

Obituary

Ed Raymer fondly remembered by many

Edwin Raymer, a man known for his kindness, his zeal for life and his exemplary Christian faith, died early Wednesday evening at Markham-Stouffville Hospital. He had been fighting a courageous battle with cancer since last fall.

Raymer, who turned 90 last month, lived in Stouffville for the past eight years. He had been active during much of that time as a volunteer driver with the Canadian Cancer Society and the local Aphasia Centre, making as many as 300 runs a year.

A member of the Gideon Society for almost 50 years, Raymer was involved in distributing the scriptures into local schools until shortly before he became ill last year.

Born on the family farm in Markham and raised in Dickson Hill, Raymer attended the Dickson Hill Public School

which was eventually moved to Black Creek Pioneer Village, where it now stands. He worked on the farm before moving to Toronto in 1935, when he began a 35 year association with the WT Rawleigh Co. He was that company's sales manager for Eastern Canada for 20 years, a posting which resulted in his moving to Montreal in 1944.

Upon his retirement, he began a second career in real estate in the Montreal area, working until the mid 1980s. He returned to Stouffville in 1987 after the passing of his wife of 59 years, Elda Victoria Raymer.

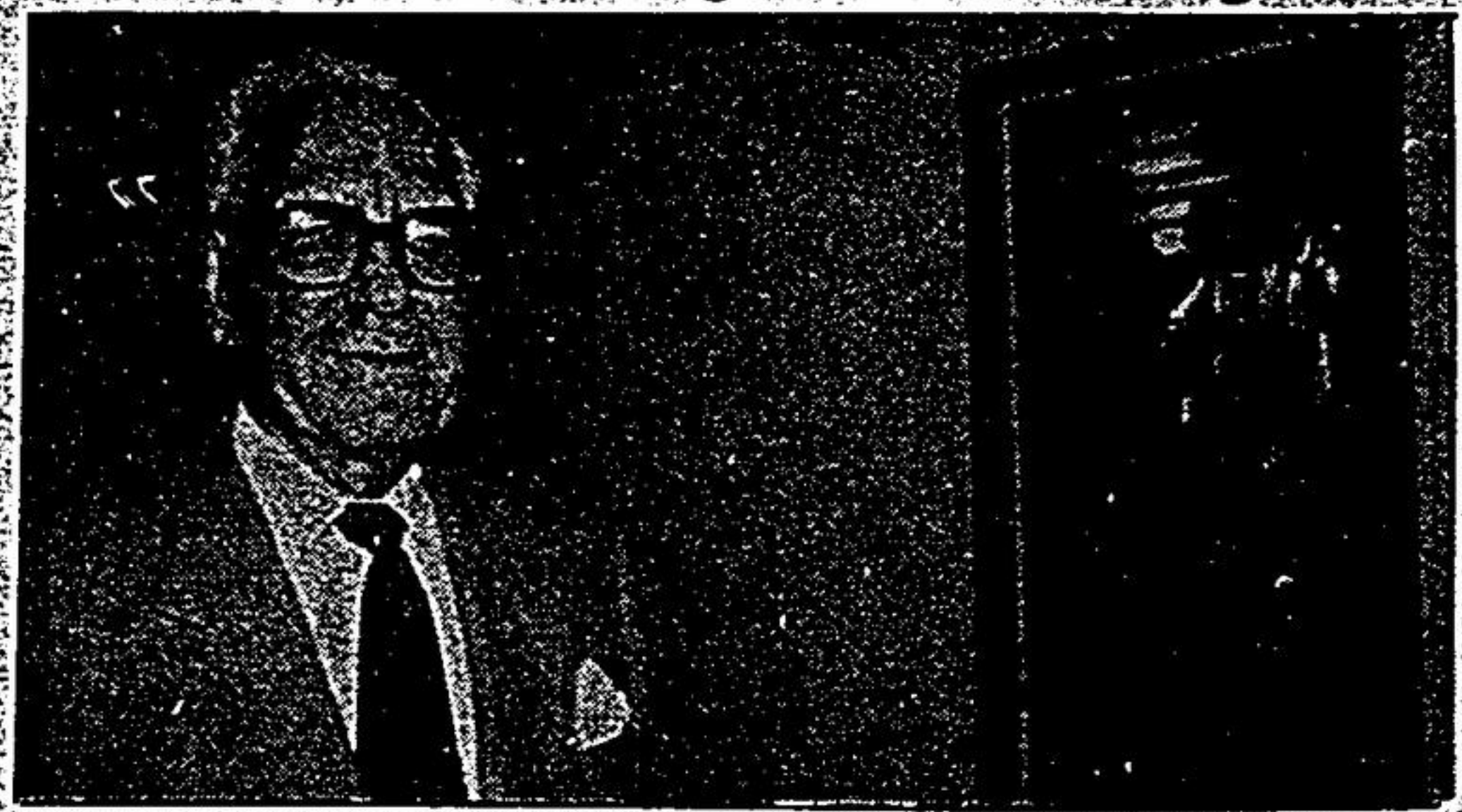
Raymer had no children of his own, but took great delight in his nieces, nephews and cousins, many of whom live in the Markham-Stouffville-Uxbridge area. He had 17 great, great nieces and nephews. He would visit rela-

tives across North America and maintained an ever growing list of friends. His hospital room was filled with cards and mementoes from the endless stream of visitors he received while there.

Raymer's fervent religious faith defined his everyday approach to life. He is remembered by friends and relatives as a committed, caring Christian who was devoted to inter-denominational understanding.

"He lived his life as a Christian 'should live his life,'" said Ollie Wilson of Uxbridge, a cousin to Raymer. "He was a person who reached out to everyone because he had no family of his own."

"He was a very kind, Godly and generous man and he was always thinking of others," said Vera Moyer of Dickson Hill, whose husband Warren is a cousin to Raymer. "He



Ed Raymer with the stained glass he commissioned in memory of his wife.

lived his Christian life without preaching. He was a walking example."

Fellow Gideon Cyril Back of Stouffville's Parkview Village said Raymer was dedicated to the cause of the Gideons. "He was our oldest member and he attended all the meetings," said Back. "He was a great

man to have visit the schools

of all denominations." Raymer was the son of the late Wesley and Phoebe (Moyer) Raymer. He was predeceased by brothers Russell and Lorne and by his sister Olive Webb.

The funeral for Raymer is to be held at 11 a.m. this morning at the Stouffville Missionary Church.

Out of the Mouths of Babes

By JOAN RANSBERRY
Staff Reporter

Kindergarten students from Goodwood Public School have got all the answers.

The Tribune dropped into the school recently and asked a few questions.



JOHNNY HUTCHINSON

Everyone had an answer. Here are the questions and answers:

What do you want to be when you grow up?

Johnny Hutchinson said, "I'm going to be a circus player. I will do the juggling. The circus pays \$20 bucks an hour."

Jasmine Mathews said, "I'm growing up to be a doctor. Except, doctors don't make much money. I'll get my mom to keep giving me food."

Jodi Potter said, "I'm going to be a veterinarian. I'll give the pets a checkup. But I don't know how to tell if a cat is sick."

Bret Klages said, "A police officer. I will catch bad men and put them in jail. I won't care what happens to them in jail."

Where did the stars come from?

Meghan Bradbury said, "The moon has something to do with it. Something makes the stars disappear in the day time. Nobody knows what does it."



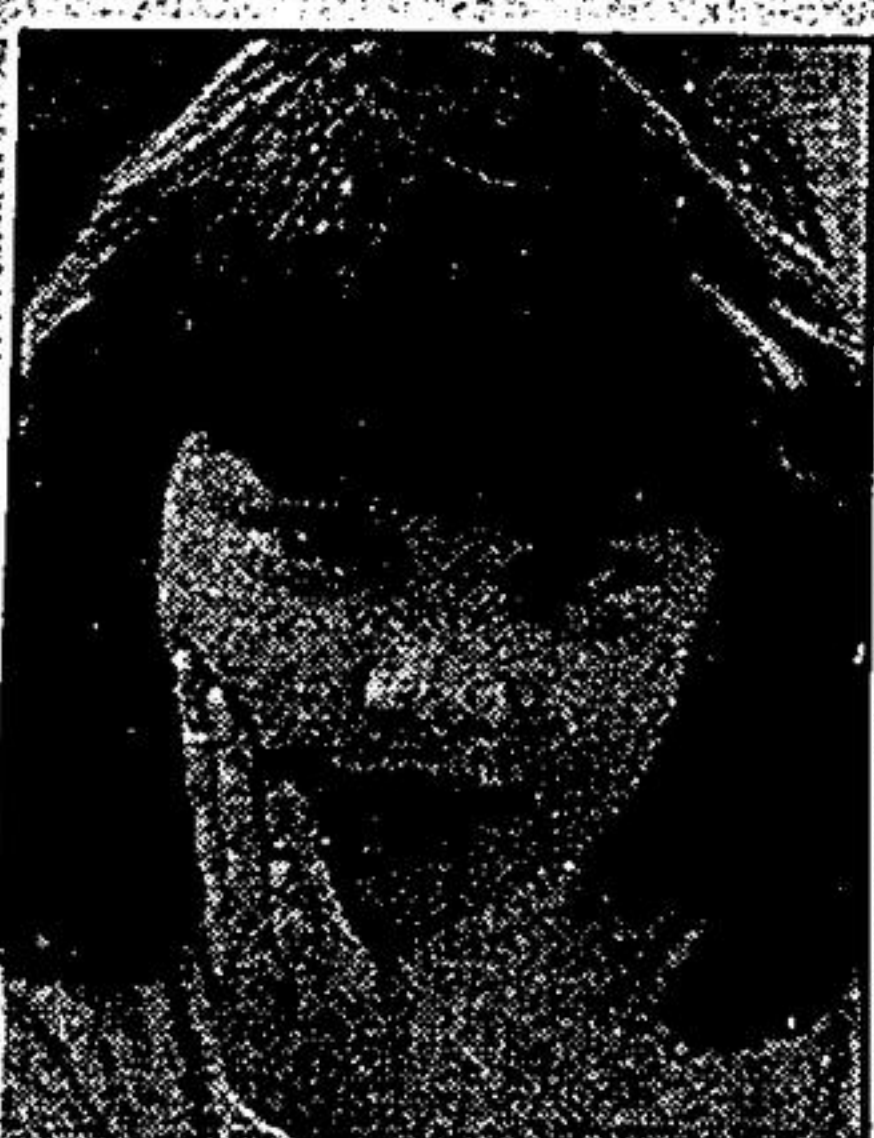
BRET KLAGES



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Public meeting to be held March 7 on lake water project

By JOAN RANSBERRY
Staff Reporter

The proposed Ballantrae-Musselman Lake water project will be the subject of a public meeting, slated for March 7 at 7 p.m. The information meeting, expected to attract a large crowd, will be held in the Ballantrae Community Centre.

On Tuesday, Ward 2 councillor Ed Lyons got full council support when he presented a motion calling for the public review of the plan to have a communal water system for Ballantrae and Musselman Lake.

It's expected that staff from the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, the Region of York and project consultants will all be on hand to answer questions, Lyons said.

"I would recommend that other members of council attend this meeting to become better informed about the water project," he added.

Also, Lyons has notified Merlin Dewing, municipality's chief administrative officer, that he wants staff to look into debenturing the whole water project, including the cost of frontage to the residents.

Lyons wants staff to look into a connection system from the municipal property to residents' homes. "Or the resident could be left with the option to pay for the connection from municipal property to the connection within his own home," said Lyons.

In his appeal, Lyons said he wants the water tower built close to the well, claiming it would be "more cost effective."

People who do not belong to the Local Improvement Area of the water project "should pay or contribute their fair share" to the water project in which case helping to reduce the cost to all residents, said Lyons. "In other words, no one gets a free ride," he added.

In early November, area residents learned that if Whitchurch-Stouffville council agreed to go along with the project, York region would assume the well and tower costs for the Musselman Lake-Ballantrae water system if it was constructed. This would take \$2.1 million off the \$8-million price tag and reduce residents' assessment rate from \$13.85 per foot of frontage to \$7.69.

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