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Sculpture sitting pretty

The Latham Gallery's summer sculpture project is now complete and on display in front of Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library. Unionville's Marilyn Campbell worked on the outdoor

artwork for several weeks to provide a close-up look at the creative process. Her subject was a seated female in steel and clay. — Chris Garbutt

Gormley news

Winnipeg minister bound for Gormley Missionary Church

By EVELYN MILSTED

GORMLEY — Rev. Peter Gibbons of the Winnipeg Missionary Church has accepted a call to become the pastor of Gormley Missionary Church. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Yake on the arrival of another grandson, born to Mr. and Mrs. Dave Yake of Kitchener.

Dr. Willson McTavish passed away on July 8 in Mississauga Hospital in his 83rd year. He is survived by his wife, Leila, son John, daughter Christina, sons Daniel and Willson from his first marriage, plus several grandchildren. A funeral was held on Friday afternoon at

Walmer Road Baptist Church in Toronto. Dr. and Mrs. McTavish, John and Christina, lived in Gormley for several years.

Miss Susan Gilmore of Wainfleet spent the weekend with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Winger.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sider of Wainfleet visited her sisters, Misses Velma and Jean Brillinger, on the weekend.

Rev. Chris Sorley of Parkview Village in Stouffville will be guest speaker at both services on Sunday, July 19, at Heise Hill Church. Rev. Marlin Ressler is away serving as pastor for a children camp at Kahquah for a week.

Gary and Ardys Winger will speak at 7 p.m. Sunday, July 26, at Heise Hill Church. They have served for several years with the Northern Canadian Evangelical Mission, working with the Indians of northern Saskatchewan. Gary and Ardys are en route to a new posting with the Mission to a remote area of northern Quebec, where they'll work with the Inuits.

Quite a number of people from Heise Hill Church holidayed last week at Chesley Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Neale Sider and Mrs. Cora Sider of Wainfleet, and Miss Lois Jean Sider of Zambia, Africa, visited Mrs. Martha Wideman on Thursday.

Education column

Education standards topic of controversy

By LYNDA WILLIAMS

Do grades from various schools mean the same thing?

Is an A from one school equal to a B from another?

What is the difference in marking between teachers?

How good are our schools and how can we tell?

The question of standards has been raised recently.

Ten years ago, OISE began using a study to measure public satisfaction with the school system. The most recent study shows the rating at 42 per cent, the lowest in the 10 years since the studies began.

Many employers, parents, teachers, professors and even students want a return to some kind of standardized exams, according to a survey conducted by the Toronto Star. From school to school and area to area, there's no standard of instruction.

Of course, the schools are

teaching according to Ministry of Education guidelines, but there is room for each teacher to stress his/her own individual preferences. Evaluation is very subjective.

But do we want the teachers teaching for the test?

Isn't individual interest and need reason to not narrowly define the curriculum, as might happen if we return to a type of provincial exam?

The lack of some basic Math and English abilities has led some universities to develop a rating system for high schools.

The students' marks are assessed with previous results of students from the same schools in mind. In this way, universities hope to select new students with the greatest chance of success. This information has been made available to high school principals for some time now, and some schools have worked hard to im-

prove their rating. With this in mind, perhaps we do need to take a close look at exams in at least the two basic subjects of English and Math.

We don't necessarily need to pattern an exam on the ones some of us were familiar with prior to the late 1960's. We know how to set up exams that do not merely show how well a student can store facts, but can test comprehension, literacy and ability to learn.

Billions of dollars are being spent on education and we are obtaining results that are no better than average in comparison with other industrialized nations. To be competitive in the years to come, we need an educational system that can give us better than just average. We need a system that can be measured and improved.

Province-wide testing in the basic areas is a step in the right direction.

Community planning grant slated for Region of York

By DENISE McDONALD

YORK REGION — A community planning grant of \$60,000 has been awarded to the Regional Municipality of York to help undertake a forecasting growth study which will contribute to the Regional Official Plan.

Speaking on behalf of Municipal Affairs Minister Bernard Grandmaitre, Greg Sorbara, M.P.P. for York North, announced the grant's approval during a press conference at the Region of York offices Thursday.

"A \$60,000 transfer payment from the province to municipality is not a major event," said Mr. Sorbara. "But York Region is pre-

sently undertaking an important exercise in crafting a new Official Plan. I'm hoping this small grant will assist in that process and is indicative of the concern and interest the Government of Ontario has in assisting York Region."

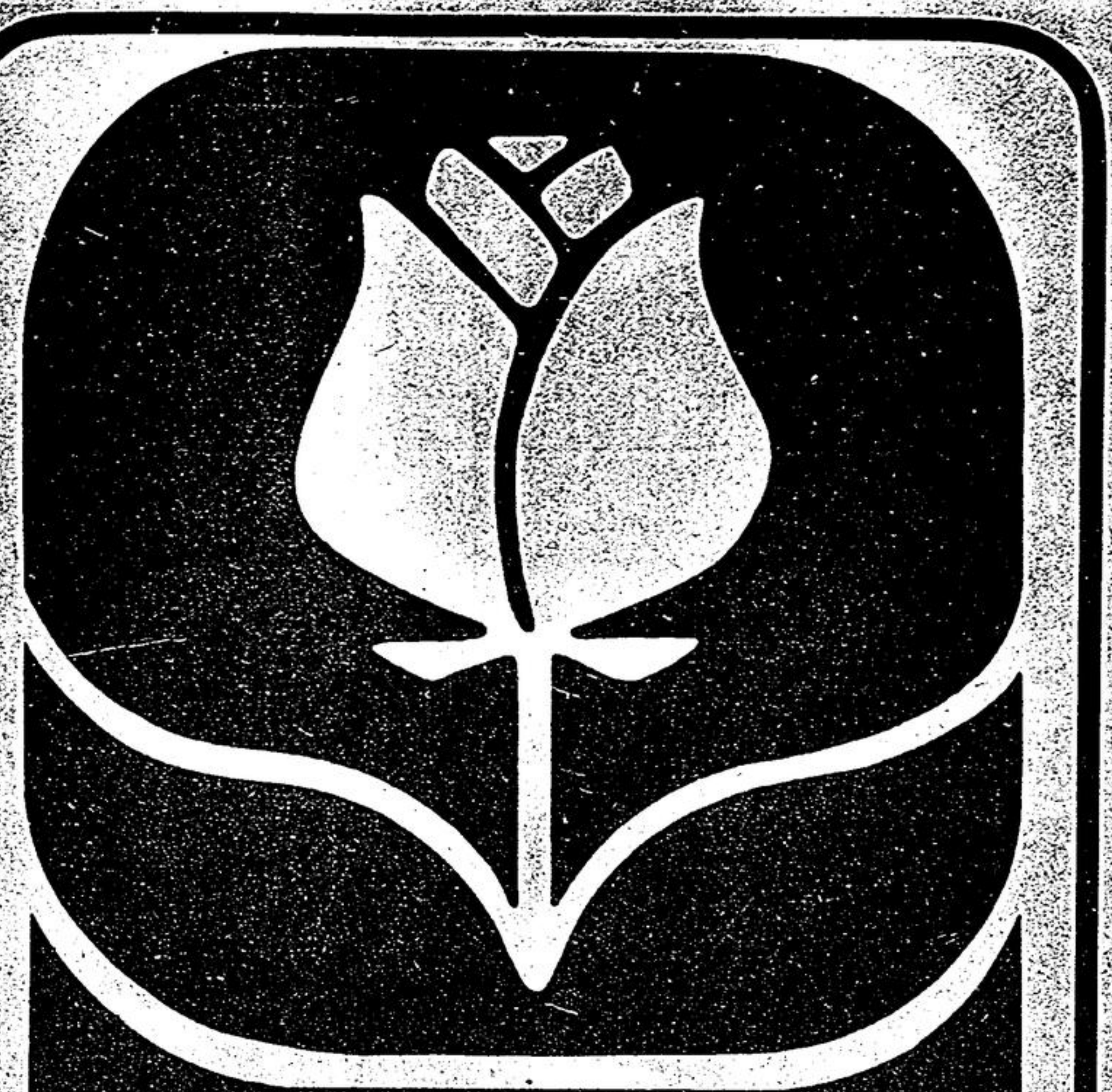
According to Mr. Sorbara, community planning grants are designed to encourage municipalities to resolve land use planning issues to reflect municipal and economic priorities.

"The grants may also be used for special studies to develop community improvement policies; determine the feasibility of using data processing technology

in the local planning process and assist in implementing the Planning Act," read a press release submitted during the conference.

"The growth study terms of reference are almost ready to proceed to Council," said York Region Chairman Eldred King. "They will hopefully outline the services required to serve the public and not only indicate our responsibilities, but those for the Province of Ontario as well."

Although Mr. King conveyed the Region's appreciation for the grant, he claimed a total cost for the growth study cannot be applied until all figures associated with the presentation of submissions to Council are determined.



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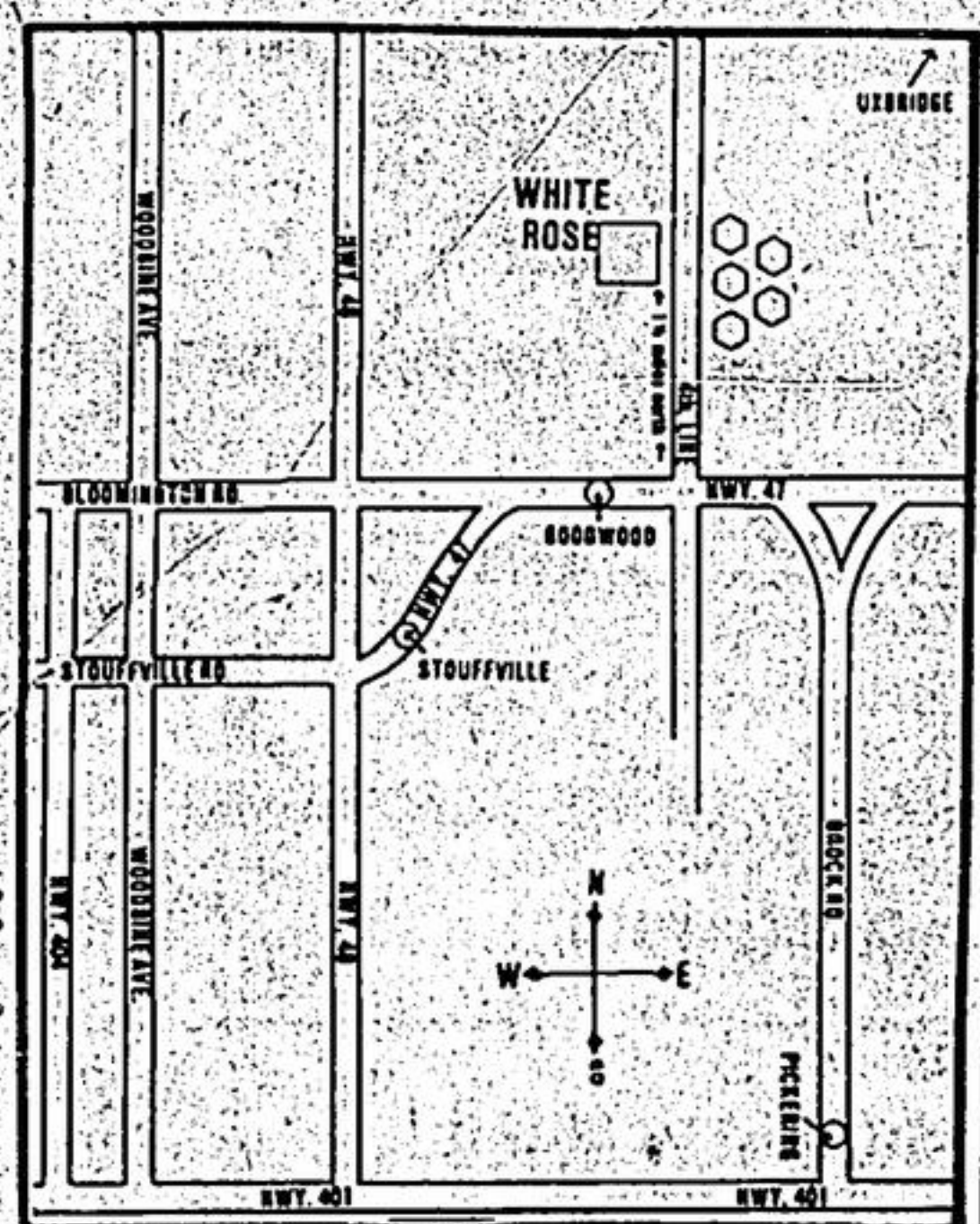
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