



### Rising star

Students at Goodwood Public School did their part again this year to help needy families in the area. Several trees donated to the school by Standard Aggregates and decorated by the students were given to the less fortunate when the school closed for the holidays last Friday. Here, students Brett Bowdler (left) and Roger Bunker put the finishing touches on one tree before it was sent off to a family for the Christmas celebration.

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## Roads, housing first: Herrema

Affordable housing and roads are top priorities as far as residents are concerned, Gary Herrema, recently acclaimed chairman of Durham Region, told the inaugural meeting Dec. 7.

Added to Chairman Herrema's priority list are water and sewer services, finance and garbage.

Mr. Herrema hopes to establish two special committees to deal with refuse and the affect of free trade.

The free trade issue, says Herrema, should be handled by a regional task force. With respect to garbage, both short and long-term goals should be established, he states.

Chairman Herrema feels a

firm like General Motors is deserving of protection should the agreement pose any threat. At the same time, he warned against Durham Region becoming known only as a one-industry area.

Mr. Herrema is advocating a free trade study employing either Durham College or the University of Toronto. He estimates the cost at between \$50,000 and \$60,000.

The garbage committee will comprise members from within Regional Council. Mr. Herrema wants all potential dump sites identified with this information to be submitted no later than March 1. The findings will be made public after that date, the chairman said.

Mr. Herrema noted that while garbage may be the most talked about issue, it's not the most important.

"Roads and housing are obviously the greatest priority to the residents we serve," he said.

Herrema said the Region had taken a negative stance on many issues over the past three years but the three years ahead would be different.

"We've had three years of being able to stall and say no," he stated, "we won't have that opportunity now."

Don Jackson of Uxbridge was elected to the Region's works committee. Uxbridge Mayor Gerri Lynn O'Connor will serve on planning.

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# Have a joyous holiday!

