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LAKE MINISTRY ON 'FAITH'

By JIM THOMAS

STOUFFVILLE — A youth ministry across Lake Ontario. This is the vision, soon to become a reality for David Howard, Bethesda Road, R.R. 2, Stouffville.

One ship, 65 feet long and weighing 42 tons, is already docked in Oshawa Harbour.

The other, 135 feet long and weighing 390 tons, is undergoing renovations at Sorel, Quebec. It's expected to arrive in port the middle of next month.

The smaller boat will be named O.L.S. (Our Lord's Ship) Stephen, in memory of Stephen Howard who died April 27, 1986. The flagship will be called O.L.S. Heavenbound, associated with

"Heavenbound Ministries Incorporated."

David Howard has long been interested in young people; not only the youth of this community but young people everywhere. He feels he can reach hundreds of teens, boys initially, and later girls, through this unique 'church-on-the-lake' ministry.

His program objective is the spring of '87. It will extend over a six month period from May through October.

David Howard's vision originated from a dream several years ago. He's resolutely followed that dream to a point where it's almost a reality.

But not without the help of many people, he's quick to point out, including York-Peel Member of Parliament Sinclair Stevens, Regional Chairman Eldred King, former Town Mayor Tom Wood— and prayer.

The smaller of the two Search and Rescue ships was acquired at Thunder Bay. The larger one was in 'moth balls' at Sorel. Their acquisition was obtained through the Canadian Coast Guard.

There's still considerable work to be done on the flagship. Volunteer help would be appreciated, Mr. Howard says. However, the most pressing need is financial. The investment, over a one-year period, is close to one million dollars.

"It's an ambitious endeavor," Mr. Howard admits, "but I'm certain the people will see the need

and assistance will come."

Donations, tax deductible, can be sent to: Heavenbound Ministries, Box 5622, Gormley.

To 'spread the word', Mr. Howard is planning a number of speaking engagements at churches in the area. This summer and fall, youth groups will be invited to spend weekends on board.

"The main thrust will be spiritual," David explains. Each program will extend over a one-

month period. "The young people will take home something to last a lifetime," he says.

The ministry, he stresses, is inter-denominational.

The larger ship, still carrying the name "Ville Marie", is described by Mr. Howard as "a floating hotel". Requirements to outfit it are many including sheets, blankets and dishes.

David Howard is the project's general director. The associate

director is Jim Hicks. The chaplain is Julian Brace.

Other close associates include Gerry Paxton, Harold Reesor, Jim and Ev Michell, Don Graham, Don Brown, Don Roberts, Blake McKinnon, Rae Laird, Brock Ferguson, Ken Clarke, Rev. Craig Pitts, Dr. Don Jost and Major Bill Clarke.

The shipboard ministry will be confined to Lake Ontario. Mr. Ho-

ward plans to contact a host church in each port where the student crew can participate in worship and fellowship. Stop-off points will likely include both the Canadian and American sides.

While the dream was indeed his, David Howard is appreciative of the faith and enthusiasm shown by others. "Some wonderful people took an interest in it. They saw the vision too and came to our side."

Compete

YORK REGION — Five 4-H members from York Region will enter the 1986 Dairy Silver Dollar competition at Erin Fairgrounds, Aug. 23, (today).

The contest is divided into four parts—intelligence, self-expression, showmanship and knowledge. All entries must be 15 years of age or older by Jan. 1, 1986.

Competitors from York Region are: Lynne and Terry Beckett of Unionville; Doug Livingston, Woodbridge; Mark Mitchell, Richmond Hill and Teresa Sheardown, Schomberg.

'Lucky ones' find rooms

By CATHY CARTER

STOUFFVILLE — The serious shortage of apartment rentals shows no sign of easing.

Christine Powell, currently in search of a place for a young working couple, reports "no luck at all."

"I'll just keep on looking until I find something," she told The Tribune.

Marc Quinn, manager at the new Markham Theatre, has been

apartment-hunting since the first of June. Currently, he's living with relatives near Richmond Hill.

"Staying with relatives is okay," said Mr. Quinn, "but I want a spot of my own."

"Problem is, every place that's reasonably priced is snapped up before I get there," he continued.

"It's a very serious dilemma." Quinn's hoping to find accommodation within the boundaries of Markham. "I want to be part of the community where I work," he stated.

"I'm 6'4," he added with a chuckle, "so basement apartments are a problem."

He too will continue the search until he finds something suitable.

Lois Spang is one of the lucky ones. She recently located an apartment.

"I happened to call at the right time," she said.

Although her search is over, Mrs. Spang appreciates the troubles facing other people looking for this kind of accommodation.

"At many places, especially large apartment buildings, they tell you it isn't worth your time submitting an application," she said, "some have waiting lists over a year long."

"It's hard, it really is. There's just nothing available."

"It seems to boil down to the old adage: 'It's who you know rather than what you know.' Many people say the only way to find accommodation is to enquire of friends and neighbors.

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William (Bill) Brown, (right), Main Street East, is the Fire Chief-elect of Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville. He will succeed Chief Walter Smith, (left), a firefighter here 40 years. Mr. Brown, now a brigade captain, has attended many courses and seminars preparing him for his new position.

Town Fire Chief-elect Prevention a priority

By JIM THOMAS

STOUFFVILLE — An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. That's the philosophy of Whitchurch-Stouffville's Fire Chief-elect Bill Brown; stop fires before they start.

"Fire prevention is very important," says the 40-year-old Department captain. Nine years a security officer in a position related to both fire prevention and fire protection at the GM van plant in Scarborough has taught him this. So have a multitude of courses and seminars he's attended.

"I've always been interested," Bill admits. Since becoming a volunteer 14 years ago, he's enrolled in many fire-training sessions, even using part of his holiday time to attend. The company (General Motors) has been very supportive, he says.

And so has Chief Walter Smith, the man he'll soon succeed. "Walt's been super," says Bill. "I've spent a lot of time here (at the Stouffville Station), it helps to know what's going on."

Bill also has high praise for local ambulance personnel. "They've been a great assistance with training programs. They bend over backwards to help."

Bill plans no immediate changes. He points out, however, the Fire Department must grow as the Town grows. Eventually, he sees the need for a full-time fire prevention officer.

Chief-elect Bill Brown is a Stouffville native. He and wife Sharon reside close to the hall. Sharon's a registered nurse on the staff of Grace Hospital, Scarborough. Bill's mother, Mrs. Walter Brown lives in Northern Ontario. He has two sisters, Betty in Stouffville and Norma at New Liskeard.

Claims son badly beaten

STOUFFVILLE — Carol Leonard, Loretta Crescent, Stouffville, is supportive of police and the work they do. However, she's 'appalled' by the treatment allegedly meted out to her son at a Minden O.P.P. office following his arrest June 22 for impaired driving.

She attributes the injuries incurred by Shawn, 18, to one constable who, in the words of the victim's mother, "lost control".

Shawn, she said, spent four days in hospital.

A three-week investigation followed and police were subsequently cleared of all wrongdoing.

However, Mrs Leonard is far from satisfied.

"What Shawn went through," she said, "he'll not forget in a lifetime. If it hadn't happened to one of our own family, I'd never have believed it."

Mrs Leonard says she doesn't condone drinking and driving. "But to be charged and to be found guilty as charged are two

differing things."

Mrs Leonard's main concern is with the alleged beating she claims her son absorbed. She said an officer later contacted her husband and absolved himself of all responsibility.

"One officer didn't like him, (Shawn)," she said, "it was an instant thing." She claims Shawn was both kicked and beaten.

"There are some bad officers hiding behind badges and uniforms," Mrs Leonard says.

She feels the decision, handed

down by an independent civilian body, was heavily weighed in favor of the police. "They were cleared by a police organization," she said.

Mrs Leonard took exception to a Tribune Weekender story that quoted Shawn as saying he could have struck the officers with his hook-hand, but declined to do so "because they were police."

She said her son would never strike anyone with his prosthetic device. She described Shawn as "a real gentleman, respected by all who know him."

Mennonite celebration

Members of the Mennonite denomination are proud of their 'roots' and traditions.

In celebration of the 200th anniversary of their coming to Canada, a Mennonite Bicentennial Festival is planned for Harbourfront, Toronto, Aug. 2, 3 and 4. Hundreds from the Whitchurch-Stouffville, Uxbridge, Pickering and Markham areas are expected to attend.

Theme of the gathering is "To Remember—To Celebrate—To Serve."

The Festival is totally volunteer with all performers donating their time and talent. Proceeds from the sale of food and crafts will go to the Mennonite Central Committee for relief work around the world.

Admission is free. The Festival extends from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Aug. 2; 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Aug. 3 and 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Aug. 4.

An outdoor worship service is planned for Sunday, Aug. 3 at 10:30 a.m. Old-fashioned church suppers will be featured on the Saturday evening, (Pennsylvania

Dutch), and the Sunday evening (Russian Mennonite). Tickets will be sold on location.

Music will be featured all weekend including several groups from the Markham area—The Rouge River Family Band and The Unity Singers. Of special interest are the Menno Singers, a 50-voice concert choir from Kitchener-Waterloo and the Diamond Street Church Choir from Philadelphia.

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Not final

BALLANTRAE — A final report on Ballantrae's water contamination problems will not be finalized for another three weeks to a month, a Ministry of the Environment spokesman told The Tribune Tuesday.

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Indy race sets pace

STOUFFVILLE — The success of the first Indy-type auto race at Exhibition Place, Toronto, last weekend, is an indication how beneficial a track could be here, says Gordon Hooper, vice-president of Stouffville Motor Speedway Developments.

Mr Hooper said all predicted noise problems had proved unfounded. "And these were cars without mufflers. Ours would be even quieter."

Hooper described auto racing as "a first-rate sport." The Toronto race, he said, went off better than anyone expected. "We propose a class operation too."

Mr Hooper claims the project is still very much alive. "We're not saying it'll be in Stouffville, and we're not saying it won't, but we're not giving up," he concluded.



He arrived at the church on time

The groom arrived on time; the groom's father saw to that. Morgan Britton, son of Lloyd and Margaret Britton, R.R. 4, Stouffville, was air-lifted from his parents' home to Christ Anglican Church by helicopter, Saturday afternoon, for his marriage to Lori McCurdy,

daughter of Don and Shirley McCurdy, Montreal Street, Stouffville. The copter is owned and piloted by Bill McDonald, Kennedy Road, a friend of the Britton family.

—Jim Thomas