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Japanese Co. head tours site

BY AUDREY GREEN

UXBRIDGE — Braving chilly temperatures and heavy rain representatives for the Japanese firm, Tokai of Canada Limited, arrived in Uxbridge Monday to tour the site of their proposed factory.

Tomio Nitta, president of the Japanese parent company Seiki, was toured around Lazy Lake Trailer Park by snowmobile. The site, which is approximately 80 acres, is located at the northeast intersection of Regional Road 30 and Sdrd. 20 Lots 21 and 22.

Those attending the excursion included Frank Nagabayashi, head of the International firm; Tak Fukuda, from Kajima Construction Company in New York, USA; Uxbridge Mayor Bill Ballinger; the firm's Canadian representative Philip W. Slayton, lawyer for Blake Cassels and Graydon in Toronto; and three representatives from Mitsubishi Canada Limited, of Toronto.

The trip to Uxbridge marked the second for Mr. Nitta, who lives in Japan. After touring the area he commented, through an interpreter, how Lazy Lake resort was "exactly" what he had dreamed about.

Mr. Nitta's main priority and "basic philosophy" was to locate his first Canadian factory in a rural setting with hills, lakes, and trees. He also wanted to be within 45 minutes of Don Mills.

"The most important factor is the surroundings," he stated. "It will be very satisfying where ever we make the factory."

He believes a pleasant atmosphere for employees and visitors is an important component in operating a business.

According to Mr. Nagabayashi, the company first considered buying industrial property in Brampton and Burlington, but Mr. Nitta wasn't pleased with the selected areas.

Tokai of Canada Limited will be Seiki's eleventh worldwide factory. The industry will manufacture five different types of disposable butane lighters for the Canadian market.

Kajima Construction Company will be hired to build the factory and "we hope we can finish it in six months," said Mr. Nagabayashi. The company hopes to start construction by May 1.

Mitsubishi Canada Limited will supply Tokai of Canada Limited with the raw materials needed for their production of lighters.

"They have more firms and help throughout the world," said Mr. Nagabayashi. "We're just a manufacturer."

The industrial proposal will bring jobs to local residents. The firm plans to hire approximately 42 to 50 local workers he explained.

"When the factory expands, we'll hire more."

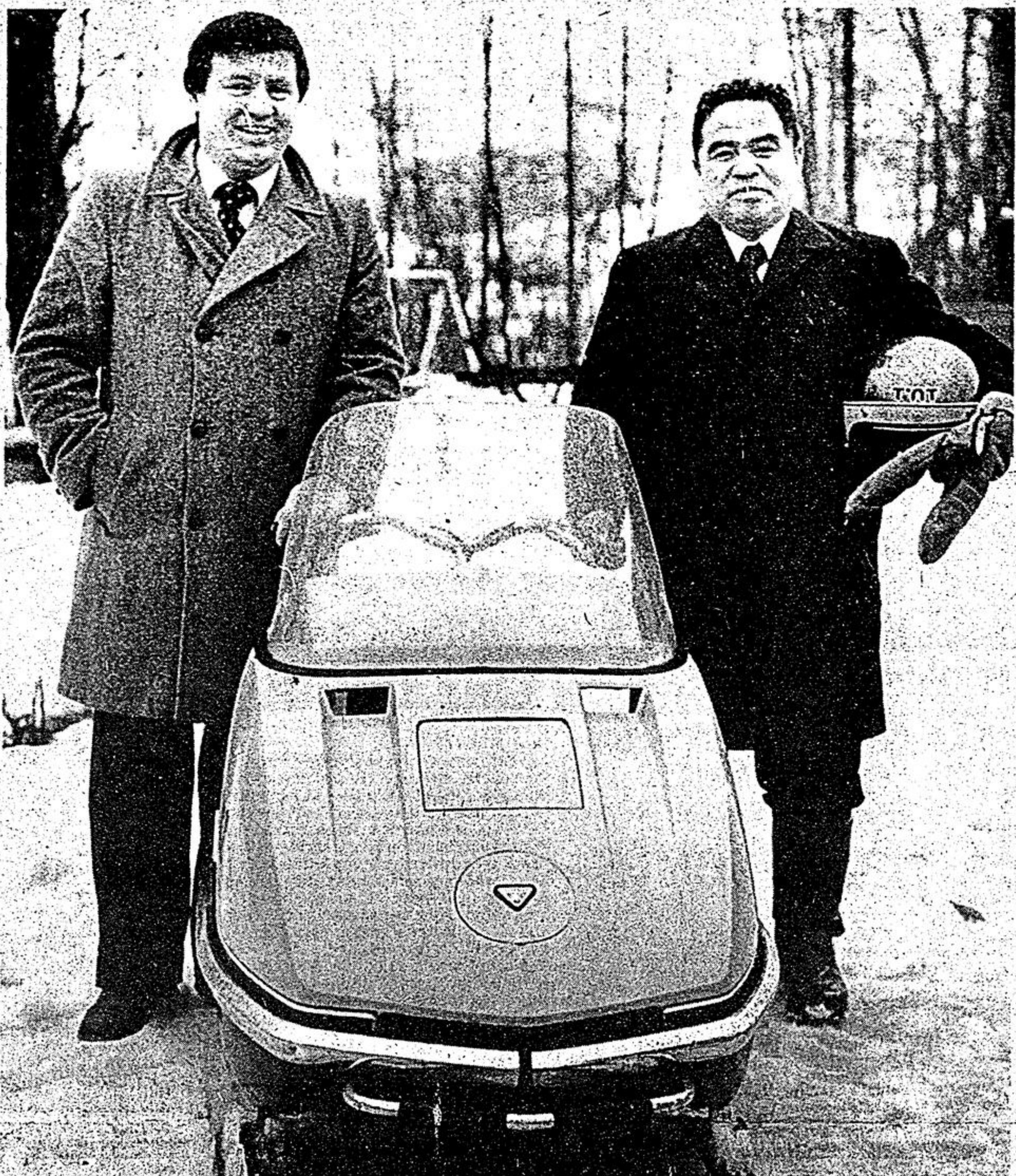
The company plans to construct a main factory with a floor space covering approximately one-and-a-half acres and two acres with a parking lot. It will contain executive offices, warehouse space, and equipment.

The company also plans to build a guest house on the opposite side of the lake which will operate as a conference centre and accommodation unit for visitors.

According to Mr. Slayton, the company currently has a conditional offer, pending with the owner of Lazy Lake resort. However, the deal cannot be completed until the site has been officially re-zoned, by the municipality, to industrial in a recreational environment.

Mayor Bill Ballinger announced Thursday that the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing had approved the official plan amendment.

A public meeting, concerning the proposed industry, will be held in the Uxbridge Municipal Office Council Chambers at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 5.



Uxbridge Mayor Bill Ballinger (left) and Tomio Nitta, president of the Japanese firm Seiki, met Monday at Lazy Lake Trailer Park to tour the resort. Mr. Nitta came to Uxbridge to check on the land which the company plans to buy for their first proposed Canadian firm — Tokai of Canada Ltd. After the tour, Mr. Nitta said he was thrilled with his first ride on a snowmobile and his future plans may include buying one for himself.

Audrey Green

Fined for tax evasion

PICKERING — A 46-year-old Concord man was fined \$319,365 for income tax evasion — the largest tax evasion fine ever levied as a result of an investigation by the Toronto District office of Revenue Canada.

Newmarket Provincial Court Judge M.A. Charles found Vernon Stong guilty of willfully evading paying \$212,910 in federal income taxes. He failed to report an income of \$549,162.97.

"I don't know how you thought you could get away with it — mortgages can be traced," said Judge Charles.

Mr. Stong must pay the fine in 12 equal, monthly installments.

The charge was laid following an investigation by the Department of National Revenue and Taxation's special investigations section of Mr. Stong's 1975 to 1980 tax returns.

The investigation revealed Mr. Stong received \$722,991 in 1973 when the North Pickering Community Development Project expropriated his 205-acre farm in Pickering.

The investigation also showed that settlement funds were invested in guaranteed certificates and deposit receipts. Mr. Stong also granted mortgages as a private lender.

The court was told that, by the end of 1975, Mr. Stong had accumulated a mortgage portfolio consisting of 35 mortgages totalling more than \$600,000. The capital invested in guaranteed certificates and deposit receipts had gradually been converted into private mortgages. By the end of 1980, Mr. Stong held 70 mortgages worth more than \$1.6 million.

From 1976 to 1980, Mr. Stong reported a net income of \$103,901 which was about 16 per cent of his actual income.

Mr. Stong has paid all provincial and federal taxes, interest and civil penalties assessed as a result of the investigation.

Masonic Lodge master

CLAREMONT — The past Master of the Brougham Union Lodge and longtime Claremont resident, Maitland Edward Anderson, 88, died, recently, after a lengthy illness at Centenary Hospital in Scarborough.

Mr. Anderson, who was born in Bottineau, North Dakota, USA, Sept. 5, 1896, moved to Claremont in 1910 and lived there until his death.

He is survived by his wife, Maud; sons, Earl of Claremont; Rae of Peterborough; grandchildren Carol, Ernie, Murray, and Michelle; and great-grandchildren Eddy, Peter, and Laura.

Funeral services were held Sun. Feb. 5 at the McEachnie Funeral Home chapel and interment will take place in the spring at the Claremont Union Cemetery.

Women delighted with furs

GOODWOOD — It was a fashion show like no other when the Goodwood Christian Women's Club held its February meeting Friday at the Goodwood Community Centre.

Excitement rippled through the audience as ladies reached out to touch the knitted and crocheted fur pieces created by Paula

Lishman Ltd., of Blackstock, (east of Port Perry), and modelled by Jan Wilson, Joan Sutton, Cathy Bass, Betty Stonehouse and Evelyn Prentice.

Even the price, \$2,000 and up for the fur jackets and \$400 for the leather pants, failed to deter the ladies' enthusiasm. Many remained after the meeting to try the apparel on.

Like most enterprises, Paula Lishman started small, first with leather, then with fur. From the confines of a second-storey garage, she now operates out of the former Blackstock schoolhouse, employing between 15 and 20 knitters and 12 to 15 cutters. She exports to the United States and

Japan with Calgary and Vancouver the largest 'home' markets.

Did the beauty of the items entice any of the gals to 'dig down deep' and make purchases?

Maybe not, for, as one spectator put it: "It's the kind of gift a husband would give a wife who has everything."

Durham-York riding may disappear

BY AUDREY GREEN
DURHAM REGION — The provincial riding, known as Durham-York, will "no longer" exist if the

newly proposed Ontario electoral boundaries are approved Durham-York M.P.P. Ross Stevenson announced during a press

conference Friday. "There has been proposed major changes in the north ridings," said Stevenson. "I have mixed emotions...it

concerns me that the south section of Lake Simcoe will be chopped up."

The announcement came following the release of a three-man study which outlined the new boundaries that coincide with population growth.

The proposed changes in the study revealed the town of Uxbridge would be situated in the new riding of York-Ontario, which would also include Whitchurch-Stouffville, East Gwillimbury, Georgina, and part of Markham (north of 16th Ave.).

"It's now mostly York and not too much Durham," said Stevenson. "Population dictates and changes have to be made...Stouffville will be the biggest town in the new riding."

Whitchurch-Stouffville would be taken from York-North and placed in York-Ontario while Markham would be taken from York Centre and made into its own riding.

One major concern Stevenson has is the loss of Brock from Durham-York to the Simcoe East riding.

"I'm not terribly pleased Brock has been taken away from Georgina," he commented. "Once they start dithering with one riding the dominos will begin to fall."

Stevenson stated Brock could be left out in the cold. In the proposal, Brock has

been located in the south section of Simcoe East isolated from any major centres.

Claremont, Whitevale, and Brougham would be placed in Durham West, while Scugog has been slated for the Durham East riding.

The proposed changes will increase the number of provincial legislative seats from 125 to 130. Although some of the present ridings have been wiped off the map, five new ridings have been created.

"They (government) try to keep representation even around the province," said Stevenson. "They aim for about 70,000 (people per riding)...it's not a matter of political wars being fought."

According to Stevenson, the present Durham-York area has about 75,000 people. The study's figures were taken from the 1981 Statistics Canada report.

He said the boundaries, which don't affect the municipal levels of government, are changed approximately every ten years. He said the current proposal wouldn't occur for a minimum of six months and the earliest the bill could be passed in the legislature is December 1984. "It's not likely to be really quick."

If a 1984 provincial election occurs, he stated, the new boundaries would not be initiated. The present

ridings would remain the same. Stevenson said he doesn't expect a provincial election until the spring of 1985.

"The changes right now may not be final," he stated. However, if they are, they "won't be in effect until an election and most likely not until the next one."

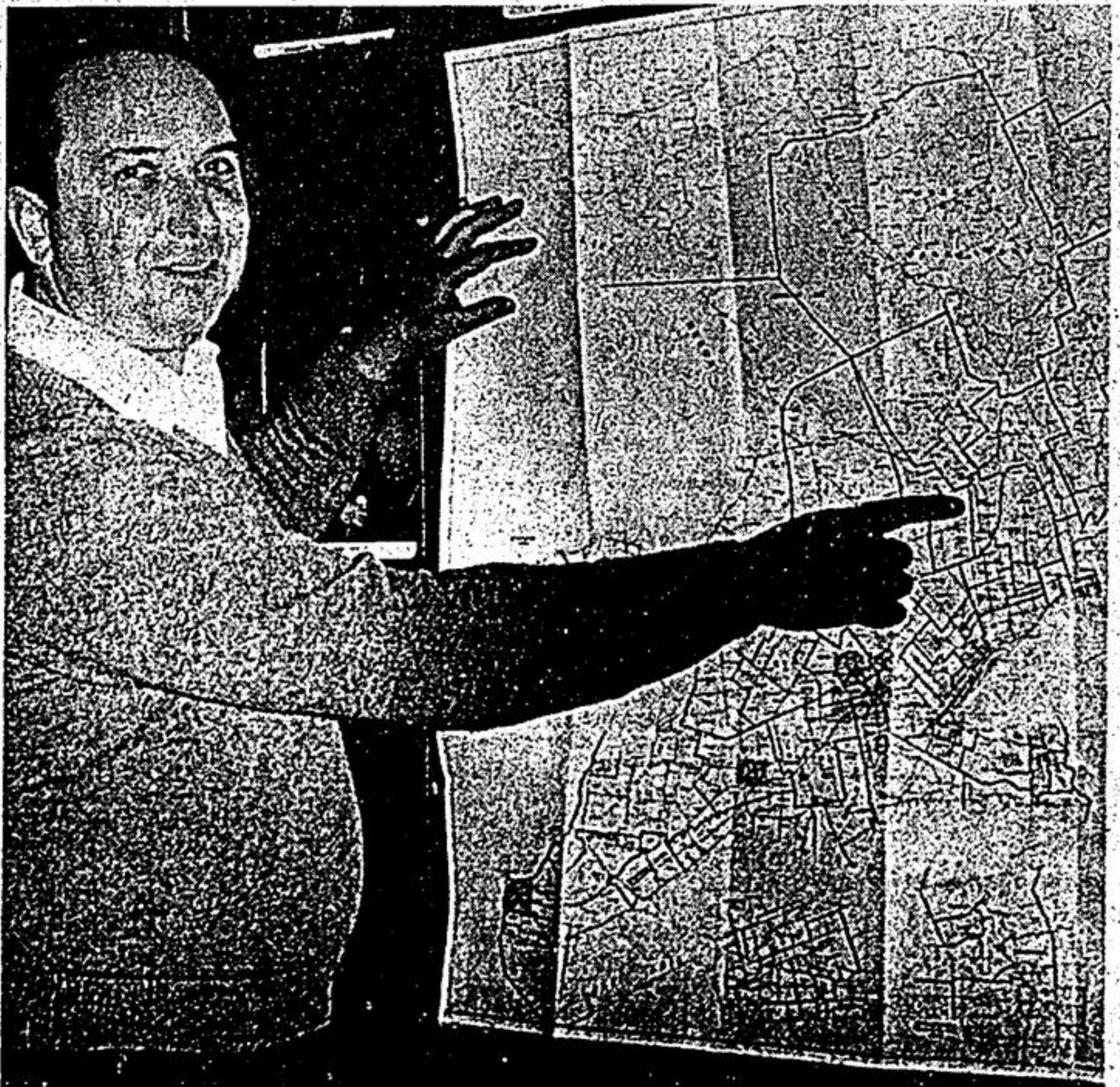
Public meetings have been scheduled for: York-Ontario — Tuesday, May 1 at 10 a.m. in the City Hall council chambers, 84 Collier St. Barrie; Durham West and Markham — Monday, May 14 to Friday, May 18 at 10 a.m. in Osgoode Hall, 130 Queen St. West, Toronto; and Durham East — Thursday, May 3 at 10 a.m. in the Peterborough Court House, 470 Water St.

Group hosts guest night

GOODWOOD — A sell-out audience is expected when the Goodwood Christian Women's Club holds its Guest Night, April 13 in the Goodwood Community Hall.

An exciting evening is anticipated with dinner at 7 p.m., followed by a program to include a fashion show, sponsored by Homan's Department Store of Uxbridge; music by Dr. Paul Lehman and Clarion Baker and speakers Franklin and Swayvian King. Mr. King is a defensive lineman with the 1983 Grey Cup Champion Toronto Argonauts.

Tickets (\$12) are available through advance reservation only, from Emily Helliwell, (640-2525).



Durham-York M.P.P. Ross Stevenson, points out on a map the new proposed electoral boundaries for Ontario. If the Ontario legislature passes the proposal, Stevenson's current Durham-York riding will no longer exist.

Audrey Green