

Wins assessment reduction

STOUFFVILLE — The combination of thorough research and a well thought out presentation earned a Stouffville citizen a reduction in his property tax assessment recently.

John Lorrimer, who lives in the Baycrest subdivision, appeared before Judge Joseph Cornish at a special hearing held at Latcham Hall recently and argued that his assessment was too high.

Mr. Lorrimer explained that he had compared his assessment to that of similar houses in other areas of town and found that he was paying far more.

According to Mr. Lorrimer's calculations, the average assessment on a Stouffville house works out to approximately 36 per cent of the current market value. However, he maintained that his assessment worked out to 41 per cent of market value. Mr. Lorrimer cited numerous examples to prove that houses in the Baycrest subdivision were assessed quite a bit higher than similar buildings in the Ponderosa subdivision.

John James, the assessment manager for York Region, admitted that the ratio was not always uniform, but said that his department, though trying to maintain an equilateral rate, would probably never be able to even things out. He said

the market value versus assessment ratio was not always uniform because various factors which might bear no relationship to the assessment value affect real estate prices.

"The market is not

scientific, identical properties can sell for different prices," explained Mr. James.

However, Judge Cornish took a dim view of the discrepancy and granted Mr. Lorrimer a \$1,000 reduction in his

assessment. He also expressed admiration for the way Mr. Lorrimer had handled his case and complimented him on his fine presentation.

Mr. Lorrimer also appeared on behalf of Joan McCool, another

Baycrest resident and won her a \$500 reduction in assessment.

The reductions in actual tax dollars are small, — approximately \$40 for the Lorrimer property, and \$20 for the McCool house, but Mr.

Lorrimer felt the effort had been worthwhile. "It's better than nothing," he remarked, and then added, "they say it's hard to fight city hall, but we proved that it's possible."

Gormley news

Doners host hayride and corn roast

By EVELYN MILSTED

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Stan Dorie (nee Nancy Doner, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Doner) who were married in Winnipeg, Manitoba on August 27.

Former shopkeeper Anne Raxlin dead

TORONTO — Ann Raxlin, who for many years ran Raxlin Furniture store on Main St. in Stouffville with her husband Benjamin, died Sunday, September 4.

Mrs. Raxlin, who died as a result of a stroke suffered the previous Friday, was predeceased several years ago by her husband Bennie.

The couple were well-known in town and ran the store were Stedman's is now located. Funeral services were conducted Monday.

Mrs. Raxlin is survived by two sons: Irwin of Toronto and Louis of Canton, Ohio; and four grand-children.

She is reported to have been in good health until her stroke.

families at a hayride, corn and weiner roast at their home on Tuesday night. Four hundred cobs of corn were cooked in the big iron pot on the open bonfire, and at least one boy got around more than 20 cobs.

Mrs. Delbert Baker spent two weeks with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Ern Baker at White Lake.

Miss Ferne Doner holidayed for two weeks with friends in Chicago.

Miss Murlene Wilhelm of Hamilton was a week-end guest-of-Rev. and Mrs. Cecil Rosenberger.

Mrs. Norm Brown has sold her home on Woodbine Ave. and moved to Testa Villa in Stouffville. Mrs. Brown has lived here for many years and will be missed by her neighbours.

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Murray Stewart (nee Janet Wideman) who have moved into the home they purchased from Mrs. N. Brown.

Mr. Doug Elliott is spending some time with relatives in Alberta.

Miss Laura Rutledge commenced her third year at Emmanuel Bible College in Kitchener this week.

Mr. John Campey left on the week-end to enter his third year at Queen's University in Kingston.

The Missionary Church will hold its annual Corn Roast at 7:30 p.m., Sept. 9 on the Church parking lot.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Beintema and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brillinger.

The women of the Missionary Church are in charge of one of the coffee stands at the annual Mennonite Central Com. Relief Sale at Pioneer Village on Sat., Sept. 17.

Donations of baking, preserves, candy, fresh vegetables, handicrafts, etc. are given by many in our community. The proceeds of this sale are

used to help those in the under-privileged countries of the world.

The women of the Heise Hill Church are very active in the baking tent and the quilt booth. Misses Adeline and Mary Reaman, assisted by Heise Hill women, demonstrate the art of quilting throughout the day.

Sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Johan Christiansen in the sudden death of her sister in Germany.

Mrs. Marie Reaman has returned to her home in Duarte, California after spending four months with her nieces, Misses Adeline and Mary Reaman.



After nearly 17 years as a helicopter flying traffic reporter Eddie Luther of Stouffville is going back to a desk job. "I've had enough of getting up at 5 o'clock every morning from Monday to Friday," commented Eddie, adding, "I can't go on flying that thing until I'm 90." He said the long hours, 5 a.m. until 6 p.m., were taking their toll and he found it difficult to stay up later than 10 p.m. He started as a traffic reporter with CFRB but at that time didn't pilot the helicopter. He later switched to CFTR and the station paid for him to get his helicopter licence. He was already licenced to fly an airplane. Eddie will now go back to working

as a newscaster and will join the ranks of those fighting the traffic on the ground. He will continue to record his one hour program Reminiscing, but the time will change from 9 to 11 p.m. This show features "good old tunes" of the 1930's to 1950's. His twice daily travel show will continue to be heard at 6:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. His broadcasts are heard, as well, on CHFL-FM. Eddie said he is looking forward to "a whole new life" as a result of the change in his career. "The opportunity came up and I took it," he concluded. Newscasting won't be a new experience for Eddie as he was a newscaster long before he became a traffic reporter.

Victoria Square news

Pot luck lunch starts things rolling

By MARION SANDLE
The first meeting of the fall to start things off for the Woman's Institute and the United Church Women will take the form

of a pot luck luncheon to be held in the Sunday school room on Wednesday, September 28 at 12:30 p.m.

The guest speaker will be Florence Macillivride, of Claremont, who will give an illustrated account of her work in Jamaica.

All ladies in the community are invited to attend. Please note change of date.

The annual auction and rummage sale of the Victoria Square District Lions Club will be held in the Victoria Square Community Hall on Saturday, September 17.

The rummage sale is at 11 a.m.; auction sale at

12:30 p.m. and the bake sale at 2 p.m.

Good used saleable articles are still required for this sale, also home-baking.

For pick ups contact Lions Jack Walker, 884-2882; Dave Beadle, 773-4190; Don Boynton, 887-5348 or any other Lion member. Give them your support!

Sunday church service is every Sunday at 11:30 a.m. with the Rev. Alfred Day in charge. Everyone welcome!

When Mr. and Mrs. Don Boynton and girls were on holidays recently they called on former residents of our community, Mr. and Mrs.

Terry Besley and family at Windsor.

Birthday greetings to Joy Mortson, September 9; Kenneth Petty, September 10; Mrs. L. Ashton, September 11; Barry Case, September 12; Carl and Cathy Vanderkooy, September 12.

Susan Hibbard has returned home after spending the past two years studying wild life in Australia and the surrounding area.

As school commences this week we wish all the children who are beginning their school term for the first time every success, also to those who are entering a higher grade.

Sparse attendance prevents evaluation of Robart's report

NEWMARKET — Despite the fact that some of its recommendations would seriously affect the region, there will be no official comment from York on the Robarts report.

There won't be because not enough regional councillors showed up at a specially-called meeting last week at which the report was to have been considered.

York has been given until Sept. 15 to submit comment on the report, conducted by former provincial premier John Robarts into the structure of Metropolitan Toronto's government.

A previous resolution of council had called for the meeting to proceed if five councillors were present.

But when six of the councillors, together with regional chairman Garfield Wright, showed up, clerk Bob Vernon suggested that at least nine members representing five municipalities were legally required for the meeting to proceed.

Councillors were split 3-3 on a decision to continue the meeting, expected to the lasted several hours— unofficially, and to have council ratify its findings at its Sept. 8 meeting.

The tie was broken by Mr. Wright, who voted to disband the meeting.

Mr. Wright had previously warned the council that several of the Robarts recommendations would cause serious problems for York, and had urged that a meeting be set up at which they could be considered.

Among the recommendations the concern to York is a suggestion that those parklands now controlled by conservation authorities be turned over to the municipalities in which they are located for maintenance and operation.

The move would mean that those holdings in southern York now operated by the Metro Toronto and Region

Conservation Authority would be turned over to York.

Such a move would cost York thousands of dollars to maintain parkland mainly for use by Toronto residents, Mr. Wright had earlier cautioned.

Official comment from York is no longer possible, although individual councillors are free to forward comment

to the province — an option open to them in any case.

Present at last Wednesday's meeting were Richmond Hill Mayor David Schiller and Councillors Lois Hancey and Louis Wainwright; Aurora Mayor George Timpon; Georgina Councillor Eric Larsen, and Whitechurch-Stouffville Mayor Gordon Ratcliff.

Watt's property that had been recently expropriated for the reconstruction of the Gormley Sideroad.

Concerned that the region might be considering removal of the tree, the nature lover asked that York try to avoid damaging it.

She was given a "99 per cent guarantee" of its continued good health by regional engineering commissioner Bob on a portion of Mrs. Hodgson.

Election date shuffle doesn't bother region

NEWMARKET — Regional council is nothing if not flexible.

Earlier this summer, council endorsed a resolution from the City of Cambridge suggesting that the municipal election date be moved from the first Monday in December to the third Monday in October.

The compelling reason at that time was the bad weather that seems to prevent voters in many municipalities from exercising their franchise.

Then last month, in a further consideration of the province's proposed changes to the Municipal Election Act, the administrative committee endorsed a change to the third Monday in November.

Finally, regional council last week en-

dorsed a change of date to the second Monday in November.

Display of local art An exhibition of paintings by Edna Bentley of Uxbridge is on display at the Whitechurch-Stouffville Public Library from Sept. 1 to 15.

A complete miniature landscape, modelled in plasticene, will also be shown there during the whole month of September. The work, modelled by Michael Redquest, a SDSS student, shows a castle, streams, bridges, and a complete town in meticulous detail and includes throngs of tiny people about the size of ants. The next display of art will be an exhibition by George Ford. His work will be displayed for the balance of the month.



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