

Claremont news

Ralph Faulkner honored at UCO banquet

ANNELONEY.
The United Co-Operatives of Ontario held their Annual Meeting, banquet and dance in Claremont Legion Hall Thursday evening, Nov. 27. At the head table were Chairman Ellis Britton and

Mrs. Britton, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Winter, Mr. and Mrs. Stan Lynde, Ken Stickwood and Mrs. Mac Albright. Richard Harris covered the highlights of Claremont Branch Operations for 1975 and, also, of the Newmarket

area. UCO Director, Tyson Langman, outlined the corporate sales of the United Co-Operatives of Ontario. A very happy feature of the evening was the presentation of a plaque of Ralph Faulkner for his many years of service with Claremont Co-Op. The meeting was

attended by 65 members and their wives. The Baptist Church Sunday School would like it if one of your holiday plans was to attend their Christmas program Sunday evening Dec. 14 at 7:30 p.m. A feature of the evening will be a play by the Junior Sunday School

entitled "Christmas Symbols and Stories" and a shadow drama "The Bells of Christmas" by the Senior Sunday School pupils. All ladies of the community are invited to attend the monthly coffee morning which will be held in the Baptist Sunday School rooms Wednesday, Dec. 10, at 10 a.m.

The First Claremont Group Committee is holding its monthly meeting Wednesday, Dec. 10, in the Community Hall. All parents of Cubs and Scouts are urged to attend this meeting and to participate in group activities. The Girl Guides Bazaar, sponsored by the Mother's Association, will be held Saturday, Dec. 6, at 1:30 in the Public School. The Lions are sponsoring the Annual Christmas party in the Community Hall December 20 at 2 p.m. Anyone interested in participating in the program please contact Bob Legeer at 640-3760. A rehearsal will be held Sunday, Dec. 14, at 1 p.m. in the Community Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. William Payne of Wilfrid spent Sunday with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Evans. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Evans visited on the weekend with Mr. Evans brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Evans, at their home in Woodville.



Ken Spratley, of Kinsale holds two versions of the same apple basket: his own and one made 30 to 40 years ago at the basket factory in Brougham. He took up the craft to keep it from going into extinction. Spratley himself is a Pickering councillor and a Pickering Museum board member.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

THERE WILL BE TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1975, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE TOWN OF MARKHAM MUNICIPAL OFFICES AT BUTTONTVILLE TO CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO THE EXISTING OFFICIAL PLAN.

AT 7:30 P.M.
SOUTH DON MILLS INDUSTRIAL AREA
Amendment No. 64 - To redesignate a parcel of land now designated "Select Industrial" to "Select Industrial with Limited Commercial". The subject property is located on the west side of Woodbine Avenue (formerly Don Mills Road) between Steelcase Road and Denison Street and is part of Lots 2 and 3, Concession 3, as shown on Map 1 below.

It is intended that these lands will form an integrated extension of an established "Select Industrial with Limited Commercial" area within the South Don Mills Industrial Area.

AT 9:00 P.M.
MOUNT JOY INDUSTRIAL AREA

(i) Amendment No. 65 - To exempt a proposed plan of subdivision from the provisions of the Official Plan which requires secondary plans for industrial areas prior to their subdivision. The parcel covered by this amendment is part of Lot 18, Concession 8, as shown on Map 2 below.

(ii) Amendment No. 66 - A secondary plan for the Mount Joy Industrial Area to establish detailed land use and road patterns in accordance with the provisions of Sections 4, 5 and 6 of the Official Plan. The area covered by this amendment is parts of Lots 17, through 20, in Concession 8, as shown on Map 2 below.

Anyone interested is invited to attend the hearings and to comment on, support or object to the proposed amendments.

In view of the postal strike, the notices are being delivered by hand. Any person with knowledge of someone interested who may not have been notified is asked to telephone the Planning Department at 297-1900.

Furthermore, written submissions will be received by the Planning Department up to the time of the hearing. The proposed amendments may be examined at the Planning Office.

DATED November 24, 1975.

R. W. Adams, Chairman, Planning Committee. T. M. Januszewski, Planning Director.

Councillor's hand-made apple baskets are in great demand

PICKERING - There was little fanfare when Frank Pennock of Brougham designed a basket for apple growers in the late 1800's. Today, there is much fanfare - and much demand for the same basket, now being produced in a shed behind the house of Ken Spratley in Kinsale.

There is so much demand for the baskets, in fact, that Mr. Spratley, a Pickering councillor, has quit his appliance servicing job and begun making them full-time. "I can't make them fast enough to keep up," he says. Over 80 stores across Canada now carry the basket, and Mr. Spratley has an advance order from apple orchards next year for 1,400 of them. He can produce up to 30 baskets a day.

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The provincial department of tourism has even offered to help him in exporting the baskets to New York state, Mr. Spratley said. In former years, the baskets were turned out at a factory first located in Brougham and then moved to Green River. Because of expropriation for the North Pickering project, the factory closed some 18 months ago.

As a member of Pickering's museum board, Mr. Spratley had noticed that the baskets on sale at the Brougham museum were usually sold out quickly. He took up the craft himself as a hobby when he learned that the baskets were no longer being made.

Mr. Spratley uses some of the same equipment used in the original factory, and designed other parts himself. Baskets come in a half-bushel size which sells for \$11.95 and a smaller version which costs \$7.95.

Their popularity, he says, stems from the fact that "people are fed up with buying things made up with plastic; they fall apart easily."

Getting involved in the craft was no simple task, as Mr. Spratley researched the background of the baskets and the means of production for a year before getting started. He was shown the process by Frank Pennock, son of the original designer.

In the future, Mr. Spratley plans to make several different kinds of baskets besides the apple variety. He may set up shop as part of a "living museum" at the Pickering museum when it is re-located in Greenwood, he said.

He anticipates that in the future he will make several trips a year demonstrating how the baskets are made.

The only difference between the basket Mr. Spratley makes and the original is that he includes a walnut stain, making them an attractive display item. Customers use them for fruit, storing logs, and for picnics among other things, he said.

Even if the baskets had never "taken off" in the market-place, the councillor says he would still be putting around making them. "I've always enjoyed working with wood," he says.

At present, he refuses offers to have the product mass-produced, believing that "if you strive for quantity, quality suffers."

Special film "Discipline in the Home" is the title of a movie being presented this coming Sunday evening at Second Markham Baptist Church (Stouffville Rd. at the 6th Conc.). Service is underway at 7 p.m.

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