

Once a dream — soon a reality

# Library Plan top priority

UXBRIDGE — The dream of an improved public library facility in Uxbridge goes all the way back to 1972.

Ten years later, that vision is on the verge of becoming a reality. The Library Board, headed by Barbara Murphy, is confident construction will start in the spring of '83.

"We've been waiting for so long," she told The Tribune, "it just has to go now".

If the project proceeds according to plans, a bit of the old will be combined with a bit of the new. The present structure, a gift to the residents of Uxbridge from the town's founding father, Joseph Gould, has been selected by Heritage Ontario as one of the finest buildings of its kind in the province. This, plus the fact the municipality owns property immediately to the south makes it almost automatic that the old and the new be combined.

Total cost, including renovations, is estimated at \$600,000.

To make up this amount, \$150,000 is required from Council; \$200,000 from Wintario and \$250,000 by public subscription including special events and a door-to-door campaign.

"We're committed," Mrs. Murphy said, "we'll work till we get it". Public response has been very positive, she stated, due partly to the fact the original structure will be retained.

## Without contract

DURHAM REGION — Secondary teachers and negotiators for Durham Board of Education, may meet again, and "we may not," says chief negotiator, Don Curran.

The two have had only one meeting since Sept. 15. The teachers, who have been without a contract since their two-year agreement ended August 31, will be in a position to legally strike at the end of the month.

Curran said a strike is a possibility, although the matter hasn't been discussed.

A fact finder's report on negotiations between the two groups, has been submitted to the Education Relations Committee. It will be released to the public within 20 days if a settlement hasn't been reached.

Shortage of space makes it uncomfortable for patrons, the chairperson explained. People come and go but never stay because there's no room. "A library's for everyone — children, students and senior citizens," she said, "it must also be accessible to the handicapped and those with audio-visual problems".

Combined with the branch at Zephyr, the facility accommodates 25,000 volumes and caters to a book-borrowing membership of over 4,000. The board also provides a shut-in service with books delivered through Community Care.

"These are the people who need the service most," Mrs. Murphy says.

While various canvasses have been held in Uxbridge for other projects, this marks the first for a library, the chairman said. There's no turning back, she claims.

The chief librarian and secretary-treasurer is Margaret O'Regan. Board members are — Barbara Murphy, Chairman; John Fowles, Gwen Lyons, Jean Newton, Pat Kerford, Shirley Wiedemeyer, Doreen Van-Vught, Eleanor Todd and Mayor Bill Ballinger.

## Cullen Centre church plan

DURHAM REGION — Durham's finest tourist attraction, Cullen Gardens and Miniature Village, is planning an 87 acre extension on which a Christian Cultural Centre will be built.

The project will include six churches, all 100 years old. "We will either build replicas or move the actual church," said owner Len Cullen. "These will all be full size, not miniatures."

The churches will represent major denominations in that era — Anglican, Methodist, Presbyterian, Roman Catholic, Baptist and Mennonite.

Inside each church, a short 10 minute program will be presented; providing information about some of the contributions these people made during life in those times.

"Much of the community life was centred around the church back then," said Mr. Cullen. "The programs will be interesting, informative and even humorous."

The new extension, located across the road from the miniature village, will also include an old-fashioned street with shops and a restaurant.

"This won't be a museum or pioneer village," said Mr. Cullen. "It'll be more alive. There will be lots of flowers, window boxes and gardens. It will be about the times 100 years ago, but in a modern setting."

Mr. Cullen said the grading for the centre should start next summer. He hopes for its opening in 1985.

"Just a ride through the woods will be worth the price of admission," he said.

## Lights' festival begins Friday

DURHAM REGION — Starting Friday, Nov. 20, Cullen Gardens and Miniature Village will present its "Festival of Lights." This special Christmas celebration will extend through Jan. 2.

The Gardens that has attracted over a quarter million people this year, will be "dressed up" for Christmas.

"We've put up thousands

of lights," said owner Len Cullen, "Our Miniature Village should illuminate the entire valley."

Also featured will be a miniature Santa Claus Parade with authentic, animated floats. Outdoor skating and cross-country skiing will also be available throughout the winter.

New winter hours for the Gardens are 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. each day of the week.

## A school year to remember



Lisa McIntosh, RR 2, Uxbridge, will have something to remember her 1980-81 year as head of the High School's Student Council. She was presented with a gavel, suitably engraved, at

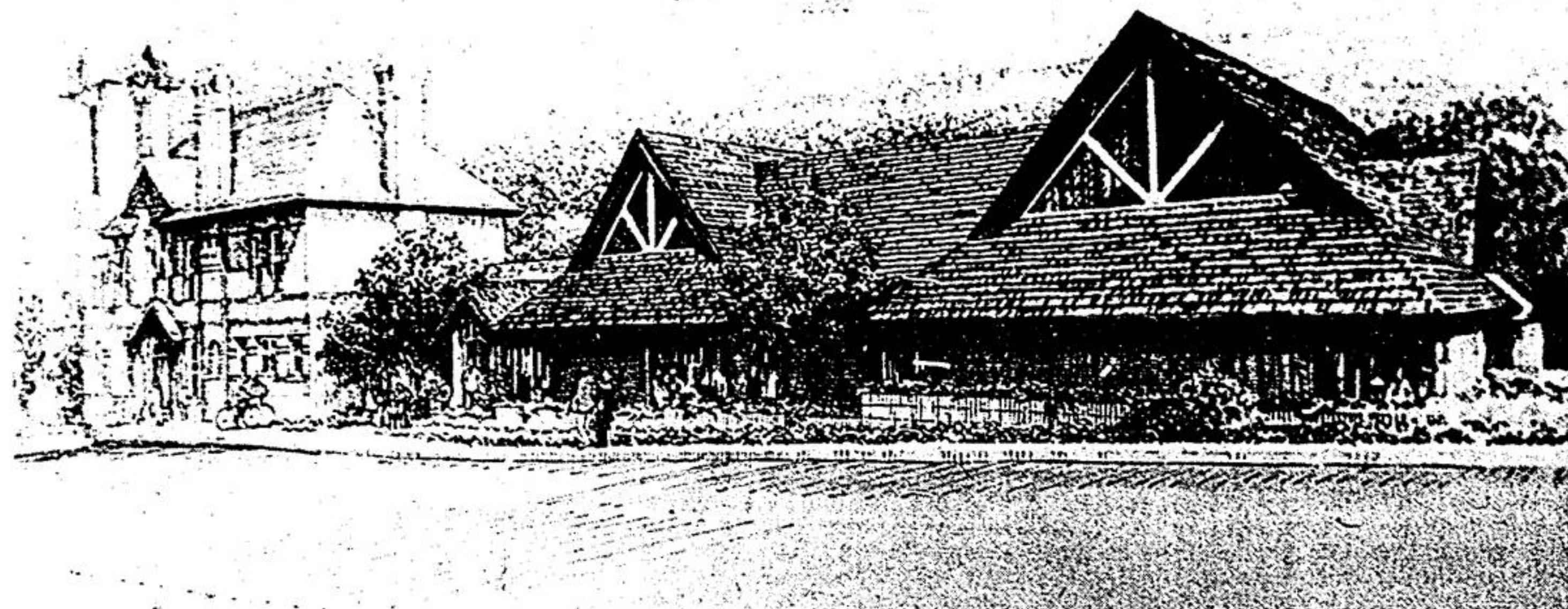
Commencement Exercises, Nov. 7. Jim Richardson, RR 1, Claremont, President for 1981-82, made the presentation.

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The building (right) is an architect's sketch of what the new Uxbridge Public Library addition will look like when completed, hopefully in 1983. The present building (left), almost 100 years

old, will be retained. The total cost of the project is placed at \$600,000.

## Too few replies

## from parents

# Extend school survey

CLAREMONT — Residents of Durham Region, who haven't returned their survey forms from Durham Board of Education, still have time to do so, Claremont Trustee, Linda Carder, told The Tribune this week.

Mrs. Carder said that 80,000 forms had been mailed out to Durham households, but there had been delays in getting them to Claremont and other areas. So far, only 600 have been returned. The original deadline was Nov. 13.

Purpose of the survey is to have ratepayers list what concerns them most in the

school system, be it pro or con.

Those replying, may also ask to sit in on committees which will be reviewing the filled-out forms, Mrs. Carder said.

"We're trying to look at all areas," she said, and ratepayers can sit in on the committees and make recommendations."

Asked whether she thought such participation might result in a "cooks-and-broth" situation, Trustee Carder said it was "healthy to have other people look at things."

"We (the trustees) haven't

had a critical look at ourselves," she said. Sometimes, too, it's difficult to "see the forest for the trees."

Another positive aspect of the survey is that it will provide an opinion from across the Region, rather than a specific town or district, she said.

Mrs. Carder said the Board hopes to hear "from all ratepayers, even those without children."

"There are many people who don't know what's going on in the schools," she said. "We're hoping the survey will help solve this problem."

## Business booming

UXBRIDGE — Business is booming at the St. Lawrence Starch Company's multi-million dollar grain elevator near Lincolntonville in Uxbridge Township.

"We're almost at capacity," general manager Gordon McNern told The Tribune. Due to the current price (about \$2.94 a bushel), many farmers are using the facility for storage, he said. The price drop (\$3.90 a bushel

last year), is blamed on a big corn crop in the United States; a decline in export sales and high interest rates. The company uses about 75 per cent for itself with the remainder for export.

McNern said St. Lawrence Starch is happy with its new plant and with the quality of corn grown in the Whitchurch-Stouffville and Uxbridge areas. "The farmers are happy too," he stated, "but not with the prices".

## Oldest vet

CLAREMONT — John Paton, a member of the Black Watch Regiment in Scotland during World War I, is the oldest living veteran in the area.

On Nov. 7, he was a head table guest of honor at a banquet hosted by Branch 170

of the Royal Canadian Legion at Uxbridge. Mr. Paton will be 90 in February.

Just out of hospital, the occasion gave him a great lift, Mrs. Paton told The Tribune. The well-known couple have been Claremont residents close to 30 years.

## 4-H honors

UXBRIDGE — Twenty year old Lori Davis, Third Avenue, Uxbridge, received her Advanced Honors' Diploma at Ontario Centre's 4-H Home Making Clubs Achievement Day in Trinity United Church, Nov. 14.

Lori, a registered nurses' assistant at Uxbridge Cottage Hospital, has been involved in 4-H work for the past eight years and recently completed 18 projects. Presentation of her certificate was made by York-Durham Home Economist Beverley Brook.

Other awards were received by the following: County Honors - Tracey Elson (Epsom); Adela Criece and Anne Lyons (Leaskdale). Provincial Honors - Hilary Simpson (Betheda-Reach). Leaders' Award - Ilean Pugh (Prince Albert), 15 years.

Members of seven Homemaking Clubs participated in a fashion show displaying skirt and vest creations in a project entitled "Get Ready-Get Set-Sew". Models from Uxbridge-Sandford included - Wendy and Beth Sheridan, Lori Davis, Lisa Risebrough, Jackie Feasby, Andrea Wiles, Leanne Moore and Christina Woermke.

## Request Go-train support

UXBRIDGE — Uxbridge Council is seeking help from residents in an effort to have the township included in an extended GO-Train service.

In an advertisement published in The Tribune, it is pointed out that the Provincial government is considering such a plan on a twice-daily basis to Stouffville.

"Uxbridge is only 13 miles up the tracks. We want that service for our residents," the ad proclaims.

However, to assist it in that endeavor, Council is asking readers to fill out the coupon in the ad, indicating they agree with Council's request.

The are also asked to check out three boxes stating they would: use the service; daily; occasionally.



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