

# Newlyweds promote neighborliness

**BALLANTRAE** — Hi Jim, calls out a friend, working around his immaculate home on Felcher Boulevard.

Hello Kathy, nice to see you, says another, taking his dog for a stroll along the same street.

These are two of the folks that reside in what is commonly known as the Felcher Subdivision, a V.L.A. development at the intersection of Hwy. 48 and the Aurora Sideroad in Ballantrae. It is a residential

community like no other in Whitchurch-Stouffville. For here, people look on one another as 'neighbors,' whether they live next door or in the next block.

Responsible in part, for this unique relationship, are newlyweds, Jim and Kathy Skyvington. The two had never met before their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Skyvington and Mr. and Mrs. George Goff purchased property about three doors apart. They were married in the Stouffville United Church, June 2, 1973.

Folks used to joke about it," recalls Mrs. Goff. "We had four girls and their family included three boys. Everyone thought we should get together."

Kathy, a dental assistant in Scarborough, remembers how she would walk by Jim's house every day to pick up the mail. "He'd always be out there washing his car, but neither of us could get up enough nerve to speak." Finally, Jim initiated a friendly 'Hi', prompting Kathy to carry the conversation farther. But little did they know a conjunctive 'I Do' would follow twenty-one months later.

What did they do on their first date? "I kind of lied," admitted Kathy, "I said I liked football, so he took me to a game. Trouble was, at half-time, they changed ends, and Jim caught me cheering for the wrong team." The two are enthusiastic stock car racing fans.

Before moving to Ballantrae, Jim lived on Pharmacy Avenue in Scarborough. He attended W.A. Porter Collegiate. Kathy resided on Yarrow Road in Toronto's west end. She attended George Harvey Secondary School but took her final year at S.D.S.S. She has three sisters, Evelyn, Elaine and Susan. Jim, an ambulance operator for the Dept. of Emergency Services, has two brothers, Brian and Steven. They now live on



Newlyweds, Jim and Kathy Skyvington, outside her parents' home at 21 Felcher Boulevard. The subdivision is unique in that

all residents look on one another as 'neighbors'.

—Jim Thomas.

## Mayor Reports

### Lift 'freeze' -6,000 acres

As a result of a delegation to the Ministry of Treasury several weeks ago, we have received a response from the Hon. John White regarding the land freeze that has been sterilizing so much of our municipality.

The government has withdrawn the freeze to the 95 CNR lands and this has released an area of approximately 6,000 acres in the Town. The realignments are hard to describe specifically and any interested ratepayers should contact the municipal offices for further information.

Unfortunately this release does not give relief to the land owners in the Ballantrae, Vivian and Cherry Street areas.

We were hoping that Lots of Record would be taken into consideration by the government in this latest order and are disappointed this had not taken place.

I believe that Council should still pursue this matter further to enable these landowners to secure building permits or compensation for their properties.

**Question** — Is channelization of the stream that goes through Stouffville being considered?

**Answer** — The channelization of the stream was engineered several years ago. The project was delayed awaiting development of lands north of the village.

At one time, the channelization was on the Metro Toronto and Region Conservation Authority budget but, with no prospect of development along the northern boundary, it was removed. Council, however, has requested that it be placed back on

the Authority's budget for 1974. This does not mean that development to the north is expected in the immediate future but it's necessary to forecast this expenditure for anticipated growth in that area in the next 4 years. Channelization would have to be undertaken before further additions to our sewage treatment plant.

Council has asked the Region to prepare a study with regard to the method of treatment which would allow the population of Stouffville to increase from projections of 9,000 to about 14,000. The Region however, feel that we should wait till we reach the 9,000 mark and if the airport goes ahead, sewage facilities serving that area could be readily available.

**Question** — Is it Council's policy to replace trees that must be removed from municipal property?

**Answer** — At our last meeting we passed a resolution authorizing the purchase of trees for planting along the park area on Rupert Ave., and the replacement of two maples, which had died, on Main Street, near the 9th Line. The feeling of Council is that trees on municipal property that have to be removed because of disease, should be replaced and that a planting program be undertaken each year in areas that would benefit, from tree coverage.

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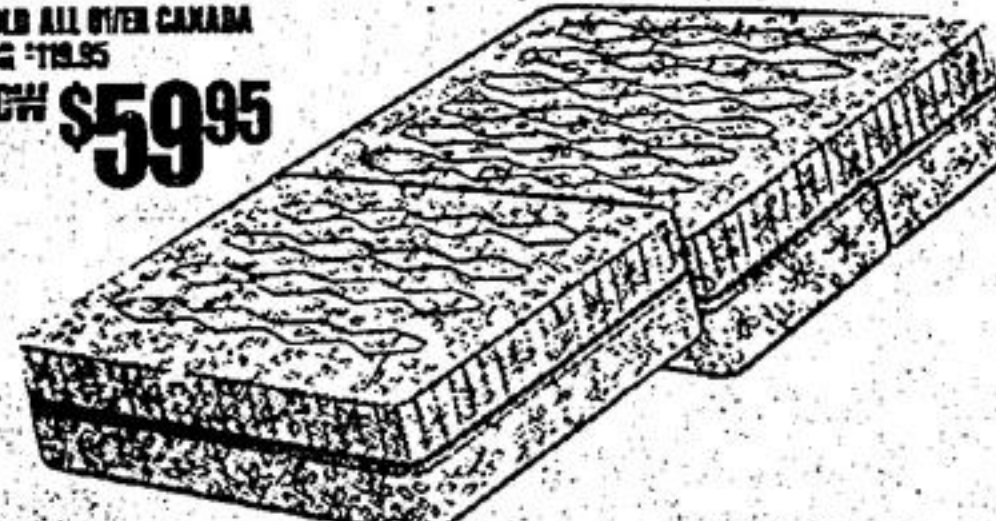


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