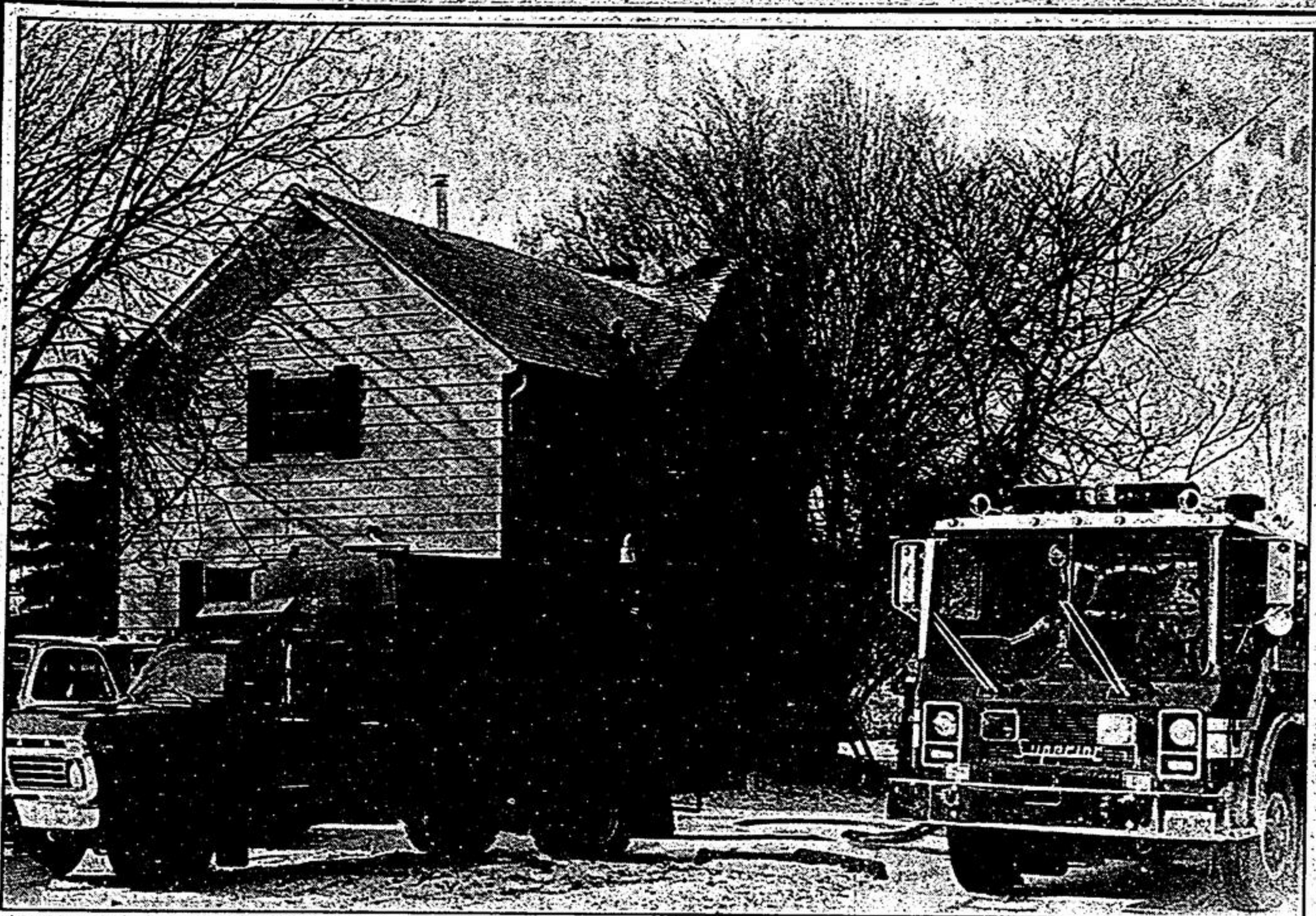


**Editor's Mail**

**'Park' office a good move**

Dear Jim:  
I'm distressed that you did not call to ask the reasons for putting our Planning Department in a separate building.  
The main reason, of course, is economics; your tax dollars and mine.  
Michael Saunders and staff have accommodated the situation, still not the best!  
We took the old Arena down. This gave us 21,000 square feet of parkland back.  
We took the old green washrooms down and refurbished Latcham Hall at great cost. This gave us new washrooms. We also utilized the existing sewage, water and hydro connections for the donated building.  
With Planning moving out and Treasury moving into the Planning area, Council can have its Committee Room back in order to conduct Town business in a proper manner.  
The cost may well be close to \$50,000 when totally restored. However, to add a wing to the existing building would have cost well over \$100,000.  
To move to the rural area would have cost millions, including the land and a new structure of approximately 20,000 square feet on far more acres at today's prices.  
The building, in the future, can generate revenue — various service clubs, evening meetings, summer park programs in bad weather, a Chamber of Commerce location to mention a few.  
One must be innovative and creative in the short term. Remember, we have no sewage capacity. Gormley's, on hold. Ballantrae, Musselman's, Lake and Bloomington are awaiting communal water. Keeping taxes down and making life bearable on a daily basis in the work place, and serving the public, are my highest priorities.  
We have good staff, hired experts and the ability to plan anything. All we need is MONEY — yours, others and mine!  
The Creamery owner did reveal a plan to us. However, it has not come to fruition for whatever reason. Believe me, it was a much-needed facility.  
There's no parking on Church Street South for Institutional purposes and costs are very high for residential buildings today.  
The new building, the Municipal building, as well as parkland, are all Town-owned assets to be used to serve the public.  
The new Planning Department will serve our residents well in the short term.  
Everyone hated those old green washrooms. Even if we added an addition, or bought the Creamery, we would have had to pave a larger parking area in the same section to accommodate employees' and visitors' cars.  
We need to stay close together for telephone, records, computer services and meetings.  
We have more than 100 acres of parkland in Whitchurch-Stouffville for all to enjoy!  
I trust you will tour our new facilities in the early Spring.  
Sincerely,  
Fran Sainsbury,  
Mayor



**Chimney fire threatens Whitchurch-Stouffville house**

A chimney fire, Sunday, at the home of Joe and Linda Randolph and family, Conc. 6, (Kennedy Road), Whitchurch-Stouffville, caused an estimated \$10,000 damage. No one was home when the blaze broke out. Alfie Digiovanni, a neighbor, noticed smoke and called in the alarm. It was the third blaze in four days for Whitchurch-Stouffville firefighters.  
—Jim Thomas

**Late Mary Edna Batt**

**Her teaching skills were never retired**

STOUFFVILLE — The community lost a well-known and highly respected resident, Friday, in the passing of Mrs. Albert Batt, Parkview Home, Stouffville.

Mrs. Batt was stricken with a virus and admitted to Scarborough Centenary Hospital earlier this month. She died ten days later.

Mrs. Batt, the former Mary Edna McCowan, was born near Brucefield in Stanley Township, daughter of John and Ella McCowan. She received her elementary education in the Brucefield area, graduating from Clinton High School.

Mrs. Batt was a 'born' teacher, a talent that endeared her to the pupils of her first school at S.S. 19, Markham. Following her marriage, she carried on this profession in the Sunday School of First Markham Baptist Church, now relocated on the grounds of the Markham Museum. In church school as in public school, she was much loved by her students.

Bert and Mary Batt, with the assistance of Bert's brother, Hector, operated a farm on the Ninth Line of Markham. They retired to Main Street West, Stouffville and later took up residence at Parkview Home.

Mrs. Batt never lost her love for the church. She was also an enthusiastic horticulturalist.

A devoted wife, Mrs. Batt provided undivided care and attention to her husband. She also had a kind word and pleasant smile for everyone she knew and met.

Bert and Mary recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Batt is survived by one sister, Grace

McDonald of Ottawa and three brothers, John and Frank of Clinton, and Kenneth of R.R. 1, Brucefield.

Rev. Mark Burger conducted the funeral service, Monday, from Stouffville Baptist Church, assisted by Rev. Wm. S. Whit-

combe. The pall-bearers included five nephews — Frank McCowan Jr., Ken McCowan Jr., Raymond Knight, Jack Logan, Eldon Boyd and Paul Francis, a member of the congregation and a family friend. Interment was made at Elwood Cemetery, Markham.

**Roz is new Gallery head**

STOUFFVILLE — Goodbye to Deen. Hello to Roz.

Deen Glover, Church Street North, Stouffville, has resigned as Co-ordinator of Latcham Gallery.

She took on the responsibility in 1986 and served the position faithfully and energetically through three years. She'll remain a member of the Art Committee.

Deen's successor is Roz Pritchard, formerly of Uxbridge and now residing south of Clarendon.

Roz, 26, comes highly qualified for the post. Art and theatre have been intense personal interests for almost as long as she can remember.

Following graduation from Goodwood Public School and Uxbridge High, Roz attended York University and Seneca College.

"The position came up at just the right time," says Roz, "it's a great opportunity."

She's anticipating an exciting year ahead.

"We have some wonderful shows planned," she states.

Her work at the Gallery is part-

time, (21 hours a week). This provides Roz an opportunity to pursue her other interests.

She's presently organizing a two-day Pickering Country Market. The dates are April 29 and 30. She's also involved in the Show of Hands Shop, a gallery located on Avenue Road, Toronto.

Paper mache is her specialty. Latcham Gallery has long interested Roz. She's made it a point to attend past shows and is acquainted with many of the artists.

She'll work closely with D. Vanessa Perry, the Gallery's Art Director. She's looking forward to the Juried Painting Show, Feb. 12 to March 12. Submission dates are Wed., Feb. 1 and Thurs., Feb. 2.

In addition to Deen Glover, other members of the 1989 Art Committee include — Monica Van Maris, Marilyn Ferguson, Lynda Giles, Carol Brodie, Marilyn Campbell, Irene Emig, Andrea Graham, Margo Greenaway, Bryon Hurrell, Judy Livingston, Rowena Ludman, Judi von Zuben and Jane Warren.

**Kindergarten**

Feb. 6 is Kindergarten Registration Day at Summitview Public School, Stouffville.

The staff would appreciate it if parents or guardians would come to the school on this date.

If this proves inconvenient, registrations will be accepted through Feb. 10.

**'Girl Next Door'**

**Colorado's gain**

By JIM THOMAS  
Colorado's gain will be Stouffville's loss.

Fifteen-year-old Christy Robertson, knows exactly where she's going and what she'll be doing when she gets there.

She intends to work as a forest ranger.

Christy's many accomplishments point in this direction. Nothing, she says, will change her mind.

She's our 'Girl Next Door'.

Christy, her parents, Sandy and Beth, and sister Brienne, moved to Aspen Crescent, Stouffville, four years ago from R.R. 2, Clarendon. Mr. Robertson is pastor to the congregation of Stouffville Christian Fellowship Church, Conc. 8, Pickering.

Christy received her elementary education at Clarendon Public School and the Stouffville Christian School. She's presently a student in Grade 10 at S.D.S.S.

Geography and Drama are favorite subjects. Mrs. Stamitoul, Mr. Fletcher and Mr. Coulter are No. 1 on her 'top teacher' list.

Christy packs more into a week than most can accomplish in a month.

She's presently working towards her bronze medallion in swimming at the Markham Pool. She's up at five and back to school by eight. In addition, she practices every Thursday.

She's the radiant smile behind the counter at Stouffville's I.D.A.

"I really love it there," she says. She describes Rob, the I.D.A. manager as "a super guy."

Besides swimming, Christy also enjoys downhill

skiing. She visits Dagmar and other resorts whenever possible, usually with close friends. She has also travelled extensively with vacation trips including California, Arizona, Mexico, Jamaica and Barbados.

"Colorado's my next stop," she insists.

Last summer, Christy attended a camp near Huntville. While there, she swam across Mary Lake, a distance of three miles.

Christy admits being the daughter of a minister can be difficult.

"My real friends take me as I am," she says. One of these 'real' friends, is Melissa Gornik, Manitoba Street. She speaks highly of her; also her parents.

Christy no longer takes piano lessons, but prefers to play by ear. She's written several songs.

An all-important event's coming up in the Robertson household this summer. Christy will be a bridesmaid at sister Brienne's wedding. She can hardly wait.



Fifteen-year-old Christy Robertson, Aspen Crescent, Stouffville, hopes to serve as a fire ranger in the State of Colorado following graduation from S.D.S.S.  
—Jim Thomas



**Looking forward to new challenge**

Roz Pritchard, of Clarendon, is the new co-ordinator of Latcham Gallery in the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library, succeeding Deen Glover of Stouffville. Roz, a specialist in paper mache and interested in both art and theatre, says she's looking forward to the challenge.  
—Jim Thomas

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