

Police roundup

Cheque passer faces 50 charges

STOUFFVILLE — A man who allegedly passed a bad cheque at Card's Dominion Hardware has been apprehended by Metropolitan Toronto Police and charged on approximately 50 counts of the same crime.

Charged with false pretences is Gino Camardi, 27, of Woodbridge. **WINDSHIELD SMASHED** Bertrum Evans of Lot 30 Concession 9 Whitchurch - Stouffville reported to police the

front windshield of his vehicle was smashed while it was parked on his property. Replacement value is estimated at \$125. **WINDOW FORCED** Adding insult to injury a Wasaga Beach woman, Debbie Ramsay, was forced to abandon

her car when it stuck in a snowbank on Markham's 16th Ave. during the big storm two weeks ago and when she returned for it two days later she discovered the rear window had been forced open and an eight track tape player, two speakers

and one tape valued at \$170 had been removed. **TIRES STOLEN** Last Wednesday evening, two Mickey Thompson 16 inch tires and chrome slot rims were stolen from the side of Hunt's Sunoco on Main St. The property valued at \$200 belonged to David Wilson of Hardinggate Crescent.

COUNTERFEIT \$50 A counterfeit \$50 bill was passed at the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce in Stouffville. A teller became suspicious of the bill and it was forwarded to the bank's main branch in Toronto where it was confirmed it was a bogus bill. According to York Regional Police there are no suspects.

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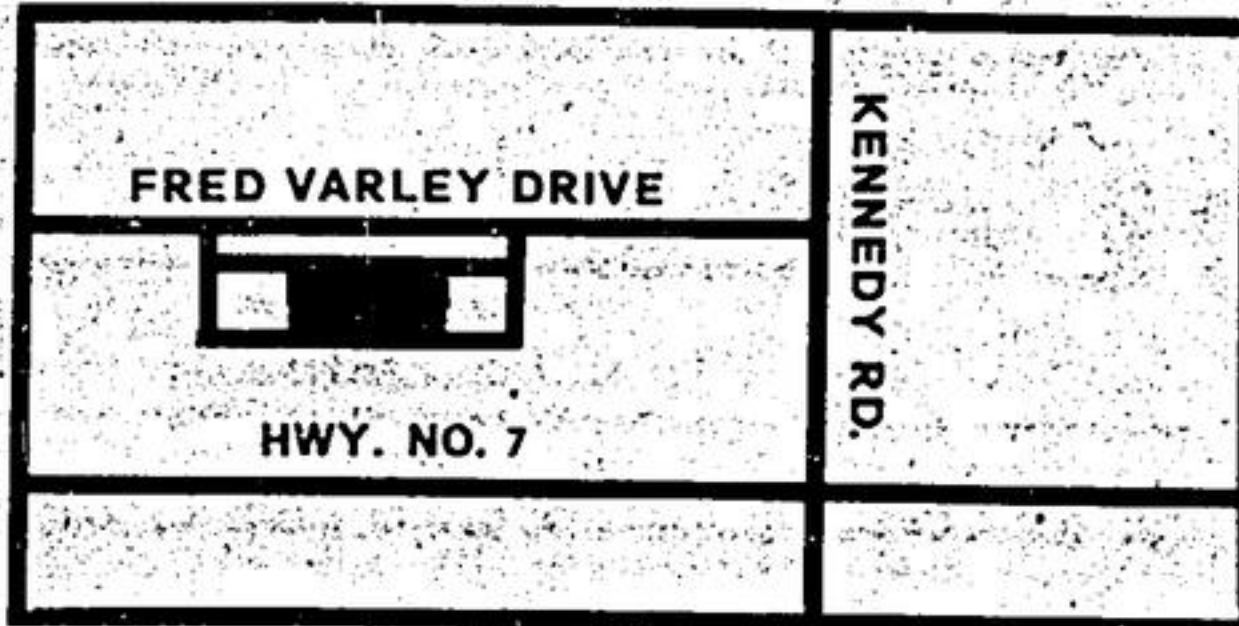
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Modular home approved by council as 'pilot project'

UXBRIDGE — The decision was taken at a council meeting last week, based on a recommendation from Planning Com-

mittee. Councillor Bill Ballinger, committee chairman, described an application by a Brian Bassett, who had asked for a permit to build a modular home. Bassett, who owns property in Lot 33 Concession 5, wants to erect a 1,400 - square - foot prefabricated bungalow on his property to replace an older house. Ballinger said that he and the township building inspector had examined similar modular homes in Burlington, and were favorably impressed. The modular construction conforms with the National Building Code specifications, but falls short of the more demanding township building bylaw.

Despite this, the committee recommended that Mr. Bassett be allowed to proceed with his plans on the basis of a pilot project. Uxbridge does not at present contain any such homes, and no further permits for modular dwellings would be issued until the Bassett home has been "evaluated."

Councillors Joe Esmonde and Eleanor Todd were strongly in favour of the recommendation. Esmonde felt that the "pilot project" clause should be written into a proposed agreement to be drawn up between the township and Mr. Bassett, a suggestion which met general approval. Councillor Maustyn McKnight was opposed to the modular unit, because of its failure to meet the bylaw specifications in such matters as size of studding and thickness of roof sheathing.

"We have tried to keep the quality of homes up," he said. "If we open the door to this kind of thing, we'll have a hard time closing it again." Councillor Mac Meyers was also opposed, on the basis of the impact of such a house on neighboring dwellings.

Ballinger defended the recommendation, claiming that it is hard to distinguish a modular home from a conventional dwelling in terms of appearance. He also pointed out that the house now on the property, which will be demolished, is far less attractive than the one proposed by Bassett.

After some discussion, council voted 3-2 to allow the pilot project, with McKnight and Meyers dissenting. Councillor Fred Kelland was absent.

A later motion by Councillor Todd, that a copy of the resolution be sent to Mr. Bassett's neighbours, was approved without discussion.

Last Wednesday was one of those days, and Judge Clare Morrison had finally reached his limit when he was forced to complain about the noises outside the court room.

Some diligent soul outside, had attacked a pile of lumber with a chain saw, the noise was nerve wracking, and made it difficult, to say the least, for Judge Morrison or anyone else to be heard.

"There must be some kind of conspiracy," Judge Morrison finally complained. "If it isn't a train whistling through, it's a garbage truck, or a noisy puppy, now we have a chain saw operating out there," he said.

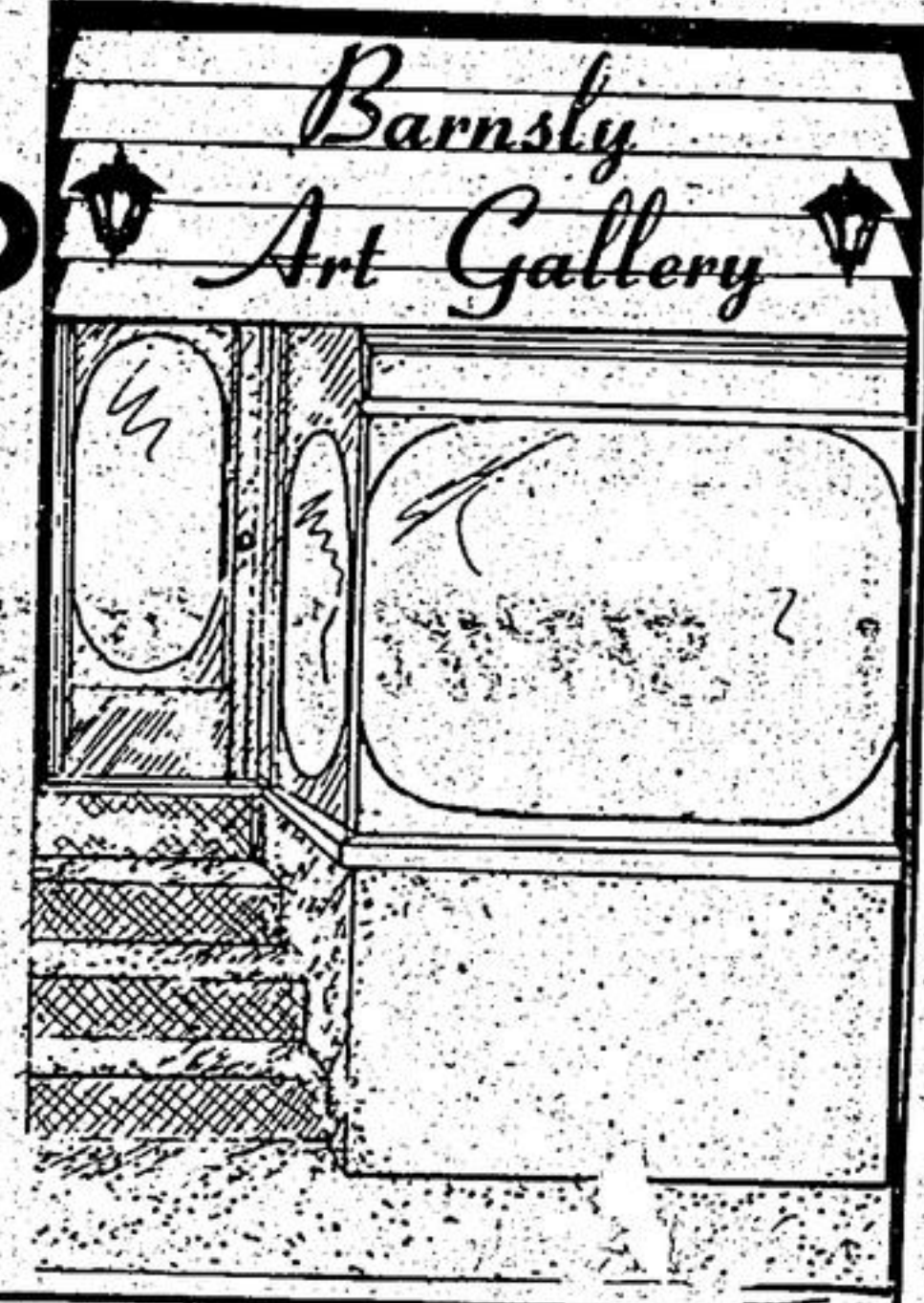
Judge Morrison told the court he was fearful about the talks of cut-backs which would long delay the building of a new Provincial Court House for the area, he told the court that unless things improve "They'll have a hell of a time getting anyone to sit here."

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