

## Farmers appear affluent

Dear Editor: While travelling through areas of Western Canada from British Columbia to Manitoba, I observed many farm properties along our route. In Saskatchewan, crops are so bad, one farmer said there was little coming out the back of the combine.

Later, on our return, I picked up a copy of the Aug. 7 Tribune and viewed with interest a picture of the monster tractor owned by L. and J. Farms.

In all my travels, I never saw anything that large.

For the past several years, I've been hearing of hundreds of farmers going bankrupt. I keep wondering if this is really true.

When I read that a single tractor can cost up to \$140,000 and the cost of equipment to go with it can be \$100,000 or more, I suggest that farming today can't be all that depressing.

I ask: How many pigs or cows would a farmer have to sell to only pay the interest on a tractor of that size—at today's prices?

Sincerely,  
Victor Foote,  
Port Perry

**You should know...**  
That 68.5% of adults in Stouffville received the last four issues of The Tribune, compared to 52.4% who received the last four issues of the Stouffville Sun. (Source: Kubas & Associates study, Spring 1985. Details on request.)



## Town employee graduates from course

Whitchurch-Stouffville Mayor Tom Wood, (right), presents municipal road employee Jim Grove with a framed certificate marking his successful completion of the two-year 'T.J. Mahony' Road School Course. The training program is sponsored

by the Ontario Good Roads Association and conducted at the University of Guelph. Mr. Grove received the certificate at a meeting of Council, Aug. 27.

—Chris Shanahan

## Talented artist

By CHARLOTTE CAVE  
STOUFFVILLE — It's that time of year when many birds begin their long trek south for the winter.

At Whitchurch-Stouffville's Latcham Gallery, the "Birds" belonging to Gary Low will enjoy a three-week period of rest.

The display, entitled "Birds", opens this Sunday, Sept. 8 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Gary has had a lifelong fascination with nature and this is evidenced by the power and majesty of his work. The exhibit is certain to interest wildlife and art enthusiasts alike.

The show is sponsored by McNeil Pharmaceutical (Canada) Limited. It is the Company's intention to underwrite a local talent each year, at Latcham Gallery.

Gary's paintings and drawings show an unusual ability with composition. He has

won much acclaim for his work. He has exhibited in such noteworthy places as Kortright, the McMichael Collection and the Royal Ontario Museum. His wildlife is sought after in top Toronto galleries. He has illustrated and published two books.

Gary is an art teacher by profession. To see the exhibit and miss meeting the artist would be a little like going to Rome and missing the Vatican. An excellent speaker, "Birds" is but one facet of his talent. We are sure to see and hear much more of this local artist.

Together with Gary's exhibition, the Gallery will display 50 carved duck decoys and shore birds from the collection by Beverly Hopkins. Mr. Hopkins has made a mission of keeping these Canadian works of art in Canada.

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