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—Jim Holt.

Stewart Rumble — Farmers' Friend

Business to close

GORMLEY — After almost twenty years tending to the equipment needs of area farmers, Stewart Rumble of Rumble Tractor is shutting down his shop.

The firm, specializing in the Massey-Ferguson line, first started back in 1962. The dealership was then located on a site close to the C.N.R. crossing in Gormley. Later, he moved to his

present location east of Woodbine Avenue on the Stouffville-Gormley Road. The property, including the buildings, will be sold.

Looking back over the last eighteen years, Stewart sees many changes that have taken place, particularly in the agricultural industry. Small farms are almost a thing of the past, he says, with large cash-crop operations

taking over.

The business is a reflection of its owner — close to the people it serves. Two originals are Ray Atkinson and Dave Paisley, both of Stouffville, RR 4. Stewart is proud of the fact so many first-time buyers have come back again and again.

Stewart's two sons, David and John have been a great help, he admits, along with

others on the staff of ten. All have been relocated. Stewart and his boys will return to full-time operation of their 1,500 acres in the Town of Richmond Hill.

Service has been the company's trade-mark. In this regard, he remembers one customer coming in and asking for a drive belt "this long". The man held up his hands, spreading them about

two feet apart.

While that kind of measurement wasn't much to go on, Stewart searched around and came up with the item that met his requirements perfectly.

Giving up the farm machinery business leaves Stewart with only one regret — "I'll miss my friends".

Undoubtedly these friends will say the same thing of him.

Wage hikes

DURHAM REGION — Two officials, holding administrative positions with Durham Board of Education, have been granted six per cent salary increases.

Director Ken Munroe will receive \$59,890 up from \$56,500.

Business Superintendent Ross Backus will be paid \$48,336, up from \$45,600.

Last year, their increases amounted to 7.9 per cent.

The director's salary is set at a rate 35.5 per cent higher than the maximum paid a secondary school principal. The business superintendent is paid 17.9 per cent more.

'Open House'

Mrs. Elizabeth Johnston of Stouffville will be honored at an 'Open House', Sunday, Nov. 16 in the Silver Jubilee Club, Main and Market Streets from 2 to 4 p.m. The occasion is her 90th birthday.

Taxi service

From Markham

Town to try again

STOUFFVILLE — Taxi! Taxi!

All stories to the contrary, this soon may be the cry in the streets of Whitchurch-Stouffville. Even though the planning board of the week before had expressed considerable doubt about the possibilities of a taxi service coming to Stouffville again, council of the next week, approved such an event. For a couple of months, anyway.

As a result, Mohammed Latif, Markham, will be operating a taxi stand (out of Markham) for the benefit of Stouffville residents until December. By that time, Latif, who appeared before council, said they would have a good chance to assess the merits of such a service.

"Every effort will be made to provide service," he said.

Mayor Eldred King wondered why Latif, situated in Markham,

would apply in Stouffville. "There's no sense issuing a license if someone's not going to respond to the needs," he said.

The town had issued "five or six" licenses in a month, and "the service was no greater."

The mayor was referring to a previous time when the licenses had all been granted, but the taxi stands had remained in Markham. "Can you pick up a fare here and take it to the airport?" Mayor King

asked.

"Latif said he could. He said he "was willing" to get a license until Christmas "and let council assess." He was also planning to move to Stouffville.

"How would you inform Stouffville that you have a license?" asked the mayor.

Latif said he would advertise through flyers, which would be distributed to stores and other outlets. "If you had a call in

Markham for Stouffville, how would you charge?" asked Councillor Becky Wedley.

Latif said he would charge from the point of pickup. Rates would be 90 cents, plus 10 cents every one-sixth of a kilometre.

"When you become a resident of this town, we expect great service," said Mayor King.

Council agreed to issue the short-term license on receipt of the required insurance policy.



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