

Innumerable windows in the shop portion of Stouffville Machine results in a much pleasanter working environment but has proved costly for the company as there have been 132 broken windows in the past two years. The company has

taken to replacing the windows with plastic but as company partner Charlie Jackson sardonically notes, "They just have to get a bigger rock to smash it."

—John Montgomery



This welder works on a mould, one of the company's main products. The moulds are used by the rubber com-

panies in manufacturing tires and tubes. The welding torch gives the picture a bit of a science fiction air.

Company once again locally owned

STOUFFVILLE — Reversing the trend of foreign domination of Canadian industry, Stouffville Machine and Tool Works Ltd. has recently returned to Canadian ownership.

The company, located on Freer Lane behind the CN station, was until the last few months controlled by

Akron Standard of Akron, Ohio, which was in turn owned by a larger U.S. company.

The company has been selling out its Canadian holdings and the local stockholders were given first opportunity to purchase it. Company founder Donald Chadwick and son Derek held minority

shares and they formed a partnership with Charlie Jackson, the bookkeeper, and Michael Abram of Scarborough, to purchase the company.

Derek Chadwick is now President and Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Chadwick senior, who is not active in the company is Chairman of the Board, Charlie Jackson, a local

volunteer fireman, is vice-president and secretary-treasurer, and Mr. Abram is vice-president and sales manager.

The company manufactures moulds for the rubber industry under licence to Akron Standard, the patent holder. As well as making tire moulds and tube moulds they manufacture rubber-industry machinery and machinery used in mining.

According to Mr. Jackson the company is working toward diversification into other industrial areas.

Since Donald Chadwick purchased the original building from Isaac Barkey in 1942, there have since been several additions. At that time the company mainly worked on farm machinery and steam engines.

Mr. Chadwick told The Tribune that when he came in there was still no hydro in the building and the only source of power was a steam engine. A generator hooked up to this turned out about "five candlepower of electricity."

It was Mr. Chadwick who introduced the moulds which have since been a mainstay of the company. He remembers that men would work by candlelight and the wage paid when he took over was 35 cents an hour. He said he raised the rate to 65 cents an hour and says the rate charged to customers was \$1.50 per hour.

He points out that the rate now is between \$16 and \$25 per hour. Jack Smits became a partner but he was later bought out by Mr. Chadwick.

Eva Hoover, a well-known local lady acted as secretary and was one of the original employees. She worked there until her retirement about 10 years ago.

Another charter worker is Elmer Farthing who is now shop superintendent.

In 1964 the majority of shares were sold to Akron Standard and it became a public company. With the recent changeover it is once again entirely privately owned.

At its peak the business employed 60

people and ran two shifts. With the present slowdown in the economy this has been reduced to 30 employees and one shift.

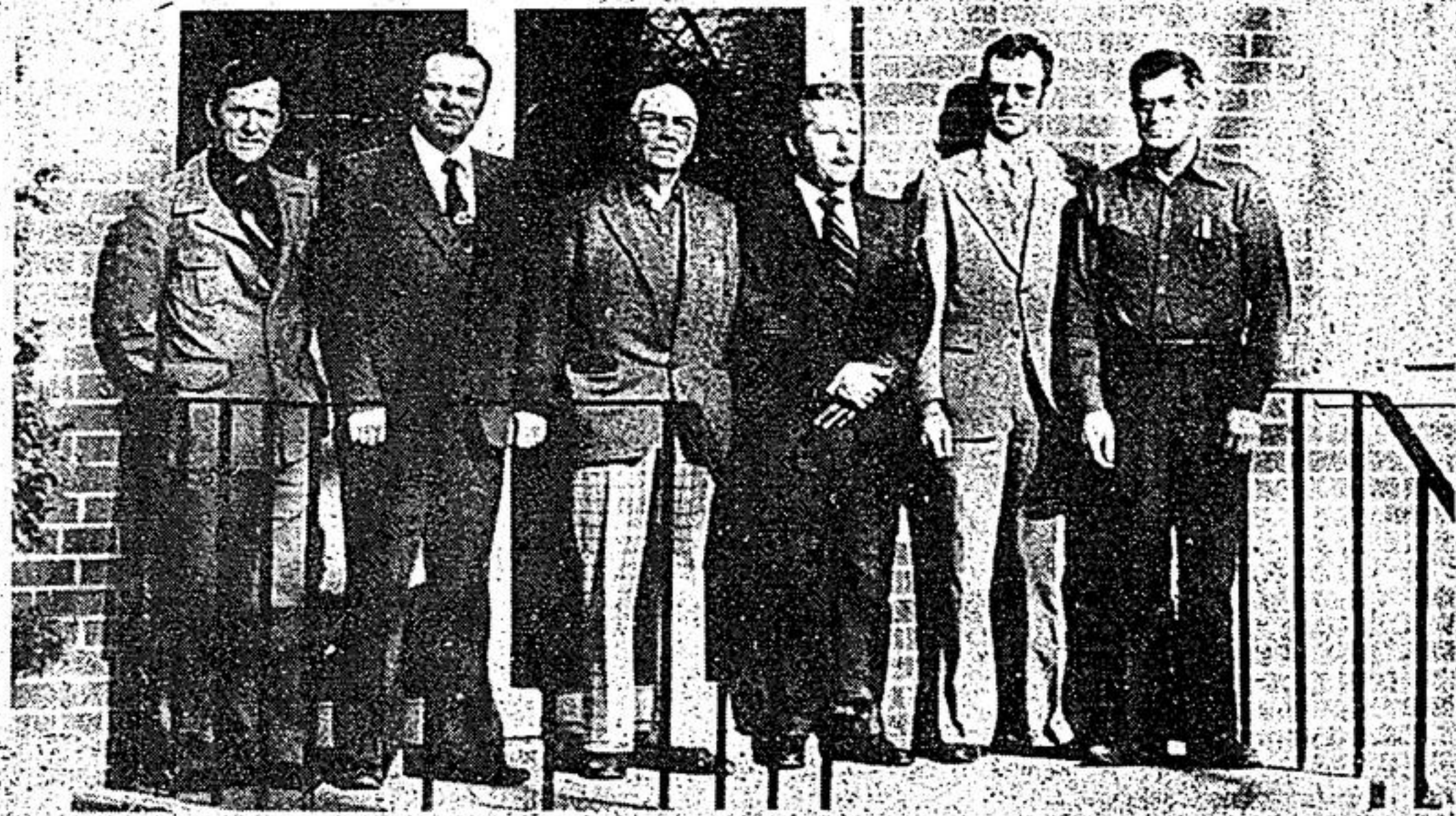
Mr. Jackson attributes the decline to "a general falling off of business."

One machine the company manufactures for the rubber industry is 65 feet long and stands 13 feet high.

Mr. Chadwick Sr., who now resides in Unionville, was formerly active in the community and was at one time chairman of the school board.

The company has donated a \$100 bursary to the top mathematics student at the local high school ever since that institution was built.

The change back to a private company was made easier by the fact that even when owned by Akron the company maintained the name of Stouffville Machine and Tool Works. Because of this the business has had no problems in identifying itself to its customers.



Company owners and senior employees are, from left: Vice-President and Secretary Treasurer Charlie Jackson; Derek Chadwick, President and chief executive officer; Chair-

man of the Board Donald Chadwick; Vice-President and Sales Manager Michael Abram; Bill White salesman and shop supervisor Elmer Farthing.



Honour student Richard Yeomans was the class valedictorian at the graduation exercises at Stouffville DSS last week. He spoke warmly about the school and reminisced about his years there, as well as talking about the future.

SDSS grads honoured

(Continued from page 1) Joanne Morgason and Lynn Kelly by G. Ratcliff.

Chesebrough-Pond's Academic Proficiency Awards: Year I, Nancy Ku, Lois James; Year II Elizabeth Wilson, Nancy Armstrong; Year III, Megan Stanford, Laurie Houston; Year IV, Joanne Morgason, Linda Farrier; Year V, James West, Robert Boadway.

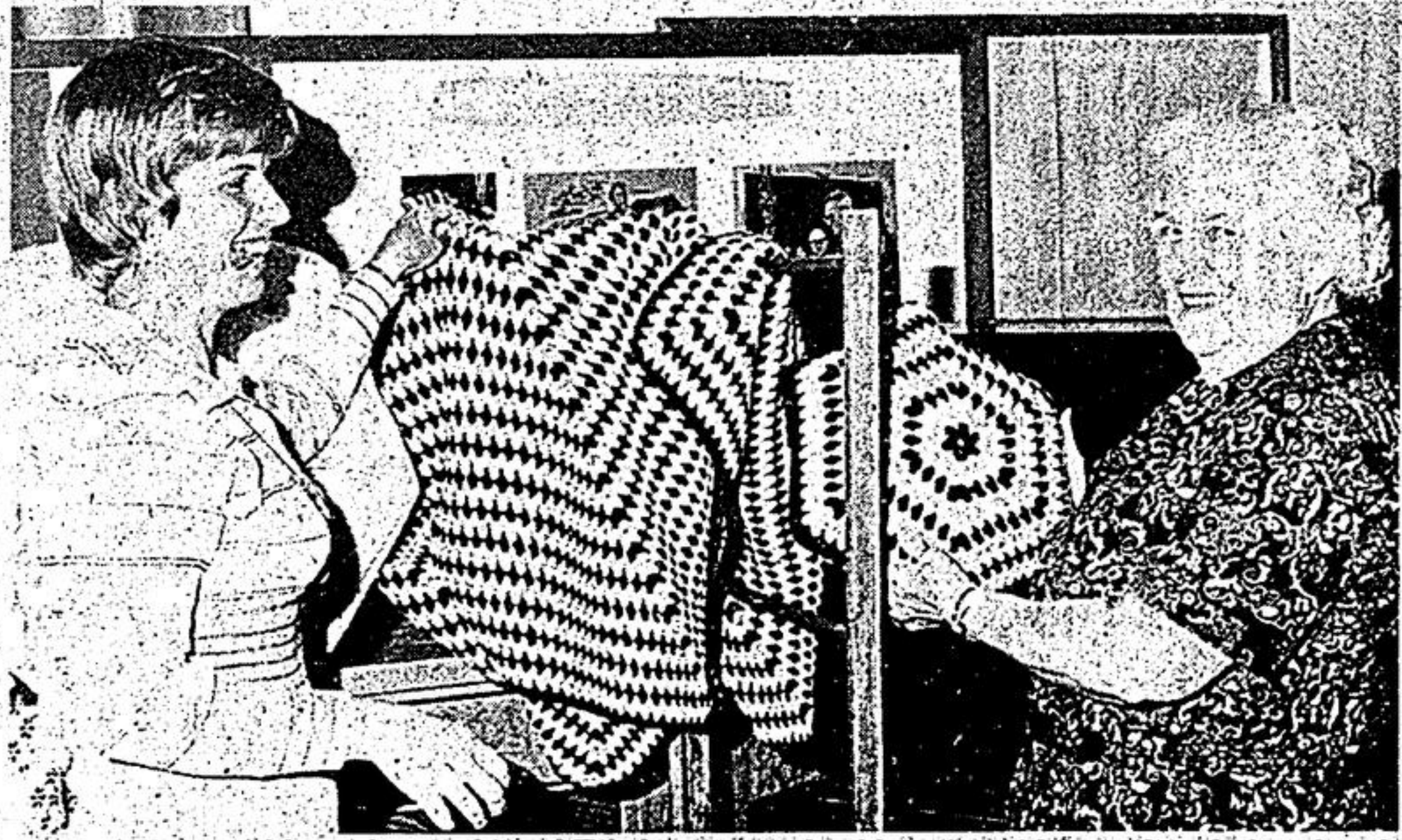
Presented by Mr. H. Batke assisted by Mr. R. Eldridge.

Mole Family Awards to Five Year Honour Students, \$10, presented by R. Mole to Robert Boadway, Colleen Clarke, Dwight Ewart, Joanne Gould, Kevin Jennings, Lynn Kelly, Terry Lager, Marcia McAdam, Fiona Waite, James Wooller.

Chesebrough-Pond's (Canada) Ltd. \$100 Award, presented to James Wooller by Mr. H. Batke.

The Robert Mole Memoria Award, \$200, presented to Kevin Jennings by R. Mole.

The Ian Carnegie Memorial Award \$50, (see AWARDS P. 19)



Ruth Wagg (with pen in mouth) and Ethel Keeler are busy pricing items to be sold at the United Church Bazaar. Many beautiful hand-

made things were featured and the church raised \$1,569.



School trustee Harry Bowes is obviously pleased to assist in the presentation of top scholastic awards at the high school graduation ceremonies. Here Nancy Ku and

Lois James receive the Board of Education award. The two girls also had the highest averages in Whitchurch - Stouffville and won the town award.



The plants seem to be taking over at this table as Marion Boadway readies it for the Stouffville United

Church Bazaar. A quilt auction was also featured at the event, which took place last Saturday.

—Annegret Lamure