

SANTA COMES TO STOUFFVILLE by HELICOPTER



SAT., DEC. 1

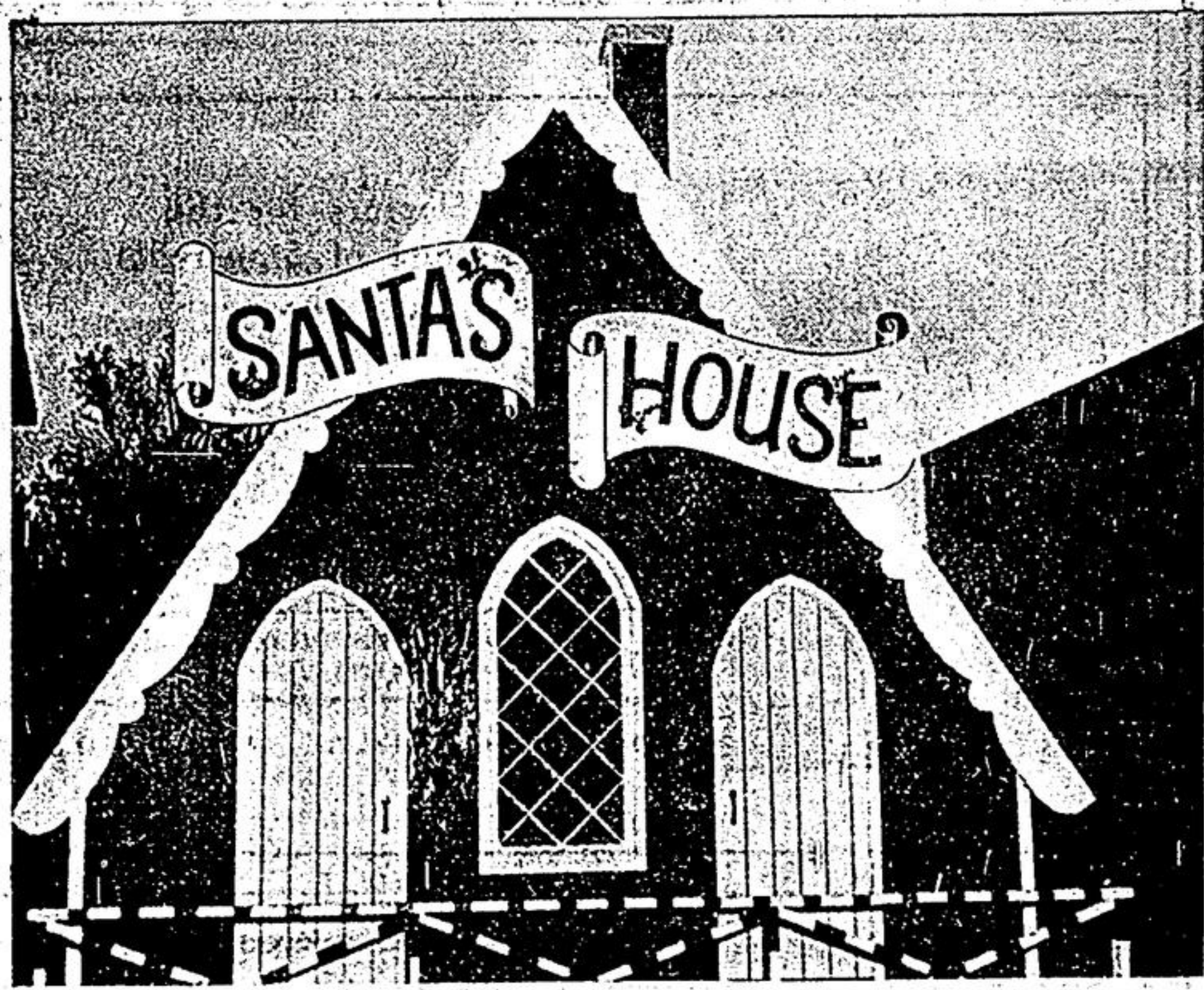
Arriving at Memorial
Park at
10:30 A. M.

Bring The
Whole Family
To See Santa
Arrive
By Helicopter



Santa Will Be Escorted From The Memorial Park
To The East End and Then To The West End of Stouffville
and Then Back To His Chalet On Main Street

SANTA'S CHALET Next to Bank of Nova Scotia



Santa's Schedule

Bring Your Family Anytime
As Shown On Schedule

- Tues., Dec. 4 - 1.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.
- Wed., Dec. 5 - 1.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.
- Thurs., Dec. 6 - 1.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.
- Fri., Dec. 7 - 1.30 to 3.30 p.m. & 7.30 to 9.00 p.m.
- Sat., Dec. 8 - 10 a.m. to 12 noon & 1.30 to 3.30 p.m.
- Tues., Dec. 11 - 1.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.
- Wed., Dec. 12 - 1.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.
- Thurs., Dec. 13 - 1.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.
- Fri., Dec. 14 - 1.30 to 3.30 p.m. & 7.30 to 9 p.m.
- Sat., Dec. 15 - 10 a.m. to 12 noon & 1.30 to 3.30 p.m.
- Fri., Dec. 21 - 1.30 to 3.30 p.m. & 7.30 to 9 p.m.
- Sat., Dec. 22 - 10 a.m. to 12 noon & 1.30 to 9 p.m.

20 - \$5.00 VOUCHERS
CASH

To Be Drawn On Saturday, December 15th.

— Clip This Coupon —
20 - \$5.00 LUCKY DRAWS

NAME

ADDRESS

TOWN

Vouchers redeemable till Dec. 24th.

Fill out your coupon and drop
it into barrel located on
Stouffville Main Street,
near Santa's Chalet.



FAVOURS
for the
CHILDREN

FROM
SANTA
(in person)

- ★ COMIC BOOKS
- ★ CANDY CANES
- ★ BALLOONS

The children will enjoy their visit with Santa.

Article Six

History of the Old Order Mennonites

F. S. Bauman
Visiting

Perhaps the reason that these people do so much visiting is because their social activities are rather limited. Married people's main social life is to visit relatives, friends and neighbours, on Sundays after church or even on some occasions during the week. Once or so in a lifetime, some middle-aged or older couples, may travel by train to Pennsylvania, Virginia, Ohio or Indiana, where some members of their group also live and are engaged mostly in farming. They may spend a month or two visiting there. These people have no clubs, lodges or institutes of any kind to attend which would break the monotony of their daily routine. Occasionally some relief work is done by both the men and women of their group.

Sometimes all of the Sunday is taken for visiting and this affords opportunities for the exchange of confidences and harmless bits of homely gossip. The men ordinarily talk about their work, their livestock and crop programs etc. The women will naturally talk about housework and the raising of the children. World events, federal affairs and other things outside of their interests take care of themselves as far as they are concerned. Most of them have large families, but before their own children are old enough to do the farm chores, they likely have hired help to look after them while they visit. Apart from these Sunday visits, auction sales, quiltings, barn raisings, weddings and even funerals appear to be the only time when the married people get any diversion from their daily farm work. This may help you to understand why the events named above are such important occasions in their lives.

A Quilting
The piecing and quilting of bed spreads gives another reason for a social gathering among the women folks both young and old. Quilting provides more scope than the making of rugs or mats which is also a very common art among these people. The quilt designs of these people are very intricate and patterns are inserted by the stitching also. Age groups vary for these occasions. Sometimes a bride-to-be may invite a number of single girls to one, or middle-aged women may comprise a group. There may be a mixed number of them or a family group. Regardless of the ages of the women they usually stay all day and are brought there by the fathers, brothers or husbands in buggies or cutters.

Special meals are served, almost as elaborate as their wedding dinners and of course, the conversation all day is mostly friendly chatter and harmless gossip of the neighbourhood. House keeping naturally dominates the talk, or maybe they hint as to which couples might get married that season, somebody may be sick or another member may have left the church and joined a more progressive Mennonite Group. Such topics give ample opportunities for them to discuss, and politics, education or other current events are hardly within their scope. If the quilting is one where only single girls are participating, their brothers and boy friends may come to get them after supper and all may take part in a "Singing" before they go home.

Singsings
The main social event of all their young people from the time they leave school until they get married is a Sunday evening gathering called a "singsing." This is always held at the homes of the different farmers in the congregation of a particular church. The place of meeting is generally decided the previous Sunday night or right after the church service of the same Sunday. A few of the more prominent or older members of the group make the decision and disagreements seldom arise about this matter.

Because there are six churches among this group there are several groups of young people, with their Sunday evening programs varying somewhat. However, the general order of activities is as follows. After supper all the boys visit among their group and the girls do the same. Next an English Hymn is used and an hour or more is devoted to "four part" or harmony singing. Then some games (usually various forms of mixers) are played known to them as ring games. Checkers, simple card games such as Lost Heir, may also be played by some groups. From forty to sixty young people are ordinarily present at a singsing, one half of them likely having been there for supper. A part from attending sales, weddings, barn raisings and quiltings, these Sunday night gatherings comprise all the social activities that these young people ever indulge in.

One of the most exciting events in a Mennonite community is a barn raising. If the barn has been destroyed by fire as unfortunately is sometimes the case, neighbours and church members respond immediately to clean up the debris and a new structure is often replaced in two or three weeks time. If an extra barn is built or a new strawshed is erected the same cheerful and enthusiastic

help, however, is given by the members.

Barn Raisings

A master carpenter generally called a barn framer, looks after the layout of the barn (usually one of their own group), selects the necessary timbers and has them cut and fitted ahead of time. Now all that the helpers have to do on the day of the raising is to fit the part together and set up the framework. Sometimes excitement runs high, if the men are divided into two sides with experienced captains, and each side taking one end of the building.

A certain part of the framework is called a "bent" and these are raised from the ground by a dozen or more men with long pike poles, until the "bents" stand perpendicular in their proper places. The familiar "Yo heave", "Yo heave" commands from the captains ring out as the men push up on their pike poles with army precision. Accurate co-ordination is necessary in this type of dangerous work in order to avoid accidents. The rafters, sheathing, and siding are usually put on the day of the raising. If it is a large barn one hundred or more men may be present. About twenty-five or thirty women prepare the food and serve the meals. Most of the food is donated by other church members. In a week or two after the raising the roof is on it, and the stabling and silo almost completed.

Raising a barn and finishing it in such a short period of time is just more evidence of their co-operative way of helping their members in need.

We hate to think of the icicles that will come with winter, the old cavedroppers.



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