

UNIONVILLE

News and Features

New industry

UNIONVILLE - A new industry for this area, in the planning stages for some time, has received cautious approval from Markham Planning Committee.

At its meeting Dec. 16, the Committee considered a letter from solicitors acting on behalf of Rex Chainbelt. In 1968, the applicant purchased property on the west side of Kennedy Road, south of Highway 7. At that time, the company was assured that the zoning would be changed to allow construction of a factory.

A three-year delay was caused by economic factors, and the company's solicitors recently wrote to point out that no re-zoning had been done. The Committee was requested to amend the zoning bylaw applying to that area.

After brief discussion, committee members voted to approve the proposed amendment when Mr. Chainbelt decides to proceed with actual construction. A letter was sent to notify the company's solicitors.



By Jim Thomas
 UNIONVILLE - How can one compare Unionville with San Francisco, New York, Reno or Philadelphia? The truth is, you can't. But Julia Tancock does. For Unionville is 'home', a quiet break from the bright lights of show business. Julia is a professional, a skater with the company 'Holiday on Ice'. She is home this week, spending a few days with her parents before heading out for a date, Christmas Day, in Oakland, California.

Julia is one of four in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Osborne Tancock, Wembley Avenue, Unionville. John is a student at Waterloo University; Jeff is in Grade 10 at Markham Dist. High School and Jane is a teacher on the staff of Sir Wilfred Laurier Collegiate, West Hill.

Julia started skating at the age of 3 but it was eight years later that she joined the Unionville Club and began taking lessons. "I wanted to be in the Carnival", she recalled, never realizing what successes would follow.

But like most professionals, Julia's success did not come without hard work. Often, she would practice in the Unionville Arena as early as 5.30 a.m., then go to school and return again at 4.30 in the afternoon.

Julia gives much credit to instructress Brenda Ramsey at

Unionville and Osborne Coulson, an instructor at the School of Fine Arts, Banff, Alberta. "He's a fantastic person", she said, "he really knows show business".

Julia is now 19, stands 5'2", weighs 102 pounds and just as attractive seated across the kitchen table in her parents' home at Unionville, as skimming across the ice in Madison Square Gardens, New York.

"It's another world", she explained, with the receptions varying in degrees of appreciation with each city. In New York, for example, the audience seems 'cold' while in Richmond, Virginia, the cast received a standing ovation. "We just couldn't believe it", she said of the Richmond response, "it brought tears to our

eyes". Almost half the cast is Canadian. "Whenever our plane nears the border, we sing O Canada as loud as we can and wave our Canadian flags", she joked. She described the cast as 'like one big family'.

Julia is one of 32 girls in the 'line'. She is also the understudy for 'Snoopy', the comedy cartoon star of the show. The talented Nancy Fleming performs with the company.

Julia describes the contracts as 'superficial'. "Gain five pounds and you can be out", she said. The salaries however, are very attractive, about three times that of a private secretary.

Her skates are her own. They cost \$185 complete.

Has it been worth it

all? "When I look back, I have to say 'yes'. I really love it. I'm proud to be part of it. But there's nothing permanent. I could leave at the end of this month or I could go on for another five years".

What of the future? When Julia skates

out of the razzle-dazzle world of spot lights and tinsel, she'd like to become an instructor - to teach

the little kids. And she likely will the day 'the girl next door' comes home - to stay.

Figure skating pro - 'still girl next door'

Julia Tancock

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To aid the proprietor in choosing an appropriate nameplate, suggestions are being accepted. Customers are being asked to write in their recommendations on a card placed on the inside of the front door.

Some of these follow - Sam's Place, Greasy Spoon, Warm Spot, Poor Man's Diner, The Gab Joint, The Steak

Out, Sam's Joint, Unionville Palace and Sam's Oasis.

One thing is certain. The owner's name is Sam.

May joy, peace and good friends be yours at Christmas and through the New Year.

Don Deacon

Nineteen year old Julia Tancock, Wembley Ave., Unionville, a professional with 'Holiday on Ice'.

Christmas greetings

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