



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 for the 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 is retiring.

Mr. Hollidge grew up with the forest. Born and raised in a small white farmhouse still standing on the woodlot, below the Vivian Sideroad on Highway 48, he attended the "little red brick schoolhouse" on the 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 result.

"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 in it.

"I can remember

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 outdoors," Mr. Hollidge explained. Living in Newmarket with his wife Glenna, and their twins Karen and Collin, the family was able to enjoy the benefits of town, while he was able to work in a pine forest all day.

At 55, Cliff wants more leisure time. He says he's a little "protective" of the forest, always reluctant to vacation during forest fire season.

"I hope to see a little more of Canada," Mr. Hollidge explained.

"Yes," he agreed,

"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 there."

"I know I'm leaving it in good hands," he stressed, protective hands like those of Elliot Graham and John Griffiths, long-time co-workers.

Mr. Hollidge added, "The personnel helped make my stay here happy. It makes it much easier to work on a job when you have a good staff."

Cliff has only one 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 years."

In those days, 1500 trees could be planted daily. With mechanical devices, foresters can plant 1000 trees an hour now.

Things have changed in the forest over the years. The most dramatic is the loss of Cliff Hollidge, its operations' manager.

Vivian Forest

Trees cover 4,900 acres

VIVIAN — The York 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 Resources.

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.

The agreement between the Region of York and the Ministry has been renewed and extends to the year 2027.

In 1977, a little over 20 acres was added to the property at a cost of \$53,027.54. Seventy-five per cent of this was paid for by the province, leaving the Region with an expenditure of \$13,256.88.

There was a desire to purchase more land but offers were turned down. In spite of this, the

committee has recommended 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 said.

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 accommodate this sport. Other forms of recreation encouraged include — walking, riding horseback, fishing, orienteering and running competitions. The Vivian Outdoor Education Centre plus student trips authorized by the Scarborough Board of Education, brings more than 12,000 students to the property each year.

The report, covering ten pages, was prepared by J.D. Griffith, Management Forester, Ministry of Natural Resources, Maple.



Mr. and Mrs. Allan Wideman, formerly of Stouffville and now residing at Milverton, celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary, July 8 at Poole Mennonite Church. Although married April 28, 1929, the gathering was delayed so all members of their family could be present.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Wideman Wed fifty years

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Wideman of Tower Heights, Milverton, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with an "open house", Sunday, July 8 at Poole Mennonite Church.

Their actual wedding date was April 28, 1929, but the reunion was delayed in order that all family members could be present.

Prior to Sunday's gathering, Mr. and Mrs. Wideman were entertained at a dinner held in Elma Community Centre, catered to by the ladies of Poole Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Wideman were married at Garden City, Missouri, by Rev. I.G. Hartzler of the Mennonite Church. Later, they returned to

Canada and farmed near Stouffville. Mr. Wideman will be remembered here as the capable administrator at Stouffville's Parkview Home.

Allan Wideman was born at High River, Alberta, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Will Wideman. He knew Prime Minister Joe Clark's grandfather, a newspaper editor in that community.

Mr. and Mrs. Wideman have resided at Milverton more than four years. Only this year, Allan retired as crop insurance adjuster for Perth, Oxford and Waterloo counties.

Present for the happy anniversary event were the couple's daughter,

Verna; her husband, Herb Reesor and children Dale and Cheryl of Vancouver and Wayne of Edmonton. A son Ron Wideman, his wife Lin and children Michael, Lisa, Mark and Susan 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 Kaufman of Albany, Oregon and brothers, Dr. and Mrs. E.J. Miller of Nampa, Idaho; Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Miller of Nampa, Idaho and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Miller of Rupert, Idaho.

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.

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Councillor Bill Kamps

Blasts editor into space

STOUFFVILLE — Councillor Bill Kamps made a rather unusual proposal to Whitchurch-Stouffville council, July 10.

"We should tie Jim Thomas to a rocket and send him into space," suggested the councillor in response to printed claims that other surrounding communities had grand Canada Day celebrations, complete with parades and fireworks.

Mr. Kamps had broken into a fit of rage over criticism the Parks and Recreation Com-

mittee received after there were no organized Canada Day activities in Stouffville this year.

Councillor Kamps, a Parks and Recreation Committee member, took exception to claims of "all you had to do was ask" from townsfolk who afterwards said they would gladly help arrange some holiday celebrations. "Where the hell were they before?" bellowed Kamps to a startled council chambers.

The councillor's outburst was directed towards two newspaper

articles. One piece telling of Town Mayor Eldred King's disappointment over the Canada Day "flop", the other a biting editorial from The Tribune centering on the Parks and Recreation Committee's inactivity for the absence of any celebrations.

In regard to the criticism, Councillor Kamps said that "it's great to slam people," but members of the committee are volunteers and "they don't have to do it."

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 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 Stouffville "something to work on" and local organizers could "learn from them" for future years.

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 King.

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

Aid Town

MARKHAM — How valuable is industry to the Town of Markham?

To find out, The Tribune contacted Alec Barton, municipal treasurer and industrial commissioner.

He revealed that, in total, Town-based firms contribute annually close to thirty million dollars in taxes. Of this, fifteen of the largest companies pay about one million.

While unwilling to disclose individual tax 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 Shoultice Hospital, although not necessarily in that order.

Other generous contributors to the Town's tax coffers are - Simpson-Sears, Canac Wood Products, Associated Tube and St. Lawrence Foods, he said.

The biggest, I.B.M., is yet to come, the treasurer noted, with a start on construction expected even as early as this summer.

Do not disturb

At this time of year, newly born white-tailed deer fawns may be sighted in woodlots and along field edges in York Region, reports Jerry Smitka of the Fish and Wildlife Branch (Maple District), Ministry of Natural Resources.

But don't touch, disturb or attempt to "save" them, he warns. Often they're found alone and mistakenly assumed to be lost. The mother or doe may not be by the fawn's side but she is undoubtedly nearby and will return.

If picked up and taken home, the fawn's chances of survival are poor, Smitka explains. Feeding becomes a problem since the mother's specialized milk cannot be replicated with cow's milk and nutritional deficiencies occur.

Even if the fawn lives, it can never again enjoy the free life of other wild deer, the official points out. A hand-reared deer, released into the wild, does not have the proper alarm responses to various dangers and predators and would also be a special outcast to other deer.

Therefore, says Smitka, if fawns are sighted in their natural surroundings, leave them alone and view them

briefly from a distance. The mother will be watching too.

Late Bruce Stover

An airman much of life

STOUFFVILLE — Rev. Harold Boadway conducted the funeral service from the O'Neill Chapel, Stouffville, Monday, for Bruce 'Smoky' Stover, following his sudden passing, July 13 in hospital at North Bay. He was 58.

Born in Stouffville, one of six in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Stover, he received his elementary and secondary school education here.

Flying was his life. He joined the R.C.A.F. in 1941 as a pilot, he later served as an instructor out West. He left the Airforce at the conclusion of World War II only to re-enlist in 1950 to work as a pilot-instructor out of Calgary and Penhold, Alberta.

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

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 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. Delos Brown), of Stratford.

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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 maroon 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 2½ years work and is one hundred percent original.

Dog tag sellers hear tall tales

STOUFFVILLE — With a straight face, a lady claimed that she owned only two dogs, while at the same time the barking coming from inside her home "sounded like a kennel...at least five or six dogs."

Nineteen-year-old Douglas Heard of Stouffville, chuckled as he recalled that encounter, experienced on his rather unique summer job. He is one of three local students selling dog licences as well as recording the 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 has been well advertised around town.

While most people are receptive, Douglas says that many decide to "give it a shot" and attempt to get around paying for their dog's licence. The most common lines are that the resident has already paid the fee, or simply that they "don't have a dog."

One quick check with the registration list, however, tells Douglas and his colleagues the actual truth of the matter.

Douglas remembers another case where a dog owner "tried everything", to get rid of him. First, she flatly said

she didn't own a dog. Douglas, knowing differently pursued the case and was immediately confronted with the line, "I shot it last week."

No matter how hard these people try, the persistence of Stouffville's fee collectors comes through in the end.

While last year's collection saw about five people go to court due to nonpayment of the charges, Douglas says with pride that this year there has been no such problem.

Although Douglas stands about 6ft. 2 in. he says he is "dwarfed" by his boss, Bylaw Enforcement Officer, George Goff. "If there are any tough ones, he'll get them," he joked.

Driver 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.

Crown Attorney K.D. Murray said other cruisers were dispatched to the area and Boucher was arrested on the Vondor Sideroad.

Lawyer for the accused said his client thought the constable was going to draw his gun, having mistaken him for