

House-moving 'waste' criticized

WHITCHURCH — Charles Warden, a former councillor in Ward 1 and a likely candidate in Ward 2, appears to have fired the initial salvo in the upcoming election campaign.

His target is the century-old Brown family house, recently relocated on the grounds of the

Stouffville Museum. He describes the structure as "a pile of junk foisted on the taxpayers."

Warden, a resident at R.R. 1, Gornley, claims ratepayers should visit the museum site and see the building for themselves, placed there, he says, under the guise of an historic farmhouse.

"It's nothing but four

walls of old brick, with no roof or partitions."

To keep it from falling apart while being moved, Warden claims the 'shell' had to be held together with 2" by 4" framing around the top and bottom.

The ex-councillor says the cost of transporting the structure was close

to \$9,000. He estimates repairs at \$35,000.

"I challenge Council to make public the total bill, if and when the project is ever finished."

Warden can't understand why the Town would approve this kind of expense. "How any Council in its right mind can waste this kind of money merely to justify

the ego of certain individuals, is beyond me. Better the funds be spent on helping to pay off our enormous Rec Centre debt."

Then he concludes: "We're not made of money, it only looks that way."

George Schlukbier, the Town's chief librarian and mastermind of

the museum project, said the contract price for moving the house was \$8,500. He said a \$60,000 Canada Works Grant had been received along with \$5,000 in private donations. In addition, antique furnishings, valued at \$40,000 had been willed from a family estate.

"It fits in perfectly

with the museum plan," Schlukbier said.

Mr. Schlukbier expressed surprise at opposition voiced by residents of that area.

"The museum's the only thing Ward 1 has," he noted. He predicted that, ten years from now, people will praise the board for its foresight.

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Severed arm re-attached - 'a miracle'

PINE ORCHARD — "Marvellous." That was the word used by Mary Baranieski, of Vivian Sideroad, R.R. 3, Newmarket, to describe the work of surgeons at York County Hospital, Newmarket, after her husband's left arm was severed above the wrist in a well-drilling accident, Oct. 10.

Dale Baranieski had the presence of mind to tuck the lacerated hand inside his coveralls, then run to a nearby home for help. He

was rushed to hospital by car.

Mrs. Howard Lehman, Dale's mother-in-law, also of R.R. 3, Newmarket, called it "a medical miracle". To prevent infection, the wound was first allowed to drain. The following day, the bones, the tendons and the nerves were rejoined after several hours of surgery. Dale can now move each of the fingers on his left hand, Mrs. Baranieski said.

The well-drilling project

was taking place at Holland Landing, Mrs. Lehman explained. Somehow, a loop occurred in the steel cable. To protect his head, Dale raised his left arm and the wrist absorbed the full force of the blow.

"It happened so quickly, it was hard to comprehend," said Mrs. Lehman. "His arm was badly smashed, just about off." He was working alone at the time.

It marks the second serious injury Dale has suffered on the job. His left hand was broken in an accident 17 years ago.

Mrs. Lehman described as "unbelievable" the skill employed by surgeons at Newmarket. "We're fortunate to have such good men available, and we're fortunate to have a hospital so close to home. The families reside less than four miles away.

Additional surgery will be required, Mrs. Lehman said. They're hopeful, Dale will regain the normal use of his arm. However, they don't anticipate his return to work until next spring.



"The shoes belong to mommy"
 Heritage Week at Ballantrae Public School has involved everyone including students and staff. It was proclaimed by principal John Martins as a fitting tribute to Ontario's Bicentennial. All pupils, including kindergarten children, enjoyed the celebration. Typical is Elizabeth Susan Ruth Thompson and baby 'Lori'. Her attire was appropriate although the shoes posed a bit of a problem.

Bible quiz in demand

WHITCHURCH — Bible quiz, junior edition, will soon be on the market.

It's manufacturer Richard and Pam McGowan of Cosmac Productions Limited, had help in formulating many of the 2,700 questions. Assistance was provided by young people, most of whom are students attending the Stouffville Christian School. These include Janet, Robbie and Tricia Lowe, Mathew McKnight, Darius McNalley, Jennie Montgomery, Debbie Butcher, Rob Stephenson, Gary, Kristy and Kevin McGowan. The quiz, that sells for \$19.95, is geared to children ranging in age from five to 15 years.

A company headquarters is on McCowan Road in Whitchurch-Stouffville with distribution covering most of the United States and Canada. A major sales outlet is the Marie Adams Christian Supply Centre at 79 Main Street East, also Sears. Reserve orders number 3,500 games, Mr McGo-

wan said, with this figure expected to reach 40,000 by the end of the month.

Lost budgie home again

STOUFFVILLE — Sammy's back. The pretty blue budgie, owned by Lorne and Lynda Michell and family, 424 Loretta Crescent North, escaped out the front door, Wednesday night. They never expected to see him again.

However, two girls, on their way to high school next morning, found Sammy by the side of the road. They took him to the home of Ann Kleinedeters on Stuart Street. Mrs. Kleinedeters operates The Pet Centre in Success Square.

By coincidence, eight-year-old Jennifer Michell dropped into the store, Thursday afternoon. She told the owner her story. A short time later, Sammy was home again.

Blind choir

STOUFFVILLE — A 32-member choir, all students attending a school for the blind in Sierra Leone, West Africa, will present a "Thank You Canada" concert in the Stouffville Missionary Church, Friday night.

Time of the service is 7:30 p.m.

The tour is sponsored by the Christian Blind Mission International of R.R. 4, Stouffville.

On Friday morning, the choir will appear on the television program 100 Huntley Street. In the afternoon, they'll visit Foxhunter Equestrienne Centre, R.R. 4, Stouffville.

Since Oct. 26 is P.A. Day, students from Summitview, Orchard Park, the Christian School and the High School, will accompany their guests at Foxhunter and later attend the concert that night.

Mayor Tom Wood Heavy work load

STOUFFVILLE — Mayor Tom Wood says he needs "a right arm."

The recently appointed chief magistrate of Whitchurch-Stouffville claims in order to maintain some continuity within his Office, one employee should be able to shoulder responsibilities when he's away.

"I need an executive

assistant," Mayor Wood told The Tribune.

Wood considers it unfair to expect anyone to step into "an empty office" such as occurred when former mayor Eldred King was elected Regional Chairman.

"I'm wearing forty hats," he said.

Mayor Wood says he's "on the job" Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. He admits the work load is greater than any member of Council probably anticipated. "Although people are welcome to drop in, he prefers appointments."

Mayor Wood contends his appointment as mayor should do much to bridge

the gap between urban and rural areas of the municipality. He suggests that although his predecessors, Eldred King and Gordon Ratcliff lived in Whitchurch, they were looked on as residents of Stouffville.

"I'm extremely rural," (Ballantrae), he said. "Many people were pleasantly surprised."

Mayor Wood feels little friction exists between rural and urban people, only when it comes to "dollars and cents."

"The building of the Rec Centre brought it all to the surface," he stated, "but as time goes by, it will decrease."

Motor-inn proposed

WHITCHURCH — A 42-unit motor-inn is proposed for the corner of Woodbine Avenue and St. John's Sideroad in Whitchurch-Stouffville.

A sketch of the structure was presented Thursday to Mayor Tom Wood by agent Clay Clouter of R.R. 3, Newmarket.

If the project proceeds, it will serve as a motel, restaurant and convention workshop.

Improve or else!

STOUFFVILLE — If Stouffville's downtown core is to survive, a major revitalization program is required.

This is the feeling of Chamber of Commerce president Ged Stonehouse on the eve of an owner-tenant discussion at the Regal Restaurant, Main Street, Monday night. Meeting time is 6:30 p.m.

Stonehouse claims it's imperative that the Sanders Block project proceed. He also sees the need for improved parking along Commercial Street at the rear.

"We have to rekindle some enthusiasm and make the downtown exciting again," he said. He points to the fact Stouffville will soon be welcoming up to 2,000 new people with all the residential build-up going on.



"Now if that target was a groundhog!"
 The Stouffville Progress Club held a successful Turkey Shoot, Saturday, at a gravel pit site west of Hwy. 48, south of the Bloomington Road. One of the participants was Ward 3 Councillor Jim Rae. Jim said later, he much prefers visible targets like slow-moving groundhogs. — Jim Thomas

Top speakers to compete

Twelve elementary students have advanced to Area Public Speaking Competitions, Oct. 24, (today).

In Area 2-East, contests are scheduled for Ballantrae, (Junior), and Orchard Park, Stouffville, (Intermediate).

In Area 4-East, host schools are Parkview, Unionville, (Junior), and William Armstrong, Markham, (Intermediate).

Entries follow:
JUNIOR—Jennifer Smart,

Whitchurch-Highlands; Brandon Pridham, Orchard Park; Paul Spencer, Summitview; Chris Bellerby, Ballantrae; Jennifer Gray, Dickson's Hill; Natasha Carlton, E.T. Crowle.

INTERMEDIATE—Tania Gornall, Whitchurch-Highlands; Michelle Barker, Orchard Park; Jason Stover, Summitview; Travis White, Ballantrae; Christy Houghton, Dickson's Hill and Shanda Lee, E.T. Crowle.