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If Jim Newton, Main Street West, appeared a trifle apprehensive at this point in the program, he had good reason. The man with the saw is Dick Joiner but his intentions weren't altogether clear. Would he or wouldn't he? Anyway, 'fearless'

Jim survived the ordeal, one of many acts performed during the magic show at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School, Saturday night. The four-day festival proved a tremendous success. —Jim Thomas.

Store-apartment wins approval

PINE ORCHARD — In spite of opposition voiced by several residents, planning board has approved, through a change in zoning, the construction of a two-store, two-apartment 'complex' in the Pine Orchard community.

The decision can still be appealed to the Ontario Municipal Board. The bylaw will be circulated to all persons living within 400 feet of the property.

A number of people spoke against the proposal at a meeting May 4. Stephen Bush pointed to a traffic hazard at the intersection, the nuisance of litter, signs and extended business hours. He also expressed concern as to what could occur should the enterprise fail.

Lynette Braks said they had moved into the area "to get away from this sort of thing." "I'm personally horrified at the

thought of looking at a concrete eyesore," she said. She described it as "a potential mess".

Mrs. Braks spoke of her love for the community, calling it "a warm, wonderful and sensitive place".

Werner Berger said that while he didn't hold out much hope for the stores, he was certain the apartments would rent.

Thomas Holleran claimed growth in the area didn't warrant commercial build-up. He supported an earlier speaker's concern over traffic. "It's a problem now," he said.

Councillor Charles Warden explained that under present zoning, the applicant could put in two stores and one apartment. "All he's asking for is an extra apartment," he said.

Mayor Eldred King said the owner has the legal right to do certain things on his land. "You're asking us to take that authority away but we can't".

side". In many cases, he said, large farms are carved up into small lots to accommodate city folk seeking a different kind of life. Once settled here, these same people want everything to remain just as they found it. This isn't always possible, he said.

Councillor Kamps recalled that at one time, there was an open field behind his home in Stouffville, but now there's a plaza. "It's called progress," he said.

Werner Berger, a member of the Pine Orchard delegation, took exception to the member's remarks. "It's unfair when people in the audience are attacked, rebuffed and put down," he said. He recommended the board take a look at itself and establish some sort of policy in this regard.

Councillor Kamps Raps selfish home-owners

STOUFFVILLE — A suggestion by a Pine Orchard resident that Planning Board should oppose "disfiguration of the countryside" was greeted with disdain by Ward 4 councillor Bill Kamps at a meeting May 4.

Lynette Braks, a homeowner on the Vivian Road, was voicing opposition to the creation of a two-store, two-apartment 'complex' in the community, calling it "a potential mess".

"We enjoy the beauty of the area, not a garbage dump," she said.

With that, councillor Kamps "blew up".

He chided the complainant claiming "it's people such as you who wreck the country-

Firehall job

STOUFFVILLE — Council has approved a tendered bid of \$262,809.00 submitted by Hersco Construction Limited of Markham for the building of an addition to the town's firehall.

The figure is \$37,000 less than estimated.

Council has also approved the purchase of a \$112,000 tanker-pumper truck. The 1982 G.M.C. has already been delivered to Patrick Motors but must still be outfitted. The availability of this vehicle will release the present 1972 Fargo

for service in the area of Ballantrae Musselman's Lake.

According to Fire Chief Walter Smith, the new addition will almost double the station's present size. When completed, all trucks will be accommodated inside along with a new aerial ladder unit that's in the department's plans.

There will be individual offices for the chief, the deputy chief and a fire prevention officer. A new and larger training centre will be provided along with a hose-drying tower.

In Arena Antique show

STOUFFVILLE — The largest antique show and sale ever held here, is scheduled for June 17, 18 and 19 in the Stouffville Arena.

The event, expected to become an annual attraction, is being sponsored by Christ Anglican Church.

Thirty-six booths, measuring 12 feet deep and

16 feet long, have already been reserved with a waiting list of others wishing to participate.

Chief organizers are Philip and Karen Poole and Lu and Sandy Barbuto. The food co-ordinator is Darlene Campbell with Bruce Hamilton in charge of tickets and George Sled taking care of maintenance.

A warm welcome

STOUFFVILLE — Magic vs. strawberries. These are the symbols of an exchange this summer between Stouffville, Ontario and Ste. Anne des Plaines, Quebec.

Stouffville is now the magic capital of Canada. Ste. Anne des Plaines is known nationally for its strawberries.

"We couldn't have picked a better town," commented Ged Stonehouse, chairman of Stouffville's Canada Week program, July 1 to 4. Ste. Anne will be sending two soccer and two ball teams here July 3, 4

and 5. Stouffville will return the favor July 9, 10 and 11.

Arrangements for the exchange were finalized May 3. Ged was welcomed by the town's mayor and recreation director, Andre Dionne of Kino, Quebec served as interpreter.

"They're wonderful people and very French," he said, in explaining the reason for a bilingual go-between. Because of the language difference, Ged's anxious to obtain the services of any French-speaking Stouffvilleites for the

"Nothing like it" Magic shows wow audiences

By Jim Thomas
STOUFFVILLE — Magic Town, Ontario — sidewalk shoppers here are still buzzing with the excitement of the week that was. And all agree, they never saw (or thought they saw) anything like it.

The festival packed more excitement into four days than Stouffville has seen in years. Heads are still spinning in disbelief.

Performances ranged from the very personal in local restaurants and on the street to the very public at the high school and the library. Adults enjoyed it and children loved it.

The entire show was arranged and co-ordinated by Town librarian George Schlukker and Clarendon magician Dan Laffey in co-operation with the Whitchurch-Stouffville Chamber of Commerce and the Ministry of Tourism and Recreation.

Although inclement weather, Saturday, curtailed certain activities, it failed to dampen the enthusiasm of spectators or participants. This even carried over into Sunday as crowds jammed the Latham Gallery and Library.

But the best was reserved for Saturday night, a performance by professionals that received a standing ovation. Each act was different and

just as mind-boggling as the one before. Bob MacAdorey, well-known TV personality (and resident of Gormley), was master of ceremonies.

The audience, estimated at close to 1,000, was extremely responsive. Even at the approach of 11:30, not a single person elected to leave. And they were glad they stayed for

Rick Rossini's concluding act left onlookers stunned. With a wave of his wand, he shifted a girl from a cage to the back of the auditorium and replaced her with a leopard. The crowd gasped.

While Stouffville's magic symbol has had its critics, the festival's success has prompted only a positive response: "We can't wait till next year".

'It was fun' folks agree

STOUFFVILLE — If apprehensions were apparent prior to the weekend's festivities, they disappeared like magic as events became realities. These feelings were expressed in a sidewalk and telephone survey conducted by The Tribune.

"We're delighted by the magic of it all," said Ken and Jennifer Goodbrand, Lloyd Avenue, Stouffville. "we've

never experienced anything quite like it".

"Just excellent," said Doris Harvey, Stuart Street, Stouffville.

"I see it as fun," replied Rev. Jim Clubine of the Missionary Church. He said he hoped that in years to come, it would remain this way. He noted that should the festival lean towards the occult, he would be strongly opposed.

"The kids love it and the adults too," replied Barbara Buchanan, Stouffer Street. "I hope it becomes an annual event". She expressed surprise at letters in the paper to the contrary. "Magic is entertainment," she said.

Rev. Cecil Tiller of Stouffville United Church regarded the event as "a fun thing". He said he'd heard no concerns expressed by members of his congregation.

"A happy day — a wonderful time" was the way Ray and Mary Meredith described the event. "It tends to bring everyone together," they said.

Rev. Craig Pitts of Stouffville Pentecostal Church mentioned two forms of magic — the sleight of hand and the supernatural. "Let's hope it stops at innocent fun".

"It was intended as fun," said Janice Sten, R. R. 3, Stouffville. "I hope it doesn't degenerate into anything less".

"I see it as positive entertainment for our town," replied Rev. Philip Poole Christ Anglican Church. He said he wished to commend chief librarian George Schlukker for putting it all together. "It was a lot of fun".

To seek regional position

MARKHAM — Ron Moran, first elected to Markham Town Council in 1972 but defeated in a bid for the mayor's office in 1980, has announced his candidacy for Regional Council in the 1982 campaign.

In making public his decision this week, Mr. Moran indicated a desire to make a contribution to the development of many major projects now in the planning stage.

"I enjoyed the years spent on both Town and Regional Councils and I feel my experience will prove a benefit to the taxpayers," he said.

An insurance executive and resident at Dickson's Hill, Mr. Moran headed the polls as a regional councillor in 1976 and 1978. His belief in publishing regular newsletters across the whole of the municipality, won him much acclaim. This was a project done at his own expense.

Ron Moran feels Markham's heritage should be more widely publicized and preserved. He suggests that individuals like middle distance runner, Bill Crothers and speed-skater Ozzie Martin should be revered in a manner that their accomplishments are recognized for generations to come.



School's king and queen crowned at SDSS May Prom

Stouffville Dist. Secondary School held its May Prom, Friday night at The Firefighters' Club, Esna Park Drive, Markham. Selected queen and king for the year were Nancy Darling (left), Loretta Crescent South and Mike Rehill (right).



Manitoba Street. Nancy's escort was Bruce Bolender and Mike's "best girl" was Heather Martin. Attendees were Cathy Reid and Barb Britton; Steve Johns and Steve Rendall. —Jim Thomas.