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Aid for Summitview principal

STOUFFVILLE — Summitview Public School will add a vice-principal to its staff, beginning with the fall term in September.

Norma Bradley is presently employed by Peel Region Board of Education.

Mrs. Bradley holds a B.A. degree from the University of Toronto; a Master of Education degree from Niagara University and a degree in Special Education.

Mrs. Bradley's eleven-year experience includes the position of Administrative Assistant to the Special Service Superintendent. She has also served as a Gifted Consultant Resource teacher for a family of schools as well as practical classroom experience Kindergarten to Grade 8.

Try, try again

DURHAM REGION — "We weren't surprised."

This was the reaction by Sunderland's Ted Smith to Lampton receiving the nod as host for the 1991 International Plowing Match.

It was Durham's second bid for the big show. However, it was Lampton's fifth.

The balloters look at many things, Ted explained, including roads, accommodation, committee organization, municipal support and potential for good attendance.

While Ted's confident Durham "has a good shot next year," other areas will be filing applications too including Bruce, Victoria and Hamilton-Wentworth.

He's hopeful the time will have come to "move the match east" and Durham will be successful.

Guilty plea entered

BROUGHAM — A 30-year-old Brougham man has pleaded guilty to a charge of criminal negligence causing death.

John McGrath was involved in a collision, Feb. 2, 1987, that killed a Markham minor hockey team manager and injured three players.

A pick-up truck, driven by McGrath, struck a mini-van driven by Paul Maybury, 45, of Markham. The victim was transporting members of his team, including a 14-year-old son, to a Bantam playoff game at the Ajax Community Centre when the crash occurred.

In addition to the charge of criminal negligence causing death, McGrath also faces three counts of criminal negligence causing bodily harm.

Sentence will be passed March 30 by District Court Judge Patrick LeSage.

Owners vent anger

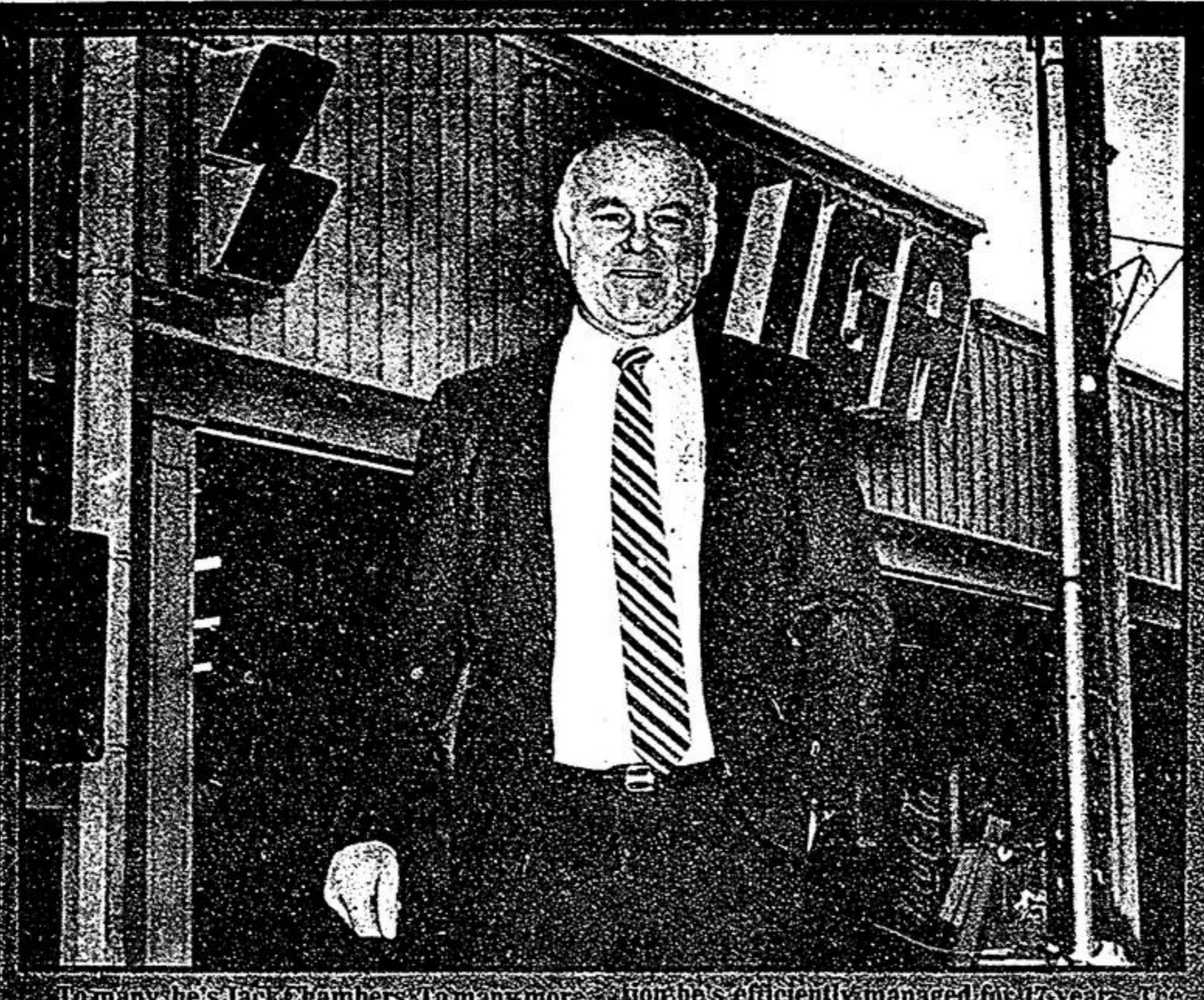
STOUFFVILLE — Residents of Westfield Estates (Phase I), were out in force Tuesday night.

Estate development homeowners were protesting treatment received at the hands of Revenue Properties Ltd., over the past three years.

Council was asked to cash the company's performance bond and use the money "as far as it will go."

The Town had previously decided to withhold such action pending an assessment meeting in May.

Forty-two lots are affected.



In many ways, Jack Chambers, for many more years, has efficiently managed for I.G.A. On March 2, Jack Chambers will say goodbye to a Stouffville supermarket operation.

For Mr. I.G.A. An era ends

BY BRUCE STAPLEY

Supermarket operator Jack Chambers, Stouffville's Mr. I.G.A., is saying goodbye to his business and his home.

Jack has sold his Main Street store to Alex Ramey of Mississauga. The transaction closes March 2.

Mr. Ramey, owner of I.G.A. operations in Beaverton and Port Perry, will place son John in charge of day-to-day management.

Although Jack and Mary will be leaving Stouffville, they will remain in the area and will continue to be active in the community.

Jack and Mary have been married for 25 years and have four children. They have been in Stouffville for 15 years.

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Focus of attention Piano in auction sale remains with family

UXBRIDGE — A Heintzman piano was the focus of attention during a sale, Saturday, at Wilson's Arena, Beaver Road, Uxbridge.

It was the property of the late Myrtle Watson, for many years a piano teacher and an organist at Goodwood Methodist Church.

Following Ollie Wilson's one-minute recital, the bidding began with auctioneer Neil Bacon in charge.

Two would-be buyers advanced the price into the double figures with Claude Watson, formerly of Goodwood and now of Pefferlaw going the limit. His successful bid was \$1,600. He purchased the piano for his daughter, Mrs. Pat Catherwood of Uxbridge.

"I took my first lessons on it," Pat told The Tribune.

Mrs. Catherwood is a great-niece of the original owner.

"Whenever we visited Aunt Myrtle, my oldest boy, now three, would always tinker on it," she said. Pat's hopeful both sons will eventually take lessons.

Pat said she had wanted to purchase the piano while her aunt was still living. "But she was still playing it," she recalled.

The auction attracted a crowd of over 500. Some prices follow:

Quilts, \$80 to \$300; a cedar chest, \$225; a sewing machine, \$100; a lamp table, \$250; a parlor table, \$220; an oak dresser and mirror, \$450; a dry-wood sink, \$380; a set of dishes, (88 pieces), \$1,200; a chest of silverware, \$360; a rocking chair, \$325 and a small china cabinet, \$330.

The sale started at 10 a.m. and concluded at four.

Principal improving

UXBRIDGE — Ray Newton, principal of Harwood Secondary School, Ajax and former vice-principal of Uxbridge Secondary School, has been released from hospital and is convalescing at home.

Mr. Newton was injured in a two-car collision, Feb. 8, on Hwy. 47 near Goodwood. He suffered several broken ribs, a punctured lung and severe bruises.

He was admitted first to Uxbridge Cottage Hospital, then flown by air ambulance to Sunnybrook Hospital, Toronto.

Mrs. Newton described her husband as "very lucky." Had it not been for seat belts, injuries would have been much more serious, she said.

Mrs. Newton praised the care provided at both Uxbridge and Sunnybrook Hospitals. She also expressed appreciation of the many enquiries received from school staffs, friends and neighbors.

Mrs. Newton said she had no idea when her husband might return to school. "It'll be up to his doctor," she stated.

Principal frustrated by Report

STOUFFVILLE — "Very frustrating" — Such is the response by Principal Peter Bright of Stouffville Dist. Secondary School to certain recommendations contained in the Radwanski Report made public by the Ministry of Education Feb. 15.

In arriving at his conclusions, Mr. Radwanski was never in touch with anyone at SDSS, Principal Bright points out or, to his knowledge, any of the schools in York Region.

"You get the feeling the rug's been pulled out from under you," Mr. Bright said.

The local principal says he's in total agreement with the directive provided by York Region Board of Education, calling it "super leadership."

"York Region is where it's at," he states.

Peter Bright strongly opposes several segments of the Radwanski Report including — province-wide testing; the 32-33% drop-out statistic; student failures, (unless a pupil's behind in everything) and a basic curriculum in Grades 9 and 10.

Under a province-wide testing program, too much emphasis would be placed on cramming for exams, says Mr. Bright. Other aspects of education, equally important, would be sacrificed.

Principal Bright claims there will always be drop-outs, but he challenges the 32-33 percent figure contained in the Radwanski findings.

With respect to students choosing subject options and levels of learning in Grade 8, Mr. Bright sees nothing wrong with this.

"They know what they want," he says, "perhaps the parents need educating."

A basic curriculum in Grades 9 and 10 would be unfair to students with advanced academic and technical skills, claims Mr. Bright. "They'd be bored," he says.

In voicing concerns over these and other recommendations, Principal Bright poses a question of his own: "If it isn't broke, why fix it?"

'Contradictory'

Harry Bowes, Board of Education trustee for Whitchurch-Stouffville, isn't impressed with the Radwanski Report made public last week.

Mr. Bowes says in York Region, most of the positive recommendations are already in place and most of the critical comments don't apply.

He (Radwanski) contradicts himself all the way through, claims Bowes.

Mr. Bowes doesn't perceive the York Board as sending any directive through to the Ministry.

"Right now, there's no decision as to what the province will do with it either," he notes.

With the drop-out level under 13% (seven percent at Stouffville High), Mr. Bowes doesn't see early school leaving as a problem.

"Co-op education is the best way to counter this and SDSS has one of the best Co-op Programs in the Region," he says.

As for students holding part-time jobs, a practice criticized by Radwanski, Bowes claims many young people currently working evenings and weekends have the highest academic standings.

May expand industrial site

GORMLEY — The Gormley area is slated to become Whitchurch-Stouffville's industrial showplace.

This perception is based primarily on the presence of Hwy. 404, an artery that provides not only an adequate transportation artery but also a visible marketing benefit.

The Town's Planning Advisory Committee feels sufficient industrial-designated land should be reserved in the Hwy. 404 corridor. However, the amount of land remains uncertain.

Initially, planners were considering a maximum of 300 acres. And it was on this basis that IBI, an industrial consulting firm, drew up its report. Following presentations by five land development consultants, two real estate agents and a real estate solicitor, Feb. 15, committee members were having second thoughts.

Asked Councillor Wilf Morley "Do we go back and take a look at 1,000 acres or do we accept the IBI Study verbatim?"

Each of the delegates urged the Town not to place tight restrictions on future industrial development.

Said Carman Di Paola: "This is the hub of the fastest growing area in Canada. To obtain good industry, a sizeable piece of land is needed. Marketing conditions are extra-ordinary. It will enable the Town to establish a good tax base. I commend you for your efforts and encourage you to proceed with it all."

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