



The 'Teen Pick of the Week' is Esther Brndjar a Grade 10 student at SDSS who is 15 years old. As well as playing clarinet in the Senior Band, she is involved in the youth group at Stouffville Pentecostal Church and

has also joined the choir newly formed at the church. She says that her future work will involve the field of medicine in some way and hopes that her life can be a "witness for the Lord Jesus Christ." Don Bernard

Victoria Square

White Gift Service

by Mrs. W. Sandle
VICTORIA SQUARE
The annual White Gift Service was held Sunday morning, and a large group attended.
The "Story of White Gifts" was presented and the Sunday School children sang a song. A luncheon, sing-song and Santa Claus followed the service.

Another Euchre party will be held in the Community Hall Friday Dec. 14 at 8 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Ladies please provide a lunch. It is the last party of the year.
The annual Christmas Party sponsored by the Victoria Square Lions Club will be held

Saturday 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. It is for children 12 years and under accompanied by a parent.
There will be songs, games, refreshments, Santa and a magician. Admission is free.

The Christmas UCW meeting will be at the home of Mrs. John McCague Wednesday Dec. 19 at 8 p.m. Rev. and Mrs. M.R. Jenkinson will be guests.

Modern setting for classic play

STOUFFVILLE — The Stouffville Players Children Show will feature an up-to-date version of the classic story of Little Red Riding Hood, Dec. 22 at Latham Hall.

But the play promises to be not only modern, but relevant to the community, surrounding areas, and changing times. Grandma, played by Lenore Cronin, is expropriated from her rustic cottage and cruises the roads in a Corvette. Other leading players will include Susan Christie, as Little Red, and Frank Mellon as the Wolf.

The play, directed by Bob Leach, will be shown twice on Saturday, at 2

p.m. and 8 p.m. Admission is \$1 for adults and 75 cents for children.

Planning show on Cable 10

The latest program in TV 10's special series on planning will be aired tonight (Thursday) beginning at 7 p.m. The past 10 programs in the "York Region - Planning and You" series have dealt with planning as seen from the viewpoints of area planners, politicians, and rate-payers. Tonight the developers opinion will be aired.

C.D. Milani, President of Milani, Milani Holdings of Vaughan and Peter Ruddy, general manager of village in the valley Unionville, will be on hand to discuss their views on planning with Channel 10 program director Scott Colbran.

Who do developers consult with before beginning operations? Who sets the housing standards - Are they too high? Who is the culprit in Southern Ontario's acute housing shortage? These are just a few of the questions raised during the course of the discussion.

The developers also direct their attention to such factors in development as land banking, the parkway belt, and the effect of the current energy crisis on development operations.

Channel 10 will be airing this special program tonight at 7 p.m. and at the top of each hour until midnight.

Mayor Gordon Ratcliff

Delegation a good thing

STOUFFVILLE — An Ontario government decision to delegate many planning functions to regional governments in the province is a good thing according to Whitchurch Stouffville Mayor Gordon Ratcliff, at his press conference Friday.

The mayor said that he welcomes the announcement that will enable regional governments throughout Ontario to approve official plan and zoning changes and approve plans of subdivision.

Question: What is the impact of the provinces willingness to turn

planning functions over to the region?

Answer: It will put authority back into local hands and we'd expect that decision from the regional municipality will be more compatible with the view of local planning boards than has been in the past when dealing with provincial offices.

It has been very frustrating for planning boards to submit plans to the provincial department and see them linger there for months without response. A move to the regional level should speed up the processing.

I am in favor of staying with local

committees of adjustment for severances, and minor variances, not for a regional land division committee. We have a very efficient committee of adjustment and there is no logical reason to make a change now.

Question: Will the new powers affect the population ceiling of 416,000 set by the province?

Answer: No Local municipal official plans must be compatible with the regional official plan that should be completed by the end of 1974, but the regional plan must fit into the 416,000 figure. The new procedures could

give us some benefits, though.

Question: What were arrangements for parkland in the two newest subdivisions in town, Baycrest and Thicket Wood?

Answer: In the case of Thicket Wood there is a small piece of land totalling a little more than 5 per cent that is to be added to Summitview School yard, while in Baycrest there is almost an acre dedicated for parkland. That will be a parkette mainly for smaller children, older ones will still have to go to Summitview.

Question: What are

the facts concerning land zoned industrial in Cedar Valley?

That area of 72 acres was designated light industrial under the 1968 Whitchurch Township Official Plan. Zoned as M2, it would permit light industry and storage and in the case of the present developers, they are willing to sign a very restrictive agreement with the town about the uses allowed there.

It was not only on the official plan, but was included in a zoning bylaw passed in 1970 which was circulated to all the residents of the area.

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