

Ross Henderson Young at heart at century mark

By JIM THOMAS
One hundred years plus two months.
That's how Ross Henderson of Bowood Avenue, Toronto, describes his age.
He symbolizes the saying "you're only as old as you feel."
And Mr. Henderson feels young.

A native of Cherrywood, (Altona Road and Conc. 2, Pickering), he was born Dec. 6, 1888, on a 100-acre farm, one of six sons in the family of John and Jane Henderson.

He attended Cherrywood Public School.

In 1908, his parents sold the property and moved to Bethesda. Ross went to live in Toronto and took a job with the Toronto Railway in 1912.

He rose to a position of Assistant Superintendent of the Metropolitan Railroad, working out of an office at what was then the 'city limits'. The line extended from Toronto to Sutton with a branch from Toronto to Schomberg.

"In 1924, I saw snow that would break your heart," Ross recalls, "the banks were as high as the hydro wires."

Snow plowing equipment was minimal back then. He remembers on one occasion, the train left on a Saturday and didn't return until the following Tuesday.

Five years prior to his retirement, he worked for Gray Coach Bus Lines on Bay Street.

Mr. Henderson and his wife, the former Teresa Baker, were married 67 years. Mrs. Henderson passed away at age 92.

Ross vividly recalls the first motor car in Stouffville. It was owned by Dr. Freil.

"I remember how dad would get out of the buggy and hold the horse's head when ever a car came by. He had to or we'd have ended up in the ditch. It was the sight of them, and the noise," he said.

Although Ross lives alone and prepares his own meals, two daughters reside close by. He has a great-granddaughter age seventeen.

He's been associated with Bedford Park United Church, (formerly Presbyterian), more than 60 years. He was honored by the congregation last May on the occasion of the church's 64th anniversary and made an Honorary Life Chairperson of the church's Council.

A citation delivered on that occasion reads in part: "In his youth, his marriage, his family, his community, his work and his church, Ross Henderson has established an astonishing record of service, of giving, of helping and of caring. He aided the poor, the homeless, the sick and the spirited. It was a calling for him to seek out those less fortunate than himself and offer what he could to help. How fortunate we are that this gentleman, so alert, so independent, so active and so caring, should have been spared to continue to inspire us by his example."

Mr. Henderson was responsible for initiating a Retired Men's Club at Bedford Park. At one point, the membership was as high as 53 with an average attendance of 45.

When the weather's right, he takes a stroll over to the Eglinton Centre where he talks to people, many of them strangers.

When the manager of the Eaton

store there heard of his 100th birthday, he was invited to the board room where a group of friends and a birthday cake were waiting. The gesture was much appreciated.

Ross still remembers his doctor's advice — "don't sit back in an easy chair; stay active, it will

add years to your life." "Some folks think they're old at 75," he claims. He still walks to church, a trip that takes him about eight minutes.

He never drove a car. To Ross Henderson, 100 years plus two months, The Tribune extends congratulations.



Sell-out dance for 'Ernie Kennedy Night'

Saturday evening was 'Ernie Kennedy Night' at the Ballantrae Community Centre. A dance, organized by Mark Forrester of Stouffville, raised over \$4,600. This included a \$1,000 donation from

the Markham District (No. 1) Volunteer Fire Department. Here Mark welcomes the Kennedy family including Diane and Ernie and daughters Heather and Karen.



Ron Lee, (centre), and son Bill chat with Ernie at Saturday's dance. Mark and his committee wish to thank the following donors for their assistance — The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville; disc jockey Jeff Stover; Angie's Restaurant; Stouffville Printing; Kellington's Restaurant;

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Gerry and Jean Foley, Fairview Avenue, Stouffville, chat with Mr. Kennedy during Saturday's dance. Gerry and Ernie have been close friends a number of years.
— Jim Thomas

Pancake supper

Christ Church Anglican, Sunset Blvd., Stouffville, will hold its annual Pancake Supper, Tues., Feb. 7, from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

The event, that hosts up to 150 people, is sponsored by the Anglican Church Women.

Admission is \$3.50 adults, \$2 for children 12 years and under.



TOWN OF WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE 1989 INTERIM TAXES

1st instalment due February 17th, 1989
2nd instalment due May 19th, 1989

INTERIM Tax bills have now been mailed. Ratepayers who have not received their bills should make immediate application to the Municipal Tax Department.

The PENALTY charged for non payment of 1989 taxes is one and one-quarter (1 1/4) percent imposed on the first day of default and on the first day of each month thereafter.

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PLANNING ACT, 1983

NOTICE OF THE PASSING

OF A ZONING BY-LAW BY

THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville passed By-law 89-9 on the 24th day of January, 1989 under Section 34 of the Planning Act, 1983.

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or agency may appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board in respect of the by-law by filing with the Clerk of The Corporation of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville not later than the 28th day of February, 1989 a notice of appeal setting out the objection to the by-law and the reasons in support of the objection.

An explanation of the purpose and effect of the by-law, describing the lands to which the by-law applies, is below. As the By-law affects all lands Zoned Rural (RU) in General Zoning By-law No. 87-34 within the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville no key map is provided. The complete by-law is available for inspection in my office during regular office hours.

DATED at the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville this 1st day of February, 1989.

Patricia G. Oakes,
Clerk of the Town
Whitchurch-Stouffville,
19 Civic Avenue, Box 419,
Stouffville, Ontario,
L4A 7Z6
Telephone: 640-1900 or 895-2423

EXPLANATORY NOTE

BY-LAW NUMBER 89-9

The Amendment applies to all land zoned Rural (RU) in General Zoning By-law No. 87-34.

The Amendment modifies the Rural (RU) zone requirements by deleting Kennels as a permitted use.

The purpose of the Amendment is to require that all new kennel operations will only be permitted by a site specific Zoning By-law Amendment in a Rural (RU) Zone.

The Amendment implements Official Plan Amendment No. 58 which sets out local criteria policies for kennel operations designated Rural in the Official Plan.



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