



All play a part

From children through to seniors, it's been a busy Christmas season within the congregation of Claremont United Church. Everyone's been part of the many activities including the young

people of the Sunday School like five year old Emily Marks, daughter of John and Karen Marks. Emily assisted in decorating the tree. Jim Thomas

FESTIVE MOOD?

UXBRIDGE — Despite the act of passing a box of chocolates around the room, Planning Board wasn't in that much of a festive mood.

And, that's what Denis McCarthy of Uxbridge will find out on receipt of a letter from his lawyer, appealing to council on his behalf.

Paul Harris had written asking that his client be

reimbursed in the amount of \$500 or \$600, because of dealings with council that had never been completed.

May 5, 1978, Harris said McCarthy had applied to the Township for the re-zoning of some property, and had paid the municipality \$500 "to cover the costs of the application."

A hearing was scheduled for Sept. 22, 1980. The township then decided

to adjourn the hearing "sine die", (without date) and McCarthy was asked to attend later, Harris said.

However, "apparently the Township failed to inform the Region of the adjournment, resulting in further costs of \$100 being assessed against Mr. McCarthy," Harris wrote.

"Under the circumstances, we would request that all, or at least part of the total of \$600 be

reimbursed to him," Harris said. "At the very least, we would expect an accounting for the \$500 originally paid to the Township."

The Board, however, gave the matter short shrift.

Said Chairman, Sandy Ewen: "I thought he'd know better. It's non-refundable. The application fee is used for administration."

The meeting agreed.

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Farmers need help - federation official

YORK REGION — "The only solution (and the consumer's not going to like it) is for the farmer to receive more money for his product".

Harold Lapp, President of the York County Federation of Agriculture claims that because people pay cash for food, they complain, not realizing how little the producer receives and what the costs are to produce it.

He recalls when eggs were selling for sixty cents a dozen and take-home pay was \$40 a week. Now, he says, eggs are \$1.20 a dozen and the consumer's earning up to \$400 a week.

Some people, he says, will pay 78 cents a pound for carrots grown in Texas while produce just as good and grown at Bradford sells five pounds for

68 cents.

"If folks would shop Canadian, there'd be no problem," he claims.

Closer to home, Lapp says the price paid for soybeans from his own farm is less than two years ago, yet production costs are much higher.

He predicts that unless there's a turn-around in agriculture economically, many farmers will quit the business for something better. He sees the possibility of a food shortage in Canada if the trend continues.

Right now, the farmer who's forced to borrow money to keep going, is having it rough due to high interest rates, says Lapp. While unaware of any in this area who've "gone under", he suggests some might have

sold before the real crunch came.

Lapp doesn't lay all the blame on the government. Some farmers want to make a "big splash" and run a big show. Then when times get tough, they're in over their heads.

"I couldn't sleep at night if I borrowed money that way," he said.

Banks, he noted, tend to keep an eye on a farmer's equity, taking cognizance of the

worth of his land. "Then when the equity runs out, the bank suddenly quits".

"Some live in a fool's paradise," he said, sooner or later the chickens come home to roost, for the lender as well as the borrower.

Right now, he says, everyone's looking for a scapegoat. The only solution as he sees it, is higher prices for the farmers' products.

"We're all consumers. Without food, nothing else matters," he concluded.

Area gravel pit close to approval

UXBRIDGE — A proposal, first presented to Council six years ago, for approval to operate a gravel pit, moved closer to finalization at a

Suffers injuries

GORMLEY — A Gormley area man is a patient in York County Hospital, Newmarket, recovering from injuries received in a fall from a roof, Friday, at a residence on Metcalfe Street, Aurora.

John David Lovell, RR 1, Gormley, suffered a broken knee cap and a fractured skull.

meeting of the planning board last week.

"It's time we forwarded this (application) to the planner for professional comments on re-zoning," said chairman, Sandy Ewen, after listening to a presentation from Robert Lackey, a Toronto consulting engineer.

Lackey, appearing on behalf of Giordano Sand & Gravel Properties Ltd., applied to have the area re-zoned from agricultural to permit mineral extraction and gravel pit operations.

The site is located on the Brock Road, Conc. 5, Uxbridge.

Supporting his presentation with a brief and several drawings showing various boreholes on the site, Lackey

detailed the extraction course, fine and granular aggregate, in three areas, starting in 1982, and with subsequent rehabilitation to the year 2000.

He said there had been a demand from five construction companies for production from the proposed site, also, the municipality has need for sand and gravel for its roads.

When asked by Councillor Don Jackson how the area would be rehabilitated he was informed it would be levelled off with top soil and grass.

Chairman Ewen's proposal to leave the matter with the township planner, was approved.

A sad Christmas

BUTTONVILLE — For most families, Christmas is the happiest time of the year. But not for George and Carol Katsios, RR 1, Unionville. A tragic accident, Thursday afternoon, changed all that when 11 year old Dorothy (Dodie) Katsios was struck and killed while attempting to cross Hwy. 7, east of Woodbine Avenue, after stepping off a Markham Transit bus. She was en route home from Unionville Public School where she was a student in Grade 6.

Driver of the car was 23 year old John Rouble of 23 Main Street North, Markham.

Attitude disturbs judge

GORMLEY — "You have an attitude of supreme indifference," Judge F.D. White told a 16 year old Whitchurch-Stouffville youth after the accused entered a plea of guilty to stealing money from his employer at a Gormley service station.

Christopher Connelly was remained in custody for sentencing this week.

When asked by Judge White if he had anything to say for himself, Connelly replied that he'd paid the man back his money.

Georgia Tremaine

Passes on skills

CLAREMONT — "I've finally come up with a technique I'm comfortable with and I think it shows," says artist Georgia Tremaine of Claremont. "I'm really excited about it."

Owner and operator of Georgia's Studio and Gallery, Brock Road, Claremont, Georgia also teaches art. She currently has three classes which she'll be cutting to one after Christmas to allow more time on her own.

"I have a few paintings awaiting completion," explained Georgia. "I may return to three or four classes in the spring."

Although she personally prefers acrylics and pastels, Georgia teaches all mediums. She also prefers to keep her classes down to seven students allowing more attention to each.

Rates are reasonable at \$50 for ten lessons, with each being two and a half hours long. "I'm not out to make a killing," says Georgia, "just enough to cover costs."

Every six months she holds a show and sale in the gallery featuring one or two local artists. "It gives them a chance to display their work," she said. "There are some really talented people in the area."

A very personable person, Georgia, still uses her maiden name Youngs when autographing her work. She's always been interested in art but never really became serious about it until six years ago.

Employed as a registered nurse, Georgia started painting on the side. She then worked part-time on each but finally gave up nursing to become a full-time artist.

Explaining that her high school never offered a very good art course, Georgia revealed she's pretty much self-taught. In 1977, she entered a contest and won a scholarship to Mary Schneider's Summer Art School in Tweed.

"This was a great experience, it opened a lot of doors," she said.

After operating a gallery in

Scarborough just over a year, Georgia and her husband moved to Claremont where they purchased a house. They then renovated a barn at the rear to serve as a studio.

Georgia is currently working on a project which involves painting portraits of the long-time Claremont residents. "I've always been a people person," she explains. "It's also a way to record the culture and history of the community."

One thing she stresses to her students is not to take themselves too seriously. "You should always have a good time and experiment when painting," she says. "When I find it's becoming more work than fun, I take a breather."

Anyone interested in signing up for classes can contact Georgia at 649-2996.

Horned Owl dies by road

CLAREMONT — An adult Great Horned Owl, found by the side of the road, north of the Claremont Conservation Area, has since died.

The discovery was made by Edgerton Pegg, R.R. 2, Claremont, Wednesday afternoon. It was first believed that the beautiful bird was

only stunned. It made no attempt to fly away when approached. Now, Mr. Pegg feels it may have consumed some poison meat.

The Great Horned is considered very useful in controlling pests, particularly mice. Its fare also includes rabbits and squirrels.

Ajax teacher 're-assigned'

DURHAM REGION — A 45 year old staff member at St. Bernadette's elementary school in Ajax, has been removed from the classroom and placed "on special assignment" after allegedly assaulting several female students.

Peter Krawetz, a teacher at St. Bernadette's, has had his

permanent position terminated there.

The Board met in committee for 70 minutes and later announced its decision. The teacher has since been charged by Durham Regional Police.

Board chairman Jim Brady said Krawetz would remain "on special duty" until his contract expires in August.



The tune can be a boom

On Thursday evening, the 100-voice choir of Orchard Park School and the Whitchurch-Stouffville Concert Band combined their talents for an enjoyable evening of vocal and instrumental music at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School. Here, Grade 5 student Darron Baston, Clarke Street, takes a peak inside George Pegg's giant tuba, holding his ears in case the toot is more than he can stand. — Greg Coates.



Talented artist, Georgia Tremaine of Claremont is passing her skills on to others in the community through classes held at her Brock Road Studio. Her current project is that of painting portraits of long-time residents in the area. — Greg Coates.