that the main benefit of the County program would be the standardization of educational opportunities for all students.

He said that while the County Board would levy its own taxes, he predicted no major change until at least 1970. He said that the first year would be a period of organization. He noted that local boards would continue to operate as committees, later to be dissolved when their assistance is no longer required.

Mrs. Bert Maye, Goodwood, has received word that Mr. Robert Reid, husband of the former Edith Hobbs, has passed away.



A whirlybird landing for Santa at Markham Plaza

With the ground bare of snow, Santa Claus arrived in Markham Saturday by helicopter. Bending low to escape the breeze generated by the rotor blades, St. Nick heads for a gala reception from hundreds of children. —Staff Photo

My Thanks

To all the people who supported me at the polls, Dec. 2 and who worked tirelessly on my behalf throughout the election campaign, I say thank you.

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Alma Walker

to Markham Village Voters

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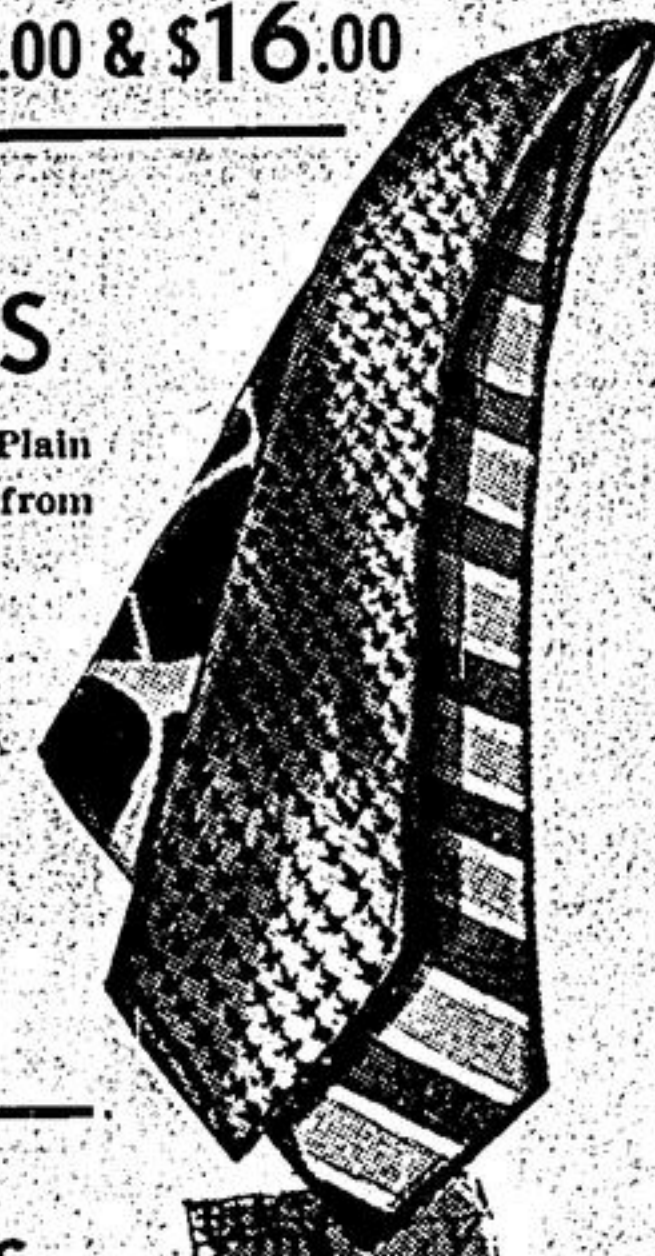
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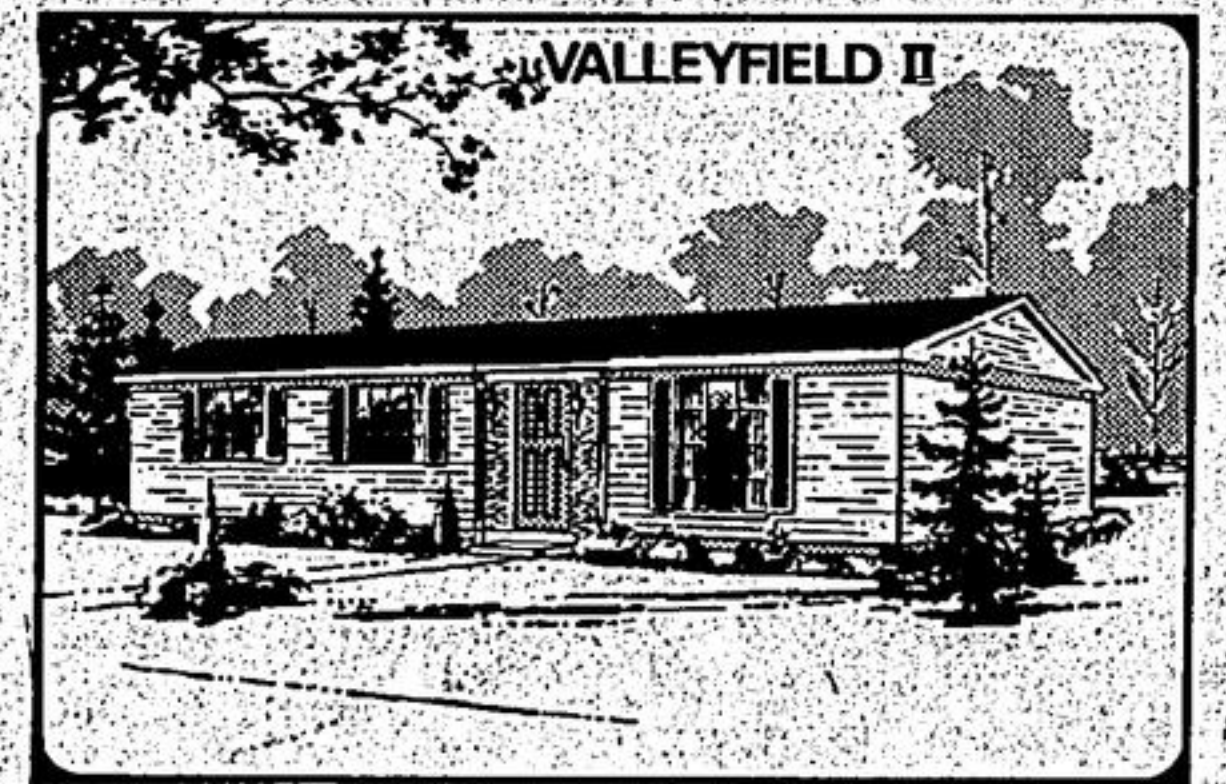
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