

Markham Heating
 & AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEMS
 191 Wellington St. E. Unit 7
 Markham
 471-1748
 Craftsmanship
A Fine Tradition

The Tribune

Community Focus

UNIONVILLE
 Heating & Air Conditioning
 4418 Hwy. #7
 (opposite from Unionville Video)
479-1290
Working with the Community for the Community

Serving Whitchurch-Stouffville, Uxbridge and area

A Metroland Community Newspaper

Wednesday, June 24, 1987



Royal designs

Musselman's Lake resident Kenneth E. Jobe recently returned from Corpus Christi, Texas, where he designed costumes for royalty, crowned at one of that city's most prestigious social events. Mr. Jobe, pic-

tured here with a selection of his elaborate fashion designs, hopes to soon host an exhibition of his work in Whitchurch-Stouffville.

— Chris Garbutt

Stouffville man makes fashions fit for royalty

By CHRIS GARBUTT
 There's a royal fashion designer in Whitchurch-Stouffville, and he'd like to see his work on display here.

Kenneth E. Jobe has returned from a successful exhibition of his talents in Corpus Christi, where he designed clothing for a coronation at that Texas city's Buccaneer Days.

"The American's love royalty, but they don't have any," the Musselman's Lake resident said.

So in Corpus Christi, the highlight of the Buccaneer Days festival is the crowning of the royalty. A queen, princess and 28 duchesses are chosen by Las Donas de la Corte, from socially prominent families within the city, and out-of-town.

The coronation is a formal, black-tie affair. The women of the "royalty" wear elaborate dresses with eight-foot trains for the duchesses, and 15-footers for the queen and princess.

The event was a resounding success, according to Mr. Jobe, who claimed, "They think it was the best, most lavish coronation they ever had."

The designer spent about a year working on the gowns, and he said he was pleased with the results.

"I enjoyed it. You meet a lot of interesting people."

Felt 'almost numb'

On the big evening, he said he was relieved, "and almost numb. It's like, 'I can't believe it's finally happening.'"

Mr. Jobe explained the event was taking time out of his other activities. He's also involved in writing, publishing and advertising.

"They asked me to do it next year, but it takes too much time. Maybe in a few years they could talk me into doing it again," he said. "Fashion is not necessarily my speciality. It's just one of the things I do."

Sewn by hand

Mr. Jobe designed the dresses for all the royal women, as well as their servants. He also drew up the plans for the coronation's stage.

The gowns were designed with the theme *Heroines of Fact and Fantasy* in mind. They represent famous women such as Cinderella, Joan of Arc and Betty Ross.

The dresses took six to seven months to make, as they had to be hand sewn.

Mr. Jobe said the dresses ought to be seen to believed. "You just don't get the same effect with pictures."

Local display?

His work is now being displayed in the gallery at The Corpus Christi Museum until June 28. Some of his drawings and sketches have been sold, but the rest will be coming back to Canada, and Mr. Jobe hopes to display them locally.

"I'd like it to be in Stouffville, because I live here," he said.

But if he can't show them in Whitchurch-Stouffville, he'll consider the offers he has already had from some Toronto galleries.

"I want to make sure I have a couple of shows in September."

Claremont back in movies as derelict house featured

By CHRIS SHANAHAN
 Community Editor

It'll be lights, camera, action in the Claremont area again this summer as yet another movie crew films on location.

A Canadian action thriller, with the working title *Assault*, will go into production next week at an abandoned north Pickering farmhouse.

According to director/producer Robert Bergman, the "low budget" film is utilizing strictly homegrown Canadian talent. While no big stars are involved, many of the actors are well known

from their frequent appearances in TV commercials and other projects.

"We're concentrating on a good story line and interesting characters rather than elaborate special effects," Mr. Bergman said of the "cops and robbers" feature.

A crew from Firelight Productions is now on-site at an expropriated Pickering Airport property north of Durham Region Rd. 5.

An old red brick house, left unattended after it was damaged by fire several years ago, will be the focal point of the shoot during the

month of July.

Cosmetic improvements are being made to the derelict building for filming purposes, according to Mr. Bergman, who said Firelight has the full cooperation of property owner Transport Canada. The structure is considered a safety hazard and will eventually be burned to the ground as part of the movie's final scene.

Claremont has recently been featured in several feature films including *Strange Invaders* and *The Pink Chiquitas*.

Events in brief

WATER SUPPLY York North MPP Greg Sorbara recently announced Whitchurch-Stouffville's eligibility to receive up to 52.91 per cent of the cost of a water supply and distribution system for the community of Musselman's Lake. "A declaration of eligibility is an important first step in the process by which the Ministry of the Environment provides funds for capital projects such as this one," Mr. Sorbara said. "The final commitment of funds awaits the engineering work which is still to be done. Such work will ensure that most cost-efficient means will be used to complete this supply and distribution system," he added.

BEACH The beach at Bruce's Mill Conservation Area is open to swimmers daily until Labor Day. The beach has clean water because of the installation of a swimming

curtain and chlorine system. The conservation area offers refreshment facilities, change rooms, and picnic and barbecue areas. Bruce's Mill is located between Warden Ave. and Kennedy Rd. on the south side of Stouffville Rd., and is open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

AGRICULTURE The 1987 Junior Agriculturalist program for Durham and York was set in motion in Uxbridge at a recent orientation session. The project is sponsored by the Ministry of Agriculture and Food and the Ministry of Skills Development to allow non-farm students, age 16 to 18, to gain experience on area farms. Workers began June 22 and will continue to Aug. 21. So far, students have been placed on farms in Uxbridge, Keswick, Beaverton, and Pefferlaw.

Walking safely

...C/5