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Cosmetic street aid not enough

STOUFFVILLE — Cosmetic treatment isn't a cure-all, consultant Alexander Crate told a meeting of the Stouffville Business Improvement Association, Wednesday night. Solutions to downtown deterioration must go deeper than that.

Crate said a quick tour of the business area had brought to light several problems that, through proper planning and close co-operation, could be re-

medied. He urged the B.I.A. to establish priorities, then make a determined effort to reach those goals.

The speaker explained that while appearance is important, improvements such as trees, benches, planters and waste containers will have little direct affect on over-the-counter sales. "All these things are delightful," he stated, "but you must be practical."

Crate recommended the

B.I.A. listen closely to the people. "Find out what they want the community to be, then interpret these thoughts into a plan."

The consultant noted that in some instances, it would be far better to call in an arsonist rather than an architect—"clean up and start over," he said, "but not here." He claimed Stouffville's downtown hadn't yet reached the point of "no return," but rather, could be improved immensely by everyone working together.

Inability to co-operate, Crate said, is the single biggest factor in driving business elsewhere. He pointed to inconsistent store hours as "confusing to the public." It's not uncommon, he stated, to visit some towns, even on advertised "open nights" and find half the stores closed. "Make a decision (on store hours) and stick with it," he urged, "give it a fair trial."

As to embarking on improvement projects, the speaker recommending "scaling" various proposals in keeping with the size of the municipality. "The market must justify the cost," he said, "but don't stand still and do nothing."

The consultant said there's a tendency for business people to expect too much of council. "You have a responsibility as well," he stated, "so move forward together."

The speaker likened Stouffville's downtown to "a patient with some illness." "Don't let that patient's condition deteriorate further," he concluded.

Must help ourselves

STOUFFVILLE — In passing comment on suggested improvements for downtown Stouffville, David Barthau, chairman of the local B.I.A. took time out to rap a few knuckles, Wednesday night.

He said many store owners and staff employees persist in parking their cars on Main Street or in places that

should be reserved for customers.

Some merchants, he stated, refuse to "dress up" their windows while others are slow to apply fresh coats of paint. In the winter, snow is often allowed to pile up at the curbs, making it difficult for patrons to wade through or climb over. He said only a few minutes' time is required to alleviate this problem.

All in tune

STOUFFVILLE — The 12th annual Sacred Music Night will be held this Friday (April 22) at 8 p.m., in St. James Presbyterian Church. The program is part of the congregation's anniversary weekend with special services on

Sunday at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Participants Friday will include: The Wright Singers; The Zacharias Family; The St. James Children's Choir; Jesse Pike and Ann Simons; Geoff Tiller and Gwen Hewitt.

Ken Ferguson Top plowman

STOUFFVILLE — The plowing fraternity met Friday night to honor Canada's national champion, Ken Ferguson. Frederick Street, Stouffville, with Bob Brown of Ayr, will leave April 29 for Zimbabwe, Rhodesia, for the World Match hosted by that country. Brown, a runner-up in the Canadian, last fall, has had previous world competition experience—Northern Ireland in '79 and Australia in '82.

accompany the two men on the trip.

Ken and wife Jan were presented with a beautiful lounge chair.

"Winning the Canadian was a triumph for me," Ken said in reply, "I hope I can do what's expected." Ken drew a laugh from the crowd when said that only now his wife trusts him to plow the garden.

Timbers, (Republic of Ireland-1981).

The most prolonged ovation, however, was reserved for Fred Timbers who competed in similar calibre competitions in the United States (1940) and in Canada (1945).

The banquet, held at Victoria Square, attracted a "full house" with many coming from a distance. The Master of Ceremonies was Carl Timbers.

Guests in attendance included York-Peel Member of Parliament Sinclair Stevens and York North M.P.P., Bill Hodgson. Both spoke briefly and presented Ken with lapel pins.

Bob Timbers, a member of the Canadian Plowing Council, praised Ken's accomplishments. He'll

In addressing the audience, Carl Timbers mentioned the names of several from York and Durham Regions who had participated in previous world matches and were present at Friday's dinner. In addition to Bob Brown of Ayr these included—Bob Timbers (Canada-1953); (England-1954); (Italy-1960); Grant Wells, (Canada-1963); (Rhodesia-1968); Floyd Forsyth, (Denmark-1970); Carl Timbers, (Finland-1974); Don Dunkeld, (Norway-1964); (Sweden-1976); Ivan Degeer and Ken Brown (Holland-1977) and Eric

Mill burns

UNIONVILLE — The historic Unionville Planing Mill, believed to be 110 years old, was destroyed by fire, Saturday night. Arson is suspected.

It was Regional Councillor Carole Bell who first spotted the blaze around 10:15 p.m., and turned in the alarm. The structure was a raging inferno when brigade units arrived.

History records the mill being built by William and George Eakin around 1873.

It was later leased by Robert Harrington and then purchased by him in 1881. The business remained in the Harrington family until 1960. It was bought at that time by Alfred Giles.

The property is presently owned by the Metro Toronto and Region Conservation Authority and leased to the Town. It had been partially restored and there was a proposal to establish a restaurant there. The loss has been estimated at \$20,000.



Dreams sometimes come true

To drive a fire truck is every boy's dream. However, most would be content just to sit behind the wheel. For five-year-old Kevin Williams of Albert Street South, Stouffville, that opportunity came Wednesday when Pat Byer of the Mother Goose Nursery School took her children on a tour of the Town's firehall. For Kevin, it was a day he'll not soon forget.

Regional Fair Best displays

STOUFFVILLE — Students from St. Mark's Separate School and Summitview Public School, were awarded red ribbons, Saturday, with prize-winning entries in the York Region Science Fair held at the King Campus of Seneca College.

Carmen Lopez and Monique Gilbert of St. Mark's, gained a first with their exhibit entitled "Teeth". It was in the Life Science category, (Intermediate), Grades 7 and 8.

In the Applied Science division, (Intermediate), Grades 7 and 8, Ron Ormson and Andrew Green of Summitview, topped all competitors with their entry on "Telephones". Two St. Mark's students, John Turco and John Blommestein, placed third. Their exhibit was entitled "Distillation".

scored a second with an entry entitled "Speech".

These were the only exhibits from Whitchurch-Stouffville schools to win awards. Other to place in the top three from the immediate area follow:

Julia Fong, Milliken Mills, third, (Weather); Brad Macdonald and Michael DiPietro, St. Joseph's, Markham, third, (Reproduction of Sound); Carl Dumitree, Reesor Park, Markham, second, (Fluid Mechanics); Pauline Ely, St. Patrick's, Markham, second, (Telecommunication Poster); Philip

Boll, St. Patrick's, Markham, Judges Award, (Special Relativity); Susanne Jones, Unionville P.S., third, (Paper); Zoe Vagdanou and Tracy Michailidis, Milliken Mills, first, (The Human Eye); Laura Copps and Laura Davidson, St. Patrick's, Markham, second, (How The Body Breathes); Scott Arnold, Parkview, Unionville, second, (Magnetism); Stuart Nicholson, Reesor Park, Markham, first, (Things That Affect Electromagnets); Philip Boll, St. Patrick's, Markham, first, (Special Relativity).

Challenge

STOUFFVILLE — Insurance broker, Bill Susands, has been elected president of Whitchurch-Stouffville

Chamber of Commerce for 1983. The annual meeting was held Monday night at the Monte Cristo Steak and Seafood House, Success Square.

Mr Susands succeeds hardware store owner, Graydon Card.

Joyce Spensley is the new vice-president; Phyllis Eyre, secretary and Doug Weddall, treasurer.

Named to the executive were: George Schlukker, George Hume, Ken Sandiford, Ken Goodbrand, Bill Giles, Don Anderson and Glen Byer.



The Silver Plow—symbol of excellence

Ken and Jan Ferguson, Fredrick Street, Stouffville, admire the Esso Silver Plow Award, emblematic of the Canadian Championship won by Ken in 1982. Later this month, they will leave for Zimbabwe, Rhodesia where Ken will compete for the World Title. In honor of this accomplishment, a presentation banquet was held Friday in the Victoria Square Community Hall.

—Jim Thomas

A free spender

WHITCHURCH — Back in November, Dennis Bolender, of R.R. 4, Stouffville, misplaced some personal identification papers. These were allegedly found by a Richmond Hill man who opened up accounts in Mr Bolender's name at the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce in King City and the Toronto Dominion Bank at Markham.

Between March 18 and March 31, merchandise was purchased at King City Hardware; Beaver Lumber, Maple; Safeway Lumber, Concord; Cashway Lumber, Oak Ridges; Radio Shack Stores in Markville Mall and on Wellington Way West, Markham; Pro-Hardware, Maple; Cycle World, Thornhill and National Gym, Concord.

Cheques in Mr Bolender's name were issued for about \$5,000.

York Regional Police were called in and on April 13, arrested James Martin Fitzpatrick, 30, of Richmond Hill. He faces charges of fraud under \$200 (eight counts); fraud over \$200 (three counts); forgery, uttering and personation.

Golf hosts

STOUFFVILLE — The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, as host municipality for the 1983 National Senior Amateur Golf Championship, has been requested to assume partial sponsorship of the reception to follow opening ceremonies.

The official request was made in a letter from Max Frost, Governor of the Royal Canadian Golf Association and co-owner of Spring Lakes Golf and Country Club where the Championship is being held.

Competition takes place on the Ringwood area course, July 20-22. Three hundred golfers, the majority from outside Ontario, are expected to participate.

Opening ceremonies, July 19, will feature the traditional "flag-raising"; a parade of pipers and pre-selected four-men teams from ten provinces.

Cost of the reception has been estimated at \$5,400. Mr Frost indicated that, over the years, it had been customary for the host municipality to partially sponsor this part of the event.

Council responded positively to the suggestion of sponsorship when the subject was introduced April 12. Members recommended subsidization in the amount of \$2,700. The request will be discussed further by Budget Committee.

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Ahead!

You'll lose an hour's sleep this weekend. Daylight Saving Time arrives officially at 2 a.m., Sunday.

Residents are reminded to move their clocks and watches AHEAD one hour before retiring Saturday night.

Town girl to Ottawa

WHITCHURCH — This Friday, eighteen-year-old Janet Lowe of R.R. 4, Stouffville, leaves for Ottawa to represent the Region of York at the National 4-H Citizenship Seminar. She'll return April 28.

Janet's been a member of the Bethesda 4-H Club six years, serving as president, vice-president and secretary. On Sat., April 30, she'll receive her Provincial Diploma at an Achievement Day in the Victoria Square Community Centre. She's a student in Grade 13 at Stouffville High.



JANET LOWE