

# Converting a house to a barn, a problem

UXBRIDGE TWP. — Converting a house into a barn could be a problem, particularly if the structure is not at least 450 feet back from a roadway, as Mr. A. Ranft of RR 4 Uxbridge found out when told of township setback regulations at a council meeting Monday.

Mrs. Ranft recently purchased 200 poultry and this is the only reason I'm here tonight to find out if I can change the old house into a farm building for a poultry shelter and storing tools," explained Mr. Ranft.

"You have four rooms in that house which

means you'd have one for chickens, one for ducks, one for geese and that leaves one for turkeys," chuckled Reeve Bob Nsbitt.

Following an enquiry by Councillor George Harvie, Mr. Nesbitt pointed out that the township setback regulation requires all

farm buildings must be 450 feet back from a roadway and you're house is only about 30 or 40 feet."

"Perhaps you should think about having the house moved back but I wouldn't be too far off in my guess that it would cost you about \$12,500," said the reeve.

"The house isn't worth that much," replied Mr. Ranft.

The applicant told council that some landowners on Brock Road had recently erected barns that were no more than 80 feet in from the road.

"Maybe they originally applied for a garage permit and later changed

it into a barn without our knowledge," suggested Councillor Don Jackson.

Further discussion on the matter varied council's interpretation of the setback bylaw.

Mr. Ranft signed an agreement with the township that with the completion of his new house, the old structure would be demolished.

"I strongly oppose allowing a house to be used for a barn because it will only invite trouble," urged Councillor Fred Lewis.

He said residents in his ward converted old houses for similar uses and later rented the same dwelling after cleaning them out.

"It's only certain types of people who would live in a house after that," said Councillor Lewis.

Following two motions, council voted to adhere to the original agreement and refer the bylaw to planning for study, as they maybe inconsistent as a result of recent build-up."

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## Writing problems of a homemaker

By Madeline Harrison

LOCUST HILL — I am absolutely determined that I will get a column ready for the paper now — once a week. I am so determined, that I am even moved my hot little typewriter from its hidey-hole in the upstairs office. It now reposes on the kitchen cupboard. The idea is — or was, to have it handy so I could type a few sentences here and there during the day, whenever the mood struck.

But some problems have reared their ugly heads. We have this marvelous up-to-date kitchen. All of the latest gadgets. It is so modern, it boasts only one electrical outlet to service two rooms. Into this outlet we plug the refrigerator, the clock, the radio, the T.V., and now the typewriter. The Hydro warns you about octopus outlets. Well we have an outlet that turns our Hydro man green.

If I am to type, I must first unplug the T.V. This usually results in howls. Can't type while Sesame Street is on — kids are watching. Can't type while Elwood Glover's on — I'm watching. Can't type while the news is on (or at various other times of the year — Hockey) — Daddy's watching. That leaves about five minutes when the kids are in bed in the afternoon. Can't type then 'cause the ol' typewriter makes so much noise it wakes the kids up. Have you ever tried to type with their fingers on the keyboard. It's bad enough with ten!

Now I have run into the problem that I can no longer find the typewriter. It's buried somewhere under a pile of dirty laundry, old newspapers and I think one of the kids threw their all day sucker into the works.

So here we go again. No column this week!

## Pastor's daughter pretty July bride

A lovely wedding ceremony was performed in Scarborough, Gospel Temple, Saturday, when Marilyn Minaker, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Howard Minaker was married to Laurie Cook at 1 p.m. A buffet reception was held at the Bethel Assembly of God, Ringwood. Rev. Minaker is the pastor of the congregation there.

On vacation Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Heise of Montreal Lake Indian Children's Home, Saskatchewan, are vacationing with Mrs. Win. Heise and Marjorie at Nanticoke and relatives here. An anniversary tea will be held in their honor at Cheapside Brethern in Christ Church, July 28.

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