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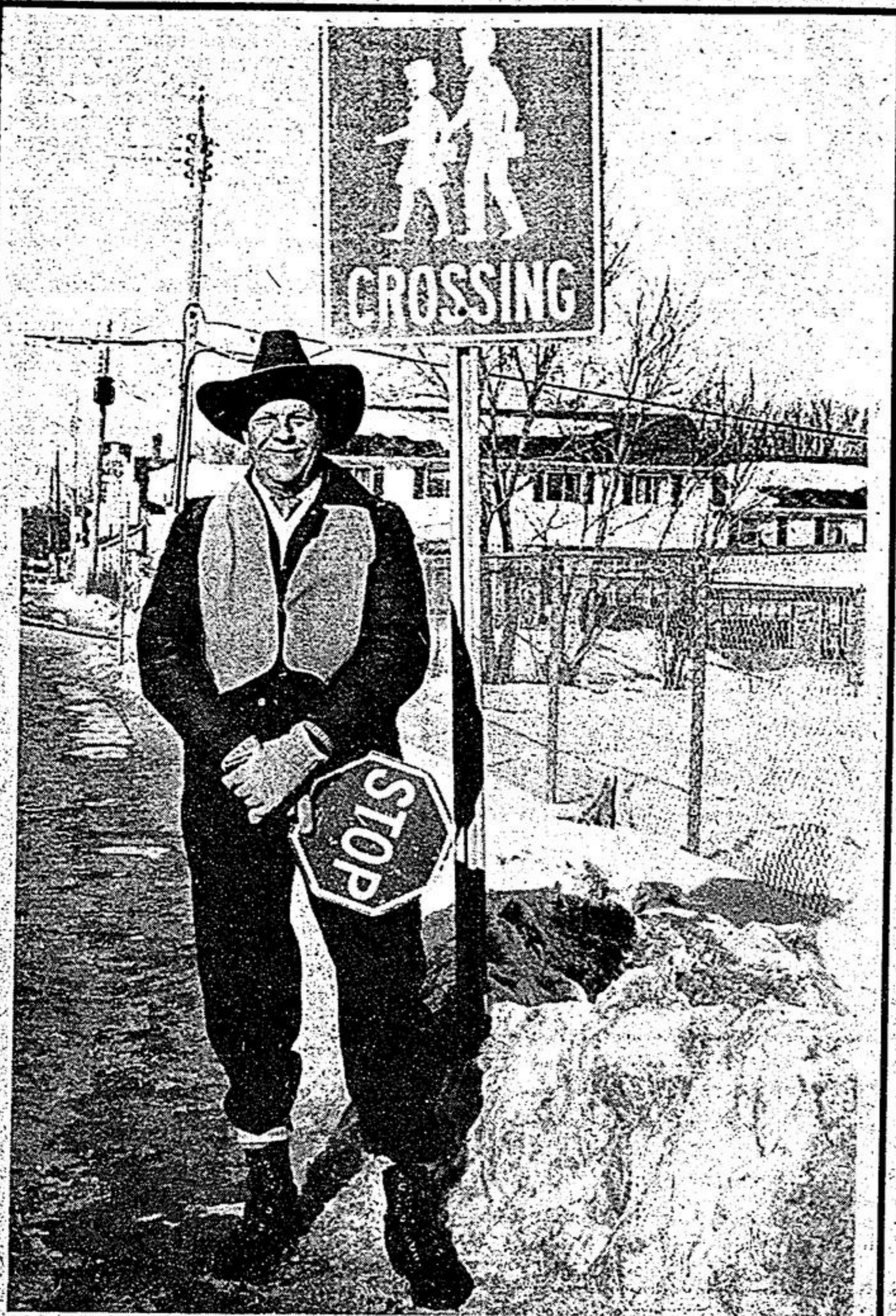
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Friday afternoon was extra special for Uxbridge school crossing guard Gordon Lake. That was the last time he would escort children across Toronto Street because he has traded in his job for retirement. Mr. Lake, 64, and his wife plan to enjoy their time together by travelling to Florida next winter in their new motorhome.

Audrey Green

## Crossing guard bids farewell

BY AUDREY GREEN  
UXBRIDGE — Almost a year to the day of starting his job as a school crossing guard for St. Joseph's Separate School and Uxbridge Public School, Gordon Lake, 64, traded in his stop sign for a new motor home and retirement.

Mr. Lake, of R.R. 1 Uxbridge, and his wife Audrey, have purchased a motor home and plan to "pack up" and head for the sunny south in Florida.

Although they're not planning to leave until next winter, he said it's time to put his feet up and enjoy his freedom.

Mr. Lake, a previous employee of Bell Enterprises, started his crossing guard job at Toronto Street South after seeing an advertisement

in the paper. Every Monday to Friday, four times a day, he would stand at the corners of Toronto St., Church St. and Colborne St. despite all weather conditions.

Now, after almost a year, he's decided to hand the job over to someone else, but not without some regret.

"I'm going to miss the kids," he commented. "I really did enjoy it...and it's done, me some good."

"He's quite a character," said John D'Costa, principal of St. Joseph's Separate School. "He's been really good to the kids." At a recent Works and Roads Committee meeting, members commented on Mr. Lake's "excellent" work.

"He was a great man for the job," said Ward 2 Councillor, Mac Meyers.

The committee also appointed Jim Waterman, a Works and Roads Department employee, to replace Mr. Lake as the new crossing guard. Mr. Waterman will receive \$2,700 per year for the job.

On Friday afternoon, the staff at St. Joseph's Separate School presented Mr. Lake with a bottle of wine and a first place ribbon to extend their appreciation for a job well done.

Following the presentation, Mr. Lake put on his hat and crossing guard vest, and grabbed his stop sign. Then, at 3:15 p.m., he headed out to his post to work his last shift.

## Illegal extension upsets committee

UXBRIDGE — An Uxbridge contractor has illegally built a second story extension to his Victoria Drive business and some members of the Uxbridge Planning and Development Committee are furious.

In December 1983, the owner of the building, Harvey Acton, appeared before the Committee of Adjustment for a second variance so he could build an extension on the north section of the building. The committee approved the extension provided a site plan agreement was signed between Mr. Acton and the Township.

Mr. Acton did apply for a

building permit, but it was never issued because the site plan was only signed by Mr. Acton and not the Township.

"I'm concerned that building is up and no building permit was issued," said Regional Councillor Gerri-Lynn O'Connor.

O'Connor was upset with Planning Chairman Sandy Ewen for allowing the situation to go as far as it had. She claimed a hint of favoritism was present.

"If it wasn't Harvey Acton you (Ewen) would be just as upset as everyone else," she stated. "We wouldn't except this from

anyone else...nobody else would get away with it.

"There's a game being played and everyone must play by the same rules."

"We have a building permit," Mr. Acton told the Tribune.

He said he had appeared before the committee to discuss the extension and "they said we could just go ahead and get started."

Another area which raised concern was Mr. Acton returned the signed site plan agreement to the Township with three sections altered.

The original copy stated "all repairs and servicing of equipment and machinery shall be done entirely within the building." The statement was altered to say if equipment couldn't fit in the building it would be fixed outside.

The other changes in question included; an extension to the June 1 deadline for planting a privacy hedge at the rear of the building and the deletion of a para-

graph which stated he would be responsible for all costs incurred by the Township.

O'Connor said there was so much removed from the agreement "there wasn't enough paper left to write on."

She also expressed concern about how messy the area was kept. She said there were trucks parked everywhere and an excess of snow fence and garbage piled around the site.

"We have one hell of a mess...nobody should have to look at that," said O'Connor. "If it's not cleaned up all hell should break loose."

Ward 5 Councillor Ian Morrison said that "cleaning up the crapp" was only a small portion of the overall problem.

In order to solve the problem the committee passed a motion to meet with Mr. Acton tomorrow night (Thursday, March 15) at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

## Individual wells not best method

CLAREMONT — Private wells on individual properties may be only temporary solutions to water pollution problems in Claremont, a public meeting was told here Wednesday.

Chairman Al Graham said there's a fear the underground aquifer may be contaminated because some homeowners with drilled wells are also experiencing difficulties. The alternative, it was explained, is a communal water system that could cost up to 1.6 million dollars. The Region of Durham would subsidize such a project in the amount of 85 per cent and the province, 15 per cent.

The cost of connecting into the service is estimated at \$2,600 per resident plus an annual water rate.

While no one would be obligated to hook into the system, each owner would be assessed a charge based on frontage.

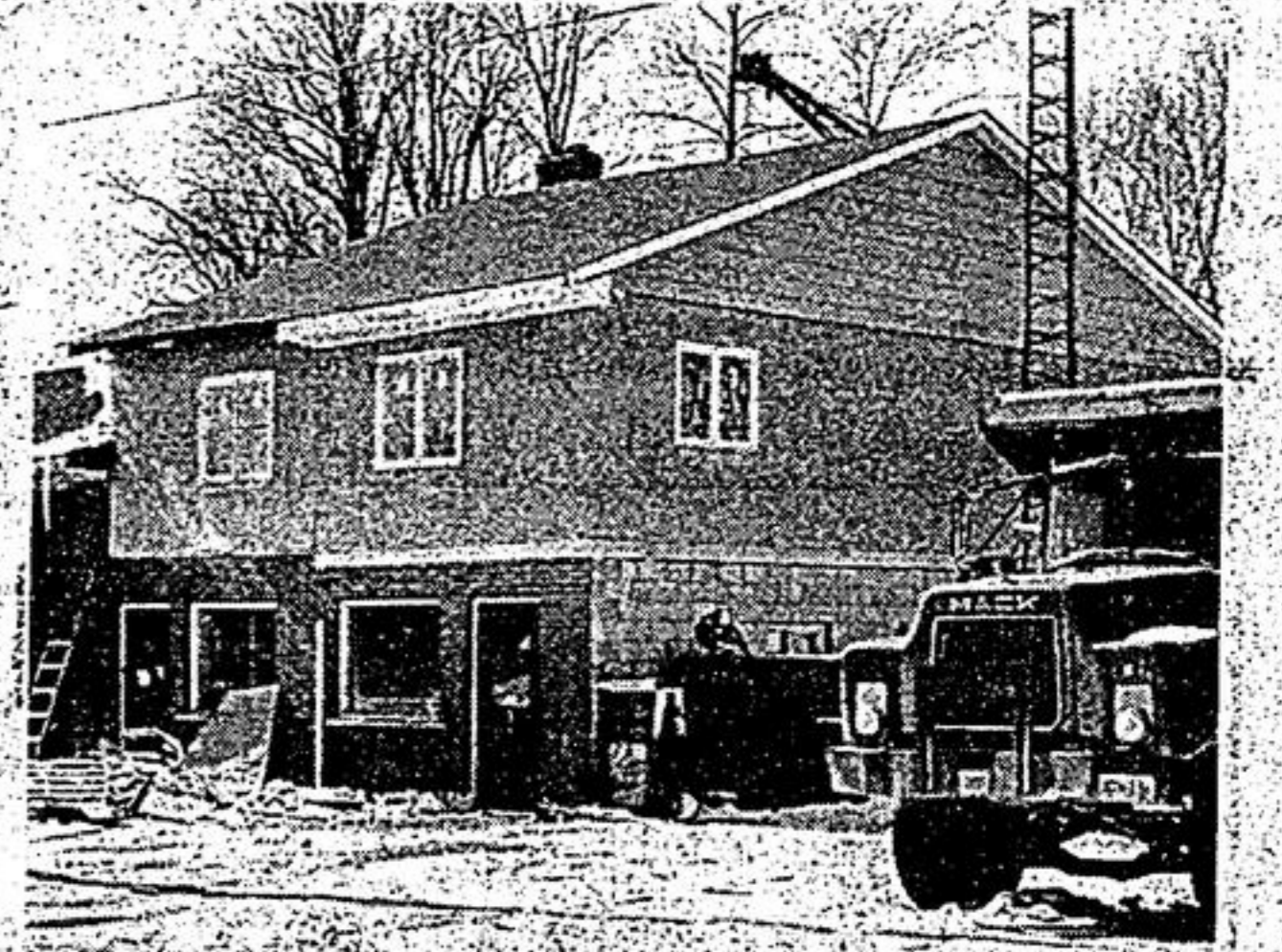
The audience, numbering about thirty, was told that three or four test wells would be drilled in the immediate area. Cost for this was placed at \$49,000.

"We must decide what's best for the whole community and get on with the job at the least expense to the individual," chairman Graham told the meeting.

Several speakers criticized the draft report dealing with Claremont's water problems. "It's scope was so narrow, it made no sense," said resident John Marks.

One lady said she'd had two tests done on her well. One, she said, came back okay and the other claimed the water polluted.

Graham recommended the holding of a second meeting with an official of the Environment Ministry in attendance.



The Uxbridge Planning and Development Committee are investigating an extension which was illegally constructed on a Victoria Drive business. Owner Harvey Acton built the extension without an official building permit.

## Walks need attention

UXBRIDGE — The accumulation of ice and snow on sidewalks in front of downtown Uxbridge businesses is a growing concern and dangerous problem said Ward 5 Councillor Ian Morrison during Thursday's Works and Roads Committee meeting.

"It's a pet peeve of mine," stated Morrison. "The build-up of ice on sidewalks is ridiculous."

Morrison said committee members should take a "serious" look at the town's snow removal bylaw concerning the downtown core because some shop owners are neglecting to keep their sidewalks cleared.

He said the township should "start charging people" who don't maintain the standards of bylaw (77-24)

regarding snow removal on sidewalks.

"There's a good percentage who do an excellent job," he claimed. However, "the merchants who are renting are doing a terrible job."

According to the bylaw, all snow and ice must be removed from the sidewalk adjoining the premises. The township has the right to clear the sidewalks after 10 a.m. or three hours after it has stopped snowing and the municipality has the right to recover the incurred expense.

The bylaw also states any owner who refuses to clear the sidewalk can be fined up to \$100.

However, if the occupant or owner is more than 65-years-old they can be ex-

empted and the municipality will clear the walks if requested.

"There's no reason the owners of businesses should laugh at the bylaw," said Morrison.

The downtown streets out-

lined in the bylaw are: Toronto Street South, Toronto Street North, Church Street, Spruce Street, First Avenue, Brock Street West, Brock Street East, Main Street South, and Main Street North.

## Uxbridge play nears opening

UXBRIDGE — The love triangle suspense-comedy production, *Murder at the Howard Johnson's*, is believed to be the "most professional" performance given by the Uxbridge Players said Production Manager Liz Larter.

"It's a funny funny play," she said. "We really feel it will be the most professional." *Murder at the Howard Johnson's*, which was written by R. Clark and S. Bobrick, opens this Thursday (March 15) and runs until Saturday (March 17) at the Uxbridge Music Hall. The performance, which is sponsored by the Uxbridge Lions Club, starts at 8:30 p.m. (dinner at 7 p.m.) and 2 p.m. for the Saturday matinee.

The play, which takes place in a hotel room, is directed by Brenda Smith, who heads the Drama Department at Branksome Hall Girls' School, in Toronto. The only performers in the play are Ms. Larter as the wife; Mervyn Thomson as her husband; and Robert Johnson as the lover.

The first scene involves the wife and lover who plot to kill her husband. During the second scene the wife and husband reunite and plan to kill the lover. However, during scene two, act two, the husband and lover get upset with the wife and plan to kill her.

"This is the funniest play I've ever done," said Ms. Larter. "We're really getting excited...we're looking forward to it."

The Friday and Saturday night dinner/theatre is sold out said Ms. Larter, but there are a few tickets left for just the theatre.

The theatre alone costs \$5.50 and the Saturday matinee is \$7. Lunch for the matinee show starts at 1:15 p.m. Tickets are available at Getaway Travel in Uxbridge — 852-6171.

## Project funds allotted

GOODWOOD — Plans to replace the Goodwood pumping station this year haven't been finalized, but if they're approved, the Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (MTRCA) will pay 55 per cent of the \$175,000 bill.

The MTRCA recently approved an Ontario grant for \$96,250, but no decision has been reached on payment for the remaining \$78,750 (45 per cent).

Uxbridge Township has suggested they pay \$63,750 and the remaining \$15,000 be paid by Durham Region.

However, the Durham Regional Finance Committee recommended to Durham Regional Council that the MTRCA not approve the project unless Uxbridge Township agreed to pay the full \$78,750.

Uxbridge Mayor Bill Balingier, Regional Councillor Gerri-Lynn O'Connor, and

Administrator-Treasurer Ron Kester had appeared before the committee to oppose the recommendation.

According to O'Connor, the Township wants the region to cover some of the costs since the pumping station is located on Regional Road 21.

Uxbridge Township has agreed to take full responsibility in maintaining the pump once it's installed. The pump, which is 25 years old and classified as inadequate, provides flood protection to residents living in the hamlet of Goodwood.

The proposed method of construction involves destroying the existing pump-house and building a new underground structure which will contain two pumps and the intake ditch pipes. The project also involves converting the current diesel engine to supply

standby power to the new electric pump system.

## Claremont residents form ratepayers group

CLAREMONT — A steering committee has been established that will become the nucleus of a Community Association in Claremont.

The nine members elected at a public meeting, March 7 are: Peter Gillespie, John Marks, Frank Martin, Betty Kirman, Brian Kirman, John Hickman, Carolyn Evans, Shelagh Mulveny and Ward McCance.

Suggested issues to be dealt with in the weeks ahead include water, policing, recreation and 'beautify Claremont' projects.

Brian Kirman spoke in favor of the Association, saying it would provide speakers with "a legitimate voice" when addressing Town Council.

John Marks advised against a 'too formal' type of structure claiming it could become 'elitist' in the eyes of non-members. He recommended the Association represent a cross-section of the community "and reflect the attitudes of everyone."

Several speakers pointed to the success of the ratepayers' group at Green-

wood and suggested it would be wise to pattern the Claremont Association after theirs.

Chairman Graham said that while the Winter Carnival was successful despite its informality, a Community Association needed some sort of structure and a focus. "The ball's in your court," he said, "the initiative should come from the people."

Following the election of a nine-member steering committee, it was agreed they, (the committee), should meet March 22 at the rink enclosure in the park.