

# The Parkes renew their vows after 50 years



The green clean-up crew got down to work on May 2 at the annual beautification project in and around the York Regional Forest in Whitchurch-Stouffville.

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attended since they moved to Musselmans Lake back in 1968.

Not sure of the move from Brampton, Isabel says it took only one week to fall in love with our countryside.

The actual anniversary date is Dec. 24, but Ken's health wasn't up to par and their children Kenneth from Alberta, Caroline Krywenky from Mississauga, Barbara Pollard and sister Jane Parke from Brampton along with Kelly from Newmarket decided to make it a spring celebration.

People packed the church, decorated with yellow and white roses to watch long-time family friend Dave Lawrenson lead the service.

With Marion Grey at the organ, son Kelly walked his dad down the aisle, while mom was escorted by son Kenny. Wearing

a yellow dress with a rose corsage Isabel says there were not many dry eyes as the vows were exchanged.

Four generations of the Parke family joined many others at the reception held at the Stouffville Legion to celebrate the re-marriage of this special couple.

Another milestone was made by a local Stouffville boy. Yes, Martin McDowell is climbing that ladder in life and celebrated yet another birthday. No one is counting, but how old might you be young fella, 30?, 40?, maybe more, I'll never tell.

No one was more shocked at his birthday celebration than his faithful canine companions Russel and Happy. Seems that his

lady love Melissa Scott gave him the gift of invisible fencing and the dogs spent a few shocking days getting use to their new boundaries.

Living in our community for most of his life Martin's closest friend is Bruce Stapley who also shares the same birthday. Together along with their nearest and dearest they had a celebration last Saturday.

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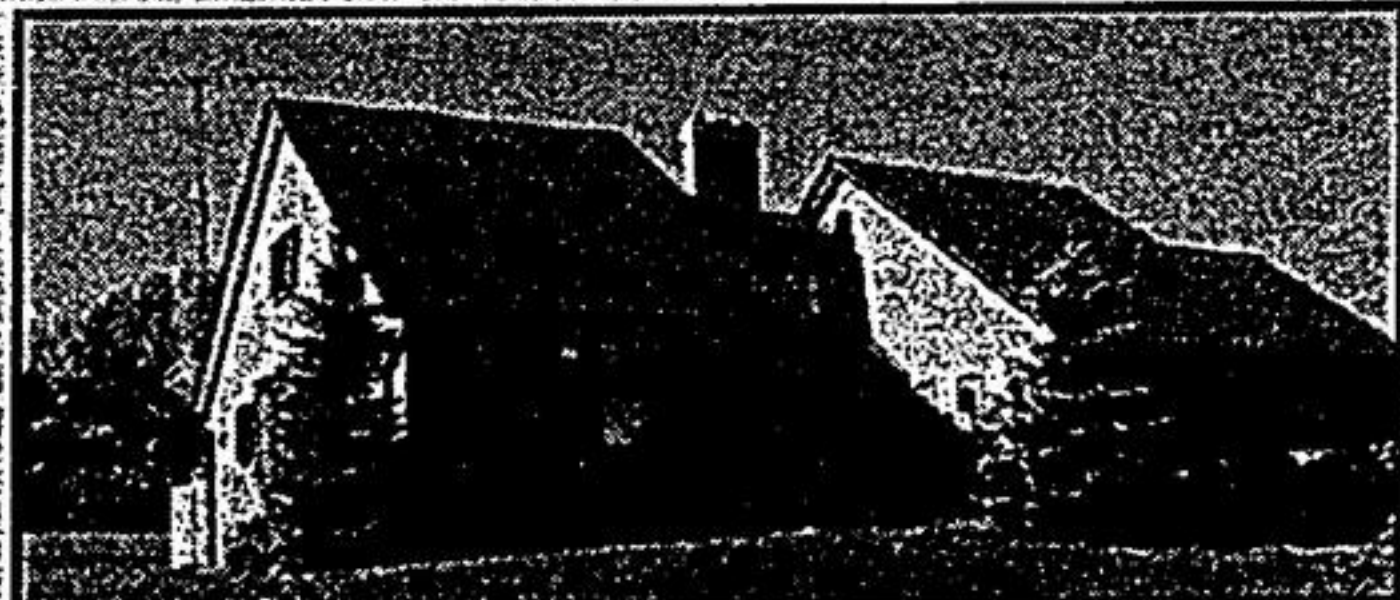


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