



Gio Batti Garlatti, a Markham antique dealer, has been producing the presentation boxes for Canada's bicentennial gift to the U.S. Here, he holds one of the unfinished boxes,

along with a mock-up copy of the book "Between Friends," the National Film Board book being presented to the U.S. —Ted Wilcox

Markham craftsman builds part of Canada's gift to the U.S.

By TED WILCOX
 MARKHAM — Canada's gift to the U.S. on its bicentennial birthday in July will bear the signature of a Markham craftsman.
 Local antique specialist Gio Batti Garlatti is producing four presentation boxes for the gift, which will go to the U.S. President, the Queen, Prime Minister Trudeau and Governor-General Jules Leger.
 The boxes will hold the photographic volume "Between Us," being produced by the National Film Board Stills Division. The book is "a visual document" about the Canada-U.S. border.
 Each of the birdseye maple chests will be replicas of a pre-confederation surveyor's box, and "all the bits and pieces have to be made by hand," according to Mr. Garlatti.
 He expects to complete the boxes in about two months.
 Mr. Garlatti, who operates a Highway 48 antique store, had eight years of European

apprenticeship in cabinet-making and wood sculptures before coming to Canada in 1957. He was suggested for the job of making the presentation cases by a design assistant on the "Between Us" book who knew of his work.
 The assistant, Ralph Tibbles of Toronto, told the Tribune that the book was "probably the only gift that will be presented to the U.S." for its bicentennial. Presentation of the boxes would be made on July 1, he said.
 In making the boxes, Mr. Garlatti is working from photographs and sketches of a box originally owned by Canadian explorer and surveyor David Thompson, who died in 1857. Included in each box he reproduces will be "all the instructions on how they're made," Mr. Garlatti said. His own name will be carved on the bottom of each box.
 Previously, Mr. Garlatti has restored furniture for the Canadian government at military sites and forts.

Council will present dump brief

STOUFFVILLE — Members of council will meet with the Minister of the Environment to call for the closing of the York Sanitation dump on Highway 48 "until an entirely independent assessment" is made.
 Mayor Gordon Ratcliff is making arrangements for a meeting with the minister to present a brief prepared by town solicitor Paul Mingay.
 The brief is critical of the Environmental Hearing Board for not calling any independent witnesses during the dump site hearing and of the ministry for not assuming an independent stance. The ministry supported

the sanitation company's application to expand the dump site.
 The ministry is rebuked for only "analyzing a self-serving report" submitted by Hydrology Consultants Ltd., acting for the dump operators, rather than instituting their own report.
 Mr. Mingay labels as "simplistic" the board's rationale that because the landfill site is in existence the potential for contamination of the main aquifer already exists and all that can be done is to monitor to warn of impending catastrophe and guarantee an alternative water supply.

The brief states that, "the recommendations and conditions (laid down by the board) apparently ignore the increasing nature of the risk." The risk would be increased, Mr. Mingay feels, because the dumping area will be greatly enlarged and as the town grows the number of people possibly affected becomes greater.
 The conditions set down in the board's decision are dismissed as merely remedies to be undertaken after contamination of the water supply has occurred. This is described as "patching with boiler plate, a tin suit of armor."

"The glibness of the board's recommendation," the report continues "leaves little room for confidence in the board's findings." The ministry's record of past enforcement at the dump is also cited as a reason for distrust.
 Preserve Our Water Resources (POWR), the citizen's group opposing the dump, is still active and council last week received a letter from the organization.
 The letter urges council to continue their fight to close the dump and makes a number of recommendations and suggestions.

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MPP says town bylaw could limit jet noise

STOUFFVILLE — Bylaws Committee is considering the possibility of passing a bylaw to govern aircraft noise in the municipality.
 Mayor Gordon Ratcliff last

week brought before council a letter from MPP Charles Godfrey advising that it is now possible for the town "to pass bylaws with regard to the emission of sounds in the area."

According to Mr. Godfrey's letter the bylaw would govern commercial as well as pleasure flying. He mentions the possibility of annoyance from an expanded Buttonville Airport but adds that "the major problem is concerned with commercial aircraft and the possibilities of a renaissance of the Pickering airport project."
 Mr. Ratcliff explained to council that Dr. Godfrey was suggesting that "this municipality take the lead in drafting such a bylaw."
 Councillor Cathy Joice expressed skepticism, remarking, "Do you think if the federal government wants to put an airport in Pickering one little bylaw of ours will stop them?"
 There was a suggestion that the matter be referred to the town lawyer but Councillor Art Starr objected.

Blood donor clinic held

STOUFFVILLE — "Sorry to need you, but there's no other way. Your blood is needed now."
 A Red Cross blood donor clinic will be held this coming Wednesday, Jan. 28 at the Stouffville Legion Hall. Clinic will be open 2 to 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Local PUC votes 20% rate hike

STOUFFVILLE — Hydro rate in the former village of Stouffville will jump 20 percent effective April 1, the Public Utilities Commission decided last week.
 PUC chairman Ken Betz told The Tribune that "inflation in the form of rising wholesale power costs and local operating costs have made it necessary to increase our retail rates."
 He said that a 22 percent increase in the wholesale power rate from Ontario Hydro will add \$100,000 to the power costs of the PUC in 1976.
 Cost of power is about 83 percent of total operating costs for the local utility.

Mr. Betz said that since the last PUC increase two years ago, the utility absorbed a 12 percent increase from Ontario Hydro in 1975, and a 22 percent increase Jan. 1, 1976.
 The new rates would add \$6 to the average two-month bill of \$30 in the former village.
 Mr. Betz said that "most people could save it (the increase) by conserving energy," adding that turning off lights in rooms not being used could affect "considerable saving."
 He added that the Stouffville PUC retail rates and debenture debt are among the lowest in York Region.

Council says no to OHS lottery

STOUFFVILLE — Ontario Humane Society has been refused permission to sell lottery tickets in Whitchurch — Stouffville.
 Council received a letter from the society requesting permission to sell the tickets and an assent resolution was introduced. When it came to a vote the resolution lost.
 "You people don't like the humane society too much," observed Councillor June Button.
 Replied Councillor Cathy Joice, "They didn't like us."
 There has been some animosity between council and the society since the society's canine control service in Whitchurch — Stouffville was terminated last year.
 Many members of council are of the opinion that the humane society acted in a high-handed and arbitrary manner at that time.

Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum

Best attendance ever

STOUFFVILLE — Again this year the Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum showed an encouraging increase in attendance.
 Museum Board Chairman Wes Brillinger, appearing before council to present the annual report, told the members the attendance has increased from only about 1,000 visitors in 1973 to just under 4,000 this past season.
 Mayor Gordon Ratcliff and

several members of council congratulated the board, and particularly Mr. Brillinger, for the fine work they have done in developing the museum.
 "The bulk of work falls on the few," commented Councillor Art Starr, who is also a member of the museum board.
 Mr. Brillinger requested that council pass a resolution to preserve the Indian village sites in the municipality and he said that any artifacts uncovered

should become the property of the museum.
 Council took no action on the request.
 Mr. Brillinger advised that the board is now trying to obtain a log cabin as the old schoolhouse which houses the museum is becoming cramped for space.
 It was noted by Mr. Starr that the museum is not much of a burden on the municipality. The 1975 budget was \$7,750 and the town received \$5,540 in the form of a provincial grant.
 The museum raised over \$2,000 this year, partially from donations, but the majority was revenue from the special events, such as the Maple Syrup Festival and the antique car show, which are now held annually.
 Artifacts worth \$26 were purchased and the board was still able to announce a budget surplus of over \$700.
 According to the annual report the 1976 hours of the museum will be extended considerably.

Selective freeze lift sought by Pickering

PICKERING — Council passed a resolution last week asking the provincial government to partially lift the land freeze surrounding Pickering airport property.
 The motion was in response to a request by a resident in the freeze zone who was requesting an amendment to the zoning order.
 According to planning chairman, Jack Anderson, most of the previous requests for amendments have been turned down. Council's resolution asks that all those people who have applied for zoning changes in freeze area be approved.
 The freeze was originally imposed because the lands involved would be affected by Pickering airport noise.
 Council's request, according to Councillor Ken Spratley would open the way for development of about 20 lots, not "hundreds"

Council wants limit lowered

MUSS LAKE — Now that council has been successful in getting trucks banned from the Musselman's Lake Rd., they are petitioning the region to have the speed limit lowered there.
 They are asking that the speed limit, currently set at 35 mph, be lowered to 25 around the lake and to the north.
 Mayor Gordon Ratcliff was of the opinion the limit should be lowered to the north side of the Cedar Beach property but the town's resolution calls for it to be reduced all the way to the Aurora sideroad.

Bookie joints busted in Markham area

MARKHAM — York Regional Police have broken up alleged bookie joints in Markham and Thornhill.
 Search warrants were executed last Thursday at three residences and "betting paraphernalia" was seized. Four people, including a husband and wife have been arrested on charges of accepting bets on football, baseball and hockey.

Betty Gelman, 33, has been charged with keeping a common betting house and permitting her premises to be used as a common betting house.
 Mr. Gelman has been held in custody but the others have been released pending trial.

Lake group offers craft classes

MUSS LAKE — Cedars of Musselman craft group have announced they will be starting a recreation centre and hobby classes.
 This will be held at the group's headquarters in the old 9th line church and to begin with will be held four days a week, from Monday to Thursday.
 Classes in macrame, leatherwork, crocheting, woodworking, puppetmaking, painting, weightlifting and the

making of wallhangings will be offered.
 Registration will be held Monday, Jan. 26, from noon until 8:30 p.m. and classes will begin that day. Applicants must purchase a year's membership at one dollar for children six to 11 years of age, youths 12 to 18 will pay \$2, and a charge of \$5 will be levied against adults.
 There will also be a fee for every week classes are attended, at a cost of 25 cents for

children, 50 cents for youths and adults must pay 75 cents.
 For this basic fee the student can attend any or all of the classes offered. There are no set number of classes in any course that have to be attended so attendance can be irregular.
 There will be separate instructors, unpaid volunteers, for each class and the fees will go toward buying material and paying for light and heat in the building.



Mayor Gordon Ratcliff, flanked by councillors Merlyn Baker (left) and Cathy Joice, uses garden shears to cut the newspaper chain officially opening the Stouffville Recycling Depot, Saturday. Despite the extremely cold weather, a good crowd turned

up for the opening. Mayor Ratcliff said that special thanks should go to Powerline Co. which supplied underground cable and the Stouffville PUC for doing the wiring.

—Don Bernard

Routes announced for GO Transit

STOUFFVILLE — The GO Transit schedule linking Uxbridge, Clarendon, Stouffville and Markham with Toronto has been announced. The Tribune has learned.
 The service is to start Feb. 15.
 Six buses will leave Stouffville each day with service to downtown, and TTC subway stations at Finch and Warden.
 All but one of the buses originate in Uxbridge. Four buses will originate in Clarendon and serve Brougham and Green River.
 The service is part of an overall plan announced last year

to provide for commuters in the area northeast of Metro.
 According to a statement by James Snow, Minister of Transportation and Communications, GO Transit fares, "are currently under review," and that fares for the new service will likely be lower than the present Grey Coach inter-city tariff.
 Buses will leave Stouffville at the following times — 6:55 a.m.; 7:15; 7:30; and 10:05; 4 p.m.; and 7 p.m. Some of the buses will go downtown and others link up with TTC subway stations at Finch and Warden avenues.
 From Clarendon, there will be four buses. They will leave at

6:55 a.m.; 9:55 a.m.; 2:45 p.m.; and 6:55 p.m. They will stop in Brougham, Green River, Locust Hill and Markham. Those wanting to go downtown will be able to make connections in Markham.
 On the return route, buses will arrive in Stouffville at the following times — 9:10 a.m.; 2:35 p.m.; 6:05 p.m.; 6:15; 6:35; 10:15; 10:15.
 Tom Henry, spokesman for GO Transit, said that the schedule is a minimum one and would be under "pretty heavy scrutiny for the first six months," to see if the service is meeting the need.
 Four stops have been

proposed for Stouffville. They will include — 10th Line and Main St.; Summitview school; the municipal offices; and in the west end.
 The matter of service to Musselman's Lake was raised at last week's council meeting. In communications from the Toronto Area Transit Operating Authority, it was stated that the present summer Gray Coach service would be continued. Studies would be undertaken to gauge the need for year-round service.
 Mayor Gord Ratcliff told The Tribune that the bus stops in town should be glassed-in shelters, "to let people get out of the weather."