

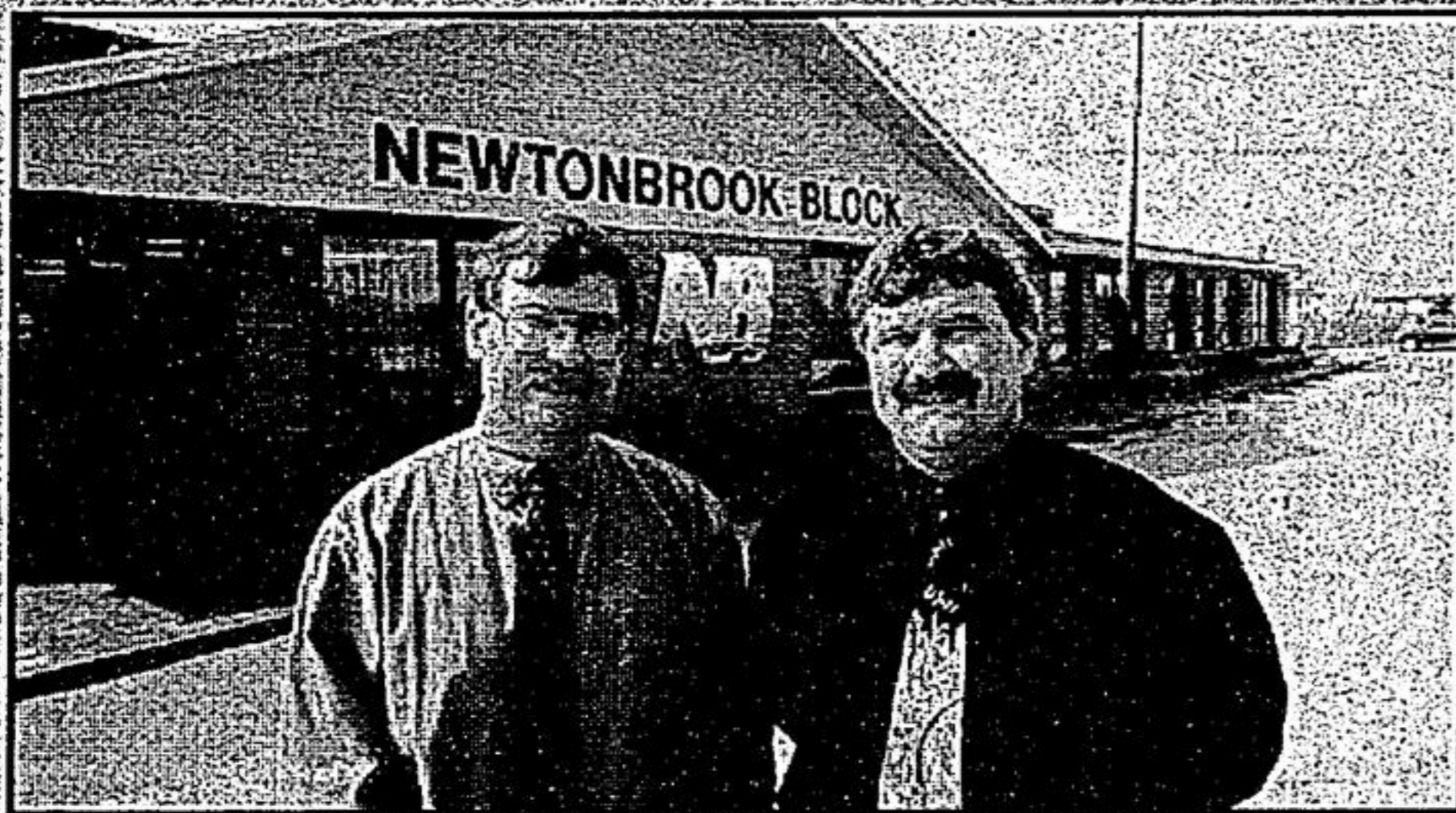


Whitchurch-Stouffville Chamber of Commerce

WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AWARDS OF MERIT

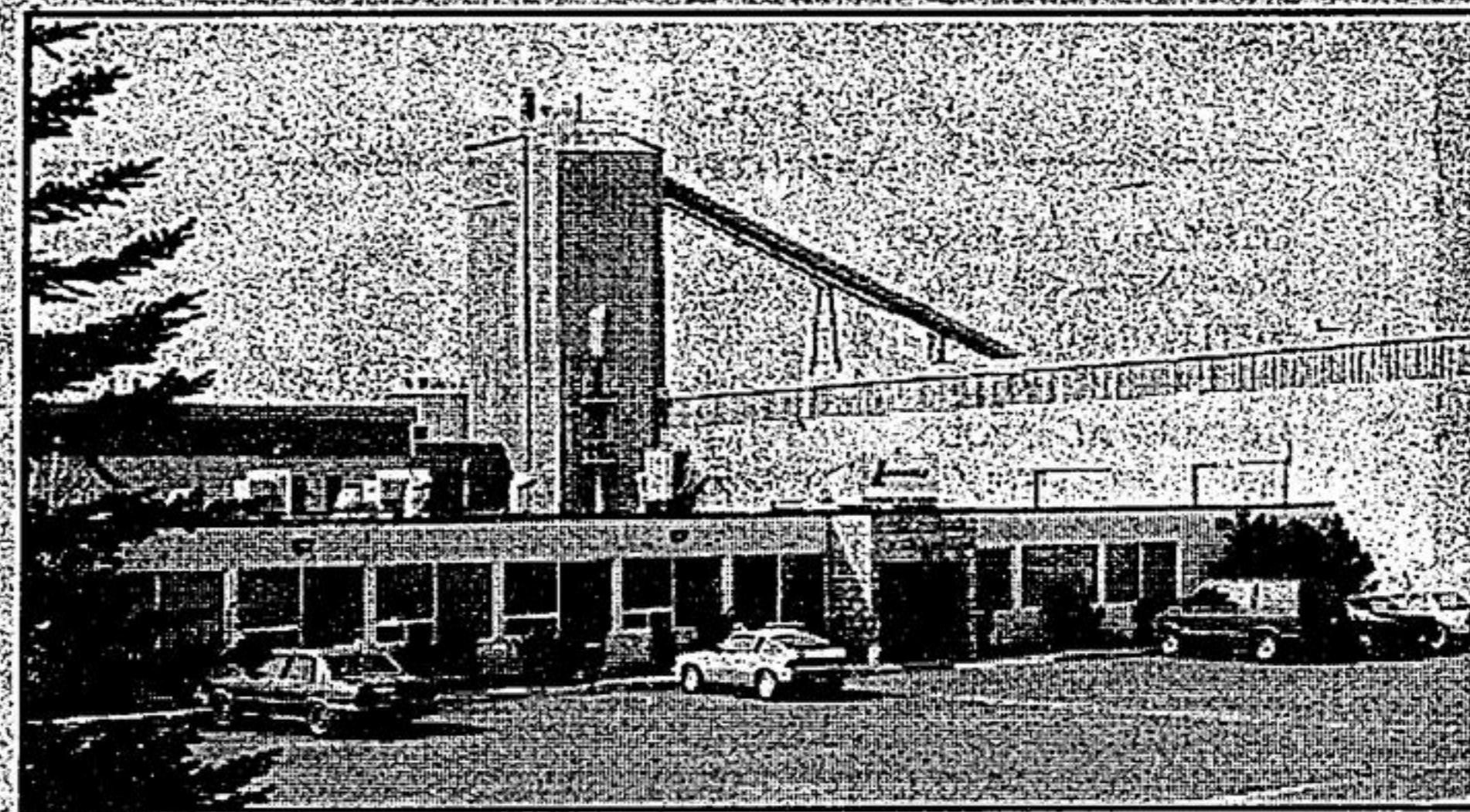
The President, Helene Johnson, and executive of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Chamber of Commerce are honoured to recognize the following businesses and individuals for their entrepreneurial spirit and business acumen.

BUSINESSES OF THE YEAR FOR 1996



NEWTONBROOK BLOCK & SUPPLY CO. LTD.

Robert and Art Doerner manage one of the region's largest and certainly the most innovative concrete products manufacturing firm. Newtonbrook manufactures concrete wall systems and traditional concrete products for the commercial and residential construction market. Located in attractive facilities on the Aurora Side Road and Woodbine Ave., Newtonbrook has been successfully operating in our community for over 25 years. Congratulations to Robert and Art Doerner and the Newtonbrook team.



LAFARGE PRESSURE PIPE DIVISION

Managed by Robert Hoppe, Lafarge manufactures prestressed concrete pipes in their facility at Bloomington Side Road and 10th Line. Lafarge employs over 100 people at their plant and are proud of their outstanding rapport with their union staff. While being a part of a worldwide industrial giant, Lafarge Pressure Pipe are proud to be members of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Business Community. We extend congratulations to all the members of the Lafarge staff.

CORPORATE CITIZEN OF THE YEAR



ED HAKONSON

Ed Hakonson was this year's winner. As President of Choko Motorsports, Mr. Hakonson has demonstrated his strong loyalty to the community by his investment in many local organizations and recent acquisition of the Stouffville Spirit Hockey Team.

Renowned for his entrepreneurial spirit and dynamic energy, Mr.

Hakonson is a driving force in his company and in the community of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

Also nominated in this category for their efforts as goodwill ambassadors for Whitchurch-Stouffville were Wayne Emmerson and Judy Scala.

BUSINESS ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR



SABINE AND JOCHEN SCHLEESE

The 1996 Business Entrepreneurs of the year Award goes to Sabine and Jochen Schleese, President of Schleese Saddlery Service.

Incorporated in 1986, Schleese Saddlery Service is now internationally recognized as a leader in equine related products and services.

Sabine and Jochen Schleese are to be congratulated for their spirit and professionalism which has contributed greatly to their company's phenomenal growth rate.

The Chamber of Commerce is proud to name them Business Entrepreneurs of the Year for 1996.

Nominated with the Schleese's were Choko Motorsports Inc.

HONORABLE MENTION



DR. JACQUES R. MESSIER

The Chamber of Commerce is pleased to recognize the business achievements of Dr. Jacques Messier D.M.V. of Novapharm Limited. Dr. Messier was recently appointed Executive Vice President, Technical Affairs.