



These youngsters under the direction of Carole Redshaw sang and played rhythm instruments during the Claremont Variety Night Saturday. The proceeds from the draw went to the Taylor family, whose house was gutted Friday. The show featured the usual mixture of comedy and

home-grown talent. Shown here are Louise Redshaw, Darlene Redshaw, Tracy Redshaw, Darcy LeBlanc, Tracy Nesbitt, Dianne Loyst, Dianne Harper, Wendy Bates. — Don Bernard

**Uxbridge Council**

**Land split refused**

UXBRIDGE — An attempt to split some land into two building lots was rejected by Uxbridge Township Council last week.

The request came from Doug Plitz, who appeared before council on behalf of Jack Jacobsen Construction. The land involved is 2.6 acres, the site of a former school near the intersection of Highway 47 and Brock Rd.

An earlier request to create two additional lots on the property went to the Ontario Municipal Board before being finally turned down, and Mr. Plitz asked council's support for the reduced proposal.

"We have put a lot of money into renovation of the old schoolhouse," he said. "It's a beautiful place, a palace... if we hadn't done that, you would have had a derelict building on your hands."

He maintained that prospective purchasers were adverse to buying the whole acreage on the grounds of cost and inconvenience, and the renovated house has been on the market some time without finding a buyer.

Another house, he said, would relieve the problem.

Regional Councillor Bill Ballinger strongly opposed the request.

"You bought a 2.6 acre lot, that's what you've got," he said. He also felt that market conditions and present mortgage rates were largely responsible for the lack of buyer interest to date.

Mayor Dr. Carl Puterbaugh asked if Mr. Plitz had considered the property for a commercial use, a suggestion which did not appear to impress the visitor. The mayor also pointed out that the land is close to



Two Stouffville residents, Albert and Annie Drudge have returned to Zaire for a second term with the Mennonite Central Committee. The Drudges returned about a year ago and have now begun another two year term in Zaire. Mr. Drudge will continue his former assignment in water development and construction, this time of a school building. He is the son of Mrs. Menno Drudge, of Markham. Mrs. Drudge will be involved in community social service. The Drudges are members of the Steeles Ave. Mennonite Church in Unionville.

**20 year resident**

UXBRIDGE — A funeral was held at Low and Low Funeral Home Dec. 4 for Peter Cornelius Rummenie, who died at Uxbridge Cottage Hospital Dec. 1 after a long illness.

Mr. Rummenie, of 125 Main St., Uxbridge, was 73. Born in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, Mr. Rummenie, who was retired at the time of his demise, was a former farmer and army mechanic, who had lived in Uxbridge, Goodwood area, for the past twenty years.

Mr. Rummenie was the son of Johannes Henricus and Geertjelein Rummenie, both deceased. He is survived by his wife, the former Mable Hawkins; two sons, a daughter and eleven grandchildren.

Interment was in Goodwood cemetery.

**What's in a name**

STOUFFVILLE — Whitchurch-Stouffville Council apparently favors the name Mertens Lane for the new industrial road installed between Cable Tech and the McNeil Laboratories property.

Mayor Gordon Ratcliff has received two letters from area residents indicating they would like to see the Mertens name used in place of the name Mostar Crescent as suggested by Cable Tech.

Councillor June Button had previously told council the name Mostar has historical significance as it was the name of a road built in the 14th century when the Turks were invading Vienna. At that time Mrs. Button commented, "I honestly don't know how to pronounce it."

Mertens is the name of the pioneer family that settled on that property and owned a farm there until 1947.

Council agreed to contact Cable Tech and see if they would go along with the name Mertens Lane.

**OPP endorsement denied by inspector**

By FRED BLUCHER Chief Inspector O.P.P.

In recent weeks operators of several small businesses have reported that they formed the definite impression that the Ontario Provincial Police endorsed a publication in which they had been

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