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It pays to advertise. When the Collett family, Conc. 9, Pickering, suddenly found themselves with fourteen little puppy dogs, they had no alternative but to "spread the word". And it

worked. By Saturday, only two were left, "Muggins" held by ten year old Leah (left) and "Tippy" in the arms of Karen, age five. — Jim Thomas.

Need VIA - Stevenson

DURHAM-YORK — The proposed cancellation by the federal government of VIA-Rail commuter service from Havelock, Stouffville and Barrie, will affect communities all across the regions of Durham and York. Ross Stevenson, M.P.P. for Durham-York told The Tribune this week.

Stevenson said he'd already been in touch with The

Hon. Jim Snow, Minister of Transportation and Communication for Ontario, expressing the concern of local residents.

Mr. Snow, Stevenson said, is meeting with federal officials in a few days and is hopeful the situation can be resolved at that time.

"I believe the cancellation of VIA-Rail is a step in the wrong direction," Stevenson

said. "The federal government overruled a decision by the Canadian Transport Commission at a time when the province is attempting to promote the use of public transportation," he stated.

The Durham-York M.P.P. promised to continue monitoring developments related to the commuter issue to make sure concerns of his constituents are expressed.

Magical feats bring out kid in everyone

CLAREMONT — There's nothing phoney about Dan Laffey, a professional magician who's rapidly making a name for himself across the country.

He doesn't pull rabbits out of a hat or silver dollars from his sleeve. Those tricks have been performed so often, they're suspect, he says. So he tries to come up with acts that are relatively new.

Dan and his lovely wife Sherrill reside in the former

Charles Cooper home at R.R. 3, Claremont. Sherrill assists her husband at some of his larger shows.

Magical feats aren't Dan's only forte. He's a news cameraman with Global TV, combining the two talents every Friday at the conclusion of the noon broadcast.

Since "cameras don't lie", Dan has to know what he's doing in front of an audience of several thousand.

Dan's interest in magic

goes back to age four when his parents began bringing home small kits from which he practiced slight-of-hand. Later, he enrolled in a course offered by the Y.M.C.A. He's a member of the Hat and Rabbit Club and the International Brotherhood of Magicians.

Dan feels 'at home' in any crowd, whether it's at a backyard birthday party or in a big city auditorium. This week, he's hosting 36 shows at Ontario Place.

Young or old it doesn't matter, he says, magic brings out the kid in all of us.

Dan describes feats of magic in two words — an illusion. A magician, he says, never reveals how an act is done. If he did, he'd lose his credibility, not only with audiences but with his peers.

The late Art Latham? Sure, he knew him, "one of the best at coin magic in the world," he claims. "He was highly regarded everywhere".

At age 34, Dan feels his career is just now "exploding". In conjunction with this part of his profession, he's producing two types of magic wands, one made of ebony and the other of walnut. They're hand-made and for sale.

He's also interested in establishing a "magic section" in the Whitechurch-Stouffville Library and promoting this "rare book collection" with a magic show. He may also organize a Magic Club with membership open to people seriously interested in this art.

Dan Laffey or "Magic Dan" as he's commonly called, can be reached by phoning 649-2723. But a word of warning, speak with respect or that telephone could suddenly turn into a skunk.



Dan Laffey, R.R. 3, Claremont, is considered one of Canada's top magicians. He and wife Sherrill are currently presenting shows at Ontario Place. Dan is also a news cameraman with Global TV.

"Johnny be good"

CLAREMONT — While most people are on their best behavior when they apply for entry to an educational program, a summer session of sort in Durham, accepts only those at their worst.

Just the same, the Board of Education isn't having any difficulty filling its quota of 40 for its morning classes in behavior modification, now being held for six weeks in Oshawa, Claremont trustee, Linda Carder, told The Tribune.

Mrs. Carder said the classes, for public school children unable to conform to the discipline of a classroom,

and held during the regular school year, are to keep children from "backsliding".

Although it all comes under the polite heading of behavior modification, the problems presented by those involved, are less euphemistic. Mrs. Carder said. In fact, they are enough that those with them, need to be segregated from the rest of the children, and be taught the rudiments of living and working with those around them.

While the behavioral problems may often stem from unrest at home, there are also many who suffer from various allergies. Mrs. Carder said and

have more than normal difficulty settling down.

Whatever the reason, one of the ways of helping to bring the children to bear in the program, is through the reward system. The rewards, in this case, can be anything from time off to doing something they really like, such as painting, playing in the gymnasium or obtaining candy.

Mrs. Carder said parents must also become involved, as the children can easily regress once they leave the classroom. A reward system is often set up at home, too, with a chart on the refrigerator door detailing

progress.

She said problems of the children are not just modest ones, hence the major effort to help bring them around. Once this happens, it's a matter of trying to re-integrate them into a regular classroom. Even here, the teacher may still have to keep a few candies on hand as encouragement.

Mrs. Carder said the classes were working well, however, and the teachers were happy with the results.

She said the Board is allowed grants and those students needing transportation are provided a bus service.

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Township of Uxbridge

Patience with Plan

UXBRIDGE — A six month extension on the development of Forsythe East has been approved by the Planning and Development Committee. The extension was approved providing that developers Jean Stocco and Jack Grant pay their outstanding account.

This is the third extension given to this group and the committee expressed some concern as to when the area would be developed.

"We're working with a difficult market and a difficult situation in all parts as far as

housing is concerned, especially with our Uxbridge holding," said Steve Maizels, representing Jack Grant. "The market has been very slow".

Maizels went on to say that there has been a significant change in the last few months. With the tremendous boom in Toronto housing prices, there has been a major change in the relative prices in the Unionville, Markham area in relation to what houses can be produced for in the Uxbridge area.

"This means that the price of gas and travelling has become less significant," said

Maizels. "There is a whole slew of new industry which has developed in the North East part of Toronto that could provide a basis for people to move out to the Uxbridge area." Unfortunately at the same time as all this has happened the interest rates have gone to the point where the housing market is almost non-existent.

Uxbridge mayor, Bill Ballinger, then expressed his concern over the development of this area. "We are getting ourselves in an awkward position here," he said. "I

appreciate the interest rates and that you're waiting for a better market, but you've been ready now for four years. There are at least two other developments also waiting and I'm afraid that when the market does get better that we're going to have three major developments going on at the same time; and nobody wants that."

"We're anxious to get started as you are," said Maizels. "We have to turn over land, that's our business, and we'd like to give you that reassurance," he said.

\$25,000
in prizes

UXBRIDGE — The Uxbridge Library Building Fund will hold an elimination draw at the Uxbridge Arena, Sat., Aug. 15. \$25,000 in prizes will be given away.

Among the more spectacular give-aways are a Chevy Citation, a fur jacket, a brass bed, golf clubs, an organ, a teawagon, a typewriter, camera and many others.

Tickets to the event are \$100 and these include dinner for two and live entertainment. Tables for 10 may be arranged.

Board wavering on levies

UXBRIDGE — The Planning and Development Committee has decided to wait before considering waiving lot levies on the Trinity Manor Senior Citizens Apartment Building.

The project, which is \$83,000 over budget, has to come within its budget to be considered by CMHC (Canadian Marketing and Housing Corporation).

Mayor Ballinger expressed his views that the municipality should be the last to cut anything. "If the levies were waived, the project would still be \$60,000 over budget," he said.

Chairman Sandy Ewen agreed, and said that they should renegotiate with the contractor first, and then if need be, come back and see about the lot levies.

"Our problem is that we are being asked to move first," said Mayor Ballinger. "If we waived the levies now, you could go back and say that you're \$60,000 over, and that's what he (the contractor) has to come down."

"I think that we should be the very last resort," said the mayor. "When you're down to the bare bones, then we'll take a look at it, and council as a whole can decide whether to waive \$23,000 of taxpayers money."

Pat Martindale, representing the church, said they were trying to save some time by coming to the town first.

Greenwood couple's anniversary weekend

GREENWOOD — The past weekend will be long remembered by Verne and Beatrice Hicks of Greenwood—the celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

More than 200 friends and relatives, including all members of their family, attended an "open house" held in their home, Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon. On Sunday evening, they were guests of honor at a dinner in Oshawa.

Both are natives of Tillsonburg, Mr. Hicks, the son of Melbourne and Ellen Hicks and Mrs. Hicks (the former Beatrice Kent), the daughter of John and Maude Kent.

They were married Aug. 1, 1931 at the Free Methodist Church parsonage, Port Rowan, Ont.

Following a honeymoon trip to Orillia (in the groom's 1929 Chrysler), they returned to the Tillsonburg area where they remained until moving to Greenwood in 1949.

Mr. and Mrs. Hicks, with the help of their children, operated The Paddock Restaurant on Hwy. 7 for eleven years, then retired to their present home a short distance away.

Verne is a tool and die maker by profession; also an excellent carpenter. His "first love", however, is training horses, a work he still continues.

Beatrice enjoys sewing, quilting and crocheting. She's an enthusiastic worker within the U.C.W. of Greenwood United Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Hicks speak

with pride of their family that includes six daughters, Doreen (Mrs. Milton Smith), Tillsonburg; Marie (Mrs. Floyd Malcolm, Guelph; Verna (Mrs. Andy Appleton), Port Perry; Margaret (Mrs. George Lee), Greenwood; Greta (Mrs. Jim Smith), Tillsonburg; Barbara (Mrs. Gordon LaCain), Oshawa and two sons, Bob of Greenwood and Bill in Mississauga. They have 17 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Hicks has one brother Harry Kent, living in Toronto and a sister, Hazel Helsdon of Tillsonburg. Mr. Hicks has one sister, Pearl Scott, also of Tillsonburg.

The honored couple were presented with a beautiful grandfather's clock, a gift from their family, also a lovely tea wagon from the community.



Mr. and Mrs. Verne Hicks of Greenwood Sunday afternoon. Their children and grandchildren were all present for the occasion. The beautiful grandfather's clock was a gift from the family. — Jim Thomas.