



Goodwood Lions Clubs aid new Beaver and Cub Packs

For a first time in Goodwood, Beaver and Cub Packs have been organized. Members meet Tuesday evenings in Goodwood United Church, the Beavers at six and the Cubs at seven. To assist this work, the Goodwood and District Lions Club has donated \$200, proceeds from community bingos. Pictured here at a che-

que presentation ceremony are (left to right) Derrick Bond, Lion President Trevor Harris, Tom Morton, Cub Leader Cynthia Coney and David Williamson. At present, enrollment stands at seven Beavers and eleven Cubs.

—Jim Thomas

Safety Association elects new officers

UXBRIDGE — A new 1984 committee was elected at the Ontario County Farm Safety Association's annual meeting held recently at the Ministry of Agriculture and Food (OMAF) office in Uxbridge.

The new Chairman is Grant Hill, of Zephyr; Vice-Chairman is Ivan Norton, of Goodwood; and Secretary-Treasurer is Ivan Bell, OMAF Uxbridge.

The guest speaker for the meeting was Joe Andrews, a farm safety consultant from Cambridge. He presented a slide show which described possible hazards involving farm equipment on public high-

ways and he lectured on traffic regulations in regards to farm equipment.

The Association also discussed some of their projects completed during 1983. These included: a safety poster competition for school children in Grades 5 to 8, a 4-H Farm Safety Night, a safety section in the annual Junior Farmer and 4-H judging competition, and Farm Safety Week advertising.

This winter, the St. John's Ambulance First Aid Course is offered again through the Association. Information on the course can be obtained from the OMAF office in Uxbridge.

New dykes proposed for flooding

AJAX-PICKERING — Approval for two flood protection dykes, to be installed by the Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (MTRCA) on Duffin Creek, was recently announced by Natural Resources Minister, Alan W. Pope.

However, the \$350,000 project, which is the first on a list of many, won't begin until all funds become available said MTRCA General Manager, William McLean.

"It will depend on the municipal share of the funding," said McLean.

He said 55 per cent of the money will come from an Ontario government grant totalling \$192,500. The remaining funds will come from both the Townships of Pickering and Ajax where the two dykes will be installed.

According to McLean, Pickering's share of the funds will be available to use in 1985, but the MTRCA isn't sure when Ajax's portion will be ready.

The dykes, which will be earth berms built along the shores of the river to add protection during an overflow, will be located in the old Village of Pickering (the Duffin Creek and Hwy. 2).

"There are several parts of the creek susceptible to flooding," stated Stanley White, program co-ordinator for the Regional Conservation Authority — Central Region. "These sections are prone to flooding."

The dykes will protect approximately 32 structures valued at an estimated \$1,607,000. These structures are mainly residential homes, said McLean, but it also includes a motel and some industry.

According to White, the dykes are designed to protect against one severe storm once in 500 years. He said a storm like Hurricane Hazel occurs on the average once every 800 years.

White said the entire project will take approximately one year to complete.

Resident treated badly

BY NORAH STONER
Regional Councillor, Ward 3,
Town of Pickering

A sad thing happened at the Executive Committee Monday night. Roy Bamborough was on the agenda to appear as a delegation, but a motion by Councillor Laurie Cahill and Mayor Jack Anderson recommended that he not be heard.

This is the first occasion in the six years I have sat on this council that an individual who was slated to speak was refused that right. Mr. Bamborough was a resident in the Cherrywood area of North Pickering whose home and property were expropriated by the Ontario government. A man who was evicted by the sheriff to make way for a development which never took place, whose home is now rented to others.

The purpose of Roy's appearance before council was to give us a copy of the Ombudsman's Report on the expropriation of property in Pickering by the Ontario government. A report which directly affects Pickering residents and the largest land acquisition project ever undertaken in Ontario. Although there is nothing the Pickering Council can do about the Ombudsman's Report, the matter should be of enough concern to those who have the responsibility for planning on those 25,000 acres to at least listen for a few minutes. By council's own rules, delegations can only speak for a maximum of 10 minutes.

In my view, probably the most important duty of a councillor is to listen to what the public has to say. I believe it is a democratic right for an individual to be able to address decision-makers apprising them of their concerns. In Mr. Bamborough's case, those rights were trampled by a council who in the words of one member, "didn't come here to be educated".

Mr. Bamborough is a man who has been shabbily treated by many levels of government and their bureaucracies and I feel very sad that the municipal government of the Town of Pickering has now been added to that ignominious list.

Church seeks new minister

By Sandra Redshaw

CLAREMONT — The congregations from St. Johns United Church in Brougham and Claremont United Church will meet on Sunday, January 29 at 12:15 p.m. in Claremont to vote on the appointment of a pastoral relations committee to select a new minister. Anyone may attend this meeting so please support your church by attending. The annual congregational meeting for Claremont United Church will be held at the church Monday, Jan. 23 at 8 p.m.

Happy 35th anniversary to Bob and Thelma Hockley who celebrated this week. Birthday wishes go out to Joe Borland who celebrates his 20th.

Congratulations to Howie and Cathy Jones on the birth of their daughter Amanda Nicole on January 5. A sister for Tina.

An update for the winter carnival during the weekend of January 27 and 28. Entry forms for the parade are available from Gillespie Real Estates. The theme of the floats should be "Fur Trappers". There will be cash prizes for the first, second, and third place winners.

On Friday, Jan. 27 from 9 a.m. until noon the viewing of snow sculptures is at the school. Judging of the sculptures will take place in the afternoon. The Lioness Family Skating Party begins from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the park Friday evening with hot chocolate

and donuts. A teenage dance, 7:30 to 11:30 p.m., will be held at the community hall with the final judging of the Snow Queen taking place (pre-judging is on Thursday evening). Contact Andrea Graham for entrance at 649-2604.

Saturday morning from 8 to 9:30 a.m. at the United Church a pancake breakfast will be served. The rates are reasonable. One pancake and syrup 50 cents; sausage 50 cents; juice 25 cents; or for \$2.50 you can receive three pancakes, sausage, juice, and coffee. The parade begins at 10 a.m. at the Co-op. At 11 a.m. there will be ice races for the kids at the park and at noon the oldtimers hockey begins. Mixed ball on the ice will start at 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. The fireman's tug of war is at 2:30 p.m. If you are interested call Willard Peddie at 649-3012.

Mixed slo-pitch on the diamond is at 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. and a dog sled demonstration is at 3 p.m. There are still a few tickets left for the Trappers Ball on Saturday night. There will be prizes for the best costumes. Contact Frank Hill at 649-2653 or Peter Gillespie for tickets. The next meeting will be Thursday, Jan. 19 at 8 p.m. at the park.

The Uxbridge Islanders Oldtimers Hockey Club won the 'B' Division in the Little Britain Tournament on the weekend. Goalie John Marks again allowed only a very few goals in four games to help his team win.

Skiing slump ends with snow

By GREG COATES

UXBRIDGE — After last winter's poor skiing season, frustrated skiers are taking advantage of this year's snow and hitting the slopes in packs.

Facilities across the province are reporting much improved business. Dagmar Resort, located five miles east of Claremont, is one such place. Owner, operator Christa Marton described business as being very good. And compared to last season...well, there is no comparison.

"Last year during the Christmas holidays — when most resorts get approximately one third their business — we were closed," said Mrs. Marton, noting there was simply no snow. "This year has started off as good a winter as we've had in a long while."

Dagmar Resort is the closest facility offering both Alpine (downhill) and cross-country skiing to Stouffville residents.

For Alpine skiers, the resort features five beginner, seven intermediate and three advanced slopes. They have two triple chairs (one newly installed last year), four T-bars and a rope tow. Fully qualified ski patrol members are also on hand at all times.

Cross-country buffs can enjoy Dagmar's 15 kilometres of scenic trails, all ranging in degrees of difficulty.

Full equipment rentals are available at Dagmar. And for those trying the sport for the first time, the resort has hourly rates. Reduced rates for groups of 20 or more are also available.

For beginners, Dagmar features a complete ski school program, offering all types of lessons. Fully qualified instructors are available for private, semi-private, and group lessons in both downhill and cross-country skiing.

Featured every weekend through to Feb. 19 is an Intensive Learn to Ski Program, designed for those wanting to learn the rudiments of skiing quickly. It includes two days skiing, with a one-hour lesson each morning, and a 1½-hour lesson each afternoon. The cost is \$40 for non-members, \$59 with rentals.

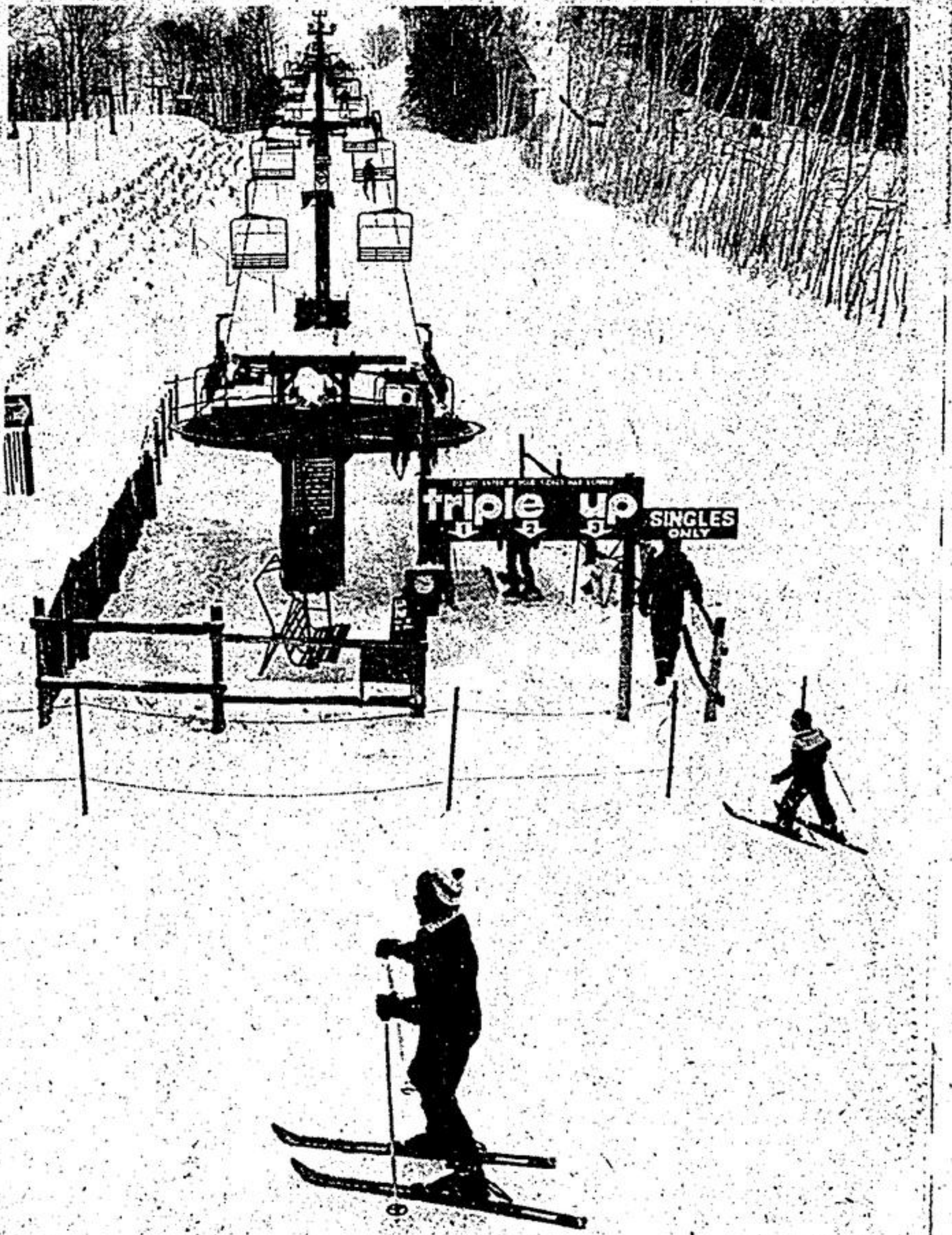
Skiers who work through the week, but still want to avoid the weekend crowds, can take advantage of Dagmar's night skiing. The resort is open Tuesday to Saturday evenings from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

"Being so close to areas like Stouffville, we encourage evening skiing," said the resort's public relations co-ordinator Christina Yli-Luoma. "People can come ski for a few hours and then relax awhile."

When not on the slopes, skiers can relax in Dagmar's cafeteria, buffet-styled dining room, or licenced lounge.

A number of special events will be featured at Dagmar in the near future. Included are Monday Madness (Jan. 23), free skiing and lessons from noon to 8 p.m.; two radio parties (Feb. 3 and Feb. 24), which will feature a variety of games and contests; and the Dagmar Marti Gras (Feb. 26), a family day at the resort.

Further information can be received by calling Dagmar Resort at 294-6385.



Dagmar has recently installed a second triple chair ski lift, one of the several different lifts the resort oper-

ates. This year, Dagmar's business has been on the increase due to plentiful snow conditions. Greg Coates

Improvements passed

CEDAR BEACH — Approval for the Cedar Beach Local Improvement Program, which will cost about \$300,000 for reconstruction, was passed in a bylaw by Town Council Tuesday night.

The streets which will be reconstructed are Cedarvale Blvd. from west of Lot 9 to east of Lot 38; Rosehill Dr. from the intersection of Cedarvale Blvd. to north of Rosehill Dr.; Elmvale Blvd. from the intersection of Cedarvale Blvd. to the north

of Elmvale Blvd.; Maple Cres. from the intersection of Cedarvale Blvd. to the intersection of Elmvale Blvd.; and Balson Blvd. from the intersection of Maple Cres. to the north of Balson Blvd.

The project, which falls under the Local Improvement Act, is estimated at costing homeowners \$75,000; the town \$75,000; and the Ministry of Transportation and Communication \$80,000 in 1983 and \$70,000 in 1984.



'Favorite' group performs

The Nations Gospel Quartet from London, Ont., will present an evening of sacred music this Sunday, (Jan. 22), in the Stouffville Pentecostal Church beginning at 6 p.m.

Gospel group sings at Stouffville church

STOUFFVILLE — "The Nations" Gospel Quartet from London, Ont., will present an evening of sacred music at Stouffville Pentecostal Church this Sunday, (Jan. 22) at 6 p.m.

Last year, the sanctuary was filled to capacity.

The quartet was recently voted Favorite Gospel Group in Canada and their lead singer, Dan Toman Jr., was selected Co-Favorite Male Vocalist in Gospel Music. One of their recordings entitled "Take A

Moment And Live" won Best Gospel Album of the Year.

Last summer, they appeared before an audience of over 10,000 at Canada's Wonderland.

Rev. Craig Pitts extends a welcome to residents of the community to attend this special gospel service. There is no charge but a free-will offering will be received. Doors will open at 5:15 p.m.

The Stouffville Pentecostal Church is located at 460 Main Street East.

Unique animal selection available at local store

STOUFFVILLE — Looking for a unique gift? How about a pet tarantula?

You won't even have to leave town to get one. There's one available at Stouffville's new pet store, The Pet Centre, located in Success Plaza.

Owned and operated by Henriette Woiczky, of Richmond Hill, the store carries a full line of pet care goods, including bird, fish, cat and dog supplies.

"Anything I don't have in stock, I can get," explained Mrs. Woiczky.

She added that fish have been selling very well since the store opened in December.

"I think a lot of people are getting out their tanks now that we're here," she said. "We carry everything from goldfish to exotic stingrays and are hoping to expand our saltwater line. It depends what the people want."

But what about the tarantula? "It's a conversation piece really," explained Mrs. Woiczky. "But a lot of children want them. I think there would be a big demand for tarantulas if it wasn't for mothers."

If you are interested, the spider sells for \$49 and is guaranteed to get a variety of reactions from house guests.

The Pet Centre is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and is open until 9 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays.

Lion's Toll Day fund-raising fun

STOUFFVILLE — Town Council supported a proposal by the Lions Club of Stouffville, Tuesday, to hold a Voluntary Toll Day Feb. 11 to help raise funds for the club's charitable work in town.

Donations will be given to the Lions Club members stationed along Main Street at stop lights and stop signs. Each Lion will be "well" identified and when a donation is given, a small thank you card will be inserted under the car's windshield wiper.

Notices concerning Toll Day will be posted at the entrance of town to caution motorists.