



When Colin Kerr introduced mynah bird Rajah to Rani, he hoped they'd strike up a lasting relationship and produce a nestful of little mynah birds. However, in six years, nothing happened, not until he put the pair on a diet of Byer Bros. honey. Now, Rani's 'expecting', prompting calls from pet-lovers everywhere for samples of the product. Colin calls it "a miracle breakthrough" that could aid childless couples too. "My phone's been ringing off the wall," he said, "mostly enquiries from women". —Jim Thomas.

### Love at first flight

## Byer honey does it

MARKHAM — Colin Kerr and his mynah bird Rajah are renowned across North America, even around the world. The two have kept close company for the past 26 years, appearing on many top-rated television shows.

The bird has an amazing vocabulary. However, when it comes to whistling "love", he's lost for words — or was. Now it seems Rajah and mate Rani have put it all together. She's 'expecting', the first time in history a mynah has produced young in captivity.

Colin credits this "miracle" to one thing and one thing only — Byer honey. "It created a reaction like you wouldn't believe, the first time I tried it, the cage fairly shook," he said.

Colin admits he'd reached a point of giving up for Rajah, by human standards is 120 years old. Then he purchased a tin of Byer honey "quite by accident" at the Farmer's Market.

"They went mad over it and each other," he said. He's

now attempting to have the product analyzed.

Now past the experimental stage, Colin has made arrangements to provide several zoos with the product, hoping the reaction will be the same. But the demand will not stop there.

"My phone's been ringing off the wall," he said. Most of the callers have been women.

Colin describes the phenomena as "a miracle breakthrough". "It's got to be Byer's honey," he concluded.

### St. Mark's Parish

## Aid refugee family

STOUFFVILLE — An estimated 50,000 refugees have fled their native Poland for temporary residence in Germany and Austria.

One such family is Andrew and Margaret Groszko and baby son, Andrew.

This summer, they'll be coming to Canada, thanks to a helping hand extended by a group calling itself "The Polish Refugee Aid Committee of

Whitchurch-Stouffville". Members include Teresa Tomory (chairman); Bob and Bernice Heenan; Sig and Teresa Kusatz; Casey and Monica Van Maris and Joe and Josie Schwarzli.

"We hope to relieve a small part of a big problem," Mrs. Tomory told The Tribune. The family is in the process of being cleared for immigration by Canadian authorities.

Prior to their arrival, accommodation and employment must be found. Mr. Groszko is a qualified auto mechanic. Also, some money must be raised to cover basic necessities.

To accomplish this, an auction is planned for June 26 at a location near Hwy. 48, north of Ringwood. Don Burd, well-known local auctioneer has volunteered his services.

### Keith Acton

## "Now he belongs"

STOUFFVILLE — When a hockey player 'makes it' with the Montreal Canadiens, he's 'accepted' by the N.H.L.

When that same player's 'accepted' by Sports Illustrated, he's 'made it' to the top.

Such is the amazing saga of Stouffville's Keith Acton, featured in the April edition of this leading American magazine.

In a five-page picture-story by writer Glenn Cole under the heading "Keith Acton-Now He Belongs", the author tells of this young man's determination to "make good" with one of hockey's most prestigious teams. Says Cole: "Few NHLers have the skating and playmaking skills of Keith Acton". In the regular season just concluded, he notched a total of 36 goals.

Cole's introduction tells all. "The young man with the

bright eyes and the receding hairline usually sits in the far corner of the bustling Montreal Canadiens' dressing room. He quietly sheds his soaking

### Record

Not only did Keith Acton lead his team in total points (88), but he placed tenth among all players in the N.H.L.'s latest statistics reveal.

In 78 games, he collected 36 goals and 52 assists. He also collected 88 penalty minutes.

Season-end figures showed him with four more points than linemate Guy Lafleur and seven ahead of sharp-shooter Mark Napier.

In the entire league, that includes such stars as Wayne Gretzky and Mike Bossy, Keith was tied in tenth spot with Paul Coffey of Edmonton.

uniform, soggy evidence of another night of hard work. The young man is almost unnoticed by those who have invaded the room to cluster around the more famous names who have been part of past glories for the red, white and blue. Keith Acton does not mind. The soggy uniform is his satisfaction. He has done his job for the evening. If those whose job it is to report don't realize the effort he has put into it, so be it. At least the people who count, the fans and the coaches know. There are seldom nights when new Canadiens' coach Bob Berry doesn't appreciate the effort given by his 23-year-old centre. So impressed was the coach with his effort, that he made Acton the centre on the No. 1 line with Guy Lafleur and Steve Shutt.

That's Stouffville's Keith Acton, talking about the small-town boy who's making good.

## Proceeds for Town

STOUFFVILLE — Music Mania '82 goes on stage April 29 and continues through May 1 at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School.

Proceeds from this year's show will be divided three ways: (1). A proposed Whitchurch-Stouffville Recreation Complex. (2). A clock for Latham Hall. (3). A High School scholarship.

Tickets are now on sale at Card's Hardware, Stouffville. Prices are \$3.50 and \$3.00 adults; \$1.00 for children. On the Thursday evening (April 29), senior citizens and students will be admitted for \$2.00.

## Shot kills youth

UNIONVILLE — A dispute over a pair of cowboy boots, resulted in the fatal shooting of a 19 year old Markham youth, early Sunday morning and the arrest of a 30 year old Unionville man, charged with murder.

Stewart Thomas Weatherall of 2 Billy Joel Crescent, died in Scarborough General Hospital after a bullet from a .303 rifle penetrated the rear seat of a car in which he was a passenger, and lodged in his back.

Weatherall and three companions had just left a party at 4022 Hwy. 7 East,

when the shooting occurred. Police said the victim and the accused, James Carlisle Devenport, hardly knew each other.

They reported that a dispute erupted when Weatherall couldn't find his boots. Later, as he and his companions left the premises, a motorized go-kart was taken from the driveway and placed in their car's trunk. The shooting followed and Weatherall was hit.

Devenport was placed in custody at the Toronto East Detention Centre and appeared for a bail hearing,

Tuesday, in Newmarket Court.

In connection with the same incident, three face charges of theft. They are Steve McCullough, 18, of Reesorville Road, Markham; Kenneth Pierce, 19, of Robinson Street, Markham and Andre Paquet, 18, of Helen Avenue, Unionville.

Stewart Weatherall had been employed at his father's auto service shop on Laidlaw Boulevard. He's the son of George and Hannah Weatherall.

Service was held Tuesday from the Dixon-Garland Funeral Home, Markham, with interment, Elmwood Cemetery.

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## Hodgson voices water concerns

STOUFFVILLE — The proximity of a government-regulated landfill site to Stouffville's artesian water supply and the alleged polluting of several wells in the area, prompted York North M.P.P. Bill Hodgson to rise in the Legislature, last week, and speak to the concerns of local residents.

In a 13-page address that included letters from Town Mayor Eldred King and Fran Sainsbury of the Concerned Citizens' Committee, Mr. Hodgson pointed to what he described as "one overriding common goal". That is, he said, "to ensure beyond a glimmer of doubt that the water supply in Whitchurch-Stouffville is absolutely safe for today and every day in the future". "It is my hope," he continued, "that the citizens of Whitchurch-Stouffville and this government can work together in their mutual interest to solve this problem as soon as possible".

The York North Member referred to the landfill site's proposed expansion as "a very emotional issue, one that has concerned me and many of my constituents for several months".

"Those directly affected," he went on, "have suffered through an extended period of conflicting viewpoints,

misinformation and misunderstanding".

Said Hodgson: "The Ministry has found no evidence that the landfill site has affected the safety of drinking water in any off-site wells and municipal water supplies are of consistently good quality". Nevertheless, he put forward the following requests and recommendations:

- (1) That expansion to landfill site No. 4 be refused.
- (2) That no expansion be considered until the Ministry of Health's \$1.2 million survey in

Whitchurch-Stouffville is completed. (3) That a full-time inspector be employed by the Environment Ministry to monitor all waste deposits. (4) That a contingency plan be set up immediately so that adequate containment procedures can be enacted should contamination be detected that could endanger the health and welfare of the community. (5) If any of my recommendations are not accepted, it is my opinion, in support of my constituents, that this dump site be closed as quickly as possible.

## Champs

STOUFFVILLE — Another All-Ontario Hockey Championship has come to Stouffville.

The Edwards-Murphy Bantams, coached by Bill Hutchison and managed by Larry Leonard, brought home the title by beating Strathroy 3-2 on Thursday. Previously they had ousted Port Hope, Unionville, Napanee and Huntsville.

This year's edition includes Mike Feasby, Bill Hutchison, Ken Burrows, Shawn Leonard, Darryl Brown, Mark Murphy, Shawn Cotnam, Derrick Cotnam, John Parcels, Darrin Hardy, Doug McQuigge, Brad Evans, Dave Fockler, Joe Risk and Rick Valle. The team's trainer is Tim McNeil.

## Re-affirm vows

LEMONVILLE — Three couples, representing three family generations, re-

affirmed their vows at a unique service, Saturday evening in Lemonville United Church.

Gordon and Margaret McCarthy, married 50 years; Bruce and Bunny Burton, married 25 years and Norman and Gayle Dunn, married five years, all answered "we do" to renewed pledges of their love delivered by Margaret Britton.

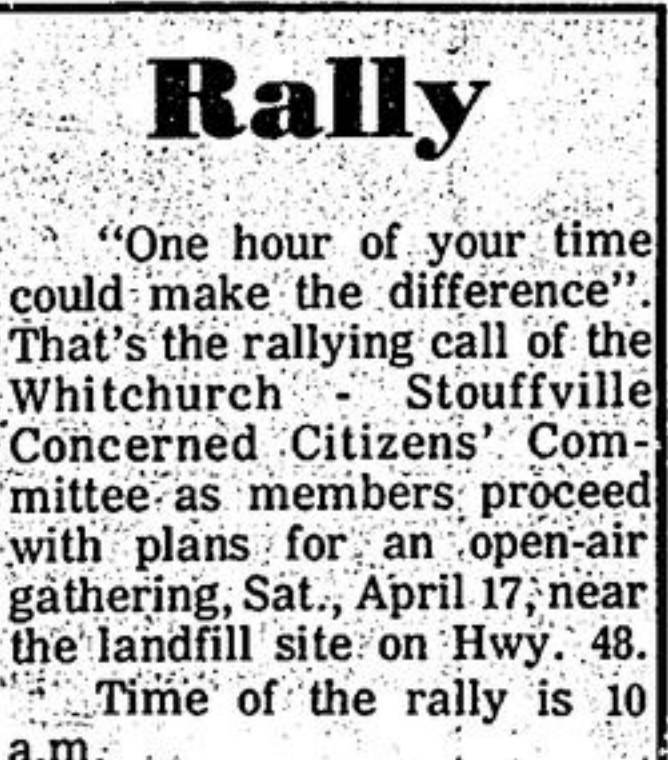
"This is the first day of the rest of your lives," she said as candles of varying lengths were lit.

Attendants of 25 years ago were maid of honor Barbara Smith of Islington and best man George Beard of Toronto.

Other participants in the ceremony included Jean Nauta, Marion Wells, soloist Patty Van Evera and accompanist Clarion Baker.

Lighted candleabra and Easter lilies enhanced the interior of the sanctuary with individual candles in each window. A reception followed at the Whitchurch Centennial Centre, Ballantrae.

Mr. and Mrs. McCarthy, Mrs. Burton's parents, flew up from Florida for the ceremony. Norman and Gayle Dunn reside at Newmarket. On Sunday, Bruce and Bunny left on a second honeymoon to Hawaii.



Bruce and Bunny Burton (centre); their son-in-law and daughter Norman and Gayle Dunn (right) and Bunny's parents, Gordon and Margaret McCarthy, re-affirmed their vows at a unique ceremony in Lemonville United Church, Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. McCarthy have been married 50 years; Mr. and Mrs. Burton, 25 years and Mr. and Mrs. Dunn, five years. A reception followed at the Whitchurch Centennial Centre, Ballantrae. —Jim Thomas.