

Realtor among exhibitors at Metro East Home Show

CLAREMONT — Gillespie Real Estate Services of Claremont is one of several area exhibitors at Canada's largest fall home show. The first annual Metro East Home Show begins at Pickering's new trade centre today (Oct. 2) and continues through Oct. 5. There will be over 450 displays at the 185,000 square foot facility located on Brock Road at Hwy. 401.

During the four-day show, experts will provide helpful information on a wide range of topics, including renovating, landscaping, decorating, furnishing, designing, winterizing and home improvements.

Other area participants are: Cedarbrook Flowers and Gifts, Brooklin, Pine by Munro, Ketleby, and the Wood Shed pine and

oak furniture, Sunderland. Show hours are Oct. 2, 2-10:30 p.m.; Oct. 3, 12 noon-10:30 p.m.; Oct. 4, 12 noon-10:30 p.m.; Oct. 5, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Admission is adults, \$4; children under 12, \$1 (when accompanied by an adult). Coupons worth \$1 off admission are available through exhibitors (applies only to adult admission price).



Uxbridge members celebrate IODE birthday

The Susie Sorabji Chapter IODE helped mark the group's 85th birthday on Saturday with a special display at Zehrs in Uxbridge. The Township's Ward 1 councillor Don Jackson was one of many who stopped by to visit and enjoy a

piece of cake, served here by IODE members Sheila Weekes and Pauline Slade. Contributions were accepted to help the organization alleviate the problem of hunger in Canada.

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Ambulance strike settled

Ambulance workers in Stouffville and Uxbridge returned to the job Monday after settling a labor dispute that lasted over six weeks.

A tentative agreement was struck in mediation on Thursday, then ratified by the workers in a strong majority, Friday.

The nine full-time and six part-time ambulance attendants are to

receive a total 10 per cent wage increase, which will bring their salary up to \$11.59 an hour by the time their contract expires March 31, 1986.

Before walking off the job on Aug. 19, they earned \$10.50 an hour compared to \$11.78 by drivers employed directly by the Ministry of Health. The Ontario Public Service Em-

ployees' Union (OPSEU) represented the workers in negotiations for wage and benefit parity with Ministry workers. The Stouffville-Uxbridge employees had been without a contract since Jan. 1.

A provincial mediator was called in to oversee bargaining with several privately-owned but provincially-funded ambulance units, including the local operator, Whitby-Bowmanville Ambulance Service.

Its owners, Bill Cocker and Derek Pearce, maintained that their ability to increase salaries is controlled by the amount of provincial funding they receive.

Mr. Rooney said it's likely OPSEU will be back representing the workers at the bargaining table by year's end.

"They haven't gained parity but they have made substantial gains," he stated. "And we'll be looking to close the gap completely."

The union representative admitted another strike is possible, but said "hopefully it will be a last resort."

The Stouffville-Uxbridge employees have also been granted increased benefits such as a meal allowance. But they failed to win the dental or vision plans already available to health ministry attendants.

The employees are determined to win parity, Mr. Rooney said. "If local management was reasonable and could see the logic of parity, there would be no need for a strike."



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Berries plentiful

By Marjorie Woodland
FOURTH LINE — Strawberries on Sept. 29? That's right, Lillian and Ivan Norton report a crop of fine berries from their garden, which, they tell me, was cut over with the lawn mower after bearing. The plants grew up fresh and blossomed well. Perhaps the cool, wet weather in late summer contributed to this unusual crop.

The regular meeting of the W.I. will be held on Monday, Oct. 7 at 8 p.m. The topic will be Canadian industries. Gail and Ruth Jackson will be describing Gail's work in the chocol-making business. The roll call will be responded to by naming a local industry.

Harold and Gertrude Morgason entertained Ruth and Art Hall on the occasion of Ruth's special birthday. Other guests were Lily and Walter Hope. Members of the Goodwood U.C.W. arrived during the afternoon for a social time and presented the couple with a token of regard. They've moved from Goodwood to their new home in Uxbridge.

Happy to hear that Mary Mitchell is home from hospital and is enjoying much improved health.

Keith and Barbara Hoover entertained friends and neighbors at a corn roast on Friday. It included an excellent "hay bale" seating arrangement, which encircled a glowing fire. The large iron kettle was filled with freshly-husked corn, always a delectable treat. The young people were treated to a hay ride "neath the silvery moon."

The Baptist W.M.C. will hold its Oct. 8 meeting at the Woodland home, beginning at 10 a.m. The afternoon will be spent in paying calls on some shut-in folk. We hope, come and enjoy the fellowship and noon lunch.

On Monday, Oct. 7, St. Andrews-Chalmers Presbyterian Church, Uxbridge, will host the 94th Uxbridge and Scott Sunday School convention. The time is 7:30. It's hoped that teachers and Sunday School workers will take advantage of the opportunity to further their knowledge of teaching bible classes. They'll also learn ways and means of increasing Sunday School attendance. Many books are written for our information, but the bible is given for our transformation.

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