

Project moves ahead

PICKERING—Despite a lull in activity, at the North Pickering Development site, the project "is definitely moving ahead," information officer Ray Tuokko says.

Though all land for the project has been acquired, no date for construction has been set, he said.

Mr. Tuokko told The Tribune, "At the moment there is still a great deal of planning to be done."

Presently the government has only completed conceptual plans. It must negotiate a detailed plan of subdivision with local municipalities before work can begin.

He added no construction could proceed until water and sewage services have been prepared. It will be at least another year before sewage facilities can be ready.

When first announced in March, 1972, the government

proposed to build a town of about 200,000 on 25,200 acres.

Mr. Tuokko said "as a result of public input," the development's size had been reduced to 90,000 people over 6,800 acres. The town will be located east of the "West Duffin Creek."

The government still owns the remainder of the property it purchased. Mr. Tuokko explained the westerly portion "will be

retained for long-term agricultural use."

In co-operation with agricultural interests, the government identified the land best suited for farming before choosing the development site.

He noted more agricultural land is in production now than when first acquired by the province. At that time, development interests controlled 51 per cent of the area.

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Stouffville students study Flight first hand

Well-known Stouffville resident and one-time helicopter traffic reporter Eddie Luther recently took eight grade five Orchard Park Public School pupils for an airplane trip. For the students, it was the

culmination of their study of flight. Mr. Luther (left) gives Rob Reid a hand into the cockpit.

—Ed Schroeter.

Historical Society provides Fifth Line Church a new home

COPPIN'S CORNERS — The Fifth Line Church has found a new home at the Uxbridge-Scott Museum.

Contractor Vic Johnston moved the building from its former location near Coppin's Corners, Jan. 31.

The structure will be left on timbers until spring, when a stone foundation will be erected.

The historical society bought the church, shed, and contents, including pews, pulpit, barrel stove and Uxbridge organ following negotiations with the Presbytery of the United Church of Canada and trustees.

Built in 1871 of board and batten construction, it seated a maximum of 100 people. There were originally three sections of shed that accommodated horses

and buggies, but two have since been removed.

The site, consisting of 81 square perches (one square perch is about equal in size to a square rod), was deeded in 1871 by John Rusnell and wife and conveyed to the local trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Canada. They were James B. Forsyth, John Shaw, and Ransom Forsyth.

The former site is located on the east side of Regional Road 1A north of Coppin's Corners and Regional Road 21.

Originally called Forsyth's Church, it was part of the Uxbridge circuit, which included Marsh Hill and Uxbridge.

These three churches worked together until union in 1884, when the Fifth Line Church

became part of the Goodwood circuit.

In 1878, the name Forsyth was changed to Fifth Line. A choir was formed that year, led by George Forfar, with organist James Forfar. James transported his melodeon from home each Sunday. It was the only instrument in the neighborhood. An organ was not purchased until 1882.

Members of the choir were William, George, and Charles Forsyth; Lyman, Mary Jane, Peter and Rebecca Forsyth; Saray and Mary Hockley; Mary and Annie Mackie and others.

In 1874 Daniel Hockley, J.B. Forsyth and Edward Rusnell were Trustees.

The church was officially closed around 1964, with trustees Len Pilkey, Ola For-

syth, and Gordon Symes in charge.

Muriel Nesbitt and Isobel St. John prepared the history with the information supplied by Ola Forsyth, a trustee of the church.

A more complete history is being prepared by the Uxbridge-Scott Historical Society. Anyone wishing to contribute pictures or records of events relating to the church may send them to the Uxbridge-Scott Historical Society, Box 1301, Uxbridge.

Church members had faith

MILLIKEN — Where there's a will, there's a way. Fourteen years ago, presbytery recommended Ebenezer United Church on Steeles Avenue at Milliken be closed. The location was said to be "not well placed with respect to future population."

The congregation, something less than 30 families, was not convinced. Members, many with deep roots in the community, fought hard to keep Ebenezer alive.

To-day, not only is it alive; it's growing—125 families on the roll at last count. To accommodate this phenomenal growth, a 90 year old farmhouse next door has been rented and now serves as a nursery, a Sunday School classroom, a meeting room and a minister's study.

"It was in really bad shape," recalled Rev. Vince Alfano, the church's pastor. But many hands soon joined together and made light work of the project. An estimated 400 volunteer hours were contributed. In addition to stripping, painting, plastering and wallpapering, they built chairs and tables; made crib quilts for the nursery and coat racks for the kids.

Food facilities below standard

UXBRIDGE — Residents here won't be able to enjoy home-cooked church suppers any longer unless kitchen equipment in community halls and recreation facilities are brought up to regional health standards.

The alternative is to utilize a catering service.

Uxbridge Township Planning Committee invited Dr. James Watt, director of environmental health for Durham Regional Health Unit to explain several letters the Town received.

The letters, from Senior Public Health Inspector Oryst Zyhar, stated that Siloam, Sandford, Zephyr, and the new Uxbridge arena facilities needed upgrading.

Mr. Zyhar requested the installation of fume hoods, refrigerators, wash basins for utensils and the cooks, as well as stoves for the preparation of food on the premises.

The Health Unit is also concerned that home-cooked food for sale, is not being transported in properly equipped vehicles.

Dr. Watt told members of the committee the "Food Premises Act," an Ontario government statute, in force over ten years, applies to all food for sale to the public, including that which is prepared in private homes or halls for church and community functions.

He explained the regional unit was moving to end the double standard existing between restaurant-owners and the general public.

"If you're going to sell food to the public, then you have to meet health regulations," he said. "If something goes amiss you can get just as sick from a charitable dinner as any other."

In response to questioning from Councillor Meyers, Dr. Watt said he didn't know offhand of any food poisoning epidemics reported in the area recently.

However, he added, "There's no doubt there's considerable food poisoning that hasn't been reported. Very few are." He observed over 20,000 cases of salmonella ulcers occur annually in the country.

Councillors told Dr. Watt his department should have alerted the Town of the standards when the municipality built its four community centres.

"Why are you taking action now, instead of a few years ago?" Planning Board Chairman McKnight asked Dr. Watt.

He accused Dr. Watt of being "overzealous" in his enforcement of the provincial legislation, asking if it was implemented "fairly" across the province.

Dr. Watt replied that a report from his inspectors prompted the crackdown. "Public health doesn't wait for

emergencies," he told Planning Committee.

In an interview after the meeting, he told The Tribune the tougher attitude "was bound to come," admitting the stricter controls were part of "an evolution of the health program in Durham Region," including new guidelines on fall fairs and beef barbecues.

Dr. Watt reiterated the inspectors' reports that "a great deal of this was going on" prompted the regional unit to take a tougher stand. In the past, only infrequent warnings were issued.

Planning Committee chairman Maustyn McKnight told Dr. Watt these measures will deprive "our small communities of their main source of income."

"It might mean some of the small churches may have to close. It's a serious matter."

Councillor Meyers agreed, pointing out Council might be able to re-equip the new arena, but probably not the other halls.

"I'm not going to argue. It's this simple. They can't do what they've been doing," Dr. Watt stressed.

Councillor Ron Hunter felt it was unfair to implement the new policy so suddenly.

Dr. Watt reassured him, "We're prepared to give the public reasonable time to adjust, but we're not going to let them forget."

Urge new school

UNIONVILLE — Though Unionville residents were told repeatedly it was unlikely the Ministry of Education would approve a new 6.5 million dollar high school for the village, they are persisting in their demand.

A meeting of Unionville ratepayers voted almost unanimously in favor of sending their ratepayer groups and schoolboard trustee, John Myers, to press for the new facility.

Three hundred attended the meeting, though the number had dwindled to 200 by the time the vote was taken three hours later.

Ratepayers' associations in the area organized the gathering when they learned from Mr. Myers, that Board of Education staff was contemplating steps to alleviate overcrowding at the schools Unionville students attend, Markham and Thornlea.

The measures might include busing students to other schools, probably Bayview Secondary, Steve Bacsalmaci, Director of Planning confirmed.

Trustee Myers, Area 4 Superintendent of Schools Ken MacDonald, and Mr. Bacsalmaci said they doubt the Ministry will approve an expenditure for a new building while there is adequate space in existing schools in Richmond Hill and Stouffville.

The audience cheered as resident Margaret Murphy told trustee Myers, "tell Richmond Hill to sell their school and bus their students to Unionville!"

Another man shouted his children deserved their own high school with the amount of education tax he paid.

According to Mr. Bacsalmaci, a Unionville high school is still the main priority of the board for 1981.

A proposal developed by Anne Rickwood of Devil's Elbow Ratepayers' Association and supported vigorously by the allied ratepayers' executives to convert William Berczy Public School into a high school was rated only "second best" by residents.

They favored an immediate conversion in September rather

than phasing it in as a high school over five years if a new school can't be built. Their last preference was busing.

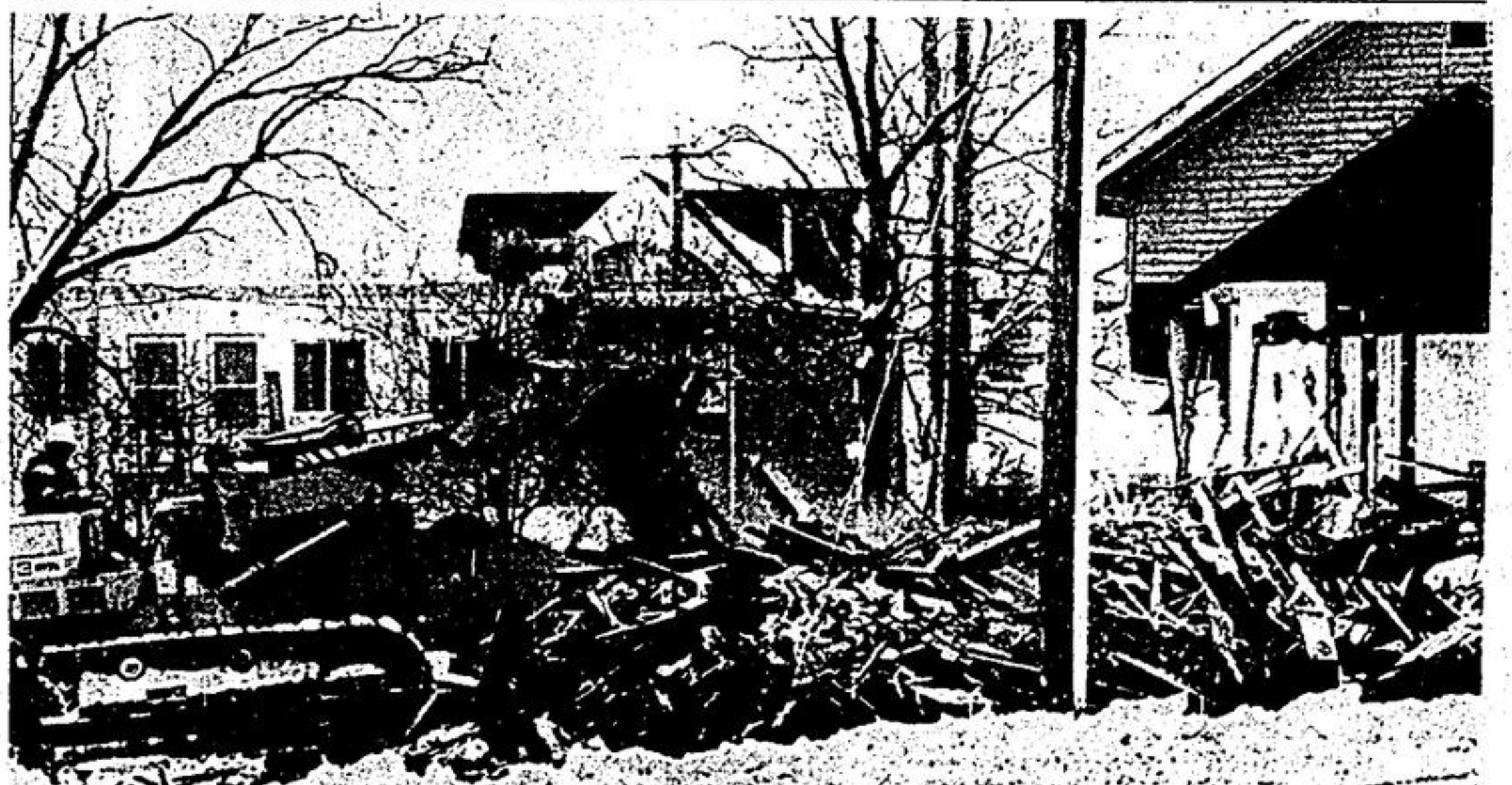
However, one father, Gord Carpenter, a schoolboard trustee for seven years, criticized the Berczy proposition.

He said if a new, fully-equipped high school isn't possible, he'd prefer busing, insisting as much money would be spent renovating a second-rate facility as on a new one.

"You can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear," he said.

Another parent and North York principal, Gerry F. Millin, agreed. "I want to see that my children obtain the best education possible, even if it means busing them to Richmond Hill," he said.

He urged residents to press for a new high school. "Don't fall into the trap of changing your tact before they (the Board) says no. They may say yes. If we don't get the money, some other area will."



Another Stouffville landmark levelled

Although the CNR station in Stouffville is and levelled to the ground on Jan. 30, about 100 years old, it was deemed an "eyesore"

—JoAnn Thompson.

Harvey Pipher Local boy made good

RINGWOOD — A former Ringwood resident, Harvey George Pipher, passed away Jan. 29 at St. Raphael's Nursing Home in Toronto. He was 86.

Born Dec. 2, 1892, in the family home in Ringwood, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Issac Pipher, Harvey grew up there. The home is located on Hwy. 48 west of the real estate office.

After attending Ringwood Public School, Mr. Pipher studied at the old Markham High School. He left Ringwood as a young man and went to Toronto. There he married the former Irene Langkin.

He was employed in his father-in-law's roofing company. After his father-in-law passed away, he took over the company, building it up into a multi-million dollar enterprise.

Though he retired from the business at age 70, he remained on the board of directors until he was 80.

As a boy, he was a member of the Dickson's Hill church congregation. In Toronto he attended Holy Trinity Church. Harvey's favorite past-time was hunting.

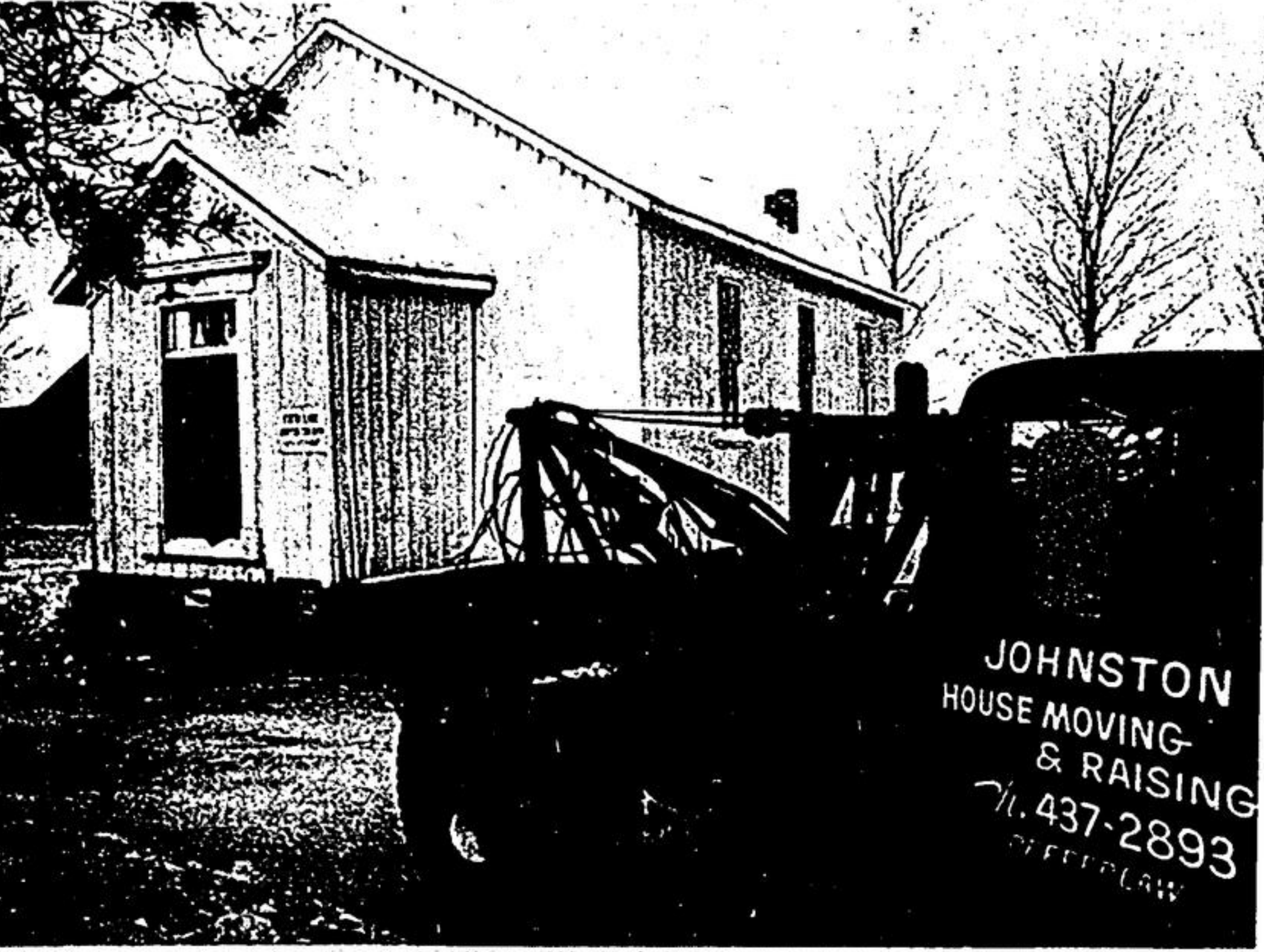
He is survived by his wife, Irene; one son, Ross; daughters

Elizabeth Burpee, Evelyn McLaughlin, and Zilla Elliot; one sister, Priscilla Pipher; three nieces, Ruth McKenzie, Pauline Mallory and Grace Sherdahl; several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He is pre-deceased by his brother, Quilla, and two sisters, Louella, DesRosiers and Della Pipher.

A private family service was conducted Jan. 29 at the Morley Bedford Funeral Chapel in Toronto.

Interment was at Dickson's Hill Cemetery.



The Uxbridge-Scott Historical Society has taken possession of the fifth line Church. The building was built north of Coppin's Corners in

1871 where it remained until recently when the society moved the building to their Quaker Hill museum site. —Ed Schroeter.