



A young teacher who switched to business in 1968, Stan Garnet aged 28 now employs 17 people in three "The Frame Up" picture frame stores and at his art gallery and assembly

plant. Garnet is shown with customer Mrs. Zena Suchter of Downsview as she considers what framing material to use around her needlepoint picture.

Teacher Found Success In Basement

BY HAL BLAINE
You can search and struggle, really struggle, to make a successful start in business and still not make it. Then you can find success was right there all the time in a little noticed basement workshop showroom and suitcase display you have been carrying for years in your car trunk.

That's the story of Toronto native Stan Garnet, 28, who moved his basement picture framing sideline into a little store on the fringe of Thornhill in November of 1971.

Now he has the Metro area's biggest little business of its kind with three stores, 6,500 square feet of space, a staff of 17, an assembly plant and gallery with one of Canada's most exciting collections of art prints and graphics.

SUCCESS STORY
Quite a success story for a young industrial arts teacher with a clever pair of hands who decided to enter the business world in 1968.

Garnet taught elementary school for three years. But when he looked ahead to the many years he faced of further study courses and low pay, he switched to business. Now he watches his affairs from his office, plant and gallery downstairs from his main The Frame Up store in the Bathurst Sheppard Plaza at Bathurst Street and Sheppard Avenue.

And he's much in demand as a speaker and demonstrator for women's groups, art groups and gatherings of housewives interested in decorating and picture framing. He's also frequently called upon for community and charity organization events.

TRIED MANUFACTURING
It all started when he quit teaching and took a job selling materials in the picture frame field. Then full of vim, vigor and vitality he went into the plastic picture frame manufacturing field. But his idea turned out then to be ahead of its time and the going got really rough.

But all this time there was this other little thing going on. Two months after he left teaching he'd registered a business called The Frame Up. It was there to serve a need he'd found among his friends, family and their acquaintances while providing a little extra money on the side. He was supplying frames made from the materials he was selling at a little lower price than retail.

He had his basement workshop at home, with some displays. His mother looked after the calls and things when he was out. For convenience he developed a portable display in a suitcase and carried it in the back of his car for occasions when friends asked him around in the evening to give them some picture frame ideas.

LIKED PEOPLE
Garnet went into selling in the first place because he liked to talk with people. So he kept on enjoying the people contacts of his sideline even when he started his plastic frame manufacturing business, then sold and managed it for a while. But that didn't really work out.

He says it was amazing how he worried about the selling and manufacturing attempts while the "golden egg" was being laid almost unintentionally right there in his basement.

Ambitiously he struggled with things that didn't "go" while the little sideline in the basement just kept getting more worthwhile all by itself, almost.

HIS FIRST STORE
Then in November of 1971 he opened up his first The Frame Up store at 1537 Steeles Avenue East in the Steeles Heights Plaza, one traffic light east of Bayview Avenue. It's still there and still managed by his mother, Millie.

"That case of samples in the car. That's what really built the business," says Garnet.

His father, an electrician, helped him with the lighting and fixtures in that first

store and still helps him with the electrical side of things at the three stores and assembly plant.

At first Garnet worked at his main outside job as a salesman during the day. His mother managed the store and took orders. Then during the night Garnet did the assembling and ordering at night.

HIS SECOND STORE
On January 15 this year Garnet opened his second store at Sheppard and Bathurst, with a staff of five and the downstairs machinery and equipment. At this time he was for the first time able to drop all else and work full time at his sideline, starting to draw his income from the business.

Then on August 3 he opened his third store at 591 Mount Pleasant Road, three doors north of the Crest Theatre.

"It was interesting and it was tough. It involved a lot of work and long hours. We've started designs nobody else has done," says the businessman who spent his boyhood on Denby Avenue, near Keele and Wilson.

"We have art at prices many more people can afford than could before. We pass on the savings of greater volume. I think we've now achieved this," says Garnet.

Achievement Day Coming For 4-H Of York South

"Dressing up Vegetables" is the current 4-H Homemaking project in York Region and Ontario County, and to conclude the program, achievement days are being held in various locations.

The 4-H of York North had their big day Saturday at Belhaven Hall, Belhaven.

York South will have their achievement day December 15, and it will be open to the public beginning at 1:30 pm in Maple Community Hall, Groups from Agincourt, Edgely, King, Nobleton, Richmond Hill, South Vaug-

han, Temperanceville and Vellore will be participating. "Vegetables are definitely an important food in our Canadian diet," says Beatrice McClenaghan, local representative of the Home Economics Branch of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

"They can add interest and variety to any meal or snack and need not be limited to boiled potatoes, canned peas and fresh lettuce."

The homemaking club members have discovered a wide assortment of vegetables and means of preparing them which they did not commonly use before. Now they dare to try something different, such as eggplant casserole, fried zucchini and cucumber-cheese dip.

Club exhibits will include five ways with one vegetable, "quality counts", vegetables for all the family, color for vitamins, vegetables all year round, a vegetable table centre, and fun foods round the clock. A representative from each club will give a three-minute comment on the exhibit.

Club demonstrations and skits will include a salad plate, potatoes every day, dressing up vegetables, a vegetable relish plate or tray, "Do you know these vegetables?", cabbage three ways, "Let's try these vegetables", vegetable market basket, and "Color counts".

There will be presentations of awards in six categories, including presentation of 4-H Homemaking Club sterling teaspoons to each girl who has completed the project, submitting her record book and recipes to the Newmarket office no later than December 10.

The project chosen for the clubs for the spring is "The Club Girl Entertains". In this project they will have an opportunity to plan and prepare refreshments for various occasions. Etiquette and good manners are outlined, helping to give the girls an understanding of hospitality which, says Miss McClenaghan, can be the beginning of gracious entertaining.

Gale Springer reflected the sentiments of the Thornlea graduates most effectively in her valedictory address to parents, friends and staff. The graduation ceremonies were greatly enhanced by musical interludes from the Thornlea Band and Choir and a theatrical presentation of Thurber's "University Days" by the drama group.

The program concluded with the Thornlea Choir's rendition of the alma mater song - "Think And Be Thought Of". Parents, staff and friends had an opportunity to congratulate the graduates and renew acquaintances at a coffee party following the commencement ceremonies.

York Regional Council

Proposed Grade Separation On Bayview Avenue Given Go Ahead

York Regional Council last week gave the go ahead to a proposed grade separation on Bayview Avenue and CNR crossing at Thornlea.

The report first received approval from council last August. Last week, however, council authorized the commissioner of engineering to engage consulting engineers to prepare detailed construction drawings, contract documents and cost estimates for the recommended scheme.

In a report prepared for the region last summer by Totten Sims Hubicki Association Limited, total estimated cost of the project was \$2,781,000.

Cost apportionment was as follows: Canadian Transport Commission, Railway Transport Committee, \$500,000; Canadian National Railways, \$31,250; Ministry of Transportation and Communications, and Region of York, \$2,249,750.

Earlier this month, the engineering committee heard from two delegations regarding the proposed separation. Appearing were representatives of the Shoullice Hospital Limited, Bayview Avenue, and K. J. Beamish Construction Company Limited. Only the Shoullice representatives addressed the committee.

According to the report of the engineering committee, Dr. Shoullice presented a plan showing proposed future buildings on the hospital lands on the west side of Bayview in the area of the proposed intersection of the west access road and Bayview Avenue.

The committee said there were no definite plans for the hospital or its time of construction.

"It would appear that there is insufficient land in this area to develop a hospital, that this hospital would be too close to Bayview Avenue and therefore should be proposed elsewhere on the Shoullice Hospital lands," the report said.

In recommending approval of the grade separation, the committee said that, with

Plan Telethon Drive For Hospital Pool

Plans for the "Whipper Watson Appeal Telethon" are progressing smoothly according to co-chairman for the event, Gerry Robertson, operations manager for Barrie's CKVR Channel 3 Television.

The 30-hour telethon, which will be held on February 16 and 17, is being staged as part of the campaign to raise \$250,000 for a therapeutic pool to be built at York County Hospital in Newmarket.

Twelve municipalities throughout Central Ontario will serve as "drop centres". Residents of a particular area will be able to telephone his or her pledge directly to the station, or make the donation in person at a convenient place closer to home.

The promoters expect that many of the artists who will provide entertainment for the telethon will be able to make periodic visits to these "drop centres" to welcome residents and accept their donations.

Since the pool facility will be available to all those throughout the area served by CKVR who need therapeutic treatment, it is hoped that volunteers will be available in all regions. Mr. Robertson expects that well over 1,000 people will be needed in presenting the telethon.

Anyone wishing to volunteer his or her services should contact the "Whipper Watson Appeal" office, suite 250, Newmarket Plaza, Newmarket, or phone 898-2731.

Drug Traffic Jail Sentence

A Richmond Hill man was sentenced to 14 months jail last week in York County Court on a drug trafficking conviction.

Gordie Sutton, 27, of Lake Wilcox Monday was sentenced to six months definite and eight months indefinite after a three-day judge and jury trial.

Sutton was arrested 18 months ago at Richmond Heights Centre here and charged with having 50 grams of "speed", a controlled drug for the purpose of trafficking.

The investigating officers were York Regional Police Detectives John Moorhead and William Hay.

TENDER FOR MAIL CONTRACT

The Canada Post Office is inviting Tenders for a five year contract for the conveyance of Her Majesty's Mails over Richmond Hill Rural Route No. 1. This service will operate Monday to Saturday inclusive. Tenders will be accepted from any person, 21 years of age or older, or from business firms, residing or operating within a reasonable distance of the area covered by this mail service. Closing date for receipt of Tenders in Toronto is Wednesday, 12th December, 1973 at 3:00 P.M.

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EAST RICHVALE

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Neighborhood Notes

Kelly Muus made his arrival in the early morning of November 27 at York Central Hospital. As Mr. and Mrs. Ted Muus of Duncan Road brought little Kelly home there were big brother Benny and sisters Susie and Teresa happily welcoming the little gem.

Great sympathy is extended to Mrs. Betty Stewart and family on the loss of a very dear and devoted father and husband.

Happy birthday greetings to Billy Lukiamuk of Duncan Road who will be celebrating his sixteenth birthday December 9. Have a good time Bill!

Council also agreed to a recommendation from the Town of Richmond Hill to request Metro Conservation Authority to develop a plan for a "passive" park on the northwest corner of Yonge Street at King Road.

Richmond Hill Mayor, William Lazenby, who presented the resolution, said that, besides sharing the costs of development, the town would ask Metro Authority for the use of the park at \$1 a year.

A copy of the resolution is to be forwarded to the parks and recreation and civic improvement committees requesting their endorsement.

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Gale Springer, valedictorian at the recent commencement exercises at Thornlea Secondary School, Thornhill, renews acquaintance with Principal Stephen Bacsalmasi following the ceremonies.

228 Diplomas Awarded At Thornlea

Thornlea Secondary School in Thornhill welcomed her graduates back to the school on the evening of November 3 for the annual commencement ceremonies. The graduates had an opportunity to meet friends among students and staff at a dessert party at 6:30 pm.

The graduates and their guests were welcomed to the Commencement by Vaughan Trustee Ross Jolliffe, representing the York County Board of Education and Thornlea Principal Stephen Bacsalmasi.

142 graduates received the grade 12 Secondary School Graduation Diploma and 86 graduates received the grade 13 Secondary School Honor Graduation Diploma. Trustees Doreen Quirk and Don-

ald Couzens of Markham presented the diplomas to the graduates. They were assisted by Miss Janet Garden, Jay Hooper and Howard Reynolds of the Thornlea staff.

Clifford Grant, assistant superintendent of planning and development presented the Ontario Scholarships to 15 Thornlea graduates who achieved an academic average of 80 percent or more during their grade 13 year.

These scholarship winners are: John Aspinall, Martin Bloom, Sharon Buchanan, Scott Davey, Grant Davis, Shael Eisen, Gino Fogliato, Randy Goldman, Karl Maier, Debra Scott, Gale Springer, Audrey Urman, Peter Viz-muller, Paul Wellman, David Woodburn and Luey Wright.

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