

Two die in separate accidents hours apart

CLAREMONT — Two people died in two separate accidents only two hours apart, Friday afternoon.

The first occurred around 1 p.m., at the intersection of the Brock Road and County Road 5, north of Claremont. The collision between cars driven by Mary Weller of lot 5, conc. 6,

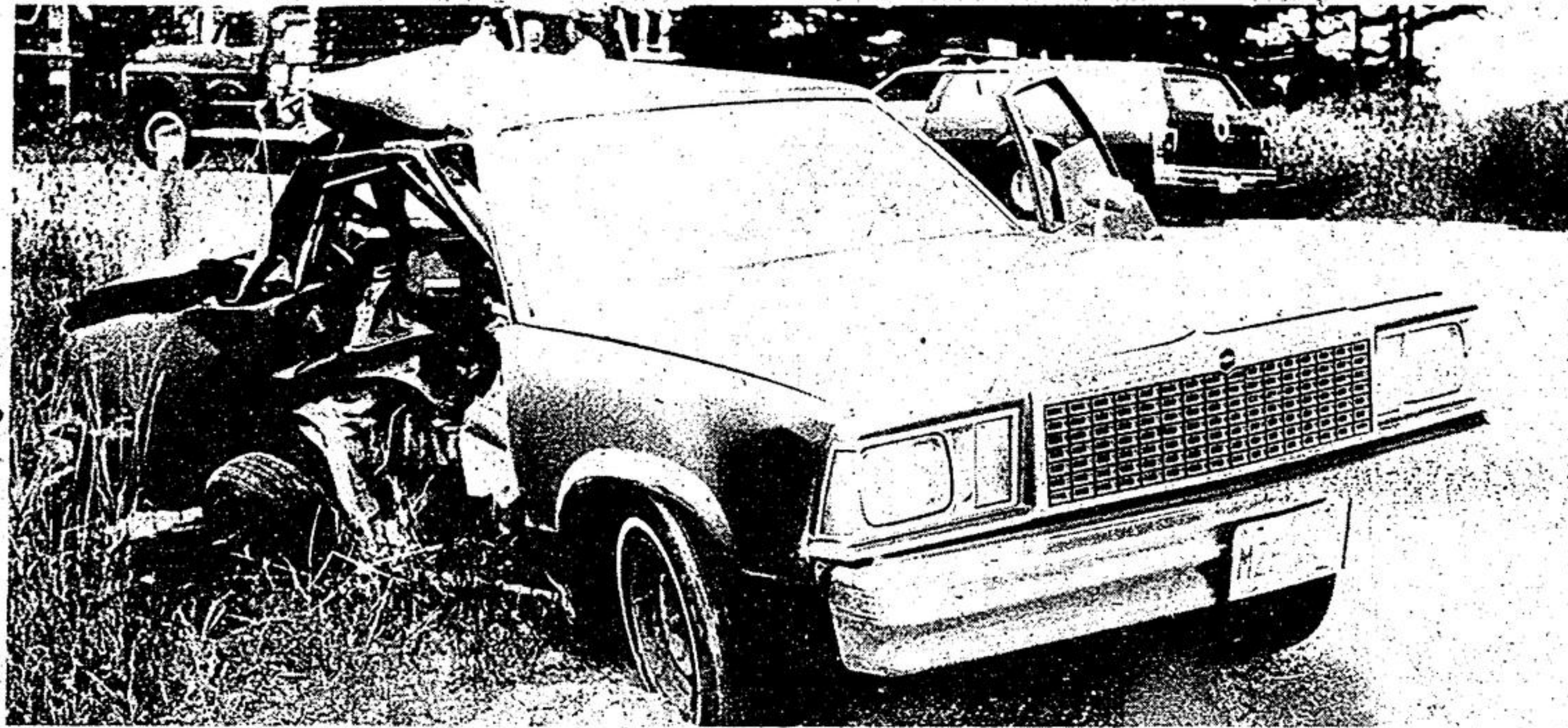
Uxbridge and Albert Wilson of lot 5, conc. 4, Uxbridge, took the life of 69 year old Mrs. Gwendolyn Fitzgerald of R.R. 1, Claremont. Mrs. Fitzgerald was a passenger in a westbound auto driven by Mrs. Weller. The impact pushed the Weller car into a metal light standard, caving in one side of her vehicle. Mrs. Fitzgerald was pronounced

dead at the scene. The two drivers were taken by ambulance to Uxbridge Cottage Hospital.

Truck driver killed
The second fatal accident occurred around 2:45 p.m., at the intersection of Regional Roads 8 and 23, two miles east of Uxbridge.

Police said 41 year old Calvin Secord of Huntsville swerved his tractor-trailer to avoid hitting a car and crashed into a culvert. The impact crushed the cab, killing the driver almost instantly.

The motorist, Susan Noreen Tripp, 27, of Oshawa, is reported in serious condition in Oshawa General Hospital.



Only one of the tragic accidents that claimed lives in the Claremont area, Friday, this car driven by Mary Weller of Uxbridge collided with another driven by Albert Wilson, also of Uxbridge, killing Mrs. Gwendolyn Fitzgerald of Claremont. Another separate accident, occurring within only hours of this one, took the life of 41 year old Calvin Secord, a Huntsville truck driver.

Jim Thomas

This house has it all

GOODWOOD — You name it, this house has got it.

And Contractor Archie Paterson, Ballantrae Construction Limited can't believe the unique and sturdy construction of the home located west of the Glasgow Road on

the 3rd Con. of Uxbridge.

For one thing, it looks different from every angle. And when it's complete, in about three months, the outside will be a combination of brick and treated cedar.

Archie estimates there's ten

times more concrete and steel in the structure than any other average home. It comes to about 20 tons of steel and 200 yards of cement, so far, anyway.

"A bomb couldn't move it," jokes Archie.

The house isn't big, but it's

unusual. The two-car garage will have a sodded roof, and there will be five fireplaces; one in the family room, the living and dining rooms, the master bedroom, and the master bathroom.

There'll be a greenhouse, a sauna and exercise room, a studio, and curved stairways connecting the four levels. "The home will be a piece of art when it's completed," says Archie.

About six men, working six days a week, are busy getting the project finished. It will have taken them six months to complete the home, which, according to Archie is a long time for one house. All the help and materials are local.

How many bedrooms does it have? Two: What, only two? Well, the owners, Karl and Christine Niemuller of Toronto, and their 15 year old daughter, Christine, only need two bedrooms.

After all, when you've got a house with all these features, who wants to sleep!

Re-zoning needed

Lake plan rejected

UXBRIDGE — Planning and Development has rejected an application for the re-zoning of 28 lots from rural to seasonal-recreational on the north end of the east side of Wagner Lake.

Owner of the property, Steve Rhodes said the development would be strictly seasonal, and specifically outlined in the deeds.

"It's a good location for those coming from Toronto who want to enjoy the land, summer or winter," he said.

He said the soil is ideal for septic systems, and he would be

willing to put in the services as soon as possible.

But Ward 4 Councillor Ron Hunter isn't impressed.

"The Town isn't interested in this type of plan. There is, of course, the problems of pollution in Wagner Lake."

Chairman of the Committee Maustyn McKnight, said that "the area surrounding the lake is almost built up to its capacity."

He said any future developments should be year-round residences. Mayor Gary Herrema said the area is

designated hazard land on the Official Plan, and the committee shouldn't make any changes in the density around such a small lake. His motion that the Committee reject the application was carried.

"We don't want it just now," he said. "But maybe another Council in the future will support it."

32-home estate plan premature

UXBRIDGE — Planning and Development members agree in principle with a 32-lot estate sub-division about two miles west of Uxbridge, but feels there are still some things to be ironed out.

The 170-acre parcel is owned by Donald Kerr. His planning consultant, David Scarth, represented him before the Committee.

The development is to be called Solridge Estates, so named because the design of the homes would maximize the use of the elements, in the form of a "passive solar" energy program," he said.

The plan includes two phases, which could take as long as five years to complete, depending on the market. Each lot is about four acres.

The Committee's major concern is access road. Mayor Gary Herrema claimed it is too long and straight.

"I can just see cars bombing down that stretch now. Then the complaints to the Town will start coming in."

Mr. Scarth said he would be willing to make revisions in the road plan, and bring his ideas before future meeting.

The Committee agreed the plan was "a little premature", due to so many other sub-divisions in the area.

Removal of classroom prayer

Trustee shocked

DURHAM REGION — Regional Trustee Linda Carder said she was "stunned" when the Metro Toronto School Board made an issue of repeating the Lord's Prayer in the classroom.

"I don't understand why they want to take it out of the morning exercises. I think most people want to see it stay."

Depending on the school's facilities, the prayer is broadcast over the public address system. But in many cases, it's done in the classroom conducted by the teacher.

"It's very healthy for children to learn of other cultures. Many teachers formulate lessons using the various religious holidays for comparative discussions," she said.

Two years ago, Claremont Public School invited guests

from different nationalities into the classrooms to speak to the children about their cultures. "Religious education

teaches tolerance", said Mrs. Carder. "The teachers are doing a fine job with such an emotional issue."

Wife critical

Crash kill coroner

UTICA — A two-car collision on Regional Road 21, west of Utica, Sunday, took the life of Port Perry coroner, Dr. Scott Russell Martin.

The 41 year old physician and his wife, Susan, 34, were travelling east shortly after 1

a.m., when their auto was struck by a westbound vehicle.

Dr. Martin was pronounced dead at the scene. His wife is reported in serious condition in Oshawa General Hospital.

The other motorist, identified only as a Toronto man, is in Sunnybrook Medical Centre.

High school cafeterias

Costly food

DURHAM REGION — Milk in the cafeterias at Dunbarton and Pickering High Schools is more expensive than what you buy at the corner store.

An irate parent recently told Trustee Linda Carder of the situation. The basic idea of school cafeterias is to offer nutritious snacks at reasonable prices, the trustee said.

A new plan, announced by the Ministry of Health and Welfare to encourage good eating habits in the schools, consists of a contest between 20 high schools, including those in Durham, to eliminate junk food from the cafeterias. The prize is \$21,000, which goes directly to

the Student Council of the winning school.

"When I went to school, you couldn't buy any chips or chocolate bars", said Mrs. Carder. "But even if they're taken from the schools, that doesn't stop the kids from going to the store to get them."

Mothers tend to be more aware of what their children eat when they are younger, mainly because they can control the child's eating habits then. But as the child gets older, he chooses for himself what he wants to eat, she said.

Mrs. Carder is investigating the prices at the two high schools, and believes the schools are doing their best to keep costs down.

No hassle with recital

CLAREMONT — Every morning, at about two minutes to nine, students at the Claremont Public School listen to "Oh, Canada" over the P.A. Then they recite The Lord's Prayer.

And principal Stan Todd says there's been no complaints about the program.

"The primary and junior grades each recite The Lord's Prayer in the classroom, and then have a Bible reading", he said. "All grades say the prayer at their own pace following the anthem."

Prayers are no problem

GOODWOOD — There are no problems with repeating the Lord's Prayer in the Goodwood Public School, principal R.M. Hannah told The Tribune this week.

He said the morning program consists of The Lord's Prayer, the singing of Oh, Canada, and a Bible reading in the classroom.

"There have been no difficulties in my experience here as principal. If the children don't want to take part, they are excused", he explained.

A judge as umpire

PICKERING — A provincial court judge will have to serve as umpire to settle the outcome of a sandlot softball game because someone took the ball.

Durham Regional Police said a mother had filed a complaint after a man took possession of the ball when it rolled onto his property.

Apparently, the ball had been hit from a vacant lot into a nearby yard. The party who grabbed it, refused to return it to the kids or the constable.

Charged is James Norman Birch, 34, of Fairview Avenue.

Greenwood school sold to Pickering

GREENWOOD — A motion was supported for the sale of the Greenwood School to the Town of Pickering for the token sum of \$10, at a Board meeting Monday night.

Durham Region Trustee Linda Carder had previously put forward a notice of motion on the sale.

The agreement will include a retainer clause, which states the Town must use the school for

public purposes, and can't sell it to a private concern.

The old school will be sold with 3/4 of an acre, and parking in the Valley View Public School will have to be worked out in the contract.

The original bell, which is now at the Pickering Museum, will be re-installed in the old belfry.

John and Betty DeVitt of Claremont are organizing a Greenwood School reunion, which will take place in June.

Committee donates to Block program

UXBRIDGE — The Finance and Property Committee supported a motion to grant \$100 toward the formation of a Block Parent Program in the Uxbridge area.

Some of the members questioned the need for such a program.

"I'm scared it might build up a sense of false hope in the community", Alan Wells, Chairman of the Committee, said. "But they have 90 people willing to get involved, and I wish them luck."

Mayor Gary Herrema said he also has some reservations about the proposal.

"I would hate to see it come to Uxbridge if it isn't really needed. I'd like to think we are a community where people know and trust each other."

Councillor Wells added that an advantage of the program is the parents will take over from the schools and phone-up the homes of children who have missed classes.

"That would be a valuable service. A child could have fallen into a snowbank, or been picked up by a stranger. I didn't realize the schools don't follow up on absentee children", he said.

Agencies to be united in Region

DURHAM REGION — The many agencies involved with children's mental health in Durham may soon be co-ordinated to allow better communication within the system, and ultimately benefit the child.

Linda Carder, Durham Region Trustee, told The Tribune that during the past 20 years the School boards have had to spend more money employing specialists in the field of mental health services.

"A lot of the problems occur in the home. Then people feel

it's up to the schools to correct the situation. But where do the parents leave off and the schools begin?"

With the existence of so many services doing the same job, the child may be tested over and over, but the problems still remain, said Mrs. Carder.

"Duplicate services are costly. The basis of these agencies should be to help the child with, in some cases, severe emotional problems. It shouldn't matter who solves them, as long as they get solved."

Study centre starts new fall season

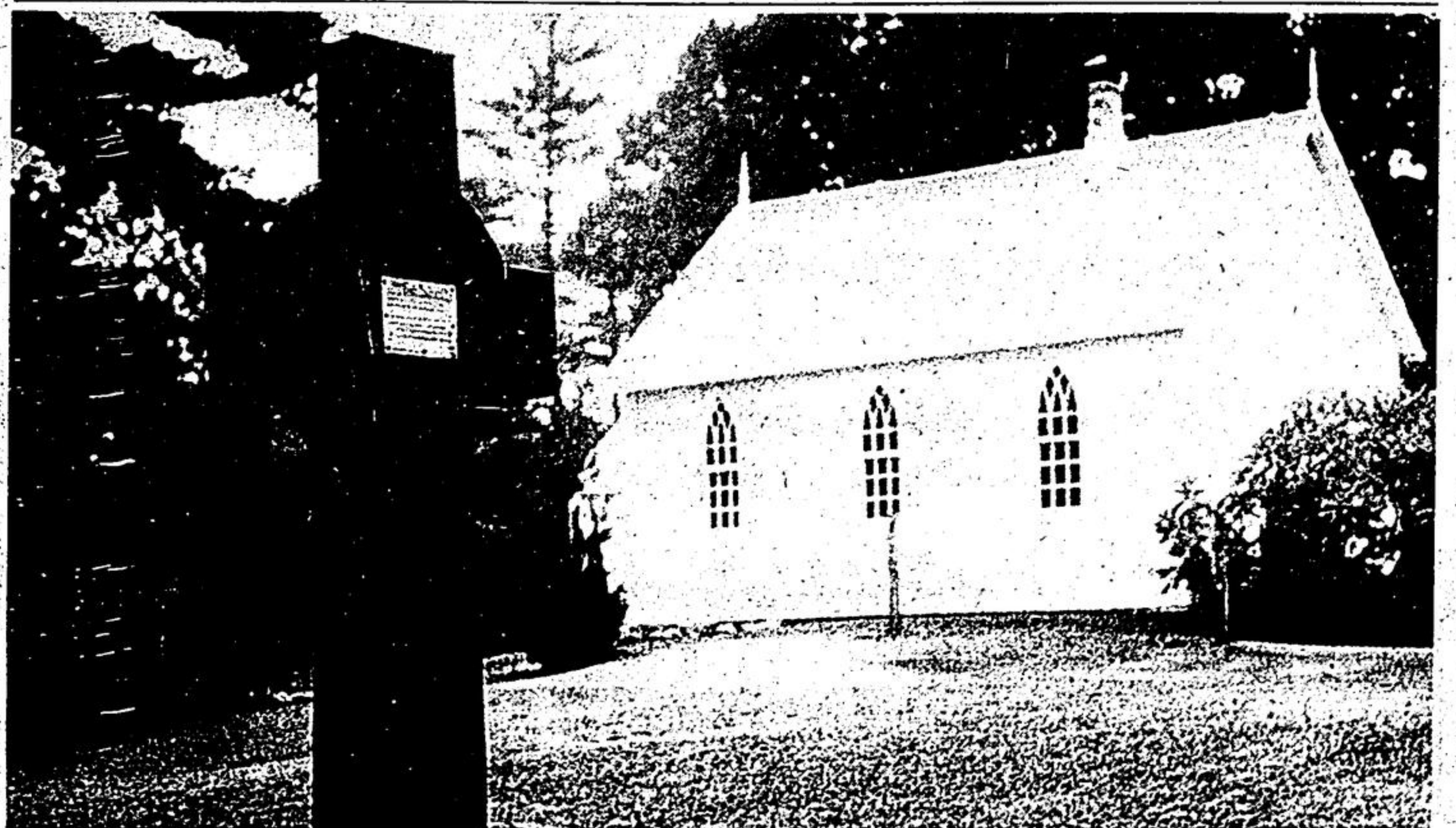
CLAREMONT — With the fall season officially here, the Claremont Conservation Field Centre is bustling with activity.

Students from all over Toronto take advantage of the Centre's facilities for their environmental studies. Whether they're participating in stream studies, forest management, or timber production, the students

are learning how to get along with one another.

David Young, supervisor for the winter programs, says "the experience of living in residence is good for the children."

Any group can reserve space for any length of time by writing, Metro. and Region Conservation Authority, 5 Shoreham Drive, Scarborough.



Harvest Home Service on Sunday at Pine Grove United Church

The Pine Grove United Church, located on the 7th Conc. of Uxbridge Township, was constructed in 1878, and remains in the peaceful spot it was built. A Harvest Home Service will be held at the church Sept. 30 at 3 p.m., with guest speaker Dr. M.B. Dymond. Musical accompaniment will be provided by the Calvary

Baptist Quartet of Oshawa. The unique plaque, erected after the grounds were landscaped, in the forefront reads: "To the glory of God to honor all unknown and unmarked graves of Pine Orchard Pioneers."

Jim Thomas