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Our 1990 Citizen of the Year

A "real people person" has been chosen the Stouffville Tribune's 1990 Citizen of the Year.

Joseph Nighswander, executive administrator of Parkview Services for Seniors in Stouffville, was chosen last week after sifting through entries submitted during the annual campaign.

Mr. Nighswander, long a proponent of seniors' services in town and a founding member of the Mennonite Home Association which brought the first of several Parkview facilities to local seniors, was the clear choice among panelists on the selection committee.

"I appreciate the good wishes of

A "real people person" honored by the Stouffville community

the people," he said of the honor in an interview last week. "Although I believe there are many people in the community worthy of the award, I'm certainly honored."

Mr. Nighswander, whose work in providing care and accommodations for Whitchurch-Stouffville seniors spans nearly three decades, is retiring this year as executive administrator of Parkview Services for Seniors.

And it all began in the early 1960s when a group of local residents banded together to begin the work that resulted in the construction of Parkview Home.

Since then, he has been heavily involved in other projects that has seen the development of Parkview Apartments, Parkview Village and Parkview Cluster Homes.

Currently, he is overseeing a \$3.5 million reconstruction project at

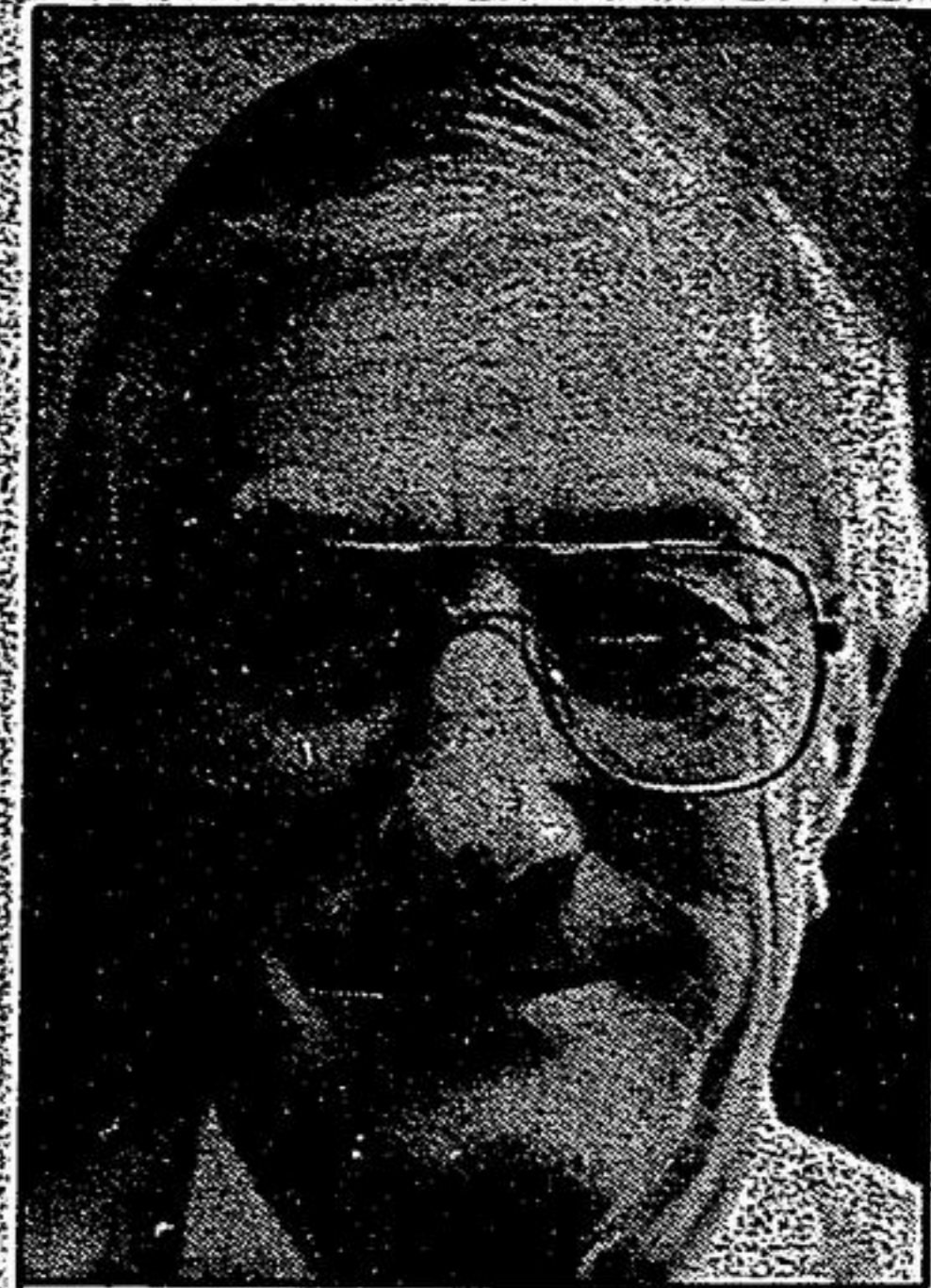
Parkview Home, which is scheduled for completion next year.

But despite his accomplishments, Mr. Nighswander remains modest.

"I'm still suffering from the shock," he said. "It's really great to be able to live and work in the Whitchurch-Stouffville community."

Meanwhile, local politicians and service groups will pay homage to Mr. Nighswander at the annual Citizen of the Year Ceremony at SDSS on Thursday night.

It takes place at about 9 p.m., following the Miss Whitchurch-Stouffville Pageant, a kick-off event for the annual Strawberry Festival.



JOSEPH NIGHSWANDER
Clear choice

McNeil has to remove all PCBs

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Staff Reporter

Local officials want to be sure McNeil Pharmaceutical removes all of its on-site PCBs once the business is vacant or sold.

The company, which employs about 100 Whitchurch-Stouffville and area residents, has decided to close its Main Street location to "realign its activities" with a sister company, Ortho Pharmaceutical (Canada) Ltd., by Jan. 2, 1991.

"I'm concerned now that (McNeil) is selling the business that PCBs will remain on the site," stressed Ward 5 Councillor Doug Alles at a recent council in committee meeting.

Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville CAO Bob Panizza said there have been similar concerns following an Environment Ministry waste storage guideline letter sent to the Town in regards to the company's move.

"When McNeil moves out they should take their PCBs with them," Mr. Panizza said.

And although the ministry will allow PCB wastes or PCB related wastes to be stored on the site, Town officials will ask staff to report on what can be done to have them removed.

"It would be incumbent on us to see when McNeil is vacated that all PCBs are gone," Councillor Alles said.



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Claremont crash

Burham Regional Police are still investigating this one-car crash west of Claremont last Friday afternoon. An air ambulance was called to the scene to transport one of three people injured in the crash. According to police reports, a car was travelling westbound on the Uxbridge-Pickering town line when it left the road, cut a utility pole in half and ended up on its side in

a ditch on the north side of the road. Emergency crews used the jaws of life to extricate a woman, who was subsequently flown to Sunnybrook Health Science Centre. The driver of the car, Goodwood resident Kevin Dobinson, 23, and another male passenger were taken to Markham-Stouffville Hospital. Police say charges are pending.

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