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Fine start to a new year

Cliff and Catherine Bass are two of the proudest parents in the Region of Durham. On Jan. 3, they welcomed their first child, Jeremy Clifford, weighing 7 pounds, 12 ounces. Jeremy arrived at 6:21 a.m., at York Central Hospital, Richmond Hill. Cliff, Catherine and family reside in Altona.

—Jim Thomas.



The first arrival at Uxbridge Cottage Hospital in 1983 was lovely Megan Sara Taylor, daughter of John and Margaret Taylor, R.R. 1, Uxbridge. Megan made her debut at 2:05 a.m., Jan. 3, a 9 pound, 5 ounce baby sister for Michael, six and Julie, three. Mrs Taylor is a secretary on the staff of the Guidance Department at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School.

—Jim Thomas.

Treatment irritates trustee Board manager awaits his fate

CLAREMONT — Claremont's representative on Durham Board of Education, Linda Carder, is still nonplussed over the way the matter involving George Stanford, manager of maintenance and construction for the board, has been handled.

Stanford, 62, recently pleaded guilty in Durham Provincial Court to charges of failing to report income in the amount of \$139,893, between 1977-80.

Despite the fact Stanford was in charge of supervising school construction projects from the

letting of the tenders to the completion of the jobs, the board only found out about his charge by accident, Trustee Carder told The Tribune.

She said that one of the board trustees, a lawyer, just happened to be in the Whitby court during one of Stanford's appearances, otherwise the board might have been some time in finding out.

"You would think that he would have let us know he was involved in a tax matter," Mrs. Carder said.

She said, too, the very fact that Stanford was charged with

Healthy payoff Durham bettor

DURHAM REGION — A Pickering man became an instant millionaire, this week, when his Lottario selections brought him winnings totalling \$1,158,739.20.

And, it wasn't because Anthony Mediati just picked a number out of a hat; he worked at it. He also spent what would probably be a small fortune to most people, doling out close to \$2,000 a week on the tickets for the past three weeks, and between \$500 and \$600 weekly, the six months prior to that.

"You just keep at it," said the 34-year-old separated father of four.

Owner of a hairdressing salon and a restaurant in Pickering, he played a combination of the numbers, 1, 5, 6, 11, 18 and

38, for his first down payment of \$1,121,086.40.

It was the seventh largest payoff in the history of the lottery. Mediati had 100 tickets for the draw.

He won 11 cheques all told, including five for \$5, for his winnings. Other extras amounted to \$22,000.

The big winner said he plans to give his wife and children some money. Then he hopes to try his luck at the gambling tables in Atlantic City and Las Vegas.

"I usually take two or three gambling holidays a year," he said.

Mediati said that \$1,600 was the most he had ever won in the Lottario draw before.

income tax evasion and not some criminal offence, makes it mandatory for the board to continue paying him, even though he has been suspended from work.

Mrs. Carder said that Durham Regional Police are also looking into the matter, but do not consider it one of their "top priorities."

She said the board would be dealing with it again this week at its regular meeting. At that time, it will investigate all the building contracts let out by Stanford, as well as the jobs done and supervised by him; review his job description, so that any new person that might be hired would not be put in a similar position of possible temptation.

Mrs. Carder said that the board was still in a state of shock over the incident. It had that "holier than thou attitude," that all was well, "but

Uxbridge train said no "GO"

UXBRIDGE — It will be "a waiting and watching game," for the Township of Uxbridge, where seeking GO Train service is concerned, says Mayor Bill Ballinger.

GO's latest schedule shows that there still won't be any rail service between Uxbridge and Stouffville, but the mayor looks at it as all a matter of numbers.

"We'll be waiting and watching Stouffville's numbers," he said. "They're not as strong as had been expected for the daily ridership."

He said, also, that right now

the GO bus was more flexible. The latter goes every day from Uxbridge to the downtown limits of Toronto. Times are: 6:15 a.m., 6:35, 6:55, 10:00, 3:15 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

The bus also goes to Stouffville, Monday to Friday, at 6:35 a.m., to connect with the 7:10 GO Train there.

No tax cut for Trinity

UXBRIDGE — An Uxbridge home for the elderly has "pushed this non-profit thing too far," Mayor Bill Ballinger told a meeting of the planning board, last week.

The mayor's remarks were apropos of a request from Trinity Manor for an exemption from their 1982 property taxes of \$20,780.

The mayor said the township had helped the home out before - referring to the waiving of their \$500 application fee, and the possible waiving of their lot fees.

"They must still pay taxes," Mayor Ballinger said. "I don't care if they're profit or non-profit... In Toronto this can happen, but there's no reason for it to happen here."

Planning board chairman, Sandy Even, said the home had a new board of directors; they were inexperienced and had "received bad advice."

A motion to turn down the application, was carried.

Could wreck home Controversial clause dropped

UXBRIDGE — Owning the right-of-way to their property, should give them a few rights in other ways, Tom and Barb Reeves, Concession 5, Ux-

bridge, told a meeting of the township planning board, last week.

According to the pair, while applying for a mortgage for their home, they came across a clause in their deed which made securing the latter an impossibility. The clause said that, if the owners "lost" the right-of-way, the township could tear their place down.

The clause, they said, was "a sticky one."

It was also redundant, said Mayor Bill Ballinger, moving that an amendment be prepared striking the clause.

"You see, nothing to it," he said, as the motion was carried.

Renew vows

GOODWOOD — When Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Ball of Goodwood, first took their wedding vows, they took them to last. Now, 59 years later, it's not as if they didn't expect them to hold up, but they did think it would be a nice idea if they took another look at them.

That's why, last week, they renewed them in a special wedding ceremony at Newmarket Hospital, where both are now patients.

Mr. Ball has been in hospital for four years, but Mrs. Ball just entered recently, as the result of a stroke.

The ceremony was attended by some nurses and the Ball's daughter, Mrs. Marjory Jordan



Young farmer honored

DURHAM WEST: "All in the family" best describes the honor bestowed on Dwight Guthrie of R.R. 2, Whitby, Saturday night.

Dwight was selected Durham West's "Outstanding Jr. Farmer" at an awards banquet in the Sunderland Community Centre. Last year, his older brother Neil of R.R. 1, Pickering was similarly recognized. The presentation of an engraved plaque was made by Agricultural Representative Ivan Bell.

Also honored on the same occasion were 1982's top Jr. Farmer athletes—Joan Smalley and Bill Kester, both members of the Uxbridge Club.

The year's 4-H champions were three members of Brooklin Jr. Farmers—Linda Jones, Wendie Werry and Charles Fiss.

Janice Lee of Greenbank is the 1983 President of Durham West Jr. Farmers. A computer supervisor with Ontario Hydro, Janice succeeds Neil Guthrie of R.R. 1, Pickering, the president in '82. The announcement was made at the annual Awards' Banquet in the Sunderland Community Centre, Saturday night.

—Jim Thomas.

Wins promotion

UXBRIDGE — John Finlay, Associate Agricultural Representative in Durham West for the past 7 1/2 years, has been promoted to the position of Agricultural Representative in Durham East with head office at Bowmanville.

John and wife Lynn and fami-

ly have already moved from Greenbank to a new home in Orono.

In appreciation of his work with the Durham West Jr. Farmers, he was presented with a gift at the annual awards' banquet in Sunderland, Saturday.

Ivan Bell, Agricultural Representative for Durham West, praised his former associate's efforts since coming to the Uxbridge office from university. "He was highly respected here," he told The Tribune, "the promotion is well deserved."

Heads Jr. Farmers

DURHAM REGION: Mrs. Brian Lee of Greenbank is the 1983 President of Durham West Jr. Farmers. She was welcomed officially at the annual banquet and dance in the Sunderland Community Centre, Saturday. She succeeds

Neil Guthrie, R.R. 1, Pickering. "Never say no to an opportunity," is her motto. She describes the position as "a learning experience."

The 23-year-old computer supervisor with Ontario Hydro is the former Janice Till, a mem-

ber of a well-known Greenbank area family.

Durham West Jr. Farmers includes clubs from Brooklin, Uxbridge, Beaverton and Greenbank. She was the organization's vice-president in 1982.

"Overtime"

UXBRIDGE — Township planning board was a few minutes late in getting underway last week, but there was a good reason for it.

At least, it seemed a good

idea at the time to Mayor Bill Ballinger who went home to pick up his portable television set, so the board could tune into the USSR-Philadelphia Flyers' hockey game after the meeting.

"It's all part of our camar-

aderie," the mayor explained to the press.

As it turned out, however, it was more comrades than camaraderie, as the Soviets easily demolished their NHL opponents, 5-1.