

Council approves New works building

BY AUDREY GREEN

UXBRIDGE — Residents of Uxbridge Township may notice a change in winter plowing and other Works Department activities when one central works depot replaces the three present depots in the township.

Uxbridge Town Council has agreed to spend \$254,000 for the construction of a new 13,200 square foot central works depot in Uxbridge which will eliminate the need for the present depots in Goodwood, Sandford, and Uxbridge.

At Thursday's meeting, all but one council member voted in favor of building the new depot to be located at Durham Regional Road 8 on Lot 30, Conc. 5. The company hired for the job is Vantage Building Corporation, of 850A Alness Street, Downsview and the construction time is estimated at approximately 12 weeks.

Councillor Mac Meyers was opposed to a central depot. "The rural areas are the ones which are going to suffer," he said.

He explained a new depot would cause services in many areas to drop because

the other three depots would be closed.

"The people who have seen those plows at 6:30 a.m. for the past 10 years may not see them anymore (because of major re-routing)," said Mayor Bill Ballinger.

The municipality is planning to close the depots at Goodwood and Sandford and sell the property while the depot in Uxbridge will be used to store equipment. The new central depot will be used to store all trucks, graders, loaders, and sanding equipment. The entire Works and Roads Department would also be located in the one building.

The 18-foot high building will include a heated section which contains: a 20 foot by 60 foot vehicle wash bay; a 20 foot by 60 foot vehicle repair bay; a supervisor's office; storage room; lunch room to accommodate about 20 men; washrooms; a locker room outfitted for about 20 employees; mechanical and electrical rooms; a three-ton monorail; and a janitor's closet and slop sink. The depot will also be heated by the cheapest method possible—propane.

The unheated vehicle and equipment storage sections include six 80 foot by 20 foot bays.

The entire building will be fully insulated with R-12 insulation in the walls and R-20 in the ceiling.

The building's exterior will be split rib block over a masonry cavity wall on the office and auxiliary areas and the remaining sections will be constructed of steel pre-finished siding.

"We're getting the best building for the lowest price," explained Mayor Ballinger. At the end of two municipal terms, "we'll have a constructed central depot with no long term debts...and that's good economics."

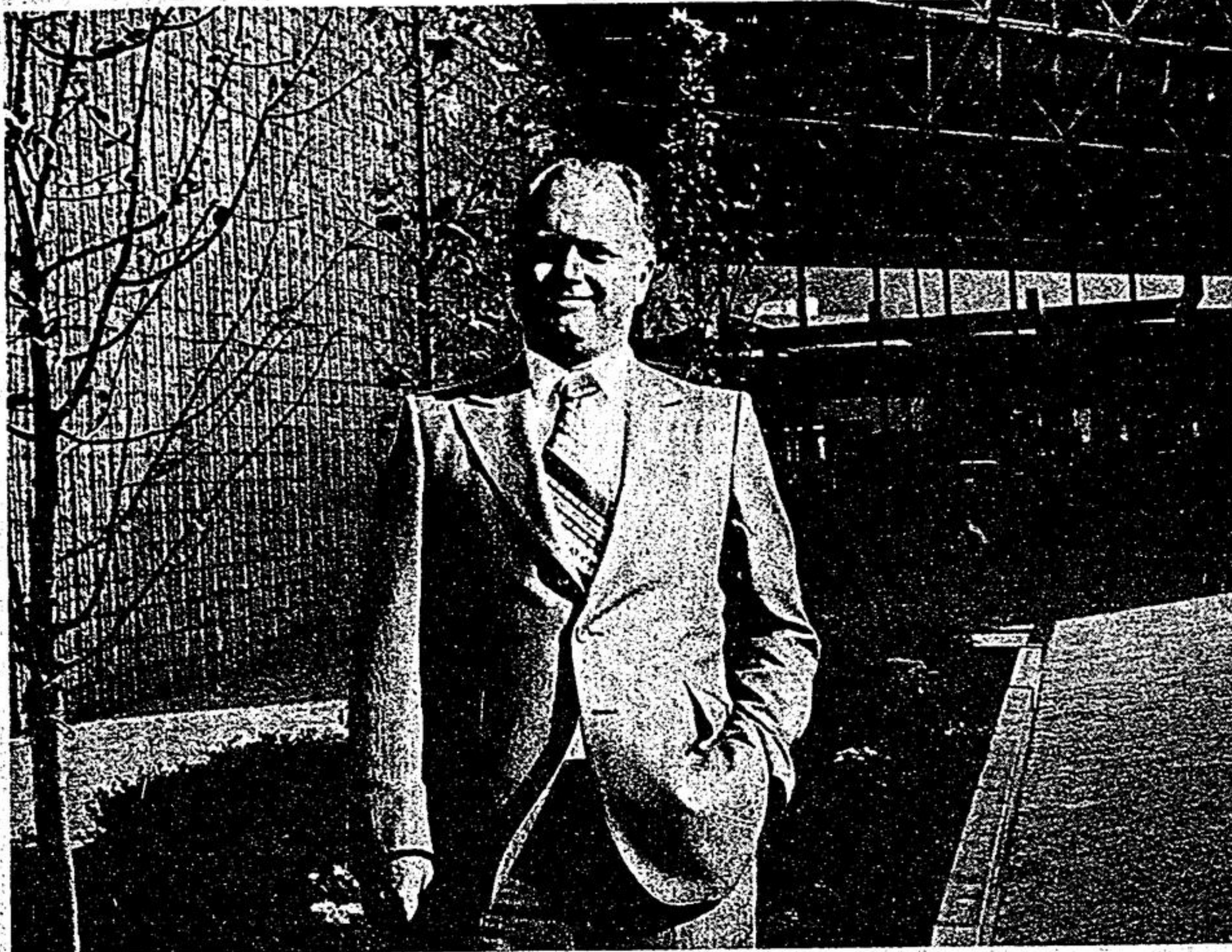
"It's a \$9,000 saving the way we're going," said Councillor Don Jackson.

However the price of \$254,000 doesn't include the installation of drilled wells, propane, gas, and diesel storage tanks, septic tanks, or an outside gravel yard.

"We're looking at another \$40,000 to \$50,000 on miscellaneous items," stated Town Clerk, Walter Taylor during a phone interview. "We're getting an exceptional building for the money."

According to Administrator-Treasurer Ron Kester, there's \$165,000 presently in the capital budget of which approximately \$125,000 could be paid this year and the remaining amount would be divided over the next couple of years.

"We never deplete that capital account," said Mayor Ballinger. "When the options are finalized then we'll decide how we'll pay for this."



Town of Pickering Mayor, Jack Anderson, stands beside the new \$13.5 million Pickering Recreation Complex which was officially opened Saturday morning. The complex, lo-

cated on Valley Farm Road in Pickering, offers a variety of activities for people of any age.

Greg Coates

Pickering Recreation Complex 'Second to none'

A ten-year dream for the Town of Pickering Recreation Department and, in particular for Mayor Jack Anderson, became a reality, Saturday, with the opening of the municipality's new \$13.5 million dollar sports complex.

The facility, that offers everything from swimming to figure skating, is located

in what Mayor Anderson refers to as "the downtown core", near Sheridan Mall.

"Tremendous—second to none in Ontario," Mayor Anderson told The Tribune. It will be operated by Recreation Director Tom Quinn and a staff of about 50 people, seventeen of these full-time employees.

The Complex was first envisaged back in 1972 and a Study followed two years later. Construction began in 1982.

"It's been in the making over ten years, the mayor recalled. He looks on it as a tremendous asset for the Town.

While the Centre will

accommodate more than an arena, the ice surface is the fifth constructed in Pickering. Three are owned by the municipality and two are private.

Mayor Anderson admits it's the largest single undertaking since he joined Council back in 1972. He's held his present position since 1977.

Association receives funds

BROUGHAM — More than \$2,000 was raised for the Cleft Lip and Palate Family Association from the Bavarian gardens at the County Jamboree event held recently in Brougham.

According to a spokes-

man for the Association, a net profit of \$2,057.13 was raised. The money will be used Canada wide to help put material together for the Cleft Lip and Palate Family Association.

Two shootings occur

UXBRIDGE — A two vehicle accident at the intersection of Regional Road 13 and Regional Road 23 on September 10 at 6:45 p.m. caused a total of \$2,700 damage, but no injuries said Durham Regional Police of the Uxbridge 26 Division.

Police said a vehicle travelling westbound on Regional Road 13 stopped at a stop sign, proceeded, and hit a southbound vehicle driven by Neill Graham, 876 Chapleau Drive, Pickering.

Charged with failing to yield the rightway is George Grant, of Little Britain.

Parked car hit

On September 9 a 1982 red Plymouth, owned by Beverley

OPP motorcycle show at fair

SUNDERLAND — During their 1983 fall tour a one-day performance by the 18-member O.P.P. Golden Helmets Precision riders will be given at the Sunderland Fall Fair today (Wednesday, Sept. 14) at 2:15 p.m.

The Golden Helmets were formed in 1963 and are presently directed by Superintendent J. F. Savage, director of the Community Services branch. Every rider in the team is a volunteer, but are regular working O.P.P. officers and they're selected by their ability and appearance.

The members of the team, most of who have had motorcycle experience as a patrol officer, will exhibit

their skills which are used every day on different Canadian highways.

Each performance lasts approximately 30 minutes and involves a variety of different manoeuvres like criss-crosses, weaving, small and large figure eights, thread and needle, reverse circle and more. These manoeuvres, which can be done in split-second timing, are not performed as tricks or stunts.

The motorcycles used are 1300 cc 450 kilogram Harley Davidson police specials. Some of the motorcycle's equipment includes two-way radios, electronic sirens, and flashing and revolving lights.

Regional auction an annual event

AJAX — Trucks, cars, buses, chain saws, office furniture, equipment, and lawn mowers are just a few of more than 300 items available at the ninth Annual Public Auction in Ajax on Saturday, Sept. 17 at 9:30 a.m.

Every year the Regional Municipality of Durham along with the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority, cities of Oshawa and Peterborough, and

towns of Ajax, Newcastle, Pickering, Richmond Hill, and Whitby hold the auction.

The indoor event is located at the Ajax Depot at Regional Road 4 (Taunton Road West) and Salem Road, R.R. 1 Pickering.

Anyone interested in viewing the items before the actual auction can attend the preview on Friday, Sept. 16 from 4 to 8 p.m.

Burhan, 65 Franklin Street, Uxbridge, was hit while parked in a parking lot on Brock Street in Uxbridge.

Police said an unknown vehicle hit the parked car and left the scene of the accident. Damage is estimated at \$300 and police are still investigating.

Windows shot

Police received a complaint on September 11 by Danny Cox, Lot 23, Conc. 4, Uxbridge. Mr. Cox reported one of his house windows had been shot out causing approximately \$150 in damage.

Police stated the alleged weapon was an air gun, but they are still investigating.

Car windows shot

While parked in the Elgin Park parking lot on September 11 at 12:20 a.m. police said the radiator and a window were shot out of a car belonging to Howard Cleaver, 4 Lawnside Drive, Toronto.

Police are unsure of the type of gun used in the shooting and they are still investigating. Estimated damage is \$800.

Radio stolen

Rick Mitchell, 58 Winchester Road, Brooklin, reported to police the theft of his Pioneer radio which was stolen from his car sometime between September 1 and 10 when his car was parked at Utica Farms.

The radio is valued at \$800 and police are still investigating.

Truck radio stolen

Police said a radio valued at \$100 was reported stolen, on September 12, from a truck at Zephyr Peat Moss and Loam Company. The radio was taken sometime between September 1 and 12 and police are still investigating.

New real estate business opens in local town

CLAREMONT — Economic times may be tough, but they haven't hampered the opening of a new Claremont business.

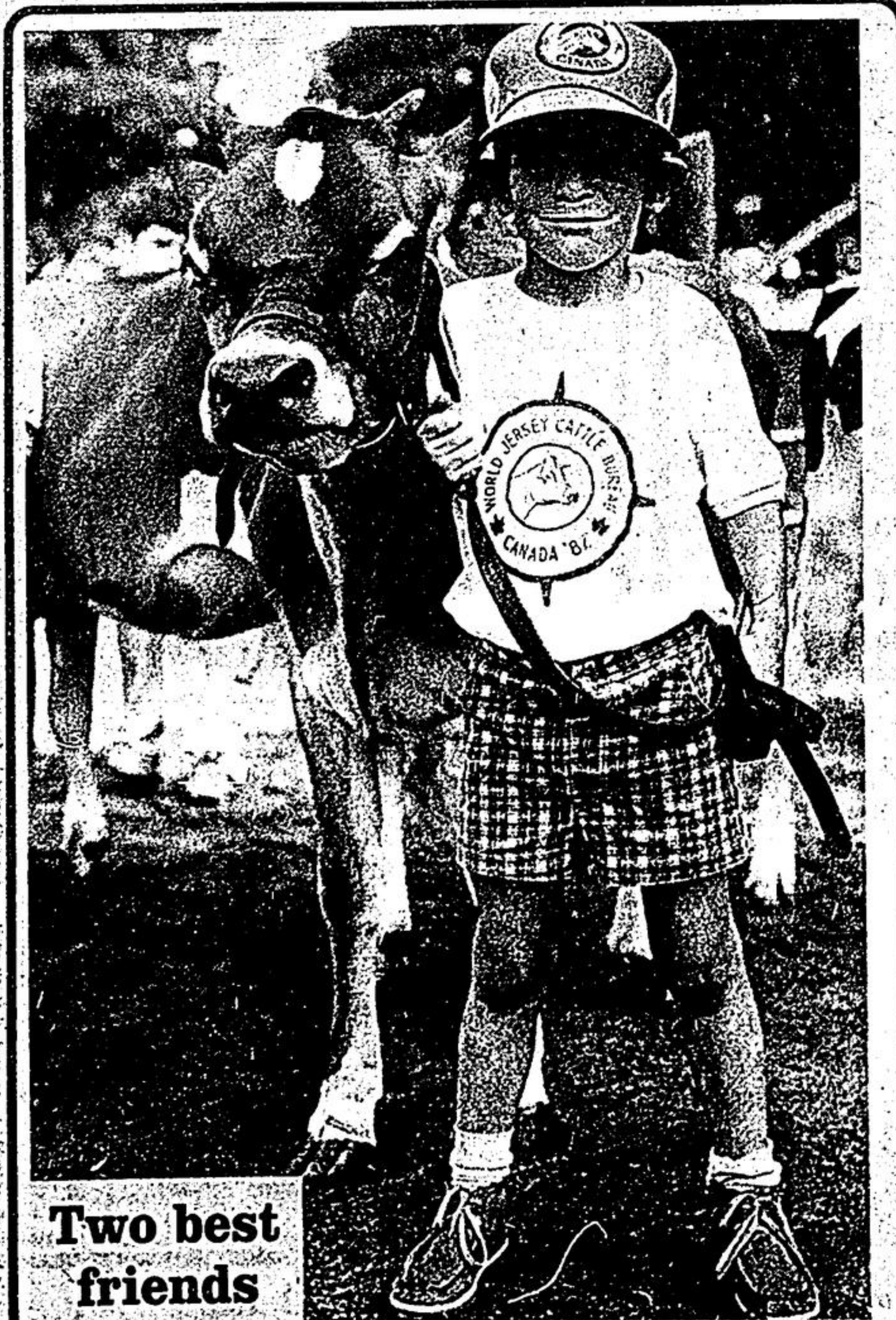
Gillespie Real Estate Services Inc., located on the northwest side of the four corners of Claremont, officially opens tomorrow (Thursday, Sept. 15) from 12 to 5 p.m. Coffee and donuts will be served to local Claremont, Uxbridge, and area residents until 2 p.m. and during the later afternoon, local politicians are invited.

Peter Gillespie is the founder and sole-business operator in this new venture. He has approximately seven to eight years of real

estate experience. He spent four years selling country property in the Claremont area and he was previously the manager of A.E. LePage real estate in Whitby.

It took Mr. Gillespie approximately one month to renovate the building used for his business, but he said it was well worth it.

He said the location is good because of the aspect of new subdivisions opening in the distant future. "It could increase the number of houses by 120...I can see Claremont becoming another Unionville." Mr. Gillespie said his new business would service the north Pickering, south Uxbridge, and north Whitby areas.



Two best friends

STANDING PROUD! Five-year-old Brian Bacon, of Greenbank, stands proud with his dairy calf, Rosellen, who was born in November 1982. Brian was one of the participants in the Pre-4-H competition at the Uxbridge Fair. For results and pictures on the fair see pages B-2 and B-3.

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