

## Hospital Update

# Site donated

BY LORRIE PARRY

Are you aware the land on which the Markham-Stouffville Hospital will be constructed has not been financed through government grants or local fund-raising?

Our future hospital will be built on 50 acres donated by the late Arthur Latcham. Mr. Latcham, a Stouffville resident, had the foresight several years ago to purchase property east of the Ninth Line, north of Hwy. 7 for the sole purpose of some day building a hospital. But who was Arthur Latcham?

Arthur Latcham was truly a rich man—in more ways than one. He enriched the lives of so many with his wealth, as well as his genuine concern for other human beings.

Born and raised on a farm near Glasgow in Uxbridge Township, Arthur Latcham died in the late 1970s. He made his money in real estate including the following areas: He owned a subdivision south-west of Sheppard Avenue and Kennedy Road; owned the DeHaviland Golf Driving Range on Dufferin Street, the first of its kind in Canada; built the Rolling Hills, Meadowbrook and Willows (now John Evelyn's Golf Centre) golf courses; since the early 40s, owned the Inglewood Arms Hotel on Jarvis Street; owned several apartment buildings in the Bloor and Bathurst area; and although it wasn't a great money-maker, he operated a 100-room home for single men with no families.

As a young man, his athletic abilities included middle-distance running and wrestling. He later went on tour to compete with anyone willing to match his skill. Although an amateur, he was a world-class magician and excelled at

card and coin tricks. He loved performing for crowds, particularly crowds of children.

As a tribute to Mr. Latcham, Stouffville now holds a Magic Festival every year, as well as displays the Art Latcham Magic Collection accommodated in the Public Library.

The thoughtful Mr. Latcham bought single-room schools and when geographic consolidation occurred, donated them to the communities of Mount Zion, Altona and Atha for use as community centres. He also built community halls in Stouffville, Goodwood, Port Perry and Mount Albert.

Not content with these good deeds, he continued by donating money for lighting at arenas in Stouffville and Port Perry; also the Unionville Curling Club along with the purchase of curling stones. The pool in Stouffville was also funded by Mr. Latcham, as well as the floodlights in the ballpark, the bleachers and the picnic shelter.

Not forgetting the senior citizens, he gave \$2,500 to Union Villa's Heritage Village; built the Senior Citizens Centre in Port Perry; and through the Latcham Foundation generously donated to the following senior citizens' centres—Providence Villa in Scarborough, Markham in Markham and Parkview in Stouffville.

And now for our hospital. Not only did Art Latcham donate the land but he also donated \$50,000 over five years to help with construction.

So when you take your first walk down the corridors of our new Hospital, stop and give this generous man a prayer of grateful thanks for his part in "making this dream a reality".

## Lawyers are rich ---student

STOUFFVILLE — "You get paid a lot." That was the reason one student gave for wanting to be a lawyer when Summitview School held its Career Day, Thursday.

Representing the legal profession was Bruce Machon from the firm of Stong, Blackburn and Machon, Richmond Hill.

Mr. Machon said it's possible for an established solicitor to make up to \$60,000 a year. He admitted, however, there are vast numbers of new lawyers in the field today making no more than \$25,000 a year—less than a first class constable. "But the opportunity is there," he added.

The speaker said there are far more lawyers per capita than are required with pressures for employment very high.

Mr. Machon outlined the various classes of lawyers and what these positions entail. Most glamorous, he said, is the criminal lawyer. "There, you see people at their best and at their worst," he stated.

The work, he explained, can be very exhausting, especially when trials extend over several weeks. It's not unusual for a criminal lawyer to work up to 20 hours a day preparing a case, he said.

"How many cases have you lost?" asked a student.

"We don't talk about that," Mr. Machon replied.

He explained his firm doesn't involve itself in civil actions unless satisfactory results are anticipated. "It's only a waste of time and money," he said.

Machon paid tribute to judges in the courts, calling them "a good group of people."

As to the future of the legal profession, Machon suggested, "there'll always be a role for lawyers as long as people are human beings."



Seventeen-year-old Lisa Nighswander of Altona is an accomplished pianist. Her teacher is Louise Clarke. Other interests include drawing, cycling and cross-country

skiing. Lisa's a Grade 12 student at Pickering High. Following graduation she plans to choose a career in either psychology or nursing. —Jim Thomas

## "Girl Next Door"

# Lisa's talents include piano

By Jim Thomas  
ALTONA — Seventeen-year-old Lisa Nighswander has visited Europe more times than most teens her age have travelled outside the province.

She's been overseas on two occasions, with Holland proving especially attractive. Some day she hopes to visit England or Australia.

Lisa's our "Girl Next Door".  
Born on a farm near Altona, her parents moved to their present place 13 years ago. Lisa has two sisters, Emily in Montreal and Helen at Uxbridge. Her father is the administrator at Stouffville's Parkview Home. Her mother is an

artist of exceptional skill. Beautiful paintings hang in their home.

Following graduation from Pickering High, Lisa plans to go on to university. At present she's undecided between courses in psychology or nursing. English and French are favorite subjects. She studies piano under Louise Clarke and will take her Grade 7 exams in June.

Lisa's a member in the congregation of Steeles Avenue Mennonite Church and also belongs to the Mennonite Youth Fellowship that involves several churches.

Other activities include drawing, cycling and skiing.

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