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Gifts for chosen few



Does Santa come to the sound of clopping reindeer or to that of pattering feet?

When Elizabeth Lindsay plays Santa Claus you may be sure the latter is true.

The City of Nanticoke school-bus driver has urged her young charges to handcraft gifts for children who may remain without this Christmas.

Now the busy team has completed the gifts, they are looking around for the chosen few who will receive them. The students making the gifts attend two elementary schools and the South Walpole Public schools, in Grades one to seven. Mrs. Lindsay will be awarding a gift to the student who created the best gift.

Rezoning From Agricultural to Residential - not Expanding: Courtlea Park

Harvey and Ellen Lamont, owners of Courtlea Mobile Acres Limited, say that they do not intend to expand Courtlea mobile homes.

The Lamonts obtained a permit for the mobile park in August 1969, and the original plan called for 102 homes - they now have 90 units and expect the remaining 12 (already serviced) to be ready for next spring. No additional expansion is being planned, say

Mr. and Mrs. Lamont.

They say that the trailer homes are located with individual yards and that no more than five houses are situated on an acre of land. The services meet with the Norfolk County Health standards says Mrs. Lamont. Mr. Lamont says that one or - at the most - two houses use one septic tank.

Mr. and Mrs. Lamont say that the rate of insurance policies is similar to that on ordinary house - depending,

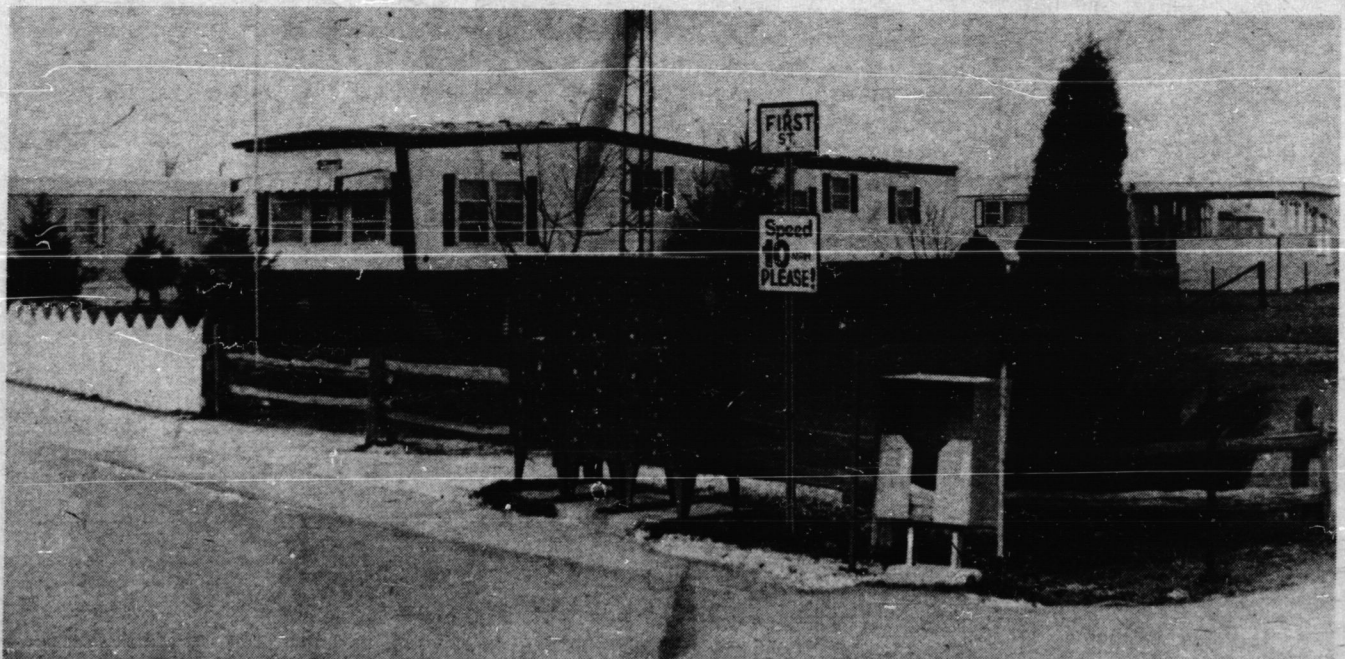
of course, on size, construction, and other factors.

Emerson Haney, a retired resident of Courtlea trailer park, said that his taxes amount to about \$300 per annum: "I pay more in taxes than some property owners with a lot, and a house on it."

Another resident of the mobile park, Mrs. Nan Tais, homemaker, said that her taxes "are \$313.07 per year." She also stated that she enjoys living in her mobile

home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lamont can't understand why there appear to be such misunderstandings evolving around their application in 1974 for the 75-acre severance from their farm - leaving a balance of 150 acres continuing as Courtlea Farms Ltd. They say that they simply want the 75 acres rezoned from agricultural to residential. Yet the property is assessed as residential for taxation purposes.



TRAVELLERS! Winter weather means sudden and nasty changes in driving conditions. If you plan to travel through the approaching holiday season, make allowances in time and speed for bad weather, lower speeds travelled and congested highways and other holiday travellers. Remember the lower speeds will probably make your trip more enjoyable, far safer and increase your gas mileage too.

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Appointment

Robert E. Mann, managing director of R.E. Mann Agencies Limited, headquartered in Simcoe, has been elected a director of the 40,000-member Canadian Real Estate Association, representing the province of Ontario.

Mann, a resident of Simcoe since infancy, has been associated with the family firm since graduating from the University of Western Ontario in business administration in 1952. On graduation he was awarded a faculty gold key.

R. E. Mann Agencies Limited is a member of the Simcoe and District Real Estate Board and the Metropolitan Hamilton Real Estate Board, with branch offices in Port Rowan and Hagersville. The Mann real estate firm employs 20 persons and has been in business in the Simcoe area since 1947. The firm was founded by Robert Mann's father, R. Edward Mann. A brother, Ronald, is general manager.

LIP grant for local heritage

by ANNAMARIA MICALLES
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If your house was built before Confederation chances are you'll find Virginia Harker at your door.

She'll want to poke into all the nooks and crannies in an attempt to record architectural features for posterity.

Mrs. Harker has just been awarded a LIP grant to complete the last term of the project begun by the University Club of Simcoe in 1967. She hopes to complete the project by the first week of June when the grant for \$15,210 comes to an end. Mrs. Harker has taken the project over from Catherine Smale, also a member of the University Club.

The aim of the program is to record all buildings of historical interest in the area of Old County Norfolk, hopefully with the result of preserving the buildings.

"Even should they be torn down, at least we shall still have record of the architectural styles," said Mrs. Harker.

The collected material will be published in book form by the club and only then will the records be turned over to the museum in Simcoe.

The University Club has a two-year deadline to publish then all researched material funded by the LIP grant must be turned over to the museum. The Club feels, however, that if the material is handed over to the museum before the book is published somebody could beat them to it and they'll lose their share of the glory and profit.

Mrs. Harker's share of the job involves the Townsend area and other areas in the northern part of the county. With her assistants, John Schwieter, of Delhi, and photographer David Churchill, of Simcoe, she hopes to comb the countryside before her time is up.

This is no mean task. The area is vast and research into the history of the buildings often complicated because of conflicting registry records.

Where it is possible to determine the exact date from records, Mrs. Harker an interior designer, has to hazard a professional guess deduced from the architectural style. Often, this entails recognizing the old structure of a building which may have been renovated at a later date.

The finer examples, where the original structure has been best preserved will be emphasized in the study and a more detailed account of their history and architectural style, both external and internal, will be given.

"Old housing has been my hobby for years," said Mrs. Harker. Her own house on Crescent Boulevard in Simcoe was originally an old brick barn, constructed in 1889.

"That wide arched door was where the horses used to come in," she said pointing to the large french window in her dining room.

A wing added in 1921 converted the barn into a home. The original site of the building is now the site of a Woolworths store. Mrs. Harker had it moved to its present site in 1962.