



Mail carrier retires after sixteen years on rural routes

After 16 years delivering mail, most of the time on R. R. 3, Bob Stapley, 19th Avenue, south of Stouffville, has decided to retire. He and his wife plan to do a little 'holiday' travelling. Bob also hopes to catch up where he left off on his golf. The No. 3 route had 511 'drops' and extended over a distance of 54 miles. He knew the majority of residents personally. Jim Thomas

Beatrice McLean named UCW president

By Betty Pegg
GREENWOOD — Beatrice McLean is the president of the Greenwood U.C.W. for 1974. Officers were elected at a general meeting, Dec. 30. The past president is Mrs. Milton Pegg. Other positions are filled by the following: 1st vice-president, Mrs. Beach; treasurer, Mrs. E. Pascoe; corresponding secretary, Mrs. S. Nicholson; recording secretary, Mrs. E. Pittman and Mrs. D. Goodwin; supply, Mrs. E. Clarke; social functions, Mrs. M. Pegg and Edna Green; manse committee, Mrs. H. Middleton; citizenship and community friendship, Mrs. Chas. McTaggart; membership, Mrs. W.A. Brown; stewardship, Mrs. I. McLean; pianist, Mrs. C. E. Pegg; library secretary, Beatrice McLean; Christian missionary education, Mrs. E. Trimble; archives, Mrs. C.E. Pegg.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Pascoe entertained 30 members of their family, Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Clarke, Bob and Doug, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clarke and family of Scarborough.

Mr. and Mrs. Les Wilson and family enjoyed Christmas evening with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Disney of Brooklin.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Nicholson enjoyed the company of their family and friends, including Mr. Morris Hendron of Wasaga Beach.



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Mayor Gordon Ratcliff Welcomes visitors

On Thursday (tonight), a team of hockey players with many of the boys' parents from Wallisellen, Switzerland, will arrive in Whitchurch-Stouffville. What does this mean to the municipality?
Plenty, says Mayor Gordon Ratcliff.
"Nations to-day are trading together, so why not play together, he said. He noted how countries like China and Russia are becoming more and more involved in athletic competition with the western world.
"Exchanges like this at the amateur level is a fine thing. It provides an opportunity for towns like Whitchurch-Stouffville to participate in this kind of activity, a co-operative venture that leads to a friendlier world". He observed too, that visitors from Canada to other lands allows these people to see first-hand another way of life. He said he was certain residents here would extend a warm welcome to their Wallisellen guests and share in the benefits to be gained through such an exchange.
Question: Is there any way the operation of government at the regional level can be returned to a more personal involvement?
Answer: It's up to the local Council, in co-operation with the electorate to bridge this gap. The loss of the Committee of Adjustment from the local municipality to the Region was a mistake. There will be a reluctance on the part of the individual to go to Newmarket to make applications. I was not in favor, nor were the majority of regional councillors, but the Province authorized it. After all, who knows its own people or its own area better than committee members who reside there? Whitchurch-Stouffville's representative on the regional committee is Richard Preston, Gormley, R.R. 1. With the proposed construction of a new police headquarters building in Richmond Hill, I do not foresee the return of branch police offices to the municipalities. However, if the system as set up does not work, the Region will have to take a closer look at it.

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