

COMMITTEE TO TACKLE ILLEGAL VENDING

The relocation of the Scarborough Market to Shaw Park has highlighted the issue of illegal vending in the capital city.

Both the vendors and Tobago House of Assembly have shared their concerns about the matter.

Secretary of Agriculture,

Marine Affairs, Marketing and the Environment Godwin Adams said a committee has been set up to look at ways of solving the problem.

Some vendors have persisted in setting up stalls on the streets of Scarborough even after officials demolished illegal structures and posted

notices informing them that it is not permitted.

The Division though, is taking a collaborative effort to deal with the issue.

Adams said: "We had the police on hand, land management, (the Division of) Infrastructure and Public Utilities, we had (the Division of) Health and Social

Services and the Division of Agriculture, Marine Affairs, Marketing and the Environment (all represented on the committee)."

The Market will be relocated to its new location at Shaw Park after the Christmas holidays, and the temporary market should be ready for its tenants by November.



WELL 'TIED' UP: This couple gets married during the Les Coteaux Folk Tales and Superstitions stage performance of "What Eyes Don't See" on Thursday night (July 30) at the Tablepiece Recreation Ground. The event was part of ongoing Tobago Heritage Festival celebrations.

LES COTEAUX THRILLS WITH FOLK TALES PERFORMANCE

Folk tales and Superstitions in Les Coteaux.

That was the theme of last night's (July 30) Tobago Heritage Festival event at the Tablepiece Recreation Ground, and what onlookers were treated to, as they were given step by step instructions for finding a woman the right husband by "tying" the man. The "What Eyes Don't See" stage production left the crowd reeling with laughter as a hopeful father attempted to twist fate by presenting

his prospective son-in-law with a drink that was anything but ordinary. It did the trick as the father was able to arrange the wedding for his daughter. The moral of the story was plain as well, for the marriage was short-lived. The crowd also enjoyed the folk dances and musical performances during the event.

The Tobago Heritage Festival continues tomorrow with Emancip-Fest at the Pigeon Point Heritage Park.

ELDERLY, DISABLED IN FOCUS

Elderly Tobagonians and children with disabilities are getting more attention through existing social programmes.

Assistant Secretary of the Division of Health and Social Services Sheldon Cunningham explained said greater focus will be placed on the services provided to both groups.

He said that caregivers have been specially trained to care for children under the age of 16 at their homes who cannot attend school due to their disability.

The Division also intends to revise and expand the Community Elderly Caregivers programme to fully address the

concerns of its participants.

"We are looking at reviewing the programme to see (what improvements can be made, and also) looking at funding for the programme to see if we can even take on more caregivers," Cunningham said.

"...It all depends on funding and how we care for our elderly. It is my passion and I always make an extra effort when dealing with the children and the elderly to make sure those things are (treated with)."

Anyone seeking further information on the programme can contact the Division's Community Social Work Unit at 639-4646.



ENJOYING THE SHOW: Members of the crowd take in the stage performance during the Les Coteaux leg of the Tobago Heritage Festival.