

Camp owners "jumped gun"

UXBRIDGE — "Own your own site ... close to Toronto ... leave your family in the country, while you commute to and from work each day..."

Sound pretty good? That's what the owners of Lazy Lake Trailer Park thought, until Mayor Bill Ballinger heard about it.

A brochure, announcing year-round living, as described above, turned up at the recent Recreational Vehicle Show in Toronto, and the mayor felt it was premature.

As a result, he summoned owners Andy Hacult and Michael Sharon to a meeting of planning board, last week, to discuss their action.

Hacult had appeared

before the board two weeks earlier, seeking to add 50 lots to his 170-site park. The 50 lots was a decrease from two previous applications, calling for 800 and 450 sites, respectively.

In his previous appearance, Hacult also proposed a recreation centre, complete with pool, volley-ball and tennis courts. There would be no overnight camping, only permanent sites, he said.

At that time, the board turned the matter over to planning consultant Alex Grant for review.

With the brochure listing the above as finalized, and also advertising 20-year leases, Mayor Ballinger told the owners they were jumping the

gun. They shouldn't have taken any action without consulting the board first.

Sharon, however, said the company had referred the matter to the Ontario Municipal Board, and the planning board didn't have any authority. "Lazy Lake is our business," he said.

"When you're doing what you're doing, it becomes our business," Mayor Ballinger replied.

He said the township trailer by-law prohibits winter use, and the company's brochure "bordered on possible fraud."

The owners have been asked to present another proposal, showing its plans in full.

Treatment plant sitting in limbo

DURHAM REGION — A \$9.4 million sewage treatment plant that will be sitting in limbo upon completion, is among an abundance of unused services in Durham Region.

According to Regional

chairman Gary Herrema, a 1970's housing boom that looked as if it would never end brought about the surplus of such things as the sewer project. Predictions were for 800,000 people in the Region by the year 2000. Since then, however, the figure

has dropped to 500,000. Present population is 279,160.

"I guess everybody forgot the '30s," said Herrema, in trying to assess the slump in the housing boom.

The sewage treatment plant, situated in Bowmanville, will probably not operate this year when it is finished, because of lack of growth.

In Whitby, a \$7.8 million water plant, also constructed in the '70s, sits unused, as do \$2.5 million worth of water and sewer pipes in Courtice.

Herrema said all the services are needed and will be used eventually. He said they also may be "a blessing in disguise," as they were built with interest-free government loans.

"We've got sewer and water and we're not paying interest," he said.

Construction of the various services, however, have been criticized by Oshawa representatives. They say the city's 116,000 residents are paying extra on their water bills for the expansion of services they neither use nor need.

Group fights VIA closure

DURHAM REGION — A commuters' protest group, headed by Les Parker, has made application for an injunction to halt the proposed shut-down this fall of the VIA-Rail service between Havelock and Toronto.

The action was initiated last week by Toronto solicitor Ian Outerbridge before the Supreme Court of Ontario at Osgoode Hall.

Five defendants were named: Federal Transport

Minister Jean-Luc Pepin, the Federal Government, Canadian Pacific Railways, Canadian National Railways and VIA-Rail.

Several Conservative M.P.'s have "gone to bat" for Parker and his group. However, to date, no commitment has been received from the Provincial Transport Ministry that the service will be assumed as part of the GO system. The province claims the 100-mile stretch is a federal responsibility.

Jr. Farmers' celebration

BROOKLIN — The 45th anniversary of the Brooklin Junior Farmers Club will be celebrated with a banquet dance, Sat., April 3, in the Uxbridge Arena.

The organization was first established back in 1937. The chapter president was John Knox. The motto now as then is "Self-Help and Community

Betterment". The anniversary's guest speaker is Carm Hamilton, former secretary-treasurer of the Junior Farmers' Association of Ontario.

Tickets will be sold in advance. They're available until March 25 from Brian Jones, phone 649-5200. The price of admission is \$10.

Teen walks again

CLAREMONT — Nineteen year old Colleen Burton, seriously injured in a snowmobile accident nearly two months ago, will walk again.

Doris Burton, Colleen's mother, called The Tribune with the good news, Tuesday.

She described how Colleen had taken her first few steps, with the aid of hand-held bars. The therapy will be continued at Lyndhurst Lodge, where she's to be moved shortly, she said. At present, she's a patient in St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto.

While doctors were hesitant to promise this kind of recovery, Colleen never gave up hope, Mrs. Burton said. In the weeks since the accident, prayers on Colleen's behalf were said in many area churches. Howard and Doris Burton reside on the 7th Concession of Pickering, RR 2, Claremont.

Special service

MT. ZION — The annual worship service, hosted by Durham West Jr. Farmers, will be held Sunday evening at 8 p.m., in Mt. Zion United Church. The chairperson is Beth Carson, RR 2, Claremont.

Guest speaker is Lloyd Wilson, RR 2, Uxbridge, with special music by the Jr. Farmers' Choir, directed by Reta Stickwood of Sunderland.

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Sam Barkey, R. R. 1, Stouffville, is justly proud of his 1948 Packard, purchased near Austin, Texas. The classic automobile, powered by straight eight, flat-head motor, is valued at \$11,000. Mr. Barkey intends to drive it but "only on Sundays". —Jim Holt.

Sam drives classic car

MONGOLIA — When Sam Barkey of RR 1, Stouffville goes for a Sunday afternoon spin, heads turn.

Yes, they're looking at the driver and also at what he's driving—a 1948 Packard, a model that, for most, is only a memory.

Mr. Barkey acquired the "blue beauty" while visiting his son, Grant, near Austin, Texas, not the first time, but the second. On his return, he

couldn't get the car off his mind, so he caught a plane back and closed the deal. Its value has been placed at \$11,000.

The classic automobile, powered by a straight eight, flat-head engine, is in show room condition. It's travelled only 24,000 miles.

"Everything worked but the gas gauge," said Sam, "it's as good as any car on the road today".

Mr. Barkey refuses to

take it out in the winter, knowing what sand and salt can do to the finish. Come summer, he'll be seen around town when weather conditions are right. At present, the Packard's keeping company with a 1949 Dodge that belongs to son Ken, now in Regina.

Although he's had the car only a short time, several amusing incidents have already cropped up. The first

occurred on his drive back from the States. As he pulled into a motel, he spotted a U.S. sheriff drive up from behind. Immediately, Sam thought he'd done something wrong. The officer, standing well over six feet, stuck his head through the window. "Is this your car?" he enquired. Sam replied that it was. "Do you want to sell it?" he asked. Sam, obviously relieved, said it wasn't for sale as he'd only had it a few hours.

Anti-airport party

BROUGHAM — It was back on March 2, 1972 that the federal and provincial governments announced plans to establish a major airport in the Township of Pickering. That was ten years ago.

In the months that followed, Ottawa proceeded to buy up thousands of acres of land, even demolished several barns and houses, but never started construction.

The decision to at least postpone the project was due in part to a bitter battle fought by an organization calling itself "People or Planes". The

chairman was Dr. Charles Godfrey, R.R. 1, Goodwood. The other reason was Queen's Parks' decision to withhold services to the site.

On Sunday (Feb. 28), P.O.P. members will hold a tongue-in-cheek celebration on the grounds of the Federal Information Office in Brougham. The event, beginning at noon, will include a "fly-in" and other activities.

Politicians from the municipal, provincial and federal levels have been invited including Jean Marchand. "We have no guarantee he'll at-

tend," said Claremont's Anne Howes, head of publicity adding somewhat cynically, "he never was too sure where Pickering was in the first place."

For John Paton

'Open house'

CLAREMONT — On Wed., Feb. 24, Mr. John Paton, RR 1, Claremont, marked his 90th birthday.

In honor of the occasion, an "open house" will be held this Sunday (Feb. 28) from 2 to 5

p.m., at the home of John and Debbie Drake, 5249 Brock Road, Claremont.

Friends and neighbors of Mr. Paton are welcome. For additional information call 649-3103.



Brownie badges set record

Jeannie St. John, now a member of the Goodwood Girl Guides, earned the highest number of badges in the history of local Brownies. Jeannie was honored at a recent graduation ceremony in the Community Hall. She's congratulated here by Guider Kathy Hopkins. —Jim Holt.



No signs of spring in rural Uxbridge

Those who believe winter's over and spring is here, haven't driven along the 8th Concession of Uxbridge Township. In certain

areas, snow is piled eight feet high as indicated here. While the end may be in sight, plows are in readiness, just in case. —Jim Thomas.