

Stanley Lewis

At 82 years old work is a habit

CLAREMONT — Retiring at 65, or earlier, is the rule today. At that stage either you decide it's time for a rest, or you're forced to quit.

Stanley Lewis, 82, of R. R. 3, Claremont, is an exception to the trend. Last week we talked with him as he harvested cauliflower in the field of the farm operated by his son Bob.

"I'm no different from anybody else; I just always had to work, that's all," he said. Working "just gets to be a habit, I guess," he added.

Stanley's father was a farmer, and Mr. Lewis has done farm work all his life. He figures reaching 80 is no reason to stop now.

When asked how long he thought he would keep going, Mr. Lewis replied, "I swear off it every year," but then ends up working anyway.

"I don't work very hard now," he said. "I keep at it, but I don't do very much 'til fall."

This year Mr. Lewis has ploughed about 85 acres and plans to do another couple hundred. He also helps out whenever help is needed for chopping cauliflower.

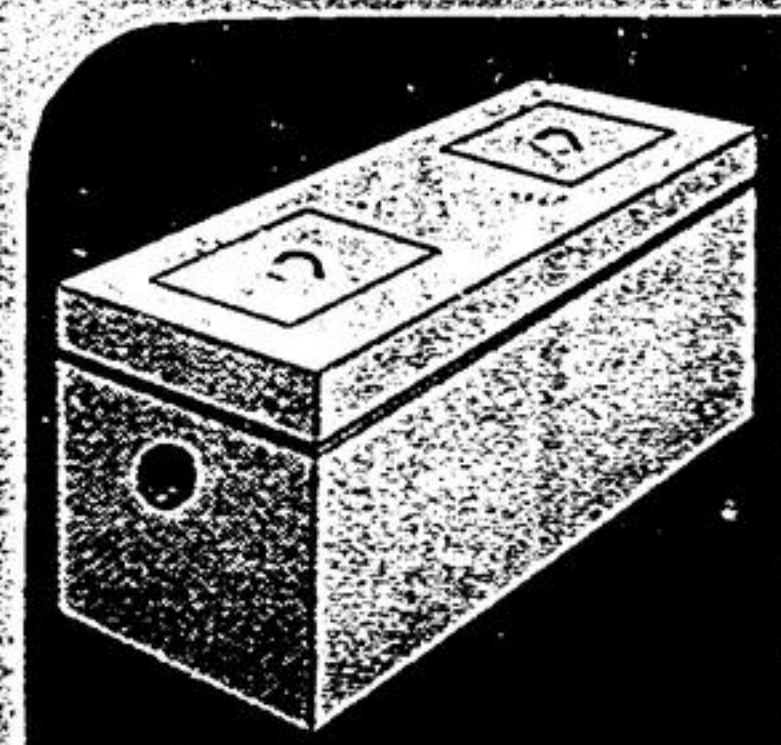


Stanley Lewis recently celebrated his 82nd birthday. He still enjoys working in the field and last week did his share in harvesting cauliflower. Ted Wilcox.

Family life fund drive

STOUFFVILLE — Markham and District Family Life Centre is planning a fund-raising drive in the area later this month and needs volunteer canvassers to knock on doors.

The campaign will be carried on Oct. 20-26. Those interested in helping should call 294-2371. Forty per cent of funds to run the centre must be raised in the communities it serves. The rest of its operating funds are paid by the provincial and regional governments.



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Trustees appalled at testing results

AURORA — Canadian students these days are not as skilled as they were six or seven years ago.

This was one viewpoint which emerged from a recent York County Board of Education meeting. Trustees discussed a report concerning certain tests administered over the past few months in different schools in the region. Testing Consultant Joe Murphy explained the results showed that the kids in this area fall generally within the 40th to 60th percentile range.

The term "60th percentile," Murphy said, means that the child in that range performed better than 60 per cent of his peers. The tests are

established with a national standard.

The consultant admitted that the figures are wide-open to interpretation. "The norms" were set in the late sixties, he said, that more recent norms will be published shortly.

Murphy remarked in passing that performance of students across Canada has fallen consistently since the norms were established. This drew scathing remarks from some trustees. Georgina representative Mrs. Mariane Gillan said she was "appalled" at the lack of ability displayed in letters she receives from young relatives. Vaughan trustee Ross Jolliffe was even more critical.

parents; that the kids can't spell, they can't write a proper essay. Markham trustee Don Sim interpreted the test results as a complete disaster.

"This is a matter for deep concern," he said. "With all the advantages we enjoy in York County, our kids are scoring below the national average. I don't think that's a good thing."

Murphy explained that the results place York County students "just about in the middle," but trustees continued to discuss the tests at some length. On a motion by Donald Cousens, it was agreed to debate the whole subject more fully at a chairman's meeting.

"We've been told this for years, by parents, university professors, and so on," he said. "They all complain that children today can't read and write and do arithmetic as well as kids the same age did years ago."

"These tests bear that out. Probably every trustee here has heard that complaint" from

Council adopts planning study

UXBRIDGE — Council here has adopted a study which shows a maximum growth of 2300 in the population of Uxbridge Township over the next six years.

The study, presented by regional councillor Bill Ballinger, was made by the Planning Advisory Committee. Admitting that a "no-growth" policy might be ideal, the report recognizes that growth is "probably inevitable". In essence, the recommendation is that new subdivisions be concentrated in an around existing communities.

The largest growth of 1100 people is projected for the Town of Uxbridge. Growth was firmly tied to the availability of services, and commercial growth is to be kept in the town core rather than on a highway or in a plaza.

The study proposed the building of 90 units in Goodwood, to house 400 people — more than doubling the population of the village by 1980. Development would be to the south of Highway 47 only, and industry would not be encouraged.

Zephyr, too, would be allowed to more than double, adding 400 people to its present population of 350. The study noted, though, that a community water system would be needed in any future development.

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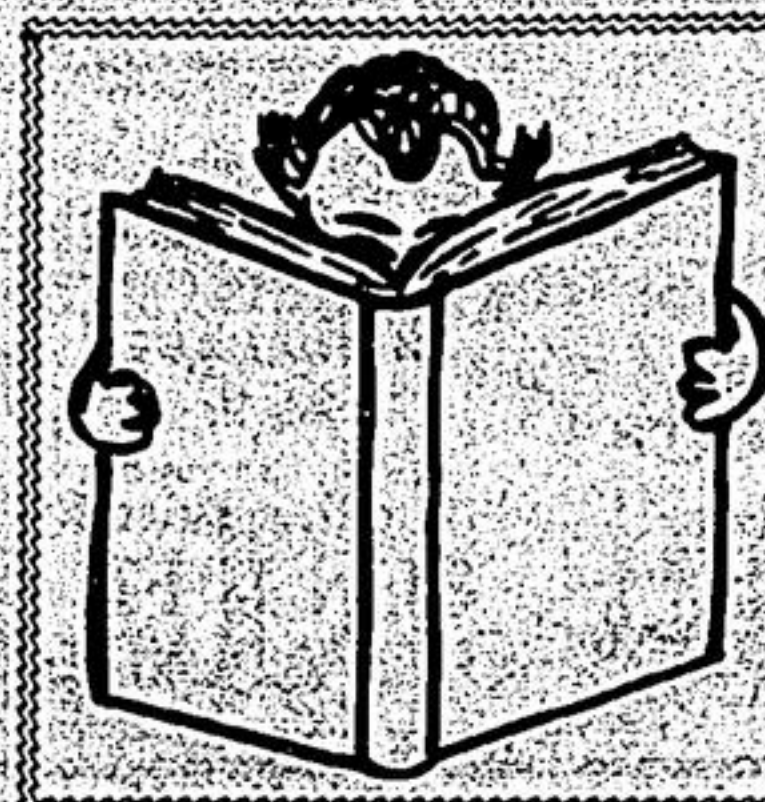
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