

Councillor for mayor

PICKERING — Regional councillor Ken Matheson has announced he will seek the office of mayor of Pickering in the 1980 municipal elections.

Matheson, 38, has resided in the area over 15 years, and has had extensive experience on the municipal scene.

At present, as well as being a member of the Durham Regional Council, Matheson is

also Vice-chairman, Social Services Committee; Chairman, Durham Region Board of Health; Board of Directors; Ajax-Pickering Hospital and Durham Region Family and Children's services; Member, District Health Council; Chairman, Community Health Liaison Committee; Pickering representative to Emperor Street Centre; and Deputy Mayor.

Percheron stallion Top price

BUTTONVILLE — Five thousand and fifty dollars for a horse?

Yes, but not just any horse.

It was a grey Percheron stallion owned by Bob Cosburn, RR 2, Gormley and sold to a buyer in Indiana, recently, at an auction held in Toronto. The beautiful animal, weighing in at 1,400

pounds, will be two years old June 5. When full-grown, Bob estimates he'll tip the scales at close to 2,500 lbs. He obtained it as a yearling from Alberta.

Another area horseman, Rocci Pagnello of Box Grove, sold two Belgians at the same sale for \$3,500 apiece. They went to separate owners near Goderich. He raised them from foals.



Uxbridge Figure Skaters Connie Colby, a senior with the club, and John received a silver medal during local competitions. Uxbridge, and John Taylor, Claremont, pose following the annual carnival, March 30. Connie is JoAnn Thompson

Uxbridge Figure Skaters

Olympic talent

By JoAnn Thompson
UXBRIDGE — "Let's Go Olympics", the theme for this year's carnival performed by the Uxbridge Figure Skating Club, could very well describe where some of the talented skaters will be at the height of their careers.

Connie Colby, one of the club's outstanding skaters, gave a magnificent performance to "Nadia's Theme", for the over 1,000 people who attended each of two shows, March 30.

The program opened with the Olympic procession by the Senior Girls, followed by the

Lighting of the Torch by Katherine Woodhead, who also skates out of Stouffville.

Countries represented were Japan by the Juniors, Mexico by the Intermediate Girls, Austria by the Pre-schoolers, and Great Britain by the Juveniles.

Guest skater was Andrea Ingledew, now with the York University team. Andrea holds a silver medal in the Intermediate Ladies class for Ontario Inter-University Women's Figure Skating, and a gold and bronze from the University of Western Ontario.

John Taylor of Claremont

performed a Hungarian Dance, followed by Hilary Simpson and David Barnard dancing to the tune of "Snow Bird".

Kevin Robertson, the club's professional, appeared with top hat and walking stick, skating to a lively number that prompted enthusiastic applause.

Larry Hopkins, a Port Perry skater and silver medalist at the Eastern Ontario Sectionals, presented a rendition of "The Foxer", to the theme of "Rocky".

The weary performers had time only to rush home and have a quick supper before going back to the arena for the second show. But that didn't matter to them. The fun and excitement of the carnival made them forget tired feet and pulled muscles.

It may be hard for some to appreciate the time and effort that goes into a two-hour show — unless of course one happens to be a parent of a dedicated young skater.

The 1981 show is a long way off, but already ideas are being formulated to make it as successful as this year's.

Public meeting at Webb

DURHAM REGION — Since no decision has yet been reached regarding the possible closing of Webb Public School, and the deadline is drawing near, another public meeting has been scheduled to discuss the proposal.

A debate, March 11, provided the public with more information and gave concerned parents an opportunity to voice their objections and suggest alternatives.

The meeting will take place on location, April 10 at 7:30 p.m. It is expected the matter will come before the Board, April 14, at which time representatives on behalf of the community will make a presentation.

Family sells Jersey farm

BUTTONVILLE — Saturday, April 26 will mark the end of an era for one of Buttonville's best known and most highly respected families.

Newton and Russell Burr are holding an auction sale of farm stock, implements and furniture prior to leaving the property to take up residence on Drakefield Road, Markham.

It was their grandfather, the late William Burr of Headford that purchased the land, Oct. 14, 1878. He passed it on to his son, Cline and then to Newton and

Russell who live there now.

For 51 years they maintained one of the finest Jersey herds in the district, shipping milk to Uplands Dairy for twenty-two years. Following the sale of their cattle, they raised beef and pigs.

Russell admits that "pulling up stakes" at this stage will be hard. Still, they're looking forward to taking life a little easier in Markham.

The auction, that starts at 12 noon, will be in charge of Norm Faulkner and Walter Atkinson.

New award honors pupils

BETHESDA — The Most Improved Students at four Area 2 public schools will be honored by the Bethesda Women's Institute at graduation exercises in June.

The pupils will be selected from Summitview and Orchard Park in Stouffville; Dickson's Hill and Whitchurch-Highlands.

A bar with the boy or girl's name, will be attached to a plaque in each school every year.

The York County Board of Education gave its approval to the project following receipt of a covering letter written by Isobel Nigh, a member of the Bethesda W.I. and a former staff teacher at Dickson's Hill.

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Second Section

Mill rate stability attracts industry

MARKHAM — Markham's industrial tax base is proving a boon to the rest of York Region. In fact, one-third of all taxes paid into the region's coffers, comes from this municipality.

Why is the Town such an attraction to large-size industrial firms?

Stability of the mill rate, states Alex Barton, Markham's Treasurer and Industrial Commissioner. The municipal mill rate, Alex points out, hasn't changed a single per centage point in the last three years. Such a record of achievement is bound to impress, he says.

This, plus the fact the Town's south boundary abuts Metro Toronto, adds up to tremendous industrial growth. Still Alex Barton keeps his

finger on the assessment pulse of the municipality, making sure a proper balance is maintained.

"We are proud to acknowledge that Markham is the largest subscriber to the tax base in York Region. The region has been able to hold the line this year," he said.

Although an optimist, Mr. Barton predicts a slight decline in growth over the next two years. "I'm very concerned

over escalating interest rates that tend to stifle investment," he said. "It would be nice if some common sense would prevail in the market place."

"People have to get rid of the attitude that because they hang up their hat in the office every Monday morning, they automatically qualify for a ten per cent salary hike in January," he stated.

Then he cited an example of a common practice in to-day's

spendthrift world. He said he and his wife were shopping for a set of drapery rings. They found what they wanted, he said, and the cost was 29 cents. On approaching the cashier's desk, he was surprised when the clerk enquired if it would be cash or Chargex.

"I couldn't believe it, but the girl assured us it's now common to charge even trivial amounts. Is it any wonder the economy's in such a mess?"

Late Wesley Slack

Enjoyed sports

BROUGHAM — Wesley Slack, a long-time resident of Brougham, passed away, March 27, in Scarborough, Centenary Hospital. He was 87.

Born near Claremont, the son of Albert Wesley Slack, he operated a small farm west of the Brock Road and south of Hwy. 7 in Brougham nearly 30 years. In 1971, he moved to Parkview Home in Stouffville where his wife, the former Isabella Taylor still resides. Mrs. Slack is 91.

The deceased was an active member in the Brougham Citizens' League and was honored by that organization through the presentation of an engraved gold watch. Mr. Slack was able to be present and accepted the gift in person at a gathering near Manchester. He was a member in the congregation at St. John's United Church, Brougham and the United Church in Stouffville.

He was admitted to hospital, Feb. 18 for surgery and came through the operation well.

Later, pneumonia set in, then a blood clot developed that moved to his heart.

Besides his wife, he is survived by one sister, Lila (Mrs. Les Gauslin) of Stouffville along with several nieces and nephews.

Rev. Jim Carder conducted the service, Monday, from the O'Neill Chapel, Stouffville with interment, Claremont Union Cemetery. The pall bearers were Grant Johnston, Howard Plaxton, Gordon Lynn, Aylmer Hood, Earl Gauslin and Murray Beelby.

Easter parade

UNIONVILLE — Remember Sunnyside and the boardwalk on Easter Sunday?

Anyone over fifty will. It was a girl-watcher's paradise as ladies (and gentlemen too), displayed the latest in spring fashions.

All that will be revived, not at Sunnyside but in Unionville. An area between the C.N. tracks and St. Philip's Anglican Church will be reserved for a parade that, the Main Street Businessmen's Association hope will become an annual event.

It's all happening this Sunday, from 1 to 4 p.m.

"Funny," commented Jim Stanley, one of the organizers, "but a lot of people don't know what an Easter Parade is."

Recognition will be given the best dressed senior citizen; the best dressed couple and a special award for the lady with the prettiest Easter bonnet. Judges are Regional Councillor Carole Bell and Ward 3 Councillor Dave Wilson.

The promenade is open to everyone, men and women, boys and girls.



Claremont's "Class of '51" - reunited June 14-15

On June 14 and 15, former teachers and students of Claremont Continuation School will gather for a first-ever reunion. Many of the young people in this photo (1951), will be back together again, recalling the good times of that era. Names follow: REAR ROW - (left to right) - Joe Pegg, John De La Cour, Keith Carson, Gerald Allman, Denis Dowling, Ken Locke, Ted Carl. THIRD ROW - (left to right) - Mr. Taylor (teacher); Marion Middleton, Jean Schneider, Carol Johnson, David Pegg, Don Rowe, Aubrey Carson, Grant Carson, Bruce

McDowell, Walter Murray, Reta Laushway (principal). SECOND ROW - (left to right) - June Davis, Marlon Norton, Margaret Hicks, Edith Gostick, Mary McAvoy, Patricia Brooks, Dorothy Davis, Frances McCullough, Reta Finney, Joyce Closson, Joyce Reynolds, Joan Barclay. FRONT ROW - (left to right) - Sheila Pegg, June Fiss, Lillian Risebrough, Bev Barclay, Dorothy Benson, Shirley Taylor, Isabel Madill, Ruth Johnson, Mary Schneider and Betty Fiss. Absent - Lois Skinner, Anne Barclay, Pat Shipton and Dorothy Graham.