

Team to study Uxbridge's future

UXBRIDGE — A Community Assist for an Urban Study Effort (CAUSE) team is gearing up for their visit to Uxbridge.

A nine-man group will be here Oct. 4 to 8 to study and analyze various problems areas in the community.

They then concentrate on developing strategies and recommended courses of action to smooth the trouble spots.

It's a volunteer program of the Ontario Association of Architects

available to communities concerned with deteriorating environmental and architectural and habitational problems.

A total of 10 local people are on a steering committee for the upcoming CAUSE project. They are Mayor Bill Ballinger, chairman; Alex Williamson; Jim Woods; Harry Stemp; Dorothy Fletcher; Gerri Lynn O'Connor; Alex Grant; Walter Taylor; Ron Kester and Ron

Tindley.

They gathered Thursday for a discussion session with CAUSE committee liaison Blain Nicholls of Sudbury and team chairman John Osburn of Timmins.

The officials noted that any background information the team could receive before arriving in Uxbridge would be beneficial.

"Anything that will give the flavor, atmosphere and historical background, is helpful," Mr. Osburn told steering

committee members. "It puts it in a proper perspective."

Mr. Osburn stressed that he'll be available, particularly on the Thursday and Friday (Oct. 4 and 5) - to talk with residents about their concerns. "It's essential for us to soak up as much information as we can," Mr. Nicholls added.

Mayor Ballinger is hopeful something positive will result from the CAUSE study.

"We're hoping to ex-

pose the cards," the mayor said, noting that it should provide Twp. Council with some "tools to work with in the future."

Committee member Dorothy Fletcher commented that many long-time residents may object to the change associated with such a program.

"I think one of your problems will be that a lot of people will want things kept the way they are," she said at Thursday's meeting.

There are many groups concerned with preservation in the Uxbridge area, she noted, and they don't want to be told to change the look of their property.

One recent trend Mayor Ballinger pointed out to the program representatives involves the housing market.

It has been sluggish over the past couple years here but it's moving now, he said, pointing to a recent housing start in the town.

Mr. Nicholls took note

that the backs of stores in the downtown core could use some sprucing up. Landscaping would help, it was agreed.

Other ideas voiced by steering committee members included upgrading the main entrance to town from the west on Hwy. 47 and rehabilitating the pond system.

Team members will reside at local townhouses in order to truly get feel of the area. A dance has been planned to break the ice.

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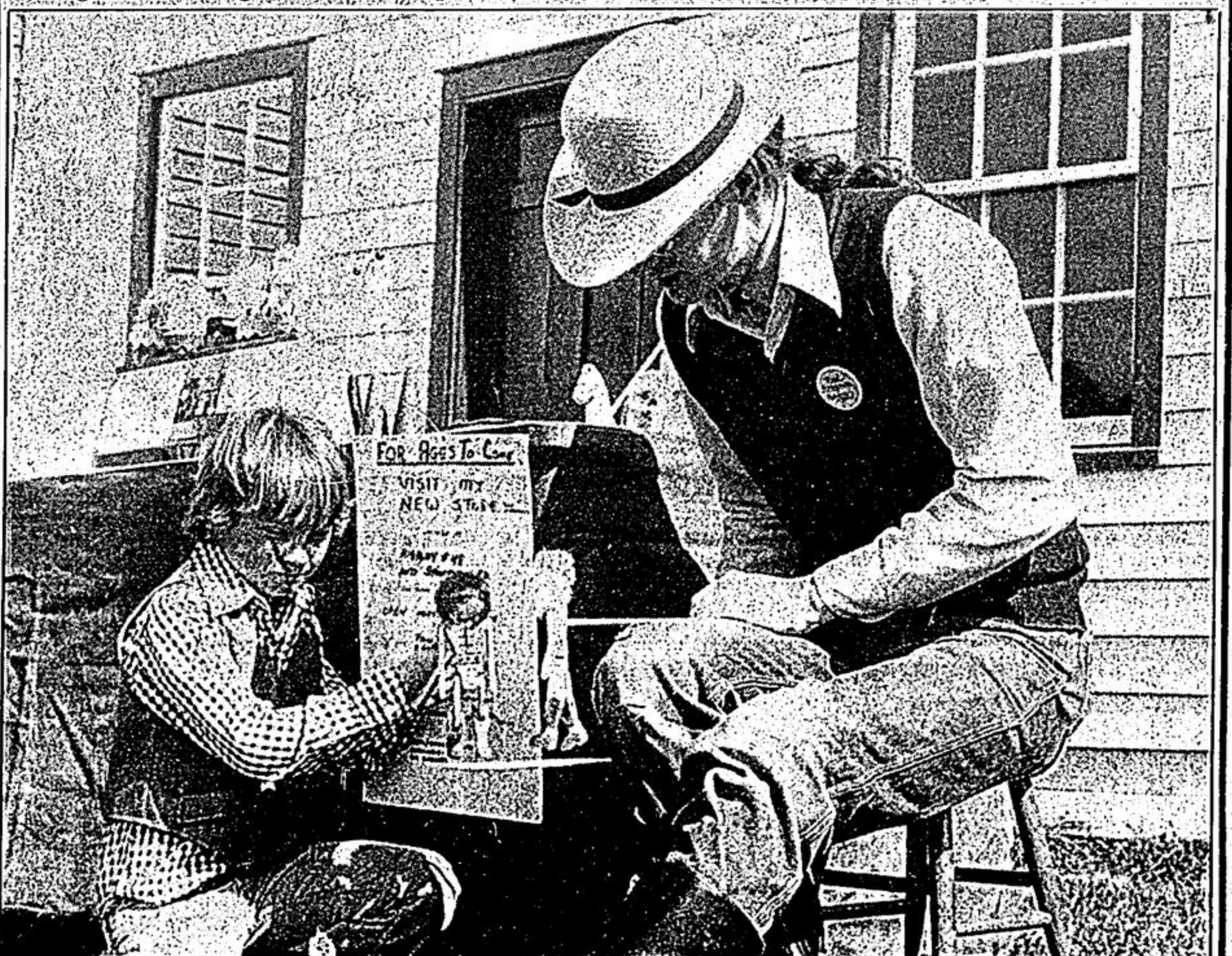


Politicians in action at museum

John Carter (left), museum advisor for the Ministry of Citizenship and Culture, received ample assistance while constructing a watering trough Sunday at Pickering Museum Village. On hand to take part in 'History

In Action' activities were, from left: Durham-York M.P.P. Ross Stevenson, the Honorable Susan 'ish, Minister of Citizenship and Culture, and Pickering Mayor Jack Anderson.

—Chris Shanahan



Reproduction toys delight children

Stouffville, toymaker Paul Simpson (right) manoeuvres one of his hand-crafted dancing men puppets along with 12-year-old Todd Sweeney of Claremont. Paul's 19th Century reproduction toys drew consider-

able attention Sunday at Pickering Village Museum, Greenwood. 'History In Action' ran both Saturday and Sunday.

—Chris Shanahan

Will share Quaker heritage

UXBRIDGE — Many Uxbridge residents are gearing up for a visit to Catawissa, Penn., as part of a Quaker heritage exchange between the two communities.

on behalf of all the township's citizens.

Well over 100 local people are expected to visit Uxbridge's twin town from Oct. 5 to 8.

Members of both areas will be able to renew friendships made when the Americans visited Ux-

bridge Twp. last year. Uxbridge and Catawissa will even face off in a special 'Challenge Cup' series that will feature competitions such as softball, volleyball, tug-o-war, apple toss, horseshoes and a ring-toss game known as quoits.

The town racking up the

most total points will retain the silver until the rematch the following year.

A group of 10 Uxbridge athletes will run the entire 500-mile distance to the U.S. town. They'll start the trek Sunday, Sept. 30 and complete a total of 100 miles a day.

Sacred Heart Church choir Members sing at Papal mass

UXBRIDGE — Ten members of Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, Uxbridge, had the honor of singing during the Papal Mass at Downsview Air Base Saturday.

They were among the thousands of vocalists who were part of the celebration of Mass by Pope John Paul II.

John Fowles, Toronto Street South, Uxbridge, coordinated the efforts of the Sacred Heart contingent.

Other choir-members at Downsview were Anne Trudel, Joan Stalker, Mary O'Beirn, Andy Vandenberg, Pat Harper, Margaret Lettau and Tillie Langenhuizen, Carol Fowles and Katherine Fowles.

They had been involved in a number of rehearsals leading up to Saturday's historic event.

Mr. Fowles said everything went smoothly considering the massive audience.

Change emergency telephone system

UXBRIDGE — The Twp has opted for what it feels will be a more efficient emergency telephone answering system.

Fire calls will be handled through Whitby at a cost of \$1,694.88, including tax and installation. Yearly fee will be about \$600.

"I think we're going to have better people geared to answering our phones," fire chief Norm James told the public protection committee at a meeting Thursday.

Committee members expressed concern that the Whitby operators aren't familiar with Uxbridge area and its property layout.

"My biggest concern is awareness of people over the phone," commented Mayor Bill Ballinger, noting that the Whitby operators must first be familiarized with the Uxbridge area.

An alphabetical tax role-listing Lot and Conc. numbers be supplied to the new directors as a precautionary measure in case confusion develops, Councillor Sandy Ewen suggested.

It will take about six weeks to transfer to the new system. Calls now go directly to Uxbridge Fire Hall.

estimated at half a million. "The whole organization was incredibly good," he said.

Director chosen

UXBRIDGE — Uxpool has a new administrator/pool director.

Linda Shore recently took over the top post at the local recreation facility.

The Toronto resident was selected from a field of 48 applicants. That figure was reduced to a couple for final interviews.

The position had been vacant since long-time municipal employee Dave Ferguson resigned back in May.

Twp. Administrator Ron Kester had been serving as interim head with assistance from other Uxpool staff.

Rider injured in cycle mishap

UXBRIDGE TWP. — A nineteen-year-old motorcyclist was injured Friday evening, when the bike he was riding on Hwy. 47, east of Lincolnville, skidded out of control and struck the side of a car on the back of a tow truck.

Todd Armstrong of R.R. 3, Stouffville, was admitted

to Uxbridge Cottage Hospital with bruises and lacerations. There was \$2,000 damage to his Yamaha RD-350.

According to police, Armstrong was attempting to pass several vehicles and struck a 1976 Plymouth in tow. Driver of the tow truck was Garry Lyons of Scarborough.

Altona Mennonite Church

To hold service

ALTONA — A worship service of thanksgiving and remembrance will be held at the old Altona Mennonite Church Sunday, Sept. 23 at 3 p.m.

Fred Nighswander, a member of one of the area's pioneer families and a former minister at Altona, will be guest speaker.

Recently retired, Mr. Nighswander served as a missionary to the people of the Manitowish Indian Reserve near Emo, Ont.

Altona Mennonite Church has not been used regularly since 1974, although commemorative services were held there in 1980 and 1982.

All interested persons are invited to attend the afternoon ceremonies.

The building, constructed in 1852, is one of the oldest in the surrounding community. Abraham and Elizabeth Stouffer, founders of the Town of Stouffville, are buried in the adjoining cemetery.

Trustees for the church and cemetery are Norman Lehman, Harvey Nighswander and Joseph Nighswander.

They've requested community assistance in determining the building's future.

Options include preserving the structure on the present site; moving it elsewhere (perhaps to a

museum); deciding it's impractical to maintain and should be demolished; or finding a practical use.

Residents can indicate their preference on questionnaires that will be distributed during the service.

Pledges high for Marathon

UXBRIDGE — Some large pledges are rolling in for the annual Terry Fox Marathon of Hope to be held here Sept. 23.

Dougie Irvine, East Street, Uxbridge, has already filled a number of pledge sheets.

Dougie, one of 18 young people who received the Ontario Junior Citizen of the Year Award for his outstanding contribution to the community, is actively seeking more sponsors.

Another Uxbridge resident, Maggie Melvor, has also completed many forms.

The proprietors of

Baldwin Sales are donating special plaques to honor the youngest and oldest marathon participant, as well as the person with the fastest time and the one raising the greatest pledge per kilometre.

The 10-kilometre trek begins with six laps of the 'Elgin' Park track, followed by a course up Main Street to Reach Road, along Reach to Franklin Street. A free swim will be offered afterwards at Uxpool.

Participants not wishing to collect pledge sheets can pay a \$5 entry fee. The event runs from 1 to 4 p.m.