

Urge action on recreation complex

STOUFFVILLE — The most exciting development ever considered for Whitechurch-Stouffville, may be on the brink of becoming a reality.

A committee of Kinsmen, Lions, Legion and Library development representatives who have been investigating the

feasibility of building a recreational complex in Town, presented plans for a \$1,500,000 composite facility to Planning Board, May 1 and urged members to act on it immediately.

The complete project would comprise a 6,000 sq. ft. library (with room for expansion); an arena; recreation and banquet

hall (16,000 sq. ft.); curling rink; olympic size swimming pool and health spa.

The committee indicated that the overall project would take a number of years to complete and, based on the priority of need, be developed in stages.

"The first stage could start this year," com-

mented Kinsman Michael Hunt, "but we can't do anything until you, as Council, make the next move."

The next move is an application by Council for a Winter Works grant which would assist with labor costs of the project. The deadline for this application is May 31.

"We can't over-

emphasize the importance of acting on this," stressed Bill Snow. "We could be talking about \$400,000 from this fund." He added that the architect had recommended the complex, although planned in stages, be designed as a whole, so units would be compatible.

Ross Hetherington

explained that the architect's estimate of \$1,500,000 maximum was based on an immediate implementation of the plans.

"If it can be built for that, then it looks exciting," commented councillor Eldred King.

"Unbelievable," amended councillor June Button and

questioned the group on which facilities it considered had priority status.

The library, curling and recreation centre units were thought to be in the first phase category, with the skating rink, a possible priority if the present arena does not reopen.

"Even the Arena

Board doesn't seem to know what's happening there," commented a Committee spokesman.

"How, or why, we need a new arena in '73 or '77, we would be able to fit it into the complex," Jim Sanders, Chairman of the Library Board, expressed approval of the composite proposal. "A complex

like this can make a library an exciting place."

The Town would be required to provide the site for the project and, although impressed by the work done by the Committee and its plans, Planning members expressed concern that the cost of maintaining the complex could be unbearable.

Mr. Hunt agreed that sooner or later some of the burden would fall on taxpayers. "You are going to have to get mills from some place." Rather than have Council strung up in the centre of town by irate citizens he submitted that the service groups could perhaps subsidize maintenance as well.

"Are you saying you're prepared to raise \$2 for every \$2 we levy?" asked Councillor Art Starr.

There was no definite commitment but, it was speculated that some of the facilities would be self-supporting.

Councillor Cathy Joyce, wondered if the Committee had considered covering in the present swimming pools rather than have another in the complex.

Estimates, she was informed, set the cost of covering the park pools at \$157,000, against \$260,000 for the facility in the complex.

The Committee concluded its presentation and reiterated its zeal to "get going on this." "You have to move as a Council before we can move as a group."

Planning Board chairman, Merlyn Baker assured the delegation that their proposal would be given careful and immediate consideration.

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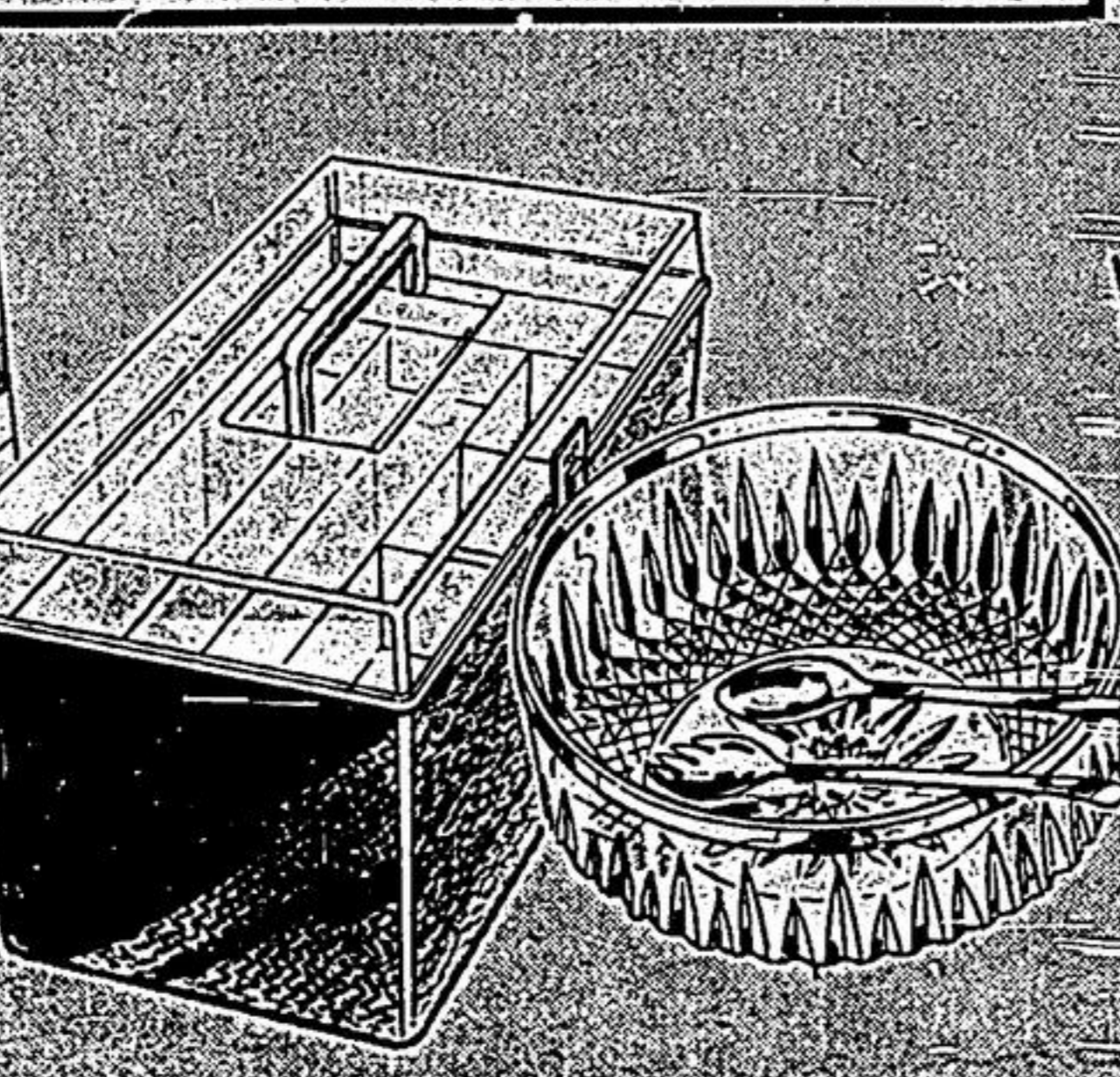
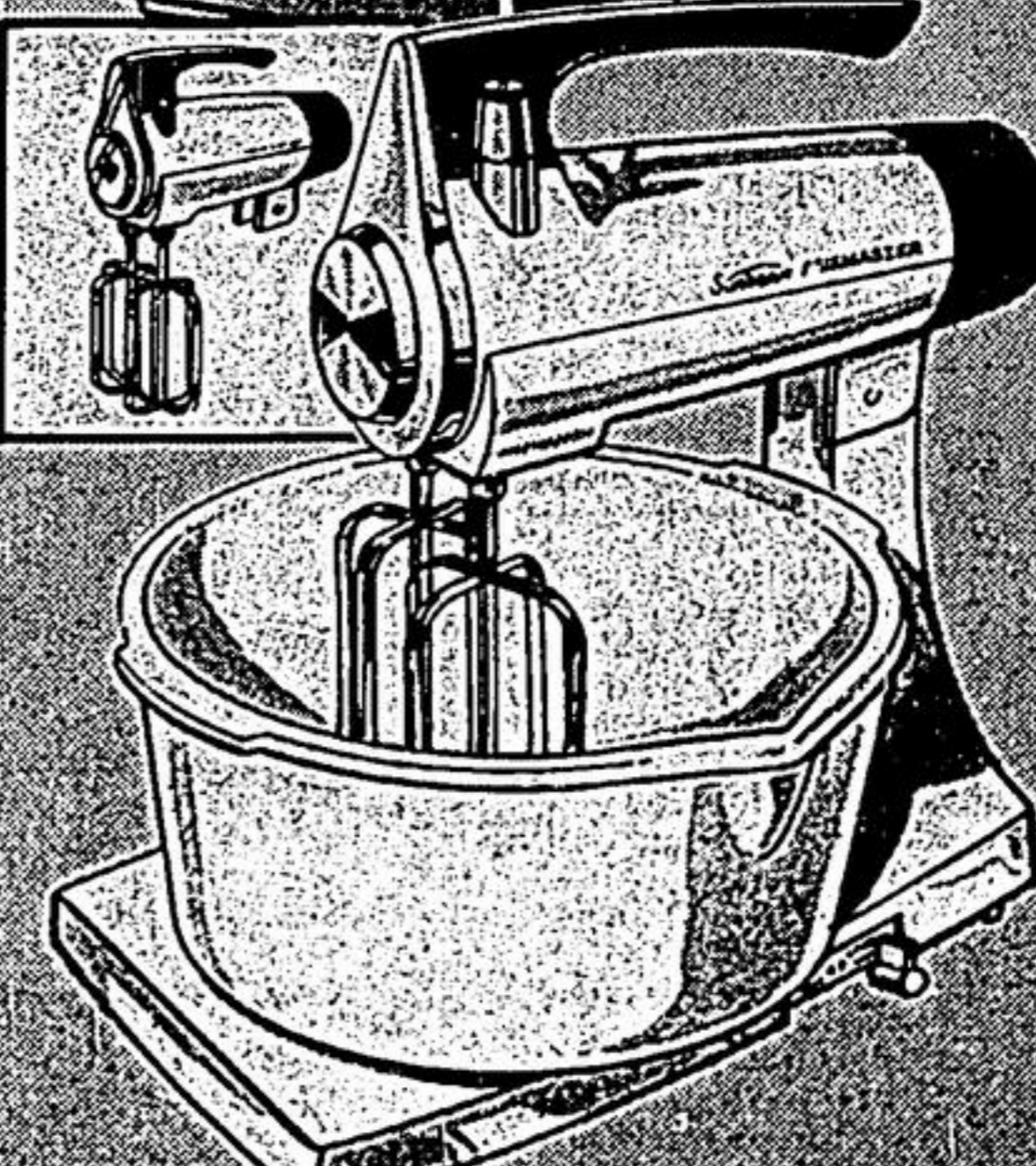
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Heise Hill Church

Indian family guest singers on May 20

By Evelyn Milsted

GORMLEY — The Antone Indian Family Singers will provide special music at the Sunday evening service, May 20, in Heise Hill Brethren in Christ Church. They are continuing the work of the Clause Indian family, well-known in the community.

The Harmonaires Quartet, no strangers in the Gormley area, will participate in the 3rd annual Sacred Music Night program at St. James Presbyterian Church, Stouffville, Friday evening, at 8 p.m. The concert will also include Rev. Paul Martin, his wife and family of the Wideman Church, Markham.

Miss Debra Ann Fraser, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Dimitroff, of Gormley, represented St. Andrew's School in Scarborough, at the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Centenary Mall, May 3.

Miss Brenda Ingram and Mr. Ed Talton were honored at a miscellaneous shower in Victoria Svaure Hall. A large crowd attended.

Following the W.M.S. meeting in the fellowship hall of the Missionary Church, Mrs. Lambert Yake was presented with a lovely play pen and other gifts, for baby son, Cory.

Miss Ruth Cullen, and her fiancée, were guests at a shower, Monday evening, at the Youth Centre.

Mrs. Ken Baker underwent surgery recently, in York Central Hospital, Richmond Hill.

Mr. George Barrett is now home from York County Hospital, Newmarket.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. John Meads (Sandra Roddy), married Saturday afternoon in Mt. Albert United Church, Mr. John Ash was the best man, John Ash was the best man, John Ash was the best man.

included Mr. and Mrs. John Wideman and family and Mr. and Mrs. Ash and Connie.

Mrs. Charles Milsted and Charleen attended graduation exercises, at Emmanuel Bible College, Kitchener, Sunday, when her niece, Miss Karen Jones of Dickson's Hill received her diploma in Christian Education. Later, a reception was held at the home of Karen's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gilchrist of Preston.

Rev. and Mrs. Eldon Boettger, also attended the graduation ceremony, at Emmanuel Bible College, Sunday.

Mrs. Louisa Rye of Toronto, spent several days with Mrs. Beulah Jones.

Mrs. Ed Jones, a patient for several months in various hospitals, will mark a birthday, May 12. Mrs. Jones' address is Extensicare Skilled Nursing Centre, 3830 Lawrence Ave. East, Scarborough.

Mrs. Roy Bovair of Woodville, spent the weekend with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Boynton.

Mr. Donald Bass of Desboro, was a weekend guest of his mother, Mrs. Clarence Bass.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Briggs-Jude, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Buchanan of St. Catharines. Mrs. Briggs-Jude attended a shower in honor of her son's fiancée, Miss Grace Kork of that city.

Mr. and Mrs. Len Sykes attended the christening of their first grandson, Chad Justin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Sykes, at Kingsville Lutheran Church, May 6.

The majority of holidayers in the sunny south are home again, including Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Ellam, and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Kennedy; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Heise; and Mr. Max Gormley area guests Knoblich.

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