

# Pickering requests proof of property use

**PICKERING TWP.** - The saga of the Howard Burton woodworking cum industrial equipment business on the Brock Road between Brougham and Claremont continues. Pickering Twp. came Sept. 21, prepared to proceed with action for an injunction against Mr. Burton's business, for alleged infringement of the rural area zoning by-law. The story has been told before, but Mr. Burton

acquainted council with details from the time, in 1947, he began working in the basement of his father's farm home. In 1955 he applied for a permit to build a shop - granted. He began selling building material, buying lumber direct from the saw mill and storing it for one summer. By 1964, the business had grown to where he had to expand. At the same time came the Brock Road widening and he was advised by the county that he was in a bad location. It was suggested that he buy a lot separated from the farm. He bought a 2-acre parcel to which, having been granted a permit, he moved. His

parents sold the balance of the farm. Neighbours complained to the planning board and that was when the trouble started. They suggested he purchase some of their property across the road, and made application to the Planning Board for this. When the meeting came they did not appear. Then Burton got a permit for a building to store his lumber. An application to rezone the property from agricultural to commercial was refused. An appeal to the Committee of Adjustment was refused. An appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board was refused. All this resulted in

100,000 feet of lumber ruined, and he could operate the woodworking business no longer. In the meantime Burton had been buying and selling machinery for several years, and now he has heavy industrial equipment as well as a remnant of the woodworking business. The point that made council hesitate was the fact that the equipment

business had been carried on, sometimes in a small way, along with the woodworking business, before the zoning by-law was passed. All that Mr. Burton has to do now is furnish council with evidence that this was so. He commenced a machinery repair operation about two years ago. Burton asked council's permission to construct a

board fence around the machinery and a chain link fence around the whole property. He has the bricks and poles to erect a building. Councillor Vic Rudik said that there was no problem until the municipality passed its rural area zoning by-law. There was no doubt in his mind that the operation was going on in one form or another at the time the

zoning by-law was passed. Councillor John Kruger said that he would certainly vote against any injunction, and Councillor Don Kitchen said that he was glad Burton had appeared because he had brought an important fact to council's attention. If this was not a change of use, then he expected that in a non-conforming use there was no way action could be taken against him. He would, however, have to see some substantiation of past sales.

**IS YOUR CHILD NOT ENJOYING HIS PIANO LESSONS?**

Many young people get bored with endless scales and technical work and just give up. Others take lessons for years, and some get very good - except that they can't play anything without the music in front of them. This could be a waste of potentially developed talent, but there is another way!

Learning "popular music" could be the answer. It's not an "easy way" to play piano, it's simply a different approach. As well as being rewarding for the child, it's also useful (to play in a band at parties etc.). If this could be the answer you've been looking for, call Ted Topping at 610-2561 and discuss the situation.

Why waste your child's musical talent?

John Farmer, the executive of the Ontario County Junior Farmer Choir, an established singing group since 1954. John Stone, R.R.5, Sunderland and Katherine Stickwood, R.R.2, Claremont, formed

## Injured in auto accident

By Vera Moyer  
**DICKSON'S HILL** - Friends of Mrs. D. Hutchinson are sorry to learn she is a patient in Scarborough Centenary Hospital following a car accident. Her room number is 525. Mr. N. Yacknowee is convalescing at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John Martin, following surgery in Scarborough Centenary Hospital. On Saturday evening, Mr. and Mrs. John Martin attended the 60th wedding anniversary celebration in honor of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin, Toronto.

## Crawford 'Clipper' coach

**STOUFFVILLE** - Ken "Red" Crawford is the new "Clipper" coach. He succeeds Bob Hassard who has retired from coaching duties after taking the local crew to the finals against Whitby in last year's campaign. Manager, Frank Wilbur reports that "the redhead has a lot of experience, is a great competitor and should gain the needed respect to lead the team." The "Clippers" begin practice sessions with almost the entire contingent returning from the 69-70 season. This will be at 9.30 p.m., on Sunday. Rumors at press time suggest that Whitby is seriously considering dropping from the Intermediate "B" League. If this happens, Stouffville's 4-import quota could include some of their rivals. Deadline for team entry is October 1.

## Host Weston

**MARKHAM** - The Markham Seal-A-Wax Junior 'B's will get down to serious scrimmaging Monday night in the Stouffville arena when they meet Weston Dodgers in an exhibition game. Markham, a farm team of the Toronto Marlboro's of the Junior 'A' loop, finished second last year in league standings. The previous year they were Metro Junior 'B' champions. The annual Markham

## Assessment appeals

### Act now, Deacon

By Don Deacon, M.P.P., York Centre  
**YORK CENTRE** - The Assessment Notices were mailed to all property owners in mid-September. In most cases, the assessment is much the same as a year ago when the "market value" assessment policy was first made effective in this area. However, some land, particularly near Yonge Street, has been subject to a sharp increase this year due to sales which occurred in the neighbourhood during the past year.

It is important to understand that the basic principle of assessment valuation under the new Assessment Act is the full cash price you can reasonably expect to receive for your property. If you believe the cash you could obtain for your property is less than the assessed value you should appeal the assessment. This is done by signing and returning the assessment notice where indicated as soon as possible and, in any event, not later than twenty-nine days from when it was mailed to you. Send your appeal by registered mail and keep a copy and the mail receipt. It is important to remember that land and buildings are not being valued separately. If you believe the assessment value of "land locked" parcels of land (that is

surplus land which cannot be divided for building purposes) is based on land sales nearby where development is permitted, you should appeal it. Remember that the cash value which you can expect for the entire property as is, including land and buildings, is the criterion. Appeals to the County Judge of last year's assessment (on which 1970 taxes have been based) are finally being heard. Municipalities will refund any overpayment of taxes resulting from reduction of the assessment. Don't wait until you receive next year's tax bill to act on this year's assessment. The time to act is now.

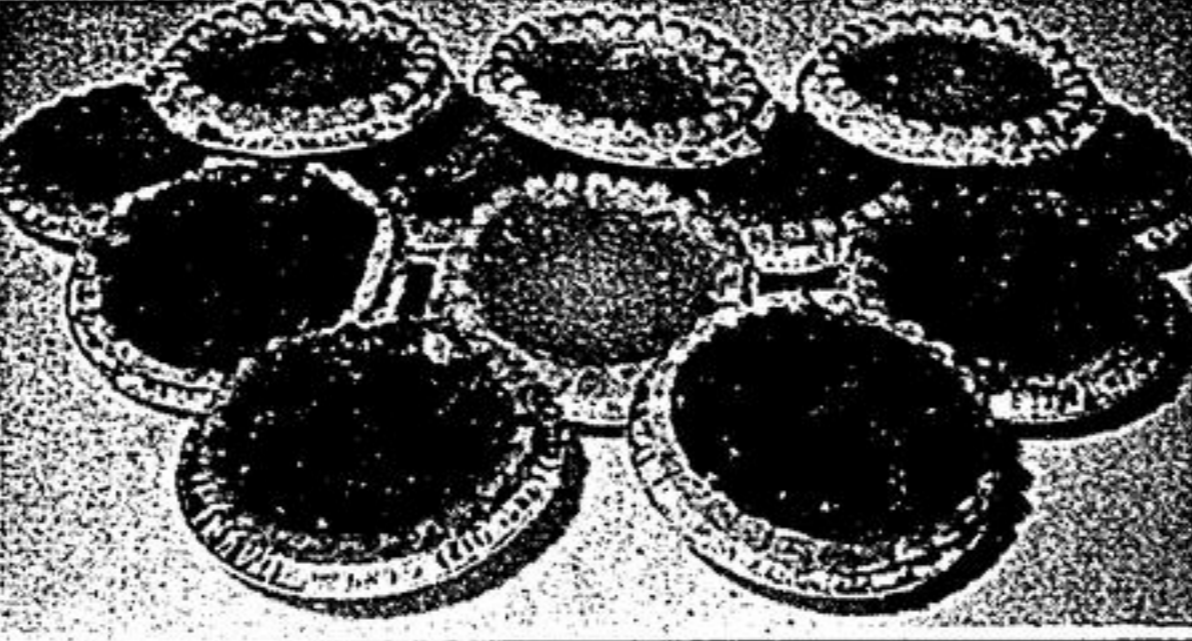
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