



Four Claremont Guides receive All-Round Cords

At a ceremony, June 14 in the Claremont Legion Hall, four Girl Guides received their All-Round Cords. Honored were (left to right) April Winterstein, Deanna Evans, Chris Peddie and Lori

Knapp. The presentations were made by District Commissioner Tessie Dempster (rear-left) assisted by Guider Carolyn Evans. — Jim Holt

Teachers — sign in

CLAREMONT — Durham Board of Education for one, is now calling "a spade a spade." Trustee Linda Carder, of Claremont, used the phrase to describe the new designation given professional development days in the school system. From now on, they'll be known for what they are, Carder says, "non-instructional days." And, unlike the old days when teachers could stay away from school, ostensibly to participate in some event that

would assist them in their pedagogical role, they'll now have to sign in for programs at the schools the whole day. "We've had enough of this pussy-footing around," says Mrs. Carder. "We're calling a spade a spade. They're no longer professional development days, but non-instructional days. If they're not at school, they'll be marked absent." The new name arose out of a provincial study, which recom-

mended it and various other changes in the system. One of the changes recommended, but which was turned down by the board, called for trustees to submit an annual evaluation of the non-instructional days to the Ministry of Education.

Mrs. Carder said the board must be responsible for those periods. "If the ministry feels the need for spot checks, it's up to them," she said.

Mrs. Carder said there was a "chain of command" in the school system, through which such inquiries could be made.

"I don't think the ministry needs to set up another department," she said.

The board also agreed to another recommendation that Remembrance Day be discontinued as a holiday at that time. It will still be a statutory holiday, but will be held on the Friday just before the spring break, Mrs. Carder said. On November 11, Remembrance Day, students will observe the occasion by way of a brief program.

Mrs. Carder said the schools will also have a holiday on the third Monday in February, to be known as Heritage Day.

Guilty in scam

Stock swindle case sentence delayed

UXBRIDGE — An Uxbridge area mother, who defrauded two men of more than \$32,000 in a stock market swindle last year, will be sentenced July 16. Joyce Eileen Williams, 42, pleaded guilty to two counts of fraud over \$200, carried out be-

tween January and July, 1981. Court was told the woman met an Uxbridge dairy farmer when she and her daughter bought hay from him for her animals on their farm. She told the farmer she was involved in some stock transactions and he

told her to call him if she heard of any "good deals." The woman called him the next month, saying her Toronto friends were underwriting a deal which would return \$4 for every \$1 invested. She said she couldn't tell him the name of the company because the stocks weren't listed publicly.

The farmer gave her \$1,300 in cash to participate, and then later was persuaded to invest another \$3,600, with the promise of a return of \$6 for every \$1 invested.

All told, she received \$26,700 from the farmer, and another \$6,630 from a friend of his. Only \$925 was recovered by the men.

Judge Gilbert Murdoch said he wanted to see a pre-sentence report before sentencing the woman.

Is grade 13 necessary?

DURHAM REGION — A ratepayers' group has asked Education Minister, Bette Stephenson, to hold onto grade 13.

Sandra Malachowski, co-chairman of a parents advisory group in the Region, said the extra year was necessary for children to mature.

"A child grows up fast enough in this world today without rushing into another walk of life without that extra year of maturity," she wrote.

She says students would miss too many basic subjects if grade 13 were abandoned. It would also mean adding another year at university, she says.

The ministry of education is at present studying the idea of dropping grade 13. Stephenson has yet to reply to the letter from Mrs. Malachowski.

"Gold"

UXBRIDGE — The proverbial "pot of gold" awaits participants in an elimination draw, July 17, sponsored by the board and staff of Uxbridge Public Library.

Tickets are \$100 apiece. Only 500 will be sold.

Prizes, valued at \$25,000, include a 1982 Chevrolet Citation from Alex Williamson Motor Sales; a home video (\$1,200); a set of golf clubs (\$625); a lady's suede suit (\$600); a set of china (\$450); a weekend for two at the Harbour Castle Hilton, Toronto; dinner for six catered in your own home and many more.

Purchase of a ticket includes dinner for two at the Arena and an evening of dancing to a live band.

The committee chairperson is Barbara Murphy (852-7560). Her assistants are Carol Young (852-7560) and Audrey Rutherford (852-7412).

The new model car will go to the person holding the last ticket. The automobile is valued at \$10,000.

Budget cuts

DURHAM REGION: Due to budget cuts, Durham Region Health Unit nurses will no longer inspect school children for incidents of head lice.

News of the decision was relayed to Board of Education trustees by Ruth Lafarga, chairman of personnel. Nurses, she said, will be available to schools only as consultants rather than full-time.

In an effort to solve the problem, a meeting is proposed between representatives of the board and the region's finance committee.

"We can't allow the region to solve its budget problems by adding to the board's," Lafarga said.

Council gets a scolding

UXBRIDGE — Stouffville developer, Gino Testa, took Uxbridge Township planning board to task at a recent meeting, and in the end moved a little closer toward realizing his 10-year-old goal of putting up a sub-division on Reach Street in the village area.

"I've fooled around with this land for 10 years," said Testa. "but I don't get any cooperation from you people...I came here to help this town...What do you want me to do?"

The speaker made his remarks after Mayor Bill Ballinger told him he could support

his plan, but not until two improvements were made on the grounds. These included removing an old, empty house, which was, reputedly, the scene of loud parties on the weekends and of seeing that a road Testa had put in, was kept clean.

Testa said the road was covered with grass and was dust free. He said he had planned to use the house as an office.

After some more debate on the subject, during which the speaker protested that none of the board members had been out to see the property, Councillor Don Jackson suggested "We

go out there right now." As a result, Testa, Jackson, Mayor Ballinger and two members of the press, left for an impromptu visit of the grounds.

Upon their return, the board moved to support the registration of the 19 lots, subject to removal of the house, and the erection of a fence off Reach Street, to prevent any access to the land.

Earlier in the meeting, John Hudspeth, speaking for the developer, said the lots could be serviced from the existing development.

Stouffville resident seeks print place

UXBRIDGE — The unsteadiness of the current economy, prompted a visit to planning board by a Stouffville resident, seeking help in starting his own business.

Bob Gettinby, RR 3, Stouffville, told a recent meeting that he was a typesetter, but the industry was facing a possible strike, "which appalls me." Business was also slow, "and I don't feel

very secure," he added.

He said he did some freelance work — bookbinding and camera-ready copy — from his home, and would "like to expand what was literally a hobby, into a business."

His proposed printing shop would be located on Concession 2 of the former Township of Scott.

Councillor Maustyn

McKnight said the property in question could be legally classified, as it was a non-conforming use. This allowed the use that was there when the by-law was enacted. Providing Gettinby didn't expand, re-zoning wasn't necessary.

Gettinby was advised to take up the matter further with the township solicitor.

Sister convicted

Needed cash fast

PICKERING — The high cost of maintaining a saddle horse, were said to be behind a recent fraud case, involving a couple of Pickering sisters.

Candace Simonsen, 19, was convicted of two counts of defrauding her sister, Joan, 21, of \$1,150, which was withdrawn from the latter's Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce account in May, 1980.

Joan Simonsen told a recent court hearing that she became aware of the missing money when she went to get a new pass book to replace one that had previously been in her desk drawer. At that time, bank employees showed her two withdrawal slips against her

account, signed in her name, in the amounts of \$800 and \$350. Joan denied any knowledge of the transactions.

She said she had saved the money by working in a grocery store, and planned to use it to complete a physiotherapy course at university.

She said that her sister, Candace, had asked her to loan her \$300 to maintain her horse.

"I told her I'd consider it," Joan said.

Later when she confronted her sister about the missing money, she didn't answer her one way or another," she told the court.

Testimony of handwriting ex-

pert, Norman Duxbury, of Toronto, helped convicted the accused, when he said that he found "significant similar handwriting" between her signature and that found on the withdrawal slips.

Judge Gilbert Murdoch said he accepted the evidence, and also pointed out that "the expenses of maintaining a saddle horse were a drain on (Candace's) finances."

She will be sentenced July 16.

Fined \$28 in accident

CLAREMONT — A 20 year old Claremont man, charged with careless driving in the operation of a snowmobile, was fined \$28 following his conviction by Justice of the Peace Opal Rosamond in Port Perry Traffic Court.

Kenneth White was involved in an accident Jan. 1 that seriously injured 19 year old Colleen Burton, daughter of Howard and Doris Burton, R. R. 2, Claremont. Colleen was thrown from White's machine, and struck by another following behind. She suffered a broken back.

Voice fears

DURHAM REGION — Nearby residents have voiced their displeasure over recent approval by Durham Regional Council for construction of 76 estate homes in Chalk Lake just north of Whitby.

The area is part of the Oak Ridges Moraine, which abounds in numerous species of wildlife, and residents claim the new development will cause extra environmental

hardships. They also fear an increase in traffic and a decrease in their water supply.

The home owners have urged environmental studies.

Mayor Jerry Taylor, of Scugog; however, says the project has met all the environmental concerns of the township council.

The matter will now go to the minister of municipal affairs and housing for approval.



The old-fashioned way

The Pickering Museum, located at Greenwood, opened its doors to the public, June 12, with activities continuing into the early fall. Here Dana Biernacki of Pickering, operates an old-fashioned spinning wheel in old-fashioned surroundings. The refurbished Cole house, originally from 16th Avenue, Markham, dates back to around 1875.

— Jim Thomas



Aunt Edna's reminiscences prove popular

For years, Mrs. George Mutch, (Edna to her friends), has been jotting personal mementos down on paper. Recently, however, at the urging of her niece, Marlon Haddow of Bolton, she agreed to put them in booklet form—sixty books

in total. They instantly became prized possessions and now very few remain. Mrs. Mutch, the former Edna Kayes, resided on the 4th of Pickering Township before moving to Pickering Village.

— Jim Thomas