

After 20 years Orchard will close up shop

Orchard Men's & Boy's Wear, Main St. W. Stouffville, will close its doors forever at the end of August as owner, Victor Orchard, has decided it's time to hang up the tape measure.

"I'm over 70 now," says Victor. "It's about time I retired."

Numerous factors persuaded Mr. Orchard to part with the business he has owned and managed for almost 20 years. "When the lease is up at the end of August, I expect a large rent increase," explains Victor. "Also, while business should be increasing over the years, it is decreasing due to competition from the chain stores."

Mr. Orchard's wife, Lilian, who has been ill recently, also played a large part in his decision to retire.

"I should really pay more attention to my wife at this point," says Victor.

Victor's son, Garry, who has worked at the store for many years will not carry on the business because he feels it would be too much for him to handle by himself.

After working in the clothing industry for 54 years, Mr. Orchard will miss his store.

"All my customers have become friends," says Victor. "I'll miss them."

"Already, people have been pleading with me to continue doing alterations after I retire," says Victor.

These people will be happy to hear that, if the demand continues, there is a good chance Mr. Orchard will conduct an alterations business from his home or a very small office in the near future.

Man arrested at Footloose

A 22-year-old Unionville man was arrested for willful damage after smashing the outside light at Footloose Roadhouse on Hwy 7 in Markham.

According to police, the light was smashed after the manager of the tavern asked the man to leave on July 25 at 11 p.m.

He was arrested 20 minutes later and released to appear in court on Aug. 13.



Hello Dolly

Uxbridge's Shoestring Music Theatre staged its production of 'Hello Dolly' last week. In the opening night scene at Uxbridge Music Hall are co-directors Rob Corbett, (left), playing junior clerk Barnaby Tucker, and Vivienne Joyce in the title role of Mrs. Dolly Gallagher Levi. The entertaining musical was based on 'The Matchmaker' by Thornton Wilder.

— Chris Shanahan

Wonderland goes Greek

Canada's Wonderland is bringing the excitement of Greece to the Kingswood Theatre Sunday, August 4 and Monday, August 5.

Two popular Greek acts will be headlining at Kingswood. The Tsavara Brothers, a singing duet popular in Greece and throughout Europe, and Thanasi Polykadioti, a well known Greek bouzouki player, will be bringing their lively brand of music to Canada.

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