

Residents eye development

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Officials of two local ratepayers groups will play watch dogs Tuesday when local council reviews how it will carry out a Secondary Plan study for the Preston Lake and Vandorf areas.

Chris Dymond of the Vandorf Ratepayers' Association will join Preston Lake ratepayers to hear why staff is recommending that the hamlets be studied as two separate blocks.

Local residents want council to stick with a decision made two weeks ago to lump the two

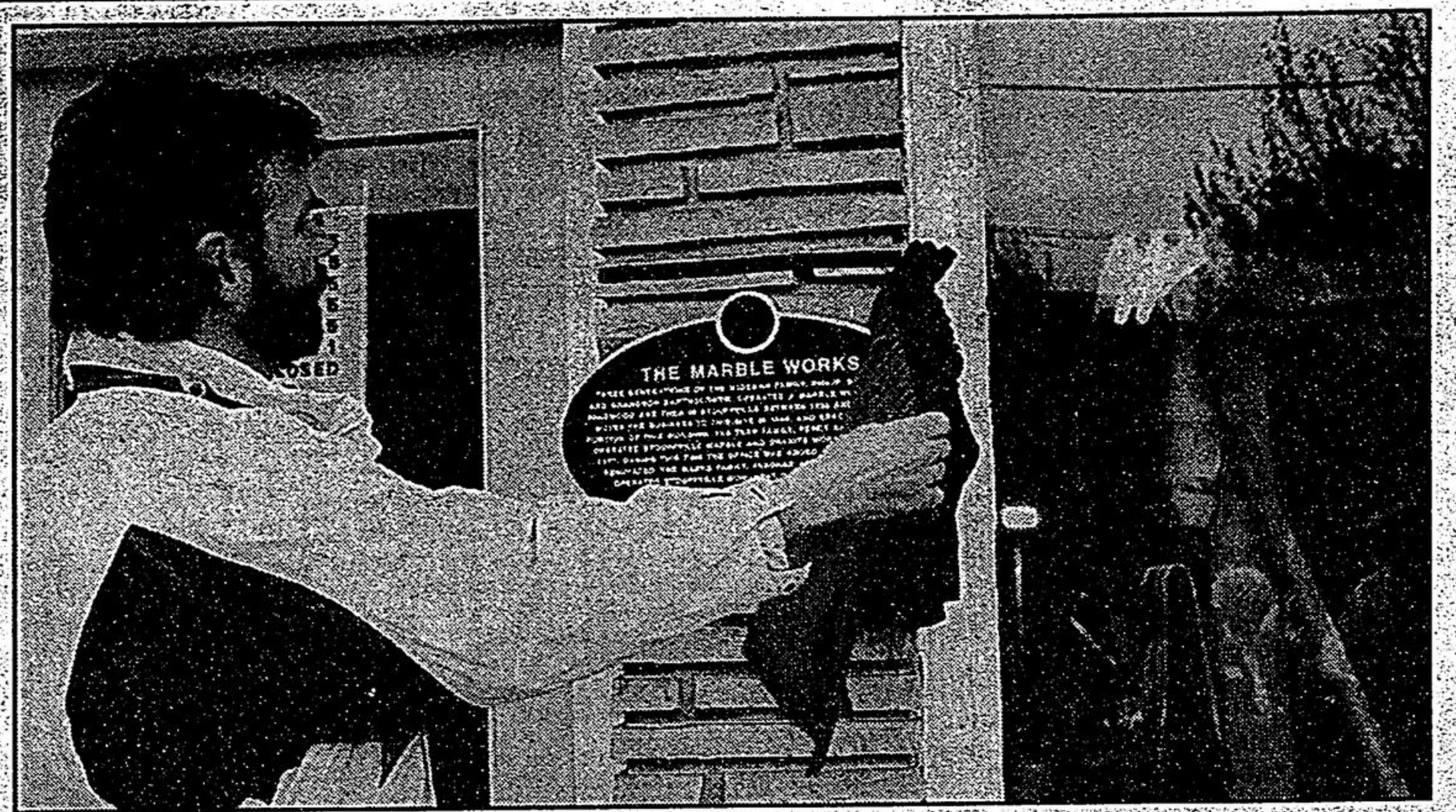
villages together.

A Secondary Plan is struck to help municipal government determine what goes where.

If an agreement is ironed out with the Town of Aurora, water and sewer services could find their way to the hamlets, translating into substantial residential and industrial growth.

Vandorf's population could climb to "thousands" and industrial growth will increase a great deal, stresses Dymond.

The ratepayer groups continue to remind council that area residents opted for the quiet life when choosing to live in Vandorf and Preston Lake.



HISTORIC MOMENT: The unveiling of the historic plaque commemorating the Stouffville Monument Works was held Saturday afternoon. Wayne Marks, of the local company, uncovers the plaque. Stouffville Monument Works was designated an historic site by the local historical board.

Photo by CHERYL JOHNSON

Library lobbies for space

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The library board is set to go to council and re-affirm its position. Whitchurch-Stouffville needs a better library.

Linda Giles, the chairperson of the local library board, said that the board submitted a motion to council last night.

Two weeks ago, council delayed a decision on the issue in order to allow the library board to re-examine its need for a larger library.

"We had a request from council to verify the plans, in writing, for the library," said Giles.

The board sees the present library as inadequate, said Giles, pointing out that the local library is not fully meeting the needs of the community.

Technological improvements would be top on the list of priorities in a plan for expansion.

"We know that we are not up to date," explained Giles. "We are way behind, technologically."

The plans also include measures designed to save money through automation, said Giles.

Additions such as self check-out counters would enable the

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library to save on staffing costs.

Also, said Giles, the board proposes that the library's floor space be doubled from its existing approximately 7,000 square feet to 14,415 square feet.

Giles stressed, though, that the library should be expanded, regardless of any uncertainty over the proposed town hall-library complex.

"Our needs will not change; we still need an expansion for the community."



HERITAGE LESSON: Thousands of York Region school students visited Markham Museum last week to learn about Canadian heritage. Here, Debbie Clymer demonstrates candle making.

Photo by LORI EMMERSON

Lafarge agrees to compromise

Private citizens and gravel company officials are learning the art of compromise.

When neighbors of the Stouffville Lafarge Canada gravel industry found out the company wanted to operate 24 hours a day, Monday to Friday for 13 weeks, they asked council to respond with a resounding "no."

Instead council encouraged the two parties to get together and try to iron out an agreement. The meeting was held May 19, while a second is planned for June 11 to discuss noise, dust and lighting problems with plant manager Rom Graham.

Tonight, council will be told that no shipping or deliveries will be carried out outside of normal business hours by Lafarge.

The company tries to be considerate of the needs of its neighbors, said Graham.

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Force vows to govern from bottom up

■ *This is the latest in a series of profiles of candidates in the Oak Ridges Riding in next month's federal election. Today we look at the Canadian Action Party candidate in that race, Dean Force.*

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DEAN FORCE

Inside the house he built in a quiet country subdivision, Dean Force has stood antique radios, nine computers of various vintage, and something else he takes pride in preserving—a 1917 Victor talking machine.

Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers had a phonograph like this in a movie, the Canadian Action party candidate for Oak Ridges recalls as he lets go of the cabinet lid, which drops soundlessly, with a little bounce, into position.

"Did you see that close?" asks Force, breaking into his genial, toothy grin.

A married father of four, the retired IBM technical specialist is involved in politics for the first

time since he was elected president of his Grade 7 class—"I went in in a landslide," he added last week—at Dickson School in Galt, now part of Cambridge, Ont.

"I'm one of those disaffected voters that you hear about," declared Force, 64, who gets "hot under the collar" about the "dictatorship" our

largest political parties become, once their MPs enter the House of Commons.

There, he argued, everyone has to follow their party's orders or get turfed, like ex-Liberal MP John Nunziata.

That's not how an MP for Canadian Action would act, Force promised. Instead, the party's representatives would get a consensus from the riding on each important issue, and vote that way.

"We are governing from the bottom up if we are elected," he pledged. "I have to vote the way they want me to."

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Force was born in St. Catharines, and, for a time, his father sold electric instruments his uncles built, mostly toasters and stoves. He dropped out of McMaster University in Hamilton after one year, because money for his schooling was hard to find.

But during his 30 years with IBM (Force retired in 1987 but was an instructor until 1992), he got further education through training courses for new machines, he pointed out.

Force was also a clerk on the Avro Arrow project until it was shut down. "Mister (John) Diefenbaker did that to us. You can do that when you have a majority."

When Canadian Action's comic book arrived at his home north of Aurora Rd. at Kennedy, Force flipped through it and thought: "What is this guy trying to do?"

But the second time Force read it the comic's appeal for monetary reform made sense. He realized he agreed with CAP leader Paul Hellyer and being a candidate was an opportunity he couldn't pass up.

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