

Boy gets a surprise helicopter ride

MARKHAM — Although this Sikorsky helicopter is not as large as the much publicized one used on the CN Tower it is still a monstrous size piece of equipment. The helicopter was parked late last week at Assinck Brothers while Markham Auto Trim replaced the headliner wall panelling and reupholstered the seats. For 10 years old Peter Muehlegg, son of the helicopter was

Markham Auto Trim's owner, it turned out to be a thrilling experience when he unexpectedly was taken aloft in the helicopter. According to Peter

the pilot threw Peter's bike in the back and they flew over with Peter navigating.

The helicopter, which was being kept at King City Airport, is owned by Okanagan Helicopters and it recently saw duty fighting fires in the Dryden area.

The interior had become oil soaked and dirty so it was brought to Markham for replacement. Markham Auto Trim specializes in that type of work.

The craft, which can carry up to about 20 passengers, will be doing patrol work in Labrador later this summer.



Peter Muehlegg, 10, of Markham, and Ben Prince of Uxbridge were busy last week refitting the interior of this Sikorsky helicopter parked at Assinck Brothers, Highway 48. The job is not an unusual one for

Markham Auto Trim which specializes in this type of work. Young Peter even managed to get a ride in the giant helicopter. —John Montgomery

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Seventeen-lot subdivision proposed for lake area site

STOUFFVILLE — Seventeen new lots would go in at Musselman's Lake under a proposal unveiled at planning board last week.

The subdivision, near Connor's Drive and Musselman's Lake Road on lot 18, would turn 14.2 acres into lots "that would upgrade the area with medium single housing," Gord Hall told the board.

Another delegation member, Jerrold Paxton, said that six of the proposed lots are under the suggested minimum of 30,000 square feet, "but the areas may be adjusted."

The rolling property

ranges in elevation from 86 to 136 feet, the board was told, with Connor's Drive itself at 97 feet.

Mayor Gordon Ratcliff commented that the proposal would do little to improve cottages abutting it. He said he had hoped those property owners would have the opportunity to extend their lots.

Mammoth subdivision won't be considered at this time for village

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hoped to talk with the town planner now, so that by the time all other approvals were granted, the development could proceed.

Councillor Art Starr

said council could not make a definite commitment as to when the town planner would be available to discuss the matter with them, since many other projects would take priority over it.

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NOTICE OF MEETING

The Commission to Review Proposals for Property Tax Reform in Ontario

A public meeting for residents of Regional Municipality of York will be held on August 24 and August 25, 1976 at 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at Aurora High School Cafeteria, 155 Wellington Street West, Aurora, to receive submissions, both oral and written, from local government representatives, property taxpayers and all other interested parties, concerning the proposals that have been put forward by the Government of Ontario as a means of establishing a new system of property taxation based on market value assessment. This meeting is one of a series which the Commission is conducting throughout Ontario this summer and fall, before submitting its recommendations to the government.

The proposals, originally published in the 1976 Ontario Budget, Budget Paper E, entitled Reform of Property Taxation in Ontario, are as follows:

1. Residences in Ontario, collectively, will bear a reduced share of property taxes.
2. Residential property will be redefined to include only residences and a reasonable amount of land.
3. The present practice of levying different mill rates on residential and commercial properties will be discontinued.
4. Farmland, farm buildings, managed forests and farm residences will be assessed at market value. Farmland, farm buildings and managed forests will be taxed at 100 percent of market value and the taxes will be paid by the Province. Farm residences will be taxed as all other residences at 50 percent of market value and the taxes will be paid by the owner. There will be provision to recover taxes paid by the Province if the property changes use.
5. All real property used for the purpose of a business, including government administrative facilities will be subject to an additional assessment of 50 percent of market value for business taxes.
6. All public property except residences will be subject to payments in lieu of taxes equal to full taxes at 100 percent of market value. Public residences will be subject to payments in lieu of taxes equivalent to full taxes at 50 percent of market value. Public utilities will be subject to business assessment at 50 percent of market value.
7. As is the present case, churches, cemeteries, and property held in trust for a band or body of Indians will be exempt. All other presently exempt property will be taxed at 100 percent
8. A uniform method of phasing-in the new tax system over a period of up to five years will be available to prevent abrupt tax changes.
9. Assessment rolls will be returned and enumeration will be performed every two years to coincide with local government elections.
10. Assessment on provincial government property will be pooled and assigned between the public and separate elementary schools in the same proportion as the taxable assessment assigned by the owners and occupants of residences.
11. Costs shared among municipalities will be shared on the basis of the assessment on which taxes and payments in lieu of taxes are based.
12. Where assessment is to be used to determine the grant to be paid to a municipality, the assessment used will be the assessment on which taxes and payments in lieu of taxes are based.
13. The provisions of The Assessment Act will apply to the assessment of all real property in Ontario, including areas without municipal organizations.
14. Public bodies which receive provincial grants, such as school boards, will be allowed to include their property tax payments as allowable expenses for grant purposes.
15. Ontario's property tax credits which relate property taxes to the ability to pay will, if necessary, be strengthened upon implementation of the new system.

of market value, except residences which will be taxed at 50 percent of market value.

Copies of Budget Paper E containing background and explanatory information, in addition to the proposals themselves, may be obtained, free of charge, from regional assessment offices or from Mr. Lawrence Close, Executive Secretary, Commission on Property Tax Reform, Fifth Floor, Frost Building South, Queen's Park, Toronto M7A 1Y7, telephone (416) 965-1671. If you plan to appear and present a written or oral submission, please notify Mr. Close in advance, by letter or telephone. We would also appreciate receiving one copy of any written submission, prior to the meeting. Since the purpose of these meetings is to help ensure that the new taxation system is implemented in an efficient and equitable manner, the Commission hopes that all Ontario residents with opinions and suggestions to offer will manage to make their representations to us.



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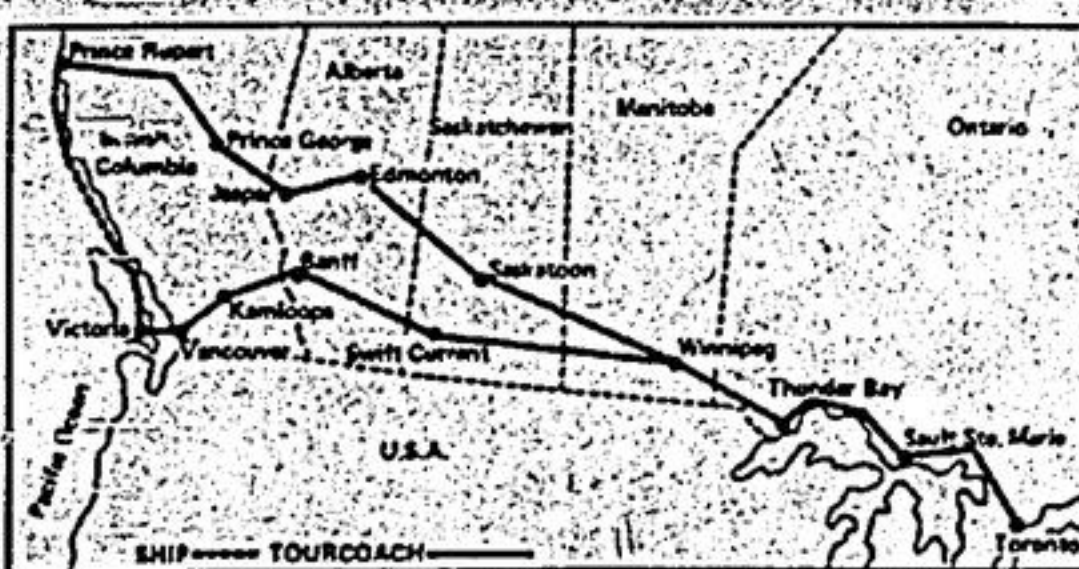
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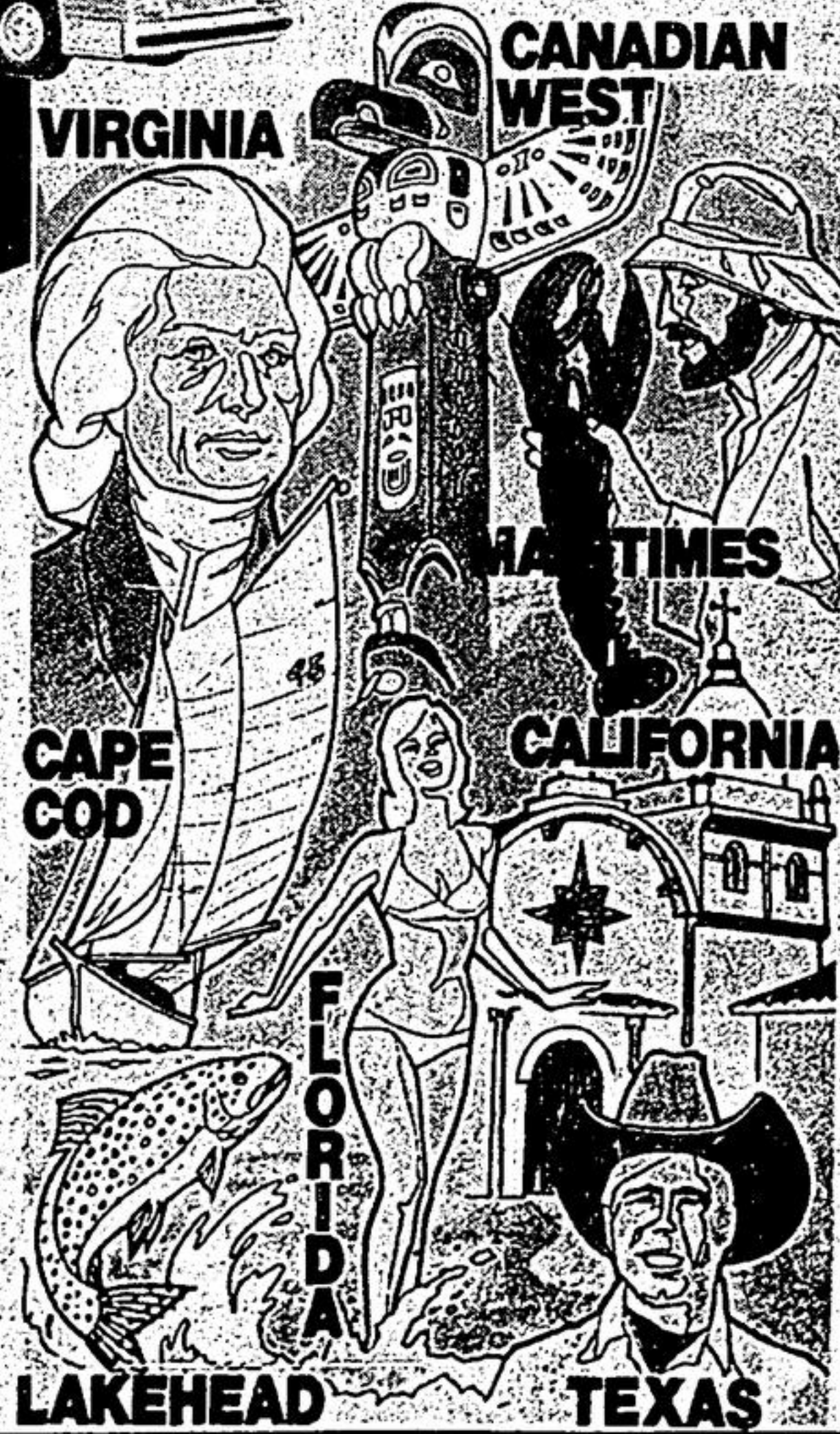
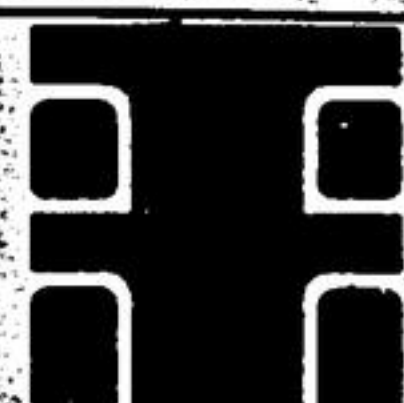
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President explains his club's position

(continued from p.1) but can only enforce the Game and Fish Act.

His point was that enforcement would be easier with a total ban in the proposed areas, but that if council wishes to allow rodent control by property owners, that authorities other than the club would have to police it.



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