

Cedar Valley couple married 50 years

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Perrin, R.R. 1, Cedar Valley, celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary, Sunday. In honor of the occasion, an 'Open House' was enjoyed with many friends. and relatives attending. Mr. and Mrs. Perrin have one son Walter of R.R. 1, Cedar Valley; one

daughter Elaine (Johnstone), of Whitby and five grandchildren - Brian and Jeffrey; Adam, Timothy and Greg. They are pictured here holding a plaque from the Town presented to them by Ward 1 Councillor Margot Marshall.

-Jim Thomas

Strawberry Festival

Best show yet claims program's chairman

By BRUCE STAPLEY STOUFFVILLE - For the rown of Whitchurch-Stouffville, it's time to dance in the streets, listen to symphony music and ex-

perience the excitement of musical fireworks.

For Strawberry Festival chairman Jim Heidema and his Coma reality.

This year's Festival, that begins officially with Opening Cere- ago that they were reducing their monies on the Town Park stage, funding by half," reports Mr. June,29, (today), at 5:30 p.m., it's, Heidema. the biggest yet. And according to The government decided not to Mr. Heidema, our Festival's fast chip in with free balloons and becoming a major attraction for a flags as in the past. "We don't people in town and beyond.

a good solid base of events such as Beauty Pageant and many plained. others, all of which pretty well run themselves without the Committee having to become involved."

"I feel it will some day develop again. into a major regional event, like Carayan in Toronto," says Mr. Heidema.

Jim's pleased the Town, particularly the Recreation Department, has become such a strong Festival supporter.

"The Town's been wonderful, Marlene (McKee-Wetheral, Re-Arnott, (Recreation Program Rlanner), have been very willing participants. The Recreation Department sees the Festival as a major event. They've been very anxious to assist."

Jim admits, however, there musical fireworks at 9:30 p.m. Have been a few last-minute occurences that have kept the dazzling with such attractions as Committee on its toes. Due to un- the Baby Contest, Hot-Air Balloon foreseen circumstances, the Rides, the Big Wheel Competi-

Musical

fireworks

STOUFFVILLE - The sky will

be a maze of multi-colored stars,

streams and streaks Friday

It's the Strawberry Festival's

The extravaganza attracted

5,000 people to the Town Park last

year, and it's been put to music

this time around. The theme is

is about \$6,000. The Town is a ma-

jor supporter, and the federal

no other towns are planning a

Canada Day display this year.

The fireworks will last about a

half hour. Marlene McKee-

"You have to be licensed by the

provincial government to set off a

fireworks display like this one,"

the lighting, and Marlene is

will accompany the fireworks.

There will even be some synchro-

Mr. Arnott explains that fire-

according to star signs, and diffe-

rentiones are available. "You

then make your own music," he:

explains. "This has all been done

in advance, to match the power of

licensed."

nization.

the fireworks."

"Love and Rock and Roll."

government also chips in.

Wetheral will ignite them.

first Musical Fireworks Display.

Baby Contest was forced to pull out at the last minute.

"The Committee decided to run it themselves," said Mr. Heidema, adding that the original organizer has offered to take over again next year.

The second curve came when mittee, it's a time to see their the federal government, always a planning and organizing become major financial supporter, decided to cut back its spending.

"They only advised us two weeks

have the budget to handle that "It's growing every year," says kind of thing. Everything keeps the man who's taken it upon him- going up in cost. We made about self to wear the chairman's hat \$90 last year, but it'll be touchtwo years in a row. "We now have and-go as to where we stand financially when all is said and done the Slow-Pitch Tournament; the this year," the chairman ex-

> But that's to-morrow's worry. To-day is show time; to see the Festival all come together once

Jim says he's confident the weatherman will co-operate, and he seems to have developed an uncanny ability to deliver the goods weather wise since he become affiliated with the program four years ago.

The chairman points with pride to the over-all lineup of activities. oreation Manager), and Peter He's-particularly excited about the Friday night program. The Scarborough Symphony will be playing in the Park pavillion; there'll be events for the children such as a magic show, clowns, animals and games plus the

Saturday's agenda is equally

sponsoring organization for the tion, the Pie-Eating Contest, the Freckles Contest, a Dance and a Torch-Light Parade.

"There's definitely something for everyone," says Jim, "it's been arranged so there's something for everyone to enjoy."

Mr. Heidema says the Festival is another reason why Whitchurch-Stouffville has become an attractive place in which to live for he and his family as well as others.

Since moving to Stouffville 11 years ago, Jim and wife Bonnie have become involved in many Town activities, with Jim's Festival affiliation the most inten-

And while he hopes to stay on in an advisory capacity, he states it's vital that a successor be lined up soon and be groomed to take over.

"This is definitely my last year as chairman. I'm looking for someone to step forward. I'll continue to serve on the Committee but I won't be in charge."

Jim's been able to bring an organized approach to the position of Committee chairman. He describes it as "an enjoyable experience. I really get a big charge out of it."

He's quick to add that all Festival participants do a tremendous job of handling their particular responsibilities and events.

"The Committee works well together. As for the events themselves, we merely co-ordinate them. The sponsors organize their parts themselves," he explains.

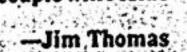
It would appear, under Jim Heidema's guidance and Committee members' co-operation, the Whitchurch-Stouffville Strawberry Festival has definitely come of age.

The cost of this year's fireworks A large crowd is expected, since says Peter Arnott, Stouffville's Recreation Programmer. "There is a certain element of danger involved in being the person doing Stouffville's Tom Brillinger will put together sound system that 1

To reside in Uxbridge

works displays are ordered Mr. and Mrs. Jerome van Vliet sign the register following their marriage, Saturday, in St. James Presbyterian Church, Stouffville. The bride is the former Claudia Wuttke of R.R. 1, Cedar Valley. Rev. Herb Gale conducted the ceremony with the reception following at Woodland Trails, Whitchurch-Stouffville. The happy couple will reside at R.R. I, Uxbridge.

The display begins at 9:30 p.m.



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