For the past thirty-two years, the York Regional Forest has been a 'second home' to operations' manager, Cliff Hollidge. On July

31, he retires, but fond memories will live on. He may even return to the site to enjoy some of the recreation the area has to offer. Ed Schroeter.

# Cliff Hollidge

# Woodsman to retire

By ED SCHROETER
VIVIAN — Cliff Hollidge's roots run deep in the York Regional Forest.

'I used to call it 'my forest,' he said, before he became operations manager woodlands in Durham, Peel, and York. "I still have a heart

feeling for the place. You can't spend this long here and remain uninvolved." On July 31, after 32

years in charge of the forest at Vivian, Cliff retiring.

Mr. Hollidge grew up with the forest. Born and raised in a small white farmhouse still standing outdoors," Mr. Hollidge on the woodlot, below the explained. Living in Vivian Sideroad on High- Newmarket with his wife Vivian Sideroad, Mr. Hollidge attended high school in Stouffville.

Ted Hollidge, Cliff's father, bought 200 acres of land at Vivian to farm. When he discovered the soil was too poor for agriculture, he gladly sold it to the County of York in 1924.

It was the first tract of several thousand acres of land the county purchased between 1924 and 1928 for a reforestation project, an attempt to preserve precious water resources.

In the 1800's, the land had been stripped bare of trees. The streams had begun to dry up as a

"There was nothing but blow sand as far as you could see. On the way to school it would cut your face," Mr. Hollidge recalled. Often the sand drifted so badly, horse and buggy became mired

"I can remember

Aid Town

MARKHAM - How valuable is industry to

To find out, The Tribune contacted Alec

He revealed that, in total, Town-based firms

While unwilling to disclose individual tax

Barton, municipal treasurer and industrial

contribute annually close to thirty million

dollars in taxes. Of this, fifteen of the largest

payments, Mr. Barton did say Steelcase Canada

Limited on Woodbine Avenue would undoubtedly

head the list, followed perhaps by Pitt

Steel, Chesbrough-Pond's, Gage Envelopes and

Shouldice Hospital, although not necessarily in

tax coffers are - Simpson-Sears, Canac Wood

Products, Associated Tube and St. Lawrence

treasurer noted, with a start on construction

expected even as early as this summer.

Other generous contributors to the Town's

The biggest, I.B.M., is yet to come, the

companies pay about one million.

the Town of Markham?

commissioner.

that order.

Foods, he said.

will return.

other deer.

Therefore, says

Smitke, if fawns are

sighted in their natural

surroundings, leave them

alone and view them

when this forest was nothing but little trees," he said.

When the county government bought the acreage in 1924, Cliff's father was appointed forest manager.

On his return home from the air force in 1947 to care for his seriously ill father, Mr. Hollidge was asked to stay on and look after the project.

"I started working for them, and 32 years later, here I am."

'I took the job because I grew up here. I liked the freedom of the Glenna, and their twins brick Karen and Collin, the family was able to enjoy the benefits of town, while he was able to work in a vears." pine forest all day.

In those days, 1500 trees could be planted At 55, Cliff wants more leisure time. He daily.. With mechanical says he's a little devices, foresters can "protective" of the plant 1000 trees an hour forest, always reluctant to vacation during forest fire season.

in the forest over the years. The most dramatic "I hope to see a little is the loss of Cliff more of Canada," Mr. Hollidge, its operations' Hollidge explained. "Yes," he agreed, manager.

Trees cover

"I'll miss the forest, I'll

always come back here to

roam among the trees.

I'll probably see a lot

more than I did while I

was working. You may

see me snowshoeing out

it in good hands," he

stressed, protective

hands like those of Elliot

Graham and John

Griffiths, long-time co-

"The personnel helped

make my stay here

happy. It makes it much

easier to work on a job

regret. "I wish my father

had lived to see it now.

It's really much more his

forest than it is mine. He

went through the hard

Things have changed

Mr. Hollidge added,

workers.

"I know I'm leaving

### 4,900 acres VIVIAN - The York committee has recom-

Vivian Forest

Regional Forest covers 4,900 acres. The property is owned by the Regional - Municipality of York and is managed by the Ontario Ministry of Natural

In a Planning Committee Report placed before Regional Council, March 29, it was revealed that in 1978, revenue of \$14,250.08 had been realized through the sale of forest products. Expenditures totalled \$30,644.51.

The Forest provides a variety of recreation and education uses. An estimated 50,000 people visit the site annually.

property at a cost of authorized by the his rather unique sum-\$53,027.54. Seventy-five Scarborough Board of mer job. He is one of per cent of this was paid Education, brings more three local students for by the province, than 12,000 students to the leaving the Region with property each year. an expenditure of \$13,256.88.

There was a desire to by J.D. purchase more land but Management Forester, offers were turned down. Ministry of Natural In spite of this, the Resources, Maple.

mended that efforts towards this end be continued.

To protect the environment, the committee supports a ban on cars, dune buggies and motorcycles. They cause severe erosion on hills and are dangerous to others on foot and on horseback, the report

Due to an increase in cross - country skiing, a new public entrance and parking lot will be constructed in an area described as the Porritt Tract. An additional area will be set aside to ac-The agreement encouraged include - like a kennel...at least tempt to get around these people try, the between the Region of walking, riding hor- five or six dogs." York and the Ministry seback, fishing, orien- Nineteen - year - old has been renewed and teering and running Douglas Heard of extends to the year 2027. competitions. The Vivian Stouffville, chuckled as In 1977, a little over 20 Outdoor Education he recalled that enacres was added to the Centre plus student trips counter, experienced on

> ten pages, was prepared Griffith;

Heights, Milverton, will be remembered here celebrated their 50th as the capable adwedding anniversary ministrator at Stouffwith an "open house", ville's Parkview Home. Sunday, July 8 at Poole born at High River,

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Wideman, formerly of Stouffville and now residing

Poole Mennonite Church. Although married April 28, 1929, the gathering

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Wideman

Wed fifty years

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Canada and farmed near Verna; her husband,

Wideman of Tower Stouffville. Mr. Wideman Herb Reesor and children

Mennonite Church. Their actual wedding Alberta, son of the late date was April 28, 1929, Mr. and Mrs. Will but the reunion was Wideman. He knew delayed in order that all Prime Minister Joe family members could be Clark's grandfather, a present. newspaper editor in that

when you have a good at Milverton, celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary, July 8 at

Cliff has only one was delayed so all members of their family could be present.

Prior to Sunday's gathering, Mr. and Mrs. Wideman were en-Wideman have resided at tertained at a dinner held Milverton more than four in Elma Community Centre, catered to by the ladies of Poole Church.

Mr. and Wideman were married at Garden City, Missouri, by Rev. I.G. Hartzler of

Later, they returned to the couple's daughter, Idaho.

Waterloo counties.

arrived from New Brunswick and another son, Murray Wideman, his wife Pearl and daughters, Louise, Janice and Denise of Atwood were also present. Also attending the celebration was Mrs. Wideman's sister, Mrs. Allie Kauffman of Albany, Oregon and

Dale and Cheryl of

Vancouver and Wayne of

Edmonton. A son Ron

Wideman, his wife Lin

and children Michael.

Lisa, Mark and Susan

years. Only this year, Allan retired as crop brothers, Dr. and Mrs. insurance adjuster for E.J. Miller of Nampa, Perth, Oxford and Idaho; Mr and Mrs. Floyd Miller of Nampa, Present for the happy Idaho and Mr. and Mrs. the Mennonite Church, anniversary event were Joe Miller of Rupert,

# Dog tag sellers hear tall tales

With a straight face, a has been well advertised Douglas, knowing diflady claimed that she owned only two dogs, while at the same time are receptive, Douglas confronted with the line, the barking coming from says that many decide to "I shot it last week." Other forms of recreation inside her home "sounded "give it a shot" and at-

selling dog . licences, as well as recording the The report, covering canine population in Whitchurch-Stouffville.

Douglas says most homes are "prepared" when he comes around to collect the fee, mainly

because the sale of tags she didn't own a dog. around town.

resident has already paid

actual truth of the problem. matter.

owner

ferently pursued the case While most people and was immediately No matter how hard

paying for their dog's persistence of Stoufflicence. The most com- ville's fee collectors mon lines are that the comes through in the end. While last year's

the fee, or simply that collection saw about five they "don't have a dog." people go to court due to One quick check with nonpayment of the the registration list, charges, Douglas says however, tells Douglas with pride that this year and his colleagues the there has been no such

Although Douglas Douglas remembers stands about 6ft. 2 in. he another case where a dog says he is "dwarfed" by 'tried his boss, Bylaw Eneverything", to get rid of forcement. Officer. him. First, she flatly said George Goff. "If there are any tough ones, he'll get them," he joked.

### **Jriver** jailed

BALLANTRAE - A 34 year old Ballantrae area man was sent to jail for five days and fined \$300 when he pleaded guilty to dangerous driving before Judge F.D. White in Newmarket Court.

According to evidence, Blaise Boucher dragged a York Regional Police constable along the side of his vehicle while the officer was trying to arrest him.

P.C. Kenneth Knapton testified that Boucher had gone through a radar trap at high speed and was later stopped following a chase. The constable said the accused claimed he didn't have a driver's licence when asked to produce it. He then accelerated his auto. dragging the officer. beside it.

cruisers were despatched to the area and Boucher was arrested on the Vandorf Sideroad. Lawyer for the ac-

Crown Attorney K.D.

Murray said Sother

cused said his client thought the constable was going to draw his gun. having mistaken him for

with parades and startled council cham- committee are volunteers fireworks. Mr. Kamps had broken into a fit of rage

STOUFFVILLE -

Councillor Bill Kamps

made a rather unusual

proposal to Whitchurch-

"We should tie Jim

Stouffville council, July

Thomas to a rocket and

send him into space."

in response to printed

had grand Canada Day

### An airman much of life

STOUFFVILLE Rev. Harold Boadway service from the O'Neill

elementary and secon-

He joined the R.C.A.F. of World War II only to re-Calgary and Penhold, Alberta.

Stouffville this year. Councillor Kamps, a Parks and Recreation Committee member, took

Councillor Bill Kamps

Blasts editor

into space

"all you had to do was afterwards said they celebrations. claims that other would of gladly helped surrounding communities arrange some holiday criticism, Councillor celebrations. "Where the celebrations, complete hell were they before!" bellowed Kamps to a

> The councillor's do it." outburst was directed towards two newspaper

over criticism the Parks and Recreation Com-

# Late Bruce Stover

conducted the funeral Chapel, Stouffville, Monday, for Bruce 'Smoky' Stover, following his sudden passing, July 13 in hospital at North Bay. He was 58.

Born in Stouffville, oe of six in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Stover, he received his dary school education

Flying was his life. in 1941 as a pilot, he later served as an instructor gut West. He left the arforce at the conclusion enlist in 1950 to work as a pilot-instructor out of

In 1954, 'Smoky' Stover transferred to Air Defence Command. fiying CF-100 jets with 440 Squadron at Bagotville, Stouffville Cemetery.

Quebec. At that time he held the rank of Flight Lieutenant.

Before moving to R.R. 1, Mattawa, he was employed for a time with his late brother, Harry Stover at the Stouffville Bakery.

His death was due to a heart attack. Besides his wife, the

former Janet (Jenny) Talbot, he is survived by one son, Bill in Calgary; a from them" for future daughter, Mary (Mrs. Wayne Boyle), Orillia; a grandson, Ryan Stover; and four sisters, Velma (Mrs. Jack Spang) and Gladys (Mrs. Howard Ratcliff) of Stouffville; Norma (Mrs. Don Brown), Stoney Creek and Margaret (Mrs. King. Delos Brown), of

Stratford. Pall bearers were-Howard Ratcliff, Donald Brown, Jack Spang, Gregory Brown, Russell Stover and Roger Stover. Interment was in

mittee received after articles. One piece telling there were no organized of Town Mayor Eldred Canada Day activities in King's disappointment over the Canada Day "flop", the other a biting editorial from The Tribune centering out the exception to claims of Parks and Recreation Committee's inactivity suggested the councillor ask" from townsfolk who for the absence of any

In regard to the Kamps said that "it's great to slam people." but members of the and "they don't have to

Mr. Kamps admitted that his committee did decide to "pass the buck ... and let somebody else do it." However, he doesn't feel the criticism Natural Resources.

was warranted. Councillor Kamps said letters were sent to every organization and club in Stouffville, asking for their co-operation in planning the event.

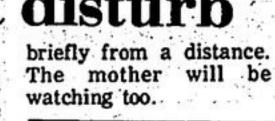
When there were no replies, Mr. Kamps said the committee just figured that "the town didn't want any part of Canada Day."

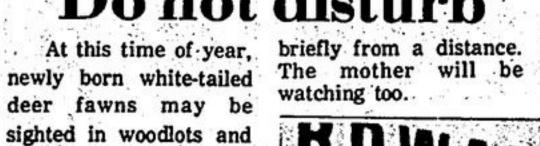
The councillor added that he has put up a "challenge" for Mr. Thomas to give printed proof of the celebrations in other communities, July 1. Mr. Kamps said these places could give mother's specialized milk Stouffville "something to cannot be replicated with work on" and local cow's organizers could "learn nutritional deficiencies

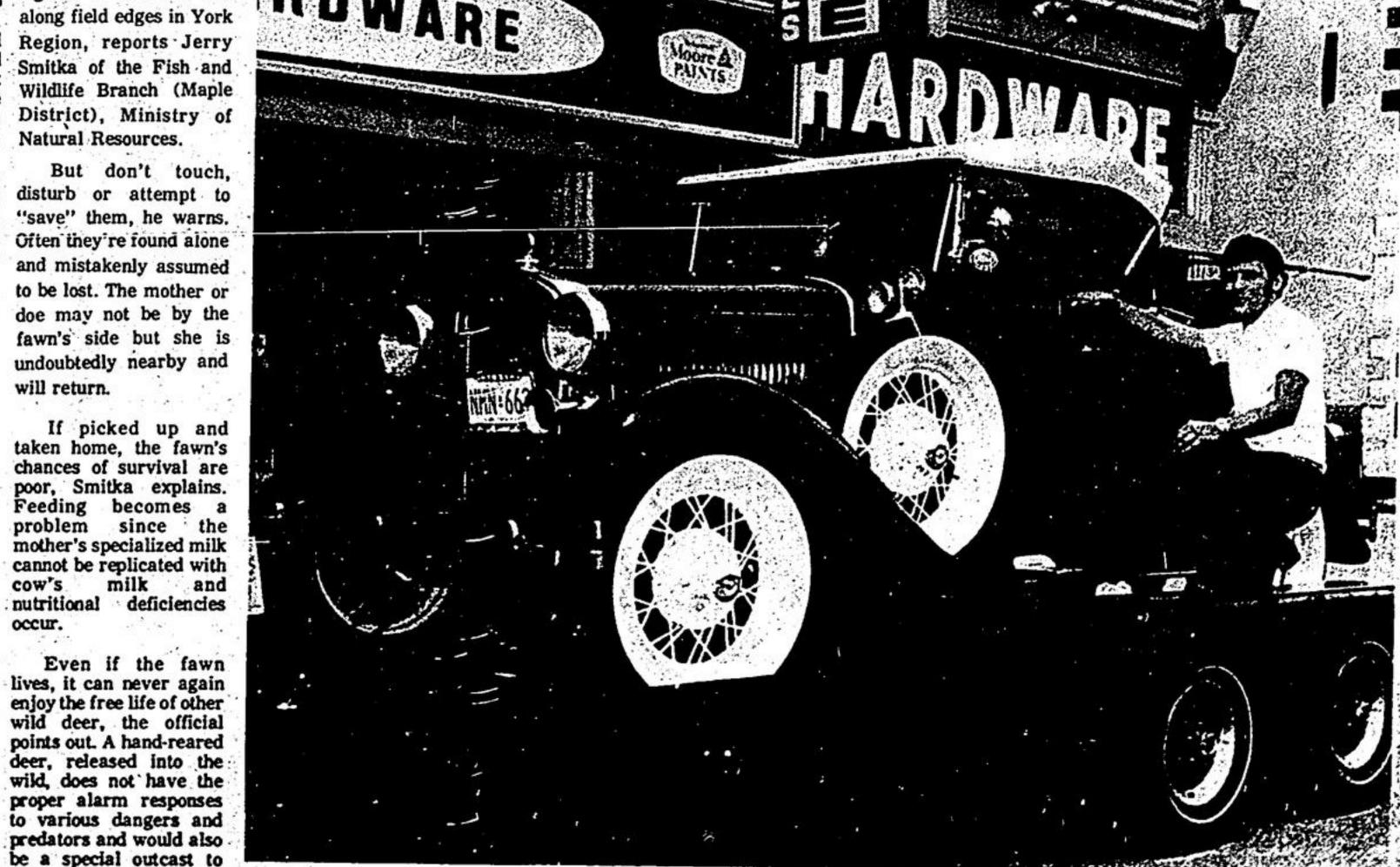
In council, Jim Doble made a motion that the Tribune's editor be asked to head up a planning committee for next year's Canada Day celebrations. The motion was rejected by Town Mayor Eldred

Later, Councillor Kamps told The Tribune that he agrees with councillor Dobles recommendation, stating "I think Mr. Thomas would make a hell of a good man to head up the committee."

Do not disturb At this time of year, newly born white-tailed







Model 'A' Ford refurbished by former Stouffville resident

Traffic stopped on Main Street, Stouffville, last week. as folks paused a moment to admire this beautiful marroon 1931 Deluxe Model "A" Ford roadster. The proud owner

(shown here) is Larry McMullen, formerly of Stouffville, now living in Collingwood. The refurbished car represents 21/2 years work and is one hundred percent original.