

Mayor enjoys new challenge

UXBRIDGE — Gary Herrema was still mayor of Uxbridge when The Tribune went to press Wednesday, but that could be changed by now.

Durham Regional Council was to vote the same day for a new chairman to succeed Walter Beath, and Herrema was a prime candidate. If elected, Herrema was to resign immediately as mayor. An election would then be called later to choose a replacement.

Speaking at the inaugural meeting council, Monday night, Herrema, returned by acclamation, told the well-filled chambers he might not be back as mayor. He had been happy, he said, to serve in that capacity, "but I find it challenging to try something else."

The "something else," of course, as the battle for the chairmanship of regional council, a position the mayor had warned voters prior to the

November election he would be contesting.

Regarding his candidacy, he said: "If we go much further with social services, (in Durham Region) we're going to have mortgages, rather than taxes," he explained that more and more welfare costs are being transferred to property taxes at the region. The social service budget there is almost as high as the police budget, and tax reform is needed, he said.

He said, also, "there's a lot of hostility toward the region" from the outlying areas. If elected, he hoped he'd be able to clear up what he termed "a misunderstanding."

The mayor later told The Tribune he felt the remoteness of the regional headquarters in Whitby, helped bring on the latter. He said he felt he would be able to help Uxbridge in its over-all dealings, if he was chairman.

"The opportunity is here

now," Mayor Herrema said. "I would have liked to have waited another two years, but the opportunity is now."

"I'm also ambitious," he added, "and I don't hesitate in saying it."

Looking back on his own term in office, he told the meeting "there are nights when you get phone calls, you wonder why you're in it."

"Still, it is a pleasure to see things done."

"I don't try to be popular, but to do things as I see it I don't intend to rule with an iron hand, but to let people know ... and to use common sense," he said.

The mayor praised his "competent and loyal staff," and thanked the press for its coverage.

"A well-informed public is a satisfied public," he said.

Regional Councillor Maustyn McKnight, said he would be "voting with mixed emotions, Wednesday. We need you as chairman, but will be losing a good mayor."

Among those on hand for the inaugural was Bob Nesbitt, reeve from 1970-73, and deputy reeve for a total of 10 years.

Following the meeting, a reception was held in the upstairs offices.

Support prayer

BETHESDA — A representative delegation from the Bethesda Women's Institute, made their presence felt at the 78th annual Central Ontario W.I. Convention held in the Royal York Hotel, Toronto, last month.

A resolution, addressed to Dr. Bette Stephenson, Ontario's Minister of Education, was placed before the delegates. Its mover was Mrs. Cliff Burkholder and seconder, Mrs. Leila Whitcombe.

The motion expressed concern over a suggestion that the reading of Scripture and the recital of The Lord's Prayer, should be removed from Ontario's schools.

The resolution urged the Minister not to change this regulation "in order that every force for strengthening the moral and ethical values of our young people should be retained."

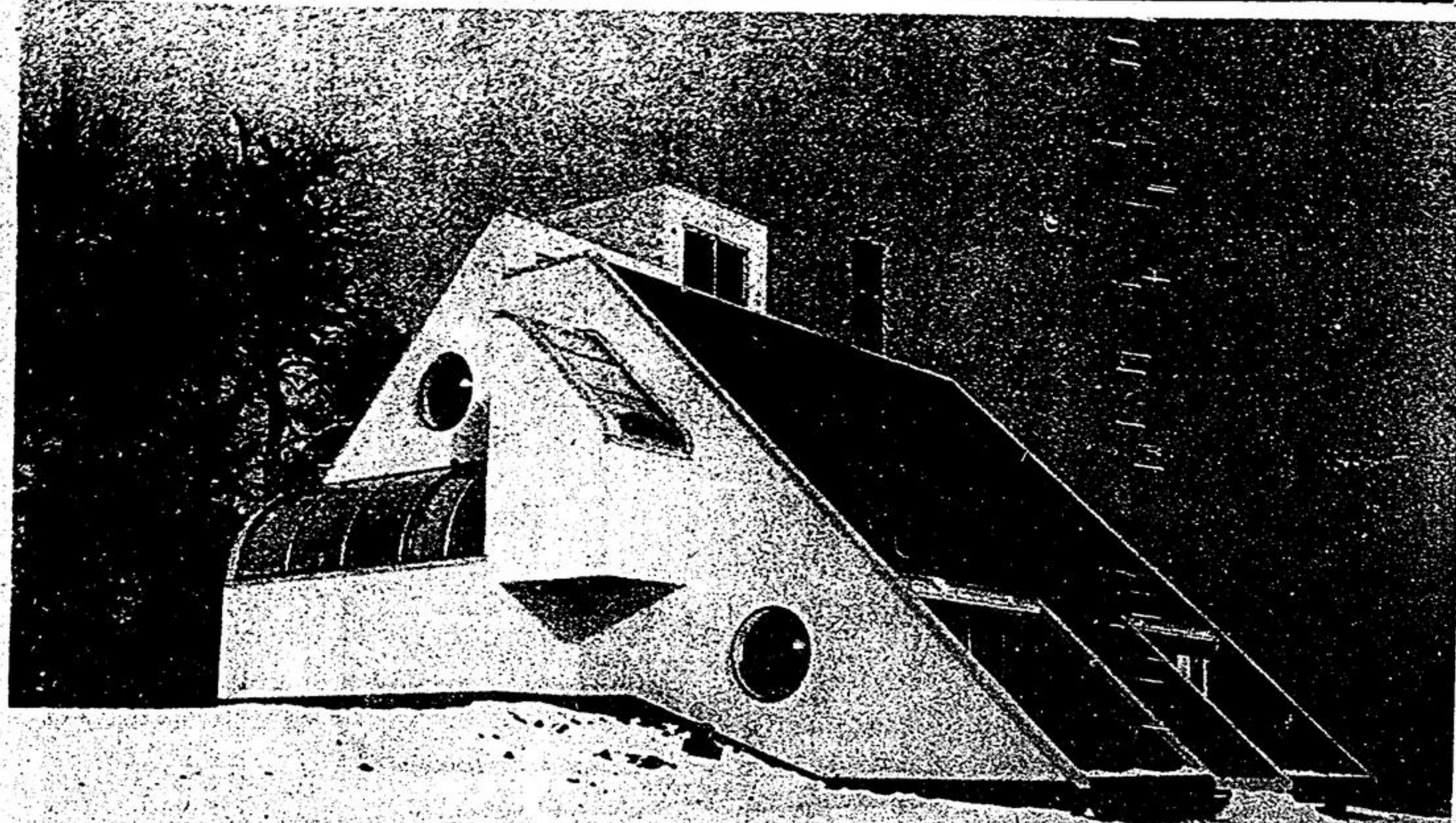
No recount

MARKHAM — There'll be no re-count in Markham's Ward 6.

"I decided to leave it," candidate Mike Larkin told The Tribune. The deadline for making the application was Nov. 27.

The McCowan Road property-owner enjoyed strong support, extending incumbent Elson Miles right to the wire. There was only a five vote spread between the two.

Larkin stated that had he announced his candidacy earlier, it might have made a difference. At one Advance Poll, he lost out to his rival 23-



A lovely solar home, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Hans Rudolph, is nearing completion at R.R. 1, Ashburn. The system, still

somewhat unique in this area, is supplemented by an electric furnace and two fireplaces just in case the sun forgets to shine.

Solar heating system supplemented by hydro

ASHBURN — Many unique homes are tucked away in the privacy of the countryside.

One of these belongs to Mr. and Mrs. Hans Rudolph, Ashburn, R.R. 1.

The residence, of unusual design, is heated by the sun, or

partially so, about 75 per cent, project architect Jim Fryatt of Salem, Ont., near Elora, told The Tribune.

The solar concept is by no means revolutionary, Fryatt said, although its development has occurred at a more rapid

rate in recent years. He described the principle as "a viable economic alternative to more conventional forms."

Installation costs will increase the price by about five per cent, Fryatt explained. The extra expense should be

recoverable in eight years, he said.

Solar heating systems come in various forms. Fryatt likened the unit in the Rudolph residence to a Model "T", "not terribly fast and efficient, but one that starts every time."

To insure "they won't be caught out in the cold," Mr. Rudolph, himself an engineer, has installed an electric furnace and two fireplaces to supplement the sun's rays.

Puffed out

UXBRIDGE — A resolution by councillor Ron Johnson at the inaugural session, Monday, was approved, but after the smoke had cleared, not everyone was happy about it.

Johnson's resolution called for smoking to be prohibited during council meetings. A smoker, himself, Johnson admitted it would take a bit of discipline on his part to maintain.

Voting against it, were councillors Mac Meyers and Don Jackson.

Said Meyers, after the motion passed: "I just declared a recess."

Chesebrough - Pond's Bowlathon

Raise over \$7,000

MARKHAM — "We're delighted," Shirley Kellogg, Corporation and Consumer Affairs Manager on the staff of Chesebrough-Pond's (Canada) Ltd., told The Tribune at the conclusion of a fund-raising Bowl-a-Thon, Sunday.

While the final figure isn't yet known, a "modest" estimate places the amount pledged at \$7,000. She's hopeful, however, that when all returns are tallied, it will be close to \$10,000.

All proceeds go to Participation House, a residence for

adult cerebral palsied in Markham.

The management and staff at Chesebrough-Pond's have established a \$100,000 goal for themselves, over a period of three years.

Altogether, 32 teams took part with the conclusion on Sunday. During the afternoon, The Tribune upset the Economist and Sun; Markham Kinsmen defeated Markham Rotary; Conlin Motors downed McArthur Ford and Markham Hydro dunked the Markham Firemen.

A touch of professionalism was added to the tournament when players from the Maple Leafs took on representatives from the Argonauts. Leaf participants included John Anderson, Dick Duff, Paul Marshall, Dave Farish and Mark Kirton. They were besieged by autograph-seekers and readily obliged.

The management of Markham Centre Lanes donated their entire facility for this first-ever event. The Bowl-a-Thon chairman was John D'Amato, production manager at Chesebrough-Pond's.

Real swinging success

DURHAM REGION: It was a singing-swinging success — the annual Junior Farmers' Association of Ontario Sing-Swing, hosted this year by York

County and held Saturday at Thornlea Secondary School.

Representatives from Ontario County enjoyed excellent success, scoring three

firsts and a third.

Red ribbon awards were earned by the square dancers including Brian and Marilyn Harrison of Uxbridge; Brian

Jones, Mt. Zion and Pam Izatt of Audley; Frank Mangam of Beaverton and Joanne Manderson, Mt. Zion; Hugh McLeod and Anne Hoskins, Mt. Zion.

Ann Sonley of Whitby was named the most outstanding caller.

Janice Stone of Oshawa and Cathy Parker of Greenbank placed first in ladies' vocal and the Jr. Farmers' Choir, directed by Betty and Janice Stone, earned a third.

Ontario County was also represented in divisions for open instrumental, public speaking and men's and ladies' solos.

At the conclusion of the all-day competition, more than 1,400 jammed the General Exhibits Building at Markham Fairgrounds for the "Show of Stars," with award-winning entries participating.

Honored

CLAREMONT — Twenty-year old Joanne Manderson, R.R. 2, Claremont, has obtained her Advanced Honors Diploma in the 4-H Homemaking Club Achievement Program.

Other recipients of certificates from the area included Janice Shaw and Cindy Fiss, R.R. 1, Ashburn (Provincial); Sharyn Fiss, Barbara Jamieson and Linda Jones, R.R. 1, Ashburn (County); Nicole Hale, Greenwood (County).



Homemakers receive County Honors diplomas

Sharyn Fiss (left) and Linda Jones, both of R.R. 1, Ashburn received County Honors Cer-

tificates at a 4-H Homemaking Club Achievement Day in Ajax last week. Jim Thomas

Reg and Mabel Walker

A milestone

GOODWOOD — Mabel was peeling potatoes for Saturday night's supper when The Tribune's editor called. Husband Reg was in the living room, seated in his favorite chair.

The welcome, while somewhat restrained at first, grew cordial as a link between the past and the present was established.

For Reg and Mabel Walker, it was the day before a very important occasion — their Diamond Wedding Anniversary. Accompanied by their son and daughter-in-law, Bruce and Margaret Walker of Courtice, near Oshawa, they planned to visit a nearby restaurant for Sunday dinner, then home again; nothing more.

"We don't want any fuss," Mabel said.

Reg and Mabel (Griffin) were married at Whitevale, Dec. 1, 1920. For a year, they lived at Hagerman's Corners, north of Milliken, then to Buttonville and later to North Markham.

In 1929, they learned that a piece of property east of Goodwood could be purchased for \$5,650.

Although times were tough, they took the chance and have continued to reside there ever since.

"A year after, I wished I'd never seen the place," Reg said. Potatoes were selling for fifteen cents a bag and mortgage

payments were hard to meet. But together, they persevered and now would want for no other home.

"I hate being cooped up," Mabel replied when asked if she'd like to live in an apartment.

Mrs. Walker describes the neighbors as "all good." Mrs. Harold Gribble "takes her" to Goodwood or Stouffville for groceries every week.

When it comes to medical care, Mrs. Walker says she relies on two main remedies, Dr. Chase's Nerve Food and Dodd's Kidney Pills.

While Reg revealed his age as 82, Mabel wanted that kept secret. "Just say I'm as old as my tongue and older than my teeth," she replied.

Both point with pride to framed pictures of their family including three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Although accustomed to having a dog to keep them company, the last two were killed on Hwy. 47. "We've got cats to burn," Mr. Walker said.

Reg readily admits his wife ruins the house. "I'm under petticoat government," he revealed with a smile.

Retired for the past seven years, the property is now worked by neighbors Harry Woodland and Ken Hockley.

"This is home and this is where I want to stay," Mabel says. And Reg agrees.

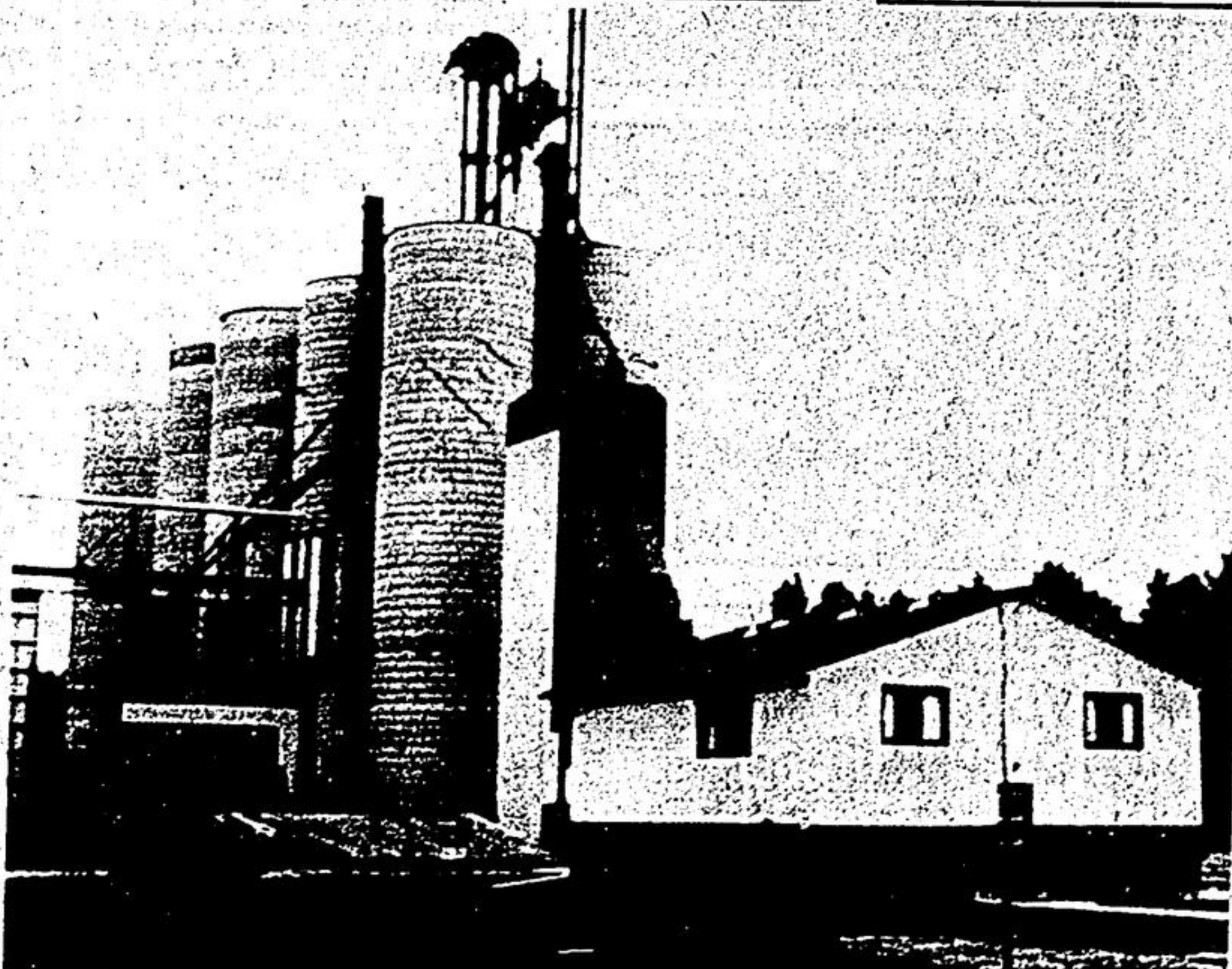
Drug seminar

STOUFFVILLE — A drug education parenting seminar, organized by the Stouffville Family Life Centre in co-operation with Stouffville Dist. Secondary School, will be held at S.D.S.S., Jan. 8.

Norman Panzica from the

Ontario Council on Drug Abuse will chair the meeting.

High School principal Michael Muir said a follow-up discussion might be arranged for the spring, depending on the success of January's workshop.



Similar plant planned for Uxbridge Township

The St. Lawrence Starch Company's new plant in Uxbridge Township at Lincolnville will be

similar to this facility at Simcoe. Work at the site is already underway with completion expected in the fall of 1981.