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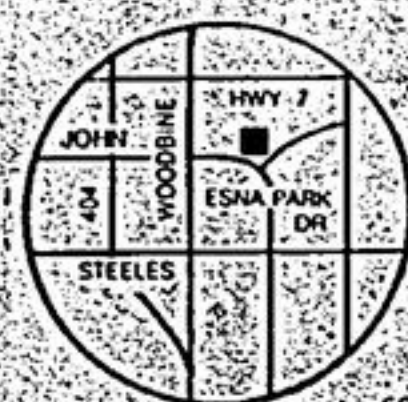
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Claremont U.C.W. coffee party and bake sale

Set new date for event

By Sandra Redshaw
CLAREMONT — A coffee party and bake sale organized by the Claremont U.C.W. has been rescheduled to Wednesday, March 6. It had been postponed due to the winter storm we had earlier in the month. The bake sale will begin at 10 a.m. Coffee will be served at 10:30 a.m., at which time guest speaker Betty Stonehouse of Stouffville will provide "Tips on Travelling". Admission is \$1.75 with free babysitting available. The party will be held in the Sunday School room at Claremont United Church. Everyone is welcome.

The Lioness Club of Claremont will hold its annual '50s dance on Saturday, March 23, at the Community Hall. Cost is \$15 a couple. A light lunch will be served and a disc jockey will supply music.

On Sunday, June 23, the Lioness Club will hold a Strawberry Social. More details will be available at a later date. Lioness members are now now selling tickets for a quilt draw.

Don't forget the dance this Saturday, March 2, at the Community Hall. It's sponsored by the Co-operative Nursery School Parents group.

Marion and Willard Peddie have returned home after holidaying in Nassau.

A number of local residents were among the 300 people who attended a steak dinner and dance staged by the Uxbridge Black Hawks oldtimers' hockey club. It was held Saturday at Uxbridge Arena. Anne Cherry was one of the lucky winners in the dart game.

Get well wishes go out to Mrs. Norrine Hill, Postmistress at Claremont Post Office.

The Claremont Job Club meets every Tuesday at 9 a.m. in the Community Hall. A special planning meeting will be held Tuesday, March 5, to discuss the development of a new small business. It will begin at 10 a.m. For more information contact Douglas Varey at 649-2400.

It seems that if you leave your house for a couple of hours, you never know what you'll find upon returning. When a local lady came home this past week, she found cars in her driveway and a very insistent real estate salesperson attempting to get in her door. The "For Sale" sign was very clearly displayed on the house that actually is for sale — next door!

Plan housing survey

UXBRIDGE — A self-explanatory questionnaire will be mailed to senior citizens and families, asking them if they're interested in market or assisted rental housing.

Residents who do not receive a questionnaire by mail, or would like additional information, can contact Uxbridge Twp. Clerk Walter Taylor at 852-3301 or 640-1711.

Should results of the survey indicate a need for a specific number of units, the

Twp. may: (1) Develop an assisted rental housing project on its own through a municipal non-profit housing agency. (2) Ask the Ministry to seek private sector involvement to secure units under the Rent Sup-

plement Program or Private Assisted Rental Program. (3) Encourage the creation of a local non-profit group — community, labor or service club organizations, (e.g.) to develop a non-profit housing project.

Hold dance

UXBRIDGE — The band "Designer" will be featured at a weekend dance sponsored by Uxbridge's Gorgon Foundation.

It'll be held Saturday (March 2) beginning at 8 p.m. in Uxbridge Arena. Tickets, \$5 in advance, are available at Getaway Travel and Strawberry Threads, Uxbridge; and at Stouffville Electronics.

Rosy report

By Norah Stoner
PICKERING — Everything's Coming Up Roses for You and for Me." The lyrics of that familiar old song come immediately to mind when reading the most recent report of the Regional Commissioner of Economic Development.

Bearing in mind that every increase in commercial and industrial assessment means an easier tax load for

commercial developers, the report is a very pleasant reading.

Some of the highlights are as follows: the increase in the value of industrial building permits issued in 1984 over 1983 is substantial — \$77.5 million in 1984 as opposed to \$12.2 mil-

lion in 1983. This represents an increase of 535 per cent in the category that Mr. Gervais describes as "the cornerstone of economic development."

A rough estimate of new jobs created by this increased industrial floor space is 1,925 positions.

In addition, Alcan Aluminum, Purdue Frederick Inc. and D. & R. Custom Steel are all building new Pickering plants, for which permits have not yet been granted.

Commercial development is another major source of assessment and jobs. Permits for 1984 are valued at \$41.4 million compared to \$13.8 million in 1983 — an improvement of approximately 200 per cent. Over \$14.1 million of this is JDS commercial development in the Town of Pickering. In 1984 it is anticipated that the com-

mercial development will create 2,400 new jobs.

Residential permits were \$189.5 million in 1984 — an increase of 7.4 per cent over the 1983 value of \$176.5 million. There are indications of a shift from starter homes to larger, more expensive ones. This is good for the future as more middle and upper management personnel will move into the area. Larger homes and more mature families place fewer demands on public services in the area, so the relative tax burden of this type of development is minimal.

Anyone wishing to receive a copy of Mr. Gervais' complete report should contact me at my office — 683-2760 — and I would be pleased to forward it.

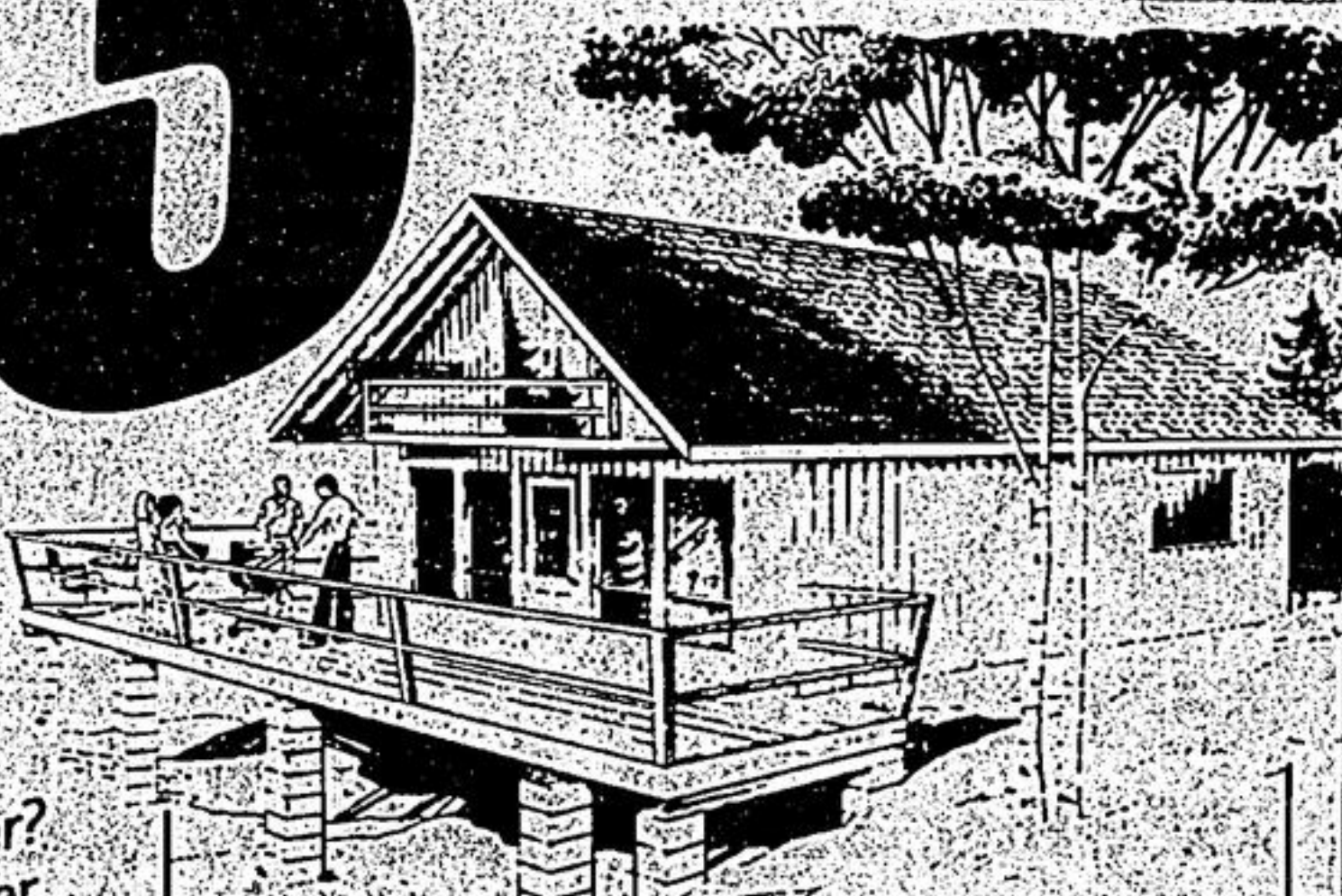
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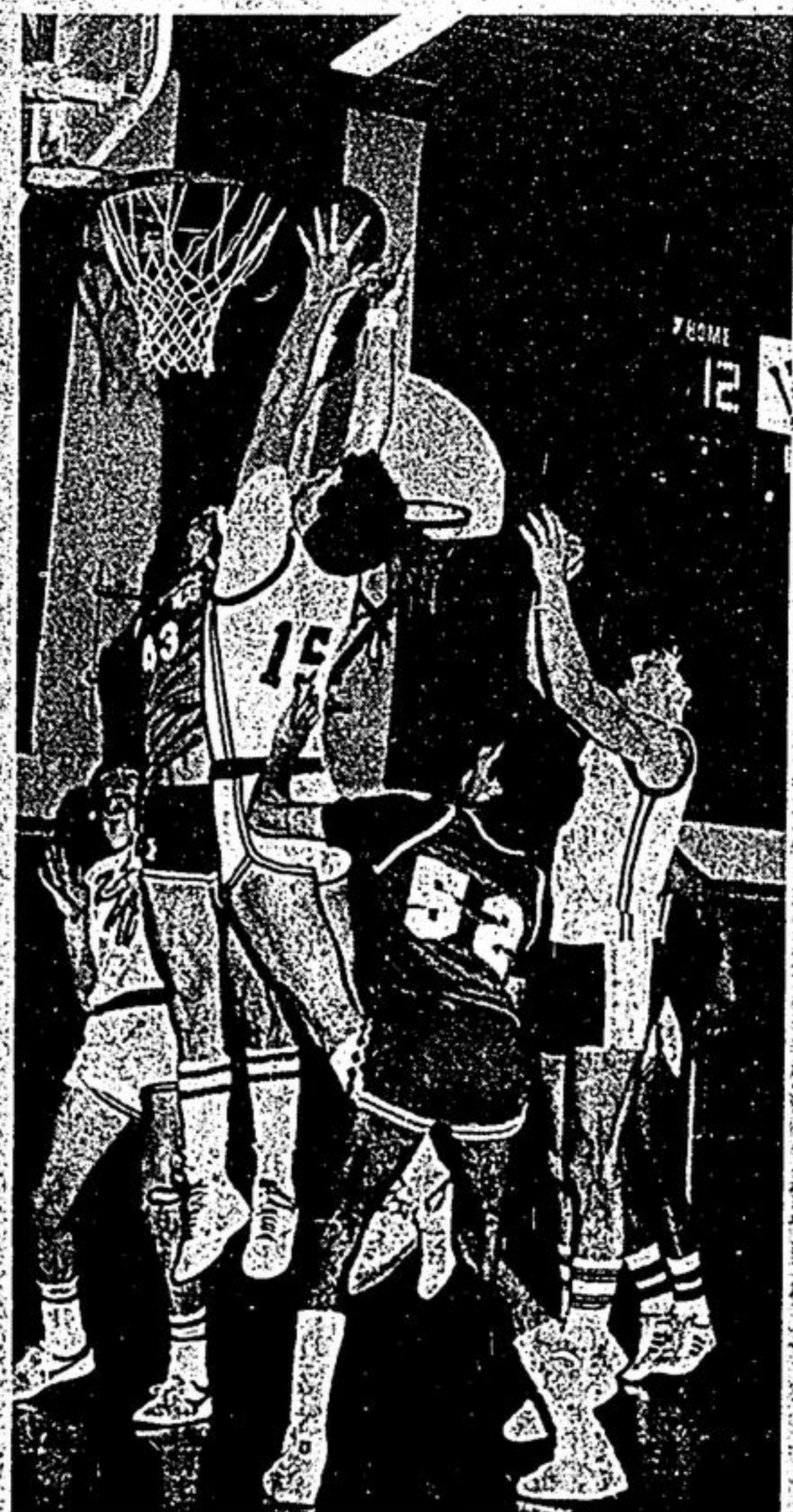
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Moving in high places!

The Uxbridge Secondary School Tigers were roaring, Monday, as they captured the Lake Ontario Secondary School Association (LOSSA) AA senior boys' basketball championship. Dave Anderson (15), pictured here, battling an opponent in Thursday's 60-47 semi-final victory over Ajax High School Rams, was a big factor as Uxbridge downed Whitby's Anderson 63-42 in the final. Rob Atkinson led the way with 22 points while Anderson had 12. They move into sudden-death Central Ontario cage action on Saturday at Belleville. Uxbridge's midget and junior have been eliminated.

—Chris Shanahan