



All dressed up and...

Claremont Public School principal Jim Crosbie abandoned his normal work garb April 30 for a slightly more feminine look. His hijinks delighted parents and students alike during the school's Education Week fashion show. Mr. Crosbie is leaving Claremont at the end of this term to become principal at Oshawa's Hillsdale Public School. —Chris Shanahana

## Jim Crosbie leaving Claremont Public School Convenience prompts transfer

CLAREMONT — Principal Jim Crosbie is leaving Claremont Public School to take up the same position at a school within walking distance of his Oshawa home. In September, he'll occupy the principal's desk at Hillsdale Public School. Gail Elliott moves to Claremont from Oshawa's Gertrude Colpus School.

"It's going to be handier be-

cause it's two blocks away from my home. It was just too good to overlook," Mr. Crosbie said in an interview. "The school (Hillsdale) became available and I applied because of the convenience."

"Like most people, we (principals) like to find a job site close to our place of residence," he added. "It's not a case of being unhappy here. I think my only reason for

leaving was the location."

The principal developed a high regard for Claremont's staff members, students and parents during his three years here.

And he's proud of the reputation the school has earned for the way it thoroughly prepares students for secondary education.

"You'd be hard-pressed to find a school that's as pleasant to work in (as Claremont P.S.)," Mr. Crosbie said. "It seems to just have a more homier atmosphere to it." Among other staff movements

this year, Grade 8 teacher Doug Wherry is tentatively slated to join the staff at Frenchman's Bay School in south Pickering.

Mr. Crosbie also praised Mr. Wherry, a fellow Oshawa resident who has been on staff at Claremont since 1976-77.

"He'll be missed quite a bit. He made a major impression on the school," according to Mr. Crosbie.

## To honor fire chief

STOUFFVILLE — Town Fire Chief Walt Smith will retire this fall.

As first a brigade volunteer and later chief, he has served this community 40 years.

On Sat., May 31, Chief Smith will be honored at a gala evening sponsored by the Kinsmen Club,

at the Stouffville Legion Hall, Ninth Line North.

Cocktails are at six, followed by a dinner and dance at seven.

Tickets, (\$25 per person), are available from all club members or by contacting Dan MacLaren, 640-6652, (evenings); 475-1892, (days); or Gerard Windle, 640-7395, (evenings).

## Trial is postponed

WHITCHURCH — The trial of a Whitchurch-Stouffville man charged with impaired driving, speeding and criminal negligence causing injury has been postponed to a later date.

Bob Bangay was to have had his

day in court April 28, but the trial was deferred to Oct. 6.

Mr. Bangay was charged after a van hit three cyclists riding in single file on Dufferin Street, north of Steeles Avenue, May 3. The three were members of the Toronto Randonneurs Cycle Club.

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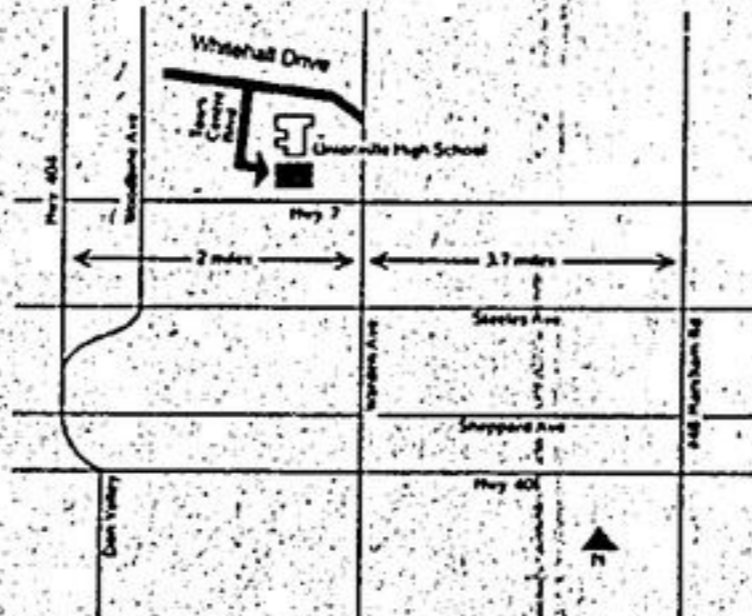
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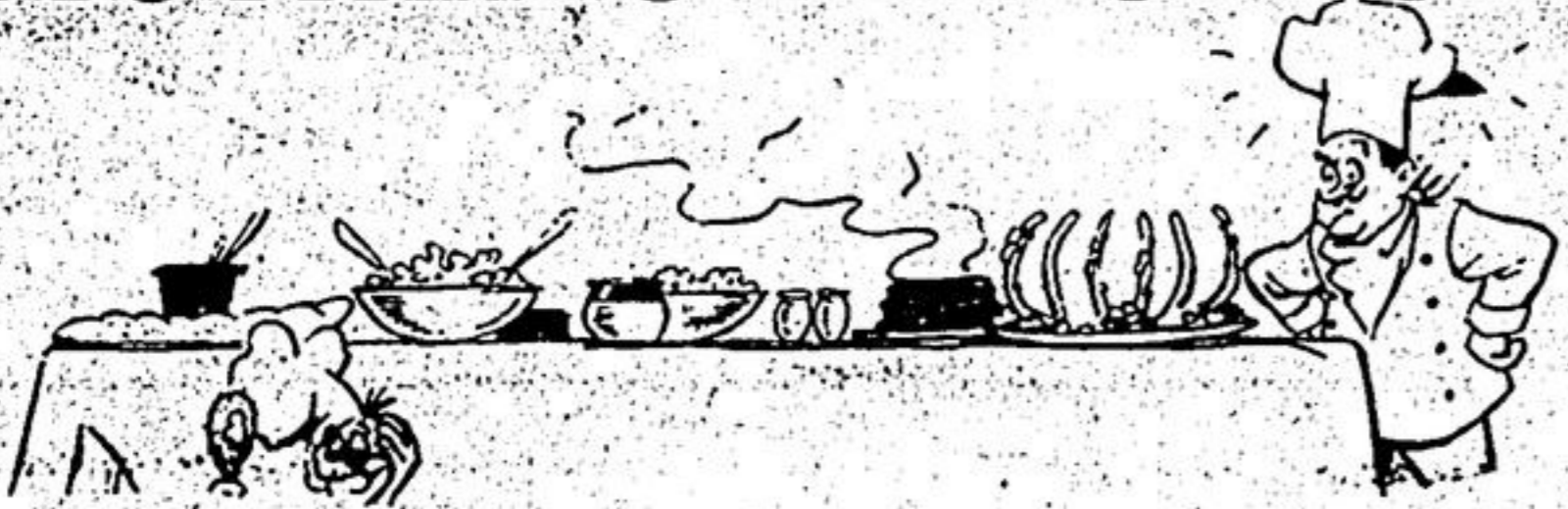
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