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Whitchurch-Stouffville King returned - 342 majority

STOUFFVILLE — Eldred — still 'king', read a pre-election headline in the Nov. 6 edition of this newspaper.

While not proposing to be prophetic, this heading became a reality, Monday night, when Eldred King was re-elected mayor of Whitchurch-Stouffville for another two-year term.

But not without a fight. Ged Stonehouse, ex-Chamber of Commerce president and freshman politician, had the incumbent looking over his shoulder all evening. By 10:15 p.m., with all polls in, it was King, 2,262 and Stonehouse, 1,920. Councillor Becky Wedley, a third candidate in the race was well back with 770.

Town Council for 1981-82

follows: Mayor-Eldred King; Councillors, Ward 1-Charles Warden (acc.); Ward 2-Tom Wood; Ward 3-Jim Rae; Ward 4-Bill Kamps; Ward 5-Wilf Morley; Ward 6-Jim Sanders.

As expected, Mayor King held a sizeable majority in each of the rural wards. He also edged his rival in Ward 4 but dropped behind in Wards 5 and 6. The Advance Polls gave King 92 votes; Stonehouse, 59 and Wedley, 22.

Most surprising was the rather inept showing of Councillor Wedley. Even in her 'home' area of Ward 2, she trailed the field.

Her successor, Tom Wood, garnered 450 votes to 384 for Ron

Robb and 234 for Pat Cashman. Jim Rae topped Ken Evans 353 to 258 in Ward 3 and Bill Kamps more than doubled the count on Wayne Andrews in Ward 4. It was Kamps, 628 and Andrews, 304. The most lop-sided victory went to Wilf Morley in Ward 5. He out-distanced Marie Adams, 624 to 132. Carol Bent collected 129. In Ward 6 it was Councillor Jim Sanders over former Councillor Cathy Joice, 551 to 479.

An upset occurred in the contest for Separate School Board trustee: Betty Lee defeated incumbent Jack McDermott, 381 to 349.

Forty-six per cent of the Whitchurch-Stouffville electorate exercised their franchise.

Ged Stonehouse

Mayor-a gentleman

Mayorality candidate Ged Stonehouse viewed the election result with mixed feelings, Monday night—disappointment and relief, disappointment that he didn't win and relief that it's all over.

"Obviously the time wasn't right—there was a lean towards

a 'stay put' situation," he told The Tribune.

He said he was satisfied by the fact he'd remained close all evening. "Eldred knew he was being chased," he said.

Mr. Stonehouse praised Mayor King for the way he conducted himself throughout

the campaign, "every bit a gentleman". "I intend to support him and I hope the whole Town will do the same".

As for coming back in two years' time, he wouldn't say. "I haven't closed the door to that possibility," he stated, "but I'll be able to think more positively about it in a couple of weeks".

Becky Wedley

'Moral issues hurt'

Mayorality candidate Becky Wedley has attributed her disappointing third place finish, Monday, to her tough stand on moral issues.

"Obviously, the electorate did not agree with me," she said in a telephone interview, Tuesday.

She drew this conclusion

from the fact her successor in Ward 2, Tom Wood, voiced an opposing view and won. It was the same, she said, with Mayor Eldred King, and he won also.

She admitted that her 770 votes was a disappointment, particularly for members of her family who had worked hard on her behalf.

Failure to place a single woman on the 1981-82 council, drew no conclusions other than the belief "all candidates were measured by what they stood for".

Councillor Wedley said she now plans to rest up for awhile and consider future plans. She estimated the cost of her campaign at \$4,000.

Eldred King

Praises opponent

"He put up a great fight. I didn't really think it would be so close," commented Mayor Eldred King of his opponent, Ged Stonehouse, after all polls had reported, Monday night.

He suggested that lack of experience had hurt him (Ged) most. "I think he (Stonehouse), wasted two good years by running for mayor as he did. He should have gone for Council first, and could have made it".

King admitted the results show one faction in Town advocating slow growth and

another wanting more growth. "I'm afraid I'll now be plagued by every kind of development going," he said. Then, after pausing a few seconds he added, "if people want something to happen here, then it will happen".

The mayor reaffirmed his stand that he would never support urban build-up at the expense of the rural homeowner. "The Council must think of the whole Town, not just a part of it".

Mr. King said he was sorry

no women would hold seats on the new Council. "I'm not saying the elected ones are the wrong ones, but I'm suggesting that women should be asked to serve on committees".

As he talked in the quiet of his study, family members and close friends watched the results on television. Both opponents, the mayor said, had called in earlier, expressing congratulations.

Chairlady steps down

STOUFFVILLE — Councillor June Button chaired her final meeting of Planning Board, Nov. 4. At its conclusion, several members, including Mayor Eldred King, paid tribute to her for sacrifices over the past ten years. Mayor King said he'd always held her opinions in high regard. In addition to her involvement in council and planning activities, Mrs. Button has also served on the High School board, the mayor stated.

"My first love has always been the town," she replied, adding, "there's a time for everything and the time to step down is now".

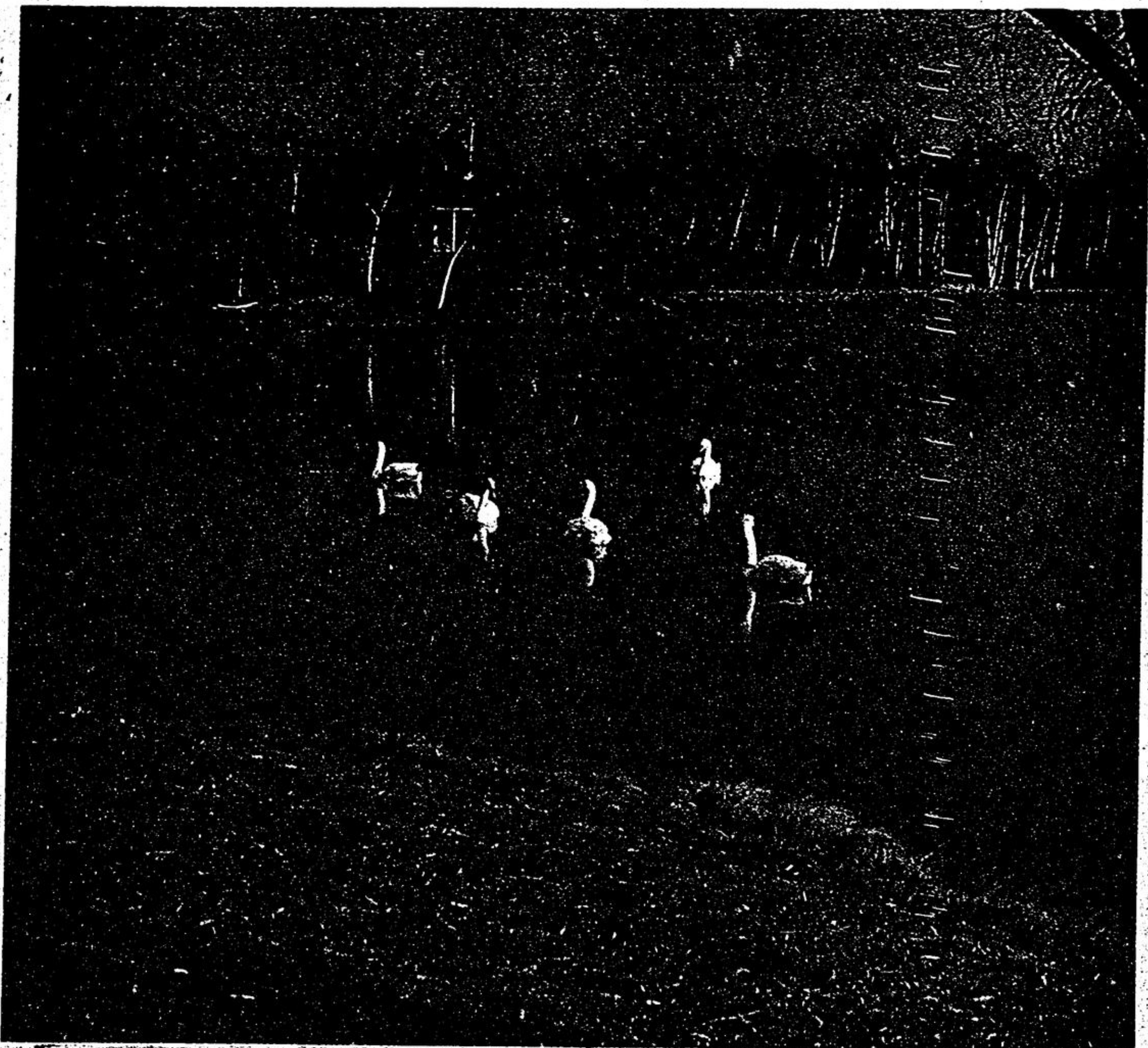
Expansion

GORMLEY — The Homestead Restaurant on the Stouffville-Gormley Road near the 5th Concession is expanding its premises to accommodate eat-in customers.

Up to now, it's been a take-out service, owner Harry Kennedy told members of Town Planning Board.

The 1,500 square foot addition will include a new modern kitchen and a place for patrons to sit down. Provisions for take-out will be continued.

The project was approved by the Board with no site plan requested.



Family of swans enjoy late-autumn swim

The swimming season will soon be over for this family of beautiful mute swans on the property of Keith and Susan Chester and family, R.R. 3, Stouffville. The snow white signets, born earlier

this summer, are almost as large as their parents. Motorists, travelling the Uxbridge-Whitchurch-Stouffville townline, often stop to watch them paddle about the pond. Jim Thomas

Three in family win 14 awards

STOUFFVILLE — One evening in the high school's year isn't set aside to honor members of the Ku family but that, in reality, is what Commencement here is all about.

In addition to diplomas, Nancy, Margaret and Michael Ku, Main Street East, Stouffville, will receive no less than fourteen individual awards, Friday night. It's a record unequalled across the province. Nancy, 19, with an average of 97.17 per cent (tops in York Region), will receive seven scholarships and bursaries. Margaret is the recipient of four and Michael, three. And waiting in the wings is brother Jimmy, now in Grade 9.

Nancy, majoring in medicine at Toronto University, was the top student in Grade 13. Margaret stood highest in Grade 12 and Michael was tops in Grade 10. And not to be ignored was Jimmy's average of 93.8 per cent in Grade 8.

In addition to Nancy Ku, others receiving Ontario Scholarships Friday are David Hewitt, Lols James, Murray Johnston, Chris Kamps, Glen Kelly, Nicola Palmer, Indie Persaud, Theresa Rae, Richard Reesor, Cheryl Stelling, John

Thiessen, Michelle Wang and Brian Wong.

The valedictorian is Chris Kamps. The M.C. is Carolina Dervaric, President of the Students' Council.

Platform guests will include former principal, Mervyn

Witherow, long-time vice-principal, Ron Mercer and former staff teacher, George McCullough, now the vice-principal at Huron Heights Secondary School, Newmarket. The Commencement Night program has been arranged by staff teacher, John Marshall.

Tony Roman

Mayor retains top office

MARKHAM — Ron Moran's record-breaking support at the regional level in 1978, stood for nought, Monday night, when he chose to move up to mayor. He was soundly trounced by incumbent Tony Roman, 13,318 to 5,911.

Markham's regional representatives will be Carole Bell (12,663); Ron Dancy (11,710) and Stan Daurio (11,633). Dave Crombie was re-elected to Board of Education. Crombie polled 2,944.

Newcomer Barbara Gilbert was second with 2,895.

The race in Ward 6 was close with Councillor Elson Miles edging out Mike Larkin, 471 to 466. In Ward 3 it was Dave Wilson and Ward 5, Gord London.

Re-elected to Hydro Commission were Alma Walker (12,334); Don McNabb (8,093) and Don Cockburn (5,644). Newcomer to the Commission is Bill Burnett (7,180).

'The best'

STOUFFVILLE — High School principal Michael Muir has described staff Phys. Ed. instructor Jim Rehill as "the best volleyball coach I've ever seen".

Inspired by this kind of support, Coach Rehill will take his Sr. Spartans into the Georgian Bay Volleyball Finals, Thursday (today). The tournament's location is St. Roberts High School, Thornhill.

To advance to this round, S.D.S.S. had to knock off the best in York County. This they did at Woodbridge—for the tenth year in a row.

The Stouffville lineup follows: Paul Boynton, Mike Rehill, Doug Davidson, Steve Johns, Jim Chilve, Andrew Redshaw, Marek Kacyznski, Ken Grove, Ross Dube, Mark Zane, Claude Marlett.



An elated Eldred King, Mayor of Whitchurch-Stouffville, signals a victory sign outside his home on the Bloomington Road, following news of his re-election, Monday. Mayor King counted 2,262

votes, 342 more than his closest rival, Ged Stonehouse, Fairview Avenue, Stouffville.

Jim Holt

Son in trouble Chief would resign

YORK REGION — Gladys Rolling, head of York Region's Board of Police Commissioners, isn't quite sure if Chief Bruce Crawford submitted his resignation or not.

"It was more of a comment," she said, "it came about in a conversation, there was nothing in writing".

Facts pertaining to the matter remain sketchy due to the fact discussion was held behind closed doors. Mrs.

Rolling admitted, however, that the Chief's concern was related to a recent charge laid against his son, Allen Henry Crawford.

It is alleged that the younger Crawford, now 26, was involved in the theft of \$170,000 worth of gold dust from Toronto International Airport in September.

Mrs. Rolling said each member of the board was given an opportunity to speak on the matter. The Commissioners, she said, were unanimous in

their decision that Chief Crawford should carry on, pointing to his flawless record since assuming office. The Commission contended that any charges filed against the Chief's son, should not be the father's responsibility.

Asked why the matter hadn't been dealt with in public like other resignations, Mrs. Rolling said the Chief looked on it as "personnel", a part of the agenda that's always discussed in private.