

Abandoned school turned into home

GOODWOOD — Most people know Mr. and Mrs. Graham Hudson from their florist shop, however for the past two and a half years the couple has worked a miracle of sorts in converting a school into a home.



Mr. and Mrs. Graham Hudson stand proudly in front of their house, which was converted from the old Goodwood school. One major addition was a porch the width of the building and large double front doors. —Don Bernard

question is the old two-story Goodwood SS No. 7 on the 3rd Conc. The Hudsons purchased the building in March of 1973 and proceeded to redo it from top to bottom.

They related how most of their friends thought they were

somewhat out of their minds to tackle such a project.

Mr. Hudson told The Tribune of a sad state the building was in when they purchased it. The inside was dirty, and most of the windows had been broken and were boarded up.

The electrical system was almost "non-existent" and there was no water supply on the property. The furnace was sound however and remains in the renovated building.

Mr. Hudson said that the building itself is

sound. The walls are three bricks thick and the basement wall is made of stone and mortar. The school is unique in another way. It is one of the few two-storey, two-room schools in the area.

Along with contractor Bob Bruce, they designed the renovations themselves. It took just over a year to complete the transformation.

The Hudsons moved in July of 1974.

The transformation was remarkable. Instead of two 30x30 foot classrooms, a home.

The upstairs room was divided into four bedrooms and two washrooms. Downstairs, the ceilings had been lowered 18 inches and BC fir beams installed in the living room.

Three of the outside walls had been sandblasted by the previous

owner. But the west wall remains. The bricks are covered with names etched in. Such well-known names as Wagg, Feasby, Morgason, and Taylor can easily be read.

The Hudsons have made a hobby of searching out the school's history, but so far have not had a great deal of success. The school was built in 1893 after a frame one burned down. That school dated from 1870.

It was closed after a new school was opened in 1959, then was re-opened for special education classes. It was closed as a school in 1971. The Hudsons would love to find out more about the school's history. Anyone with information may contact them at the flower shop on Main St. Stouffville.

The bedrooms are lighted with some of the same fixtures found in the original school. The staircase was a major job. Instead of a long, single set of stairs, a landing was built. The original stairs, banister and all, were used.

A total of 14 tons of drywall was used. All the blackboards were retrieved. They are made of real slate and cut into pieces, make an interesting flooring for the entrance way.

Two other major changes were made. A large double door was cut in front of the building (the school entrance had been at the side) and a large full-width porch was added outside.

The school had two water fountains and those have been preserved to be installed later.

The school retains some interesting relics of

Two months for trafficker

NEWMARKET — A 17-year-old Gormley youth was sentenced to a 60 day jail term following a conviction on trafficking charges in Newmarket Court last week.

Legion dance — This coming Saturday is the Stouffville Legion dance. A pot-luck supper is included.

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Randall Gary Wilson of R.R. 2 Gormley was told that he would be allowed to serve his sentence on weekends from 7 p.m. Friday evening to 6 a.m. Monday morning after his counsel told the court that he had a job.

Trafficking is usually the basis for making money," Judge Munro told the accused youth, he added "This is a severe thing we have to deal with, it is not a dying thing as some may assume, but a growing thing."

Judge Munro also ordered a one year term of probation for the accused youth following sentence and added "Trafficking destroys more lives than anything else I've ever heard of."

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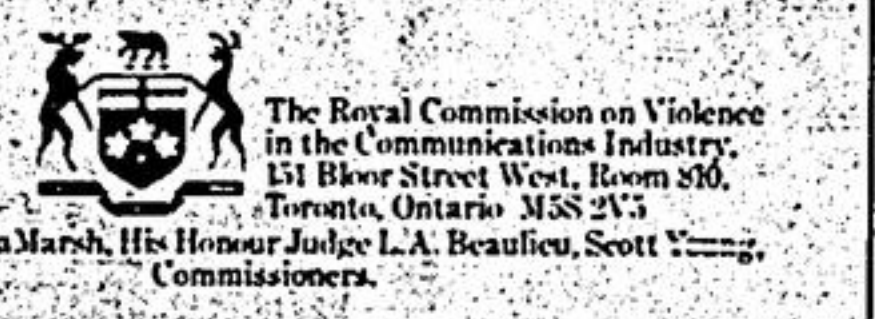
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