



The greenhouses of James White Florist on the Stouffville Rd. east of the 6th Conc. were fully bursting at the seams last week with potted plants. The plants were all shipped out to retailers in the Toronto area, just in time for mother's day. Don Bernard

Former town Proposal could double Uxbridge population

UXBRIDGE — Township council recently heard development plans that, if carried through, would almost triple the present population of the former town.

The plans were described by representatives of Durham Estates, which owns property in the north-west portion of the old town limits. Lawyer Ron Webb emphasized that he was not presenting a development proposal as such. Referring to the proposed Quaker Hill development, part of which abuts the Durham Estates land, Webb said he understood that an impact study is in progress.

"At this moment, we simply want to request that you authorize your planning consultants to consider our plan when the study is being done," he told council.

Webb added that his client was prepared to bear part of the costs of the study if council wishes, and will post a bond or provide a letter of credit for that purpose.

The actual plans were described by Ron Winter, a planner retained by Durham Estates. He illustrated his remarks with a number of coloured maps, including a drainage study and a conceptual land-use study.

"Uxbridge has an excellent location," said Winter. "You're far enough away from urban areas, but close enough at the same time."

The land being considered for development by Durham Estates covers about 160 acres. Built up mostly with single-family houses, the planners anticipate a future population on the order of 2,500. The adjoining Quaker Hill development would house the same number, and other small "in-filling" developments

would add more, to a total projected population of 9,000. The present population within the former town limits is 3,100.

Council members raised several points that would have to be considered. The first concerned payment for the impact study.

The chronic shortage of sewage-plant capacity also figured in the discussion. Expansion to the existing plant is scheduled to get underway towards the end of this year.

Local youth sentenced to nine month penitentiary term

NEWMARKET — Two youths, one from Stouffville and the other from Georgetown were convicted on charges of break, entry and theft after pleading guilty in Newmarket Provincial Court last week.

Robert Vincent McHugh, aged 20, of Georgetown, received a two-year penitentiary term, his companion George Edward Robinson, aged 19 of Stouffville, was sentenced to 9 months on each of two counts which he will serve concurrently.

Police testimony revealed that the two went to a Corbett Ave. home in Aurora, after learning that the owner had a large silver coin collection. Entry was gained and \$1,078.50 were stolen at that time.

Police said the two men robbed the same house a second time of

\$180 in bills after gaining information from the daughter of the man to whom the money belonged. Evidence revealed that Robinson went to the Corbett Ave. home on the pretext of calling for the girl to walk her to school. He managed to leave the door unlocked when he closed it behind him.

The two men also confessed to breaking into a Chrysler Dodge showroom and removing a radio, calculator and \$3 in cash. Police told the court that Robinson had taken them to where the money was hidden.

Judge Morrison pointed out both men have previous records for other criminal convictions. Robinson was serving a term of probation when the break-ins occurred.

McHugh, according to his counsel, had been in and

out of trouble since he was very young, and has spent the bulk of his life in custody. "He has displayed behavior problems from a very early age," his counsel told the court.

Board rejects program

YORK CTY — A trial program of junior kindergarten was rejected by the York County Board of Education last week, although the pilot project had gained previous approval of the board's program committee.

The four-year-olds program was recommended by the committee on an experimental basis with two half-day classes proposed for each of the four areas of the region.

The cost of a full-fledged junior kindergarten, if established, would be \$719,562 with grants of \$226,173 to help offset the cost, according to Stephen Bacsalmasi, superintendent of planning and development.

Trustees expressed doubts concerning the program, especially costs and whether the public really favors junior kindergartens.

The program was defeated 14-3 with two abstentions.

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Edgar Smalley Former councillor, retired farmer

SANDFORD — Funeral services were held April 24 for Edgar Smalley, retired farmer and former Scott Township councillor.

Mr. Smalley was born on March 6, 1899 in Hartman, Ontario, but moved to the area as a very small boy. He lived 74 years in the area.

He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Wellington Smalley and on March 3, 1926 he married Alma Anna Bacon. In the early 1950's Mr. Smalley served two years on Scott Township Council and was an active member of Sandford United Church.

Along with his wife he is survived by a son Ross of Sandford and a daughter Marion (Mrs. Ted Barry) of Stouffville and brother Garnett Smalley of Hartman. He was predeceased by three sisters — Cora (Mrs. Tom Dawson), Florence (Mrs. Bert Tindall) and Bertha (Mrs. Dea Alcock).

Mr. Smalley also left nine grandchildren. Funeral was at Sandford United Church with Rev. W. Sellers officiating. Interment was Sandford Cemetery.

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