

Regional government

Criticized by councillor

UXBRIDGE TWP.—Councillor Frank Hendy has voiced strong objection to any proposed regional government plan that could result in the breakup of Uxbridge Township.

Councillor Hendy vented his feelings on the subject at a meeting of the Ratepayers' Association in Goodwood, Sept. 29.

The guest speaker was Brian Donaldson, Brock Road, Pickering Township, an official of the Dept. of Municipal Affairs.

Mr. Hendy said that in his opinion, a larger region, to include all or a part of Uxbridge, had no benefits to offer. Instead, he predicted, the cost of operation would increase and thus reflect on the taxes of present home-owners. "I am satisfied with the township the way it is. I wish to maintain residence here. I feel that regional government should be opposed."

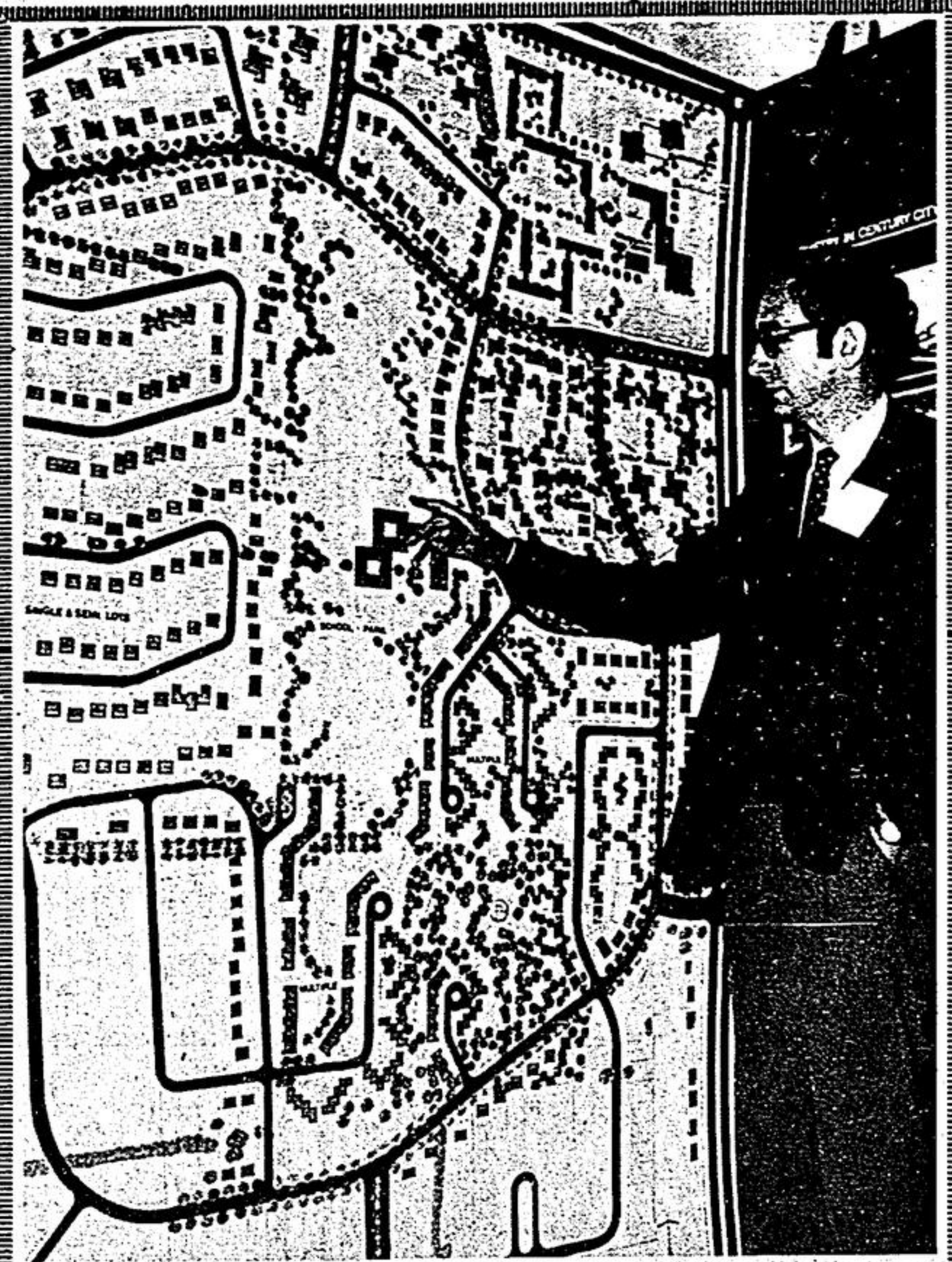
Deputy-reeve Bob Nesbitt took a similar stand. He commented on the excellent financial status of Uxbridge, noting that as of Jan. 1, 1970, there would

Thanksgiving service

Mrs. Allan Ellicott BROUGHAM — Rev. Eldon Linstead will deliver a special Thanksgiving message Sunday morning at 10 a.m. with music by the choir under the leadership of Mrs. Howard Plaxton and Mrs. John White. Sunday School is at 10.30.

Church service will be withdrawn Oct. 19 because of the anniversary at Claremont. Sunday School is at 10.

Mr. Donaldson said that until tentative boundary lines are drawn, it is difficult to ascertain what municipality would be included within the region. He predicted that no decision on this issue was likely until late in 1970. He spoke against a program of piece-meal development in areas with no service. He pointed to garbage disposal as a major problem in Uxbridge.



A section of 'Century City'

A section of the proposed Century City development in Uxbridge Township was viewed by hundreds on the grounds of Markham Fair. Indicating an area of extensive park lands is Mr. Lou Devor, a representative of Revenue Properties Limited.

—Jas. Thomas

Uxbridge councillor charges Claremont bypass road aid to gravel industry

UXBRIDGE TWP. — The recently announced new by-pass highway around Claremont at a cost of \$1 1/4 million is a further subsidy at taxpayers' expense to the gravel industry of Uxbridge Township, charges Uxbridge Councillor Clark Muirhead.

"With some 1,200 huge gravel trucks a day passing through the main street of Claremont, the situation had got to the point where something had to be done. The noise, ground-shaking vibration, diesel fumes — not to mention the mortal danger to pedestrians and other motorists — have made life intolerable to many residents along the main street of the village", Mr. Muirhead said.

As much as 500 trucks. And there is virtually unused Canadian National line to Toronto going right through the heart of the Uxbridge gravel area."

"If more than a million dollars of public money is available to alleviate the truck traffic conditions in Claremont, it seems to me the money would be much better spent to install water and sewer services in the village, after switching the gravel traffic to rail. Water and sewer services would enable the village to grow and prosper. Shops could be concentrated in a new off-street shopping centre. Claremont would have a new lease on life. Normal traffic increase can be handled for some years yet by repairing the Brock Road through the village at modest cost."

"But this is a case of treating the symptoms rather than the disease", he continued. "The disease is the ever increasing scale of gravel mining in Uxbridge Township. The truck traffic is just one of the symptoms."

Mr. Muirhead feels that gravel, in the huge quantities now demanded for the Metro Toronto region, should be hauled by rail rather than truck. "If given a fair chance, rail is a much more economic method of hauling bulk commodities. But rail cannot compete against all the indirect subsidies to the truckers. Over 90% of the traffic tonnage using the Brock Road through Claremont is gravel trucks. One train can haul

pen, I sometimes think we must be the most docile and apathetic race of people in the world" Mr. Muirhead concluded.

Plaque for cenotaph

MARKHAM—Many visitors to the Markham Library are not aware that the statue in front of the building is actually the Town Cenotaph. In a move to correct the matter, council directed the property committee to design, purchase, and install a suitable plaque on the work.

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Race winner

By Ada Steckley
RINGWOOD—Mr. Frank Willis' horse headed the field in one of the races at Markham Fair. Mr. Willis is the operator of the Ringwood Restaurant.

Mrs. Ralph McKenzie of Lazo, Vancouver Island, and granddaughter, Ruth Ann McKenzie of Vancouver City, are spending three weeks with her mother, Mrs. DeRosier and her aunt, Miss Priscilla Pipher.

Mrs. Charles Milsted showed pictures taken while visiting her sister, Mrs. Alan Doner and family in Nigeria, when she attended a Christian Education prayer meeting.

Lake visitor

Return to West Berlin

By Jane Schwellchert
MUSSELMAN'S LAKE — Thursday will be a sad day for Mr. Heinz Schweichert, Hillsdale Drive. Mr. Schweichert's sister Gerda and her husband Uwe Kaiser have been visiting for the past month and will leave Canada for West Berlin. The brother and sister have only seen each other for one week in the past 16 years. While here, the Kaisers were most enchanted with the Village of Stouffville and its way of life. They also went on their first camping trip, saw wild bears in Algonquin Park, real Indians on

a reservation, Ottawa, 1,000 Islands, New York State, Pennsylvania and all the local attractions such as Niagara, Toronto, the Cow Palace, Markham Fair and a Canadian newspaper office — The Tribune.

Oct. 7 was the First Anniversary of the Young Canadian Girls. The club now has 22 members ranging in age from 6 to 12 years.

A welcome is extended to new residents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Weber. The Webers, formerly of Scarborough, took up residence on Maple Grove, Sunday.

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