

# Study charts revitalization

UXBRIDGE — Revitalization of the downtown core was a key focus of an intensive four-day urban study that concluded here Monday.

Establishment of a market square was one recommendation made in a final report of a Community Assist for an Urban Study Effort (CAUSE) program.

A nine-man team studied and compiled data

as part of a program sponsored by the Ontario Association of Architects.

In what it identified as probably the most important single issue, the team stressed the need for improving Uxbridge urban areas.

"We want to see the downtown area known as a commercial centre as well as a social centre," commented architect Peter Dewit.

He outlined a proposal to develop a market area in the rear yards and municipal parking lot, north of Brock Street between Main and Toronto Streets.

The square would provide parking during the week and serve as a market on Saturdays.

Land south of Brock Street, between Toronto and Main Streets, could be developed as a community park and social

centre for civic activities, celebrations and general public enjoyment, the CAUSE document suggests. This area could be named Beswick Park, in recognition of the first settler here.

Establishment of a pedestrian link up Pond Street to Bascom Street, is proposed. It would extend through the lane to Main Street to end at the Music Hall.

The team says a priority is to establish and plan an integrated park and open space system for the entire core.

They recommend formation of a pathway system to link parkland with commercial areas, schools and recreational land.

Housing was viewed as a potential growth-generator for the urban sector.

The architects recog-

nized the importance of the aggregate industry locally, and dealt with ways to cope with the resulting problems, particularly gravel truck traffic.

Objectives in this area included improving safety, minimizing the impact, while remaining sympathetic to the important industrial benefits.

They advised the municipality to support

any outside changes to traffic patterns, such as further Hwy. 404 extensions, that will help reduce the heavy truck volume in the core area.

CAUSE team members were grateful for the hospitality shown them during the five-day visit. And they were impressed with the natural beauty of the town itself.

"Everyone likes to be proud of their downtown core," Mayor Ballinger noted.

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## Spiritual overtones?

# Rock concert upsets Pentecostal pastor

ALTONA — A rock concert, sponsored by the youth group known as Altona Rug Rats, sparked some controversy Sunday evening at the Goodwood Community Centre.

Rev. David Moran, youth pastor at Stouffville Pentecostal Church, feels the con-

cert was potentially misleading to Christian young people who believed it was held strictly for entertainment purposes.

"In my opinion it was a very religious event," pastor Moran told the Tribune. "It was a Baha'i outreach

under the auspices of a rock concert."

Rev. Moran attended the performance, called 'Teens of the Halflight Rock Concert', because he was concerned that it was billed as an Altona youth group function.

The pastor, who leads a

Pentecostal-sponsored group known as Son City or more commonly 'Altona Youth Group', wondered what kind of an influence it would have on the Christian teenagers in the audience.

"I don't think they saw it for what it really was," he said. "They were not aware of the spiritual overtones."

Rev. Moran claimed most of the lyrics sung by the musicians were Baha'i-oriented.

He said he'll caution his Son City members about partaking in similar future activities.

"In my mind they (the Baha'is) still stand as a cult that isn't teaching a truth," he said. "There is no way I can endorse their activities as something I'd want my young people to attend."

Diane Kerr, who says she formed the Rug Rats this summer to provide Altona teens with some worthwhile activities, spoke with Rev. Moran during Sunday's concert.

"They (the Pentecostal representatives) were concerned that we had ulterior motives," Mrs. Kerr, a member of the Baha'i Faith, explained. "I hope some of their fears were dispelled."

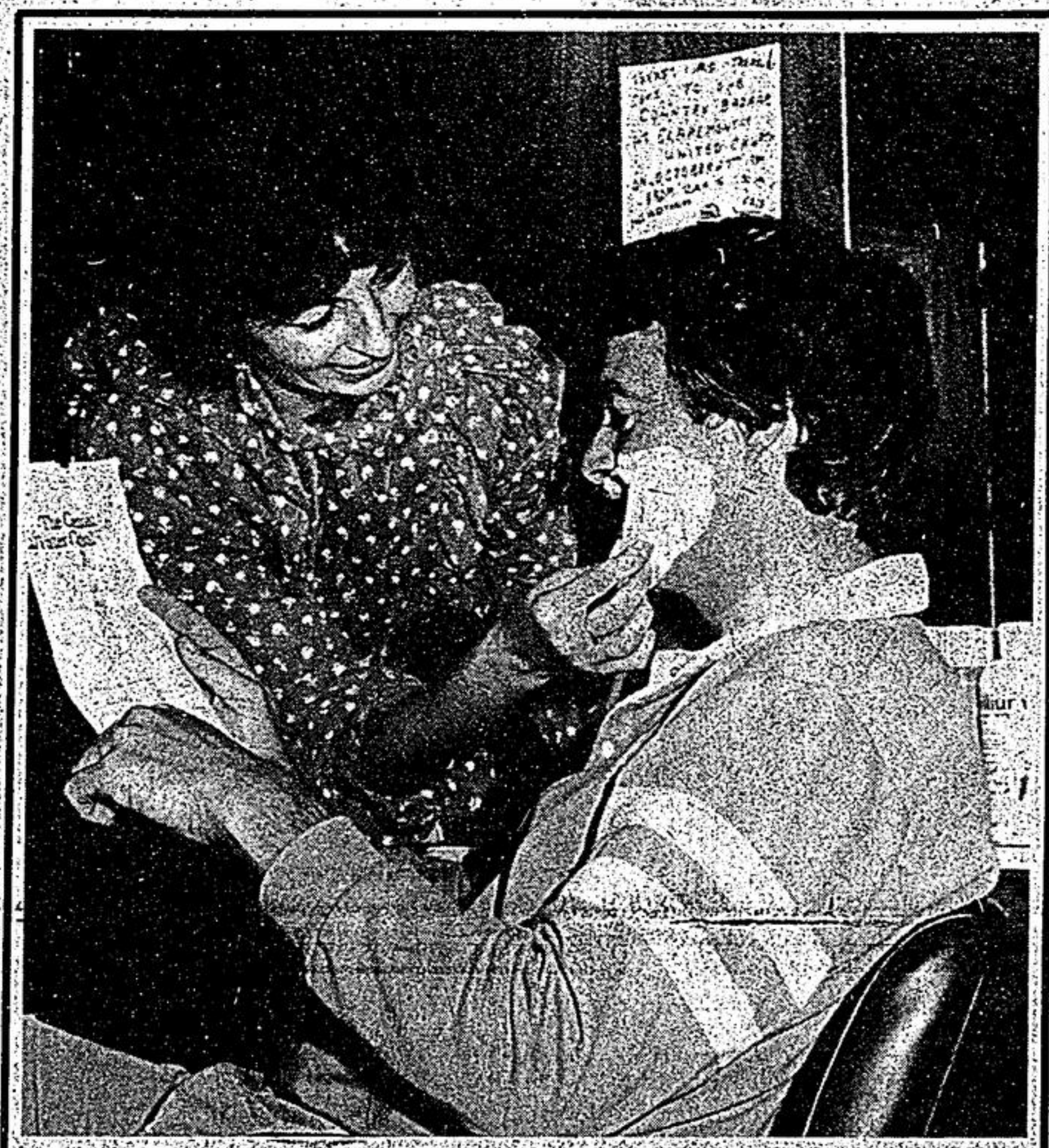
She also objected to claims that the Baha'ism is a cult, stating that it has been officially proved otherwise.

The Altona resident said her youth group has no religious overtones.



## Performers entertain Altona Rug Rats

A newly-formed youth group known as the Altona Rug Rats held their first concert Sunday evening at Goodwood Community Centre. Special musical guests for the evening included Goodwood's Jack Lenz (far left) on keyboards and vocalist Susan Aldridge (right) of Burlington. Other performers were Dave Sawyer (bass), Uxbridge; John Ebata (synthesizer), Toronto; Doug Cameron (vocals), Toronto; and Andrew Pemberton-Piggot (vocals), Pickering.



## Close shave for carnival chairman

Peter Gillespie put his whiskers on the line Saturday during a 'Face, Feet' and 'Photo Face Off' held in Clarendon. Glenda Winterstein (left) of Glenda's Hair Place, Brock Road North, made sure competitors in a local beard-growing contest got off to a clean-shaven start. Mr Gillespie will one of those judged for his facial growth on the opening day of the 1985 Clarendon Winter Carnival, Jan. 24. He's also co-chairman of the annual event.

—Chris Shanahan

# Should alert police, inquest recommends

GREENWOOD — The police should be required to control traffic whenever a train makes an emergency stop and blocks a road, a coroner's jury has recommended.

The Whitby jury examined the death of Peter Wedig, a 51-year-old Greenwood man killed when his car crashed into a CPR freight train May 5.

The 118-car train stopped at a crossing on Brock Road, north of Taunton Road near Brougham, after a coupling and brakes locked.

A toxicologist's report indicated that Mr. Wedig had more than three times the legal limit of alcohol in his system at the time of the crash.

That level of alcohol would have greatly reduced the Greenwood resident's ability to operate a motor vehicle, the jury was told. His ability to react to road conditions and perceive depth would also be limited.

The inquest heard conflicting reports as to whether flashing warning lights and bells were operating at the time of the mishap.

Two motorists, parked on the north side of the crossing when the accident occurred, told the jury the lights and bells were not operating. However, the train's conductor maintained they were working.

Mr. Wedig's 1982 Oldsmobile was travelling 74 miles per hour when it struck the freight train, Durham Regional Police estimated.

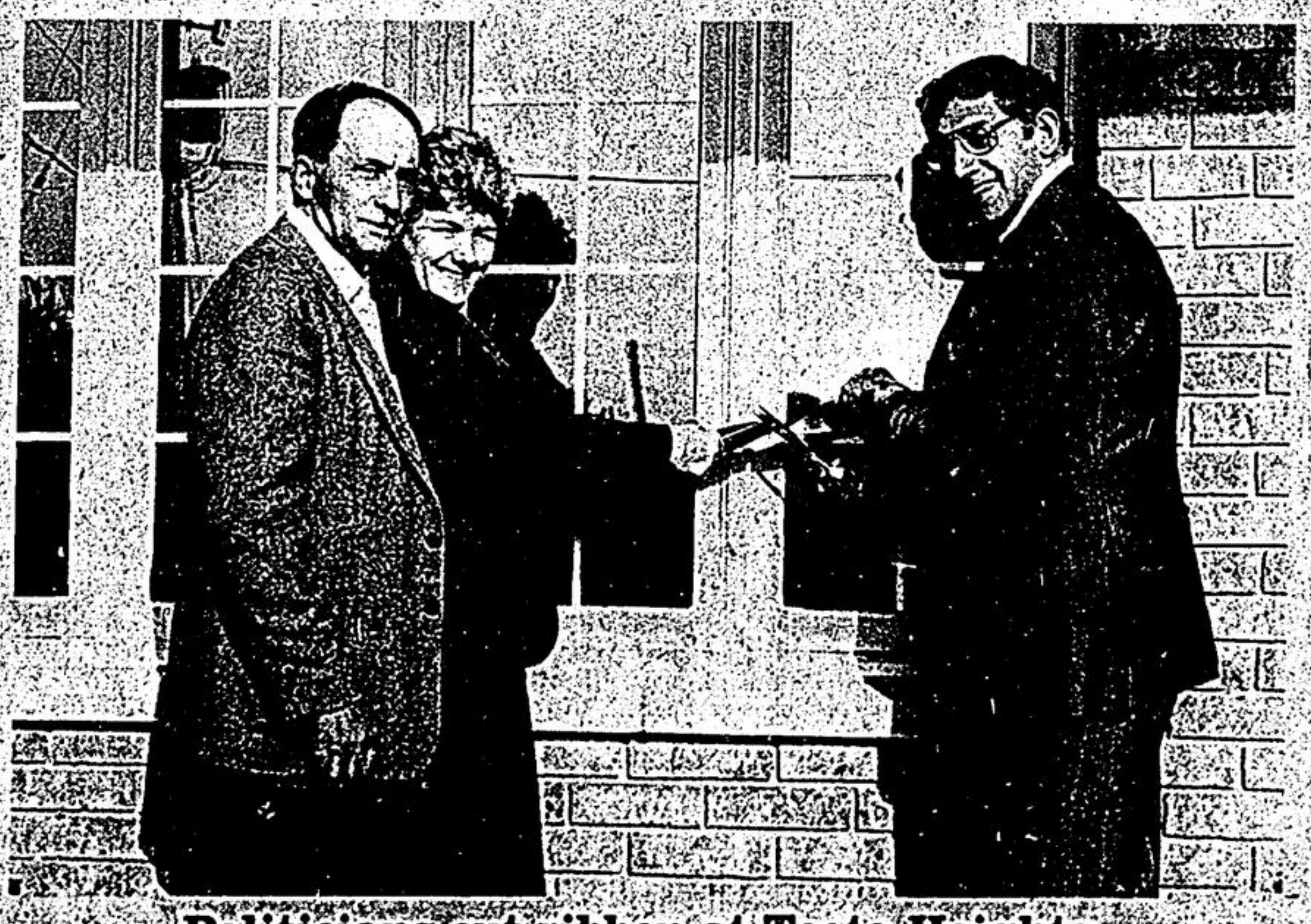
Mr. Wedig died instantly of multiple injuries and fractures, according to pathologist Dr. C. H. Carlson, who conducted an autopsy on the accident victim.

The conductor should be responsible for immediately alerting police of the fact a train is blocking the road, the jury said. A cruiser can then be sent to the scene to control traffic.

Another suggestion was that south and north warning signs at the collision site be enlarged and illuminated and the distance of the crossing be posted.

They also recommended speed bumps be installed and signs warning of the bumps posted within 15 feet north and south of the crossing; and that a train crew member set up emergency flares where a train blocks the road.

# Quality of model homes praised



Two model homes, the first of a proposed 120-lot residential subdivision on East Street, Uxbridge, were officially opened Thursday. Developer Gino Testa (left) stood by as Durham Regional Councillor, Gerri Lynn O'Connor and Durham Chairman Gary Herrema tended to their ribbon-cutting duties. —Chris Shanahan

UXBRIDGE — A new subdivision received the blessing of Uxbridge Twp. Council at an official opening ceremony Thursday.

Testa Heights, a project of Testa Construction Ltd., Stouffville, represents the first housing start to take place in Uxbridge's urban section for a number of years.

Developer Gino Testa plans to build a 19-home first phase at his East Street property. If demand is strong, he will construct a total of 120 homes over the next three years.

Two model homes have been built to display the quality and style. They start at \$99,900.

At Thursday's ribbon-cutting ceremony, Durham Regional Councillor Gerri Lynn O'Connor praised Mr. Testa for the way his homes blend in with the existing neighborhood.

"These homes are a credit to Uxbridge," she said.

# Residents want phone changes

CLAREMONT — A petition is being circulated calling for extension of non-toll calling service here.

A group of hamlet residents are requesting that Bell Telephone include Clarendon in the Stouffville exchange (640). This would allow callers to phone

from Clarendon to Metropolitan Toronto without incurring a long distance charge.

The present boundary extends to Stouffville in the west and the Town of Pickering in the south, but does not encompass the north Pickering hamlet.