

Beanie will re-open workshop

By BRENDA LITTLE
STOUFFVILLE — The fire that ravaged Don 'Beanie' Lehman's garage last week, may have destroyed hundreds of dollars' worth of valuables, but it didn't destroy his spirit.

Beanie's determined to build another as soon as possible so he can carry on the hobby that's made him so well known all over town — repairing bicycles.

"I've been doing it about 26 years and I'll never give it up," he says.

Although he lost most of his tools and bicycle parts when flames roared through the building on Boyer Street, Beanie's not discouraged.

I still have 30 more bikes in the back shed and about ten leaning against the fence."

These bikes have come from as far away as Toronto.

"Everybody knows my place around here," says Beanie. "When they have broken bike but don't want to throw it out, they bring it to me."

Beanie repairs the bicycles, then gives them away to children who don't have enough money to buy their own.

"It's not a business," says Beanie. "I don't do it to make money. I do it as a hobby."

This hobby has made Beanie popular with all kids on the block and far beyond.

"They're always bringing their bikes in to be repaired," he explains. "The kids around here

are jumpers. They think jumping won't hurt their bikes, but they forget about broken chains and blown tires."

"They keep me busy," he adds.

But it's not only children that come to Beanie for help. Adults also show up from far and wide to obtain parts.

"Before the fire I had about 50 tires hanging in the garage," he says. "I saved them from bikes that couldn't be repaired."

Beanie picked up many of his other possessions during his days as a garbage collector. The people of Stouffville would

get a kick out of seeing his truck drive by with bicycles, dolls and other cast-offs fastened to the side.

"Whenever someone was clearing out a basement, he would salvage the items worth saving," says John Lunau of Markham, one of Beanie's closest friends.

Before the fire took its toll, Beanie had collection of about 50 canes. He also had about 200 records and a pair of felt hats that belonged to the late Dr. Sangster.

"I managed to save the hats," says Beanie with pride.

"They're over 100 years old."

"But he lost a lot."

"I stored everything in that garage," says Beanie. "I had a snowblower in it, an electric stove, a brand new gas barbecue and a new chain saw."

"That chain saw was my pride," he adds.

"Despite all this, Beanie's thankful for what he has."

"I'm happy. I've got my house. The good Lord must be with me," he says.

And he's right—the good Lord and many other people.

He has many friends," says Mr. Lunau. "He's helped so many people. He would always take the time to stop and give someone a hand. Well, now it's our turn to help him."

"We'll have him back in business before you know it," John concluded.



BEANIE LEHMAN

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Health Study will require co-operation

Whitchurch-Stouffville's long-awaited Health Study, sponsored by the Province, is now underway with completion date expected by Spring 1987.

The project is the end result of concerns regarding the health of Town residents and possible contamination of the community's water supply.

A meeting between members of the Citizens Advisory Group and

the consulting firm of Goss, Gilroy & Associates Ltd., was held at the Town Offices, Friday.

Committee members are — Dr. John Hodgkinson, Associate Medical Officer of Health for York Region, (Chairman); Dr. J. Owen Slingerland, Medical Officer of Health for York Region; Fran Sainsbury, Mayor of Whitchurch-Stouffville; Jim Sanders, Councillor for Whitchurch-

Stouffville; Debi Mitchell and Anne Gagnon of the Concerned Citizens Committee, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

The Study will involve a comparison of the health of Whitchurch-Stouffville residents with two other (control) communities and with the Province of Ontario.

The conclusion will determine whether or not residents here are experiencing adverse health effects that may be attributable to contaminated water.

The two comparison communities will have similar population characteristics to Whitchurch-Stouffville.

Dr. Thomas I. Goss has emphasized the importance of citizen support to ensure success of the study.

A public meeting is tentatively set for Thurs., Feb. 6 at 8 p.m., in Stouffville Dist. Secondary School.

The survey will take place during the three-month period of April, May and June, 1986. A site office, to open in Stouffville, March 18, will be conveniently accessible to the public, Dr. Hodgkinson said.

Residents will be selected at random. Those reporting health problems will prompt a follow-up of health records at the attending physicians' offices and/or hospitals. Further, several will be requested to participate in a blood check.

All information will be treated in the strictest of confidence, Dr. Hodgkinson said, and participation in any or all aspects of the survey will be voluntary.



On this day, Brian Lewes of the Goodwood Lions Club held one of several hundred items received.

Jim Thomas

Warm response

By JIM THOMAS

GOODWOOD — All roads led to Goodwood and the Goodwood Orange Lodge Saturday morning, for split seemed to be the order of the day.

Folks in cars, trucks, some even on foot, braved the snowy, blowy weather to deposit their donations to the Fire Victims Fund.

The campaign, organized by the local Lions Club, was to help the thirteen adults and children made homeless by a disastrous fire Jan. 13.

Only the shell remains of once-lovely home on Hwy. 11A east of the village.

"It's unbelievable, just unbelievable," said Lion Harold Bell, arranging each donation in its proper place.

There were mattresses, bicycles, tables, chairs, television sets, refrigerators, stoves, washers, even chestnut fields; some items brand new, with the boxes never opened.

Brian Lewes, a lion who spearheaded the drives and articles were already piled up at the front door when arrived Thursday. By Saturday noon, financial contributions had exceeded \$1000.

Although the meeting of the Orange Lodge was called off Tuesday, it was agreed the hall would never be cleared in time.

"It's well-surfaced peak-a-boo between the clothes racks," joked Mr. Bell, an O.P.E. member.

Development alive

Line:

Although an original application was approved in principle last year, the project was put on hold due to the Town's limited municipal water supply.

Alcorn requested the municipality proceed with a required Official Plan amendment in the hope that adequate water capacity is available at a future date.

"The point is a planning decision has been made in our opinion. Continue on with it," he said.

Committee chairman Wilf Morley said he found it difficult to give his support until he's sure there is sufficient water supply for the whole town.

The matter was referred to committee for further discussion.

In another subdivision presentation, John Fritz outlined plans for a 32-lot development at Musselman's Lake. The subject 63-acre property is on the east end of Victor Drive, off Hillsdale Drive.

Four hurt

WHITCHURCH — Three Whitchurch-Stouffville men and a man from Virginia, near Sutton were seriously injured Friday when the car in which they were riding went out of control and struck a tree.

Brad Keeler, 24, Aurora Sideroad and Paul Makela, 23, St. John's Sideroad, were admitted to Scarborough Grace Hospital with head injuries.

Kevin Bingham, 22, of R.R. 2, Stouffville and Russell Hall, 21, of Hwy. 48, Virginia, are also in hospital with internal injuries.

Driver of the car was William David Stephenson, 18, of Sabiston Drive, Unionville. The crash occurred at 1:50 a.m.

Town build-up ahead of '84

STOUFFVILLE — When Bruce Arrowsmith, the Town's Chief Building Official submitted his year-end report for 1984, he predicted the upswing in construction would continue.

He was so right!

This week, he revealed value in the year just concluded, had reached an all-time high of \$49,294,693.00, more than double the \$23,450,076.00 of the year before.

Whitchurch-Stouffville's phenomenal growth in the past twelve months is best indicated by value figures posted just four years ago. In 1982, it was only \$8,478,218.00.

In 1985, there were 483 building permits issued compared to 303 in 1984, 301 in '83 and 161 in '82.

In 1985, construction of new single-family dwellings totalled 307 compared to 161 in '84, 69 in '83 and 45 in '82.

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Students dancers strike pose

Consider arena fate

STOUFFVILLE — The Strawberry Festival Committee hopes to finalize its program next month.

A meeting is tentatively scheduled for the Legion Hall, Feb. 20.

However, before the 'green light' can be accorded some events, a decision must be made as to the future of the old arena.

Marlene McKee-Wetheral of the Town's Parks and Recreation Department told The Tribune that even if the building is preserved, it wouldn't likely be ready by Festival time.

In an effort to reach a conclusion, a task force has been appointed that includes Councillors Wilf Morley and Wayne Emmerson; Chief Administrative Officer Ed Lundman and Parks and Recreation Director George Schlukier. The committee is expected to submit a recommendation in February.