

Almost too good to eat

Mrs. Ruby Lippett of Ballantrae, has an artistic culinary skill that's hard to match. Her specialty is gingerbread houses, with the latest model shown here. Mrs. Lippett has been doing this kind of thing since taking a cake decoration course at night classes in Stouffville.

Dist. Secondary School, 4 years ago. Her instructor was Wolfgang Dams of the Stouffville Bakery. Mrs. Lippett admits that "the proof of the cooking is in the eating", so after New Year's, the house will disappear, bite by bite. "To be honest," she said, "I'll hate to see it go".

Valuable paintings recovered

CLAREMONT - stolen from the farm home of R.G. Roy, seven of 9 paintings,

Claremont, in October, were recovered by police when they found

a cache of stolen goods in a Broadview Ave. house. The paintings are valued at \$250,000. A routine check on a car, unlawfully parked in an underground apartment garage in North York, led detectives to the discovery and to the arrest of William Garfield Arnold, 27, who has been charged

with possessing stolen goods. Mr. Roy, a one-time art dealer, owned the Roberts Gallery, Yonge St., north of Bloor, before he retired in 1937.

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Council approves home for disturbed children

STOUFFVILLE Council has given approval to John A. O'Rourke to establish a non-institutional, private home for 5 children with moderate emotional disturbances, in the municipality.

At a previous meeting, members agreed that the intent of providing a 'home-setting' to assist children discharged from treatment centres adjust to

community living, was highly commendable. They wished to know however, where the applicant intended to locate.

Mr. O'Rourke presented this information to Planning Committee, Dec. 15, and it was agreed the site, north of Stouffville, and overall environment were acceptable.

Mr. O'Rourke pointed out that he and his wife, qualified

child care workers, did not wish to establish their 'home' on a farm because the idea was to integrate with society, not stay remote from it.

He assured the Committee that there was no way he could start expanding operations once he was established. He would be licensed specifically to work with 5 children, ages 6 to 14, referred to him by the Children's Aid

Society, and it would certainly not be in his interests if he did not operate efficiently and without disturbance.

Commenting on acceptance of his 'family' by people in the neighborhood, he concluded, "People are afraid of the unknown. When they see how we operate

they have no objections."

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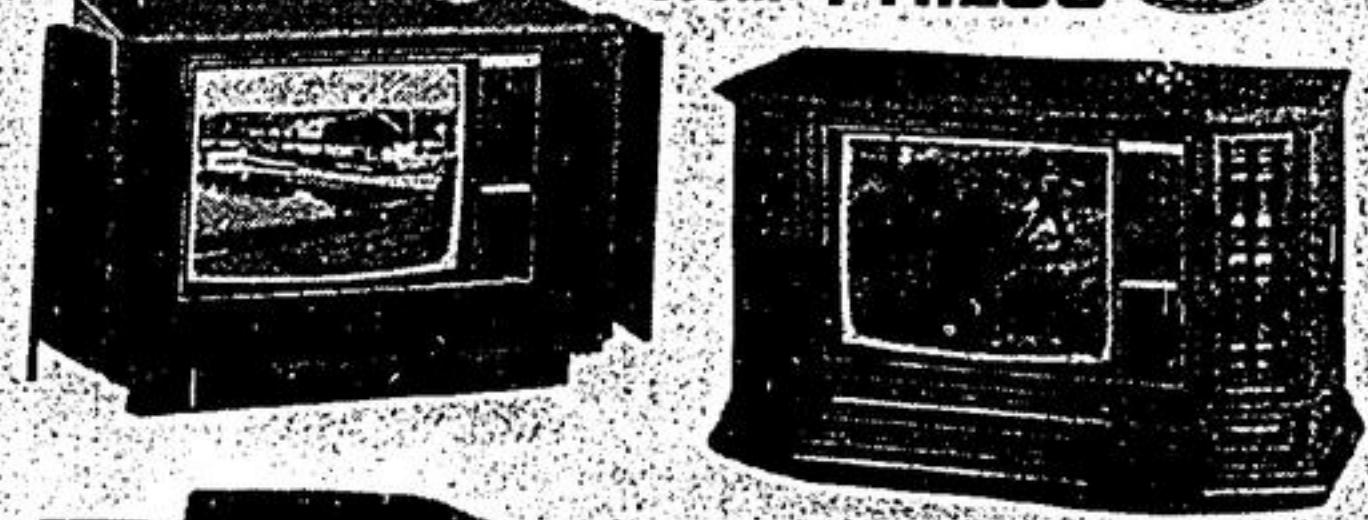
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