

Little red schoolhouse hosts community Christmas concert

By Peter Harris
ALTONA — I'm a city-type. Sure, I've lived in Stouffville for ten years now, but I was born in Toronto, and my life has always been city orientated.

So, when the Tribune editor asked me to attend the annual Altona Christmas concert, I was a bit apprehensive. As a matter of fact, I was sure I'd be bored to death.

It was snowing the night of the concert. Nobody in their right mind would venture out on a night like this. Still, I drove, plugged on really, through nature's icy teeth.

Walking to the hall, I glued on my best smile, and inside, I nodded and spoke to the few people in the audience I knew.

Grabbing a good seat, I watched as the hall filled with folks. Where they all came from, I don't know. But, I do know that it would have been hard to get another one in, even with the help of some oversized shoe-horn.

Mrs. Lloyd Britton acted as M.C. She stepped onto the platform, and raised her hand for silence. The noise kept up. Little kids were running up and down the aisle. Older folks in the back rows were discussing the weather—or what ever people in Altona talk about on snowy nights.

She tried shouting. Still no results. Finally, a lady began playing a familiar Christmas tune on the



Thursday evening was Christmas Concert Night at the Altona Community Centre. The Nursery School class played an important part in the program. The children are (left to right) — Becky Will, Jody Williamson, David Britton, Lisa McDowell, Beth Smith and Chris LeBlanc. —Peter Harris

piano. In a few seconds, everyone in the hall had joined in. The Altona Christmas Concert for 1969 had begun.

As the evening progressed, I found that less and less glue was needed to keep my smile in place. As a matter of fact, I actually started to enjoy the show.

It all began with the first act. A group of little nursery school kids—three and four year olds.

They were herded onto the stage, and after their teacher coaxed them to

face the audience and take their hands out of their mouths, they sang two songs. The songs were short and easy, and the voices a little shy, but the whole thing was cute. The audience loved it.

Between the group efforts, local youngsters, music students, rendered accordion and piano solos.

Either all the budding pianists made the same mistake or one or two strings in the piano were a little off tune—anyway, they all stepped from the

platform proud of their accomplishment. Their parents were probably equally as proud, or more so, that their child had played his part.

Next on the program were several choral selections by a group of Altona teens. They looked smart with their white blouses and shirts and red ties, and they sang well, too.

Students from the Glasgow Public School, chooses an elevated vantage point to deliver her recitation. —Peter Harris



Eight year old Dianne Lavoie, a pupil at Glasgow Public School, chooses an elevated vantage point to deliver her recitation. —Peter Harris

Everyone took part. The people of Altona put themselves on stage—for each other. What better way is there to celebrate Christmas than to spread your joy for the season amongst your friends and neighbors.

Win a snowmobile

The draw for a new 1970 snowmobile will be held Dec. 26 (Boxing Day) when the Stouffville 'Clippers' host Napanee here at two o'clock.



Wayne Keed and his cousin, Sandy Rousseau, both of Stouffville and members of the Altona Teen Club, rendered a lovely duet. —Peter Harris

By-law rule may close business

PICKERING TWP. — Bylaw Enforcement Officer Robert Craig will seek advice from Pickering Township solicitor whether action to stop the operation of a used commercial business is legal.

Howard Burton was convicted on a recent by-law infraction charge for carrying on business on the Brock Road between Brougham and Clarendon, contrary to the zoning by-law governing the area.

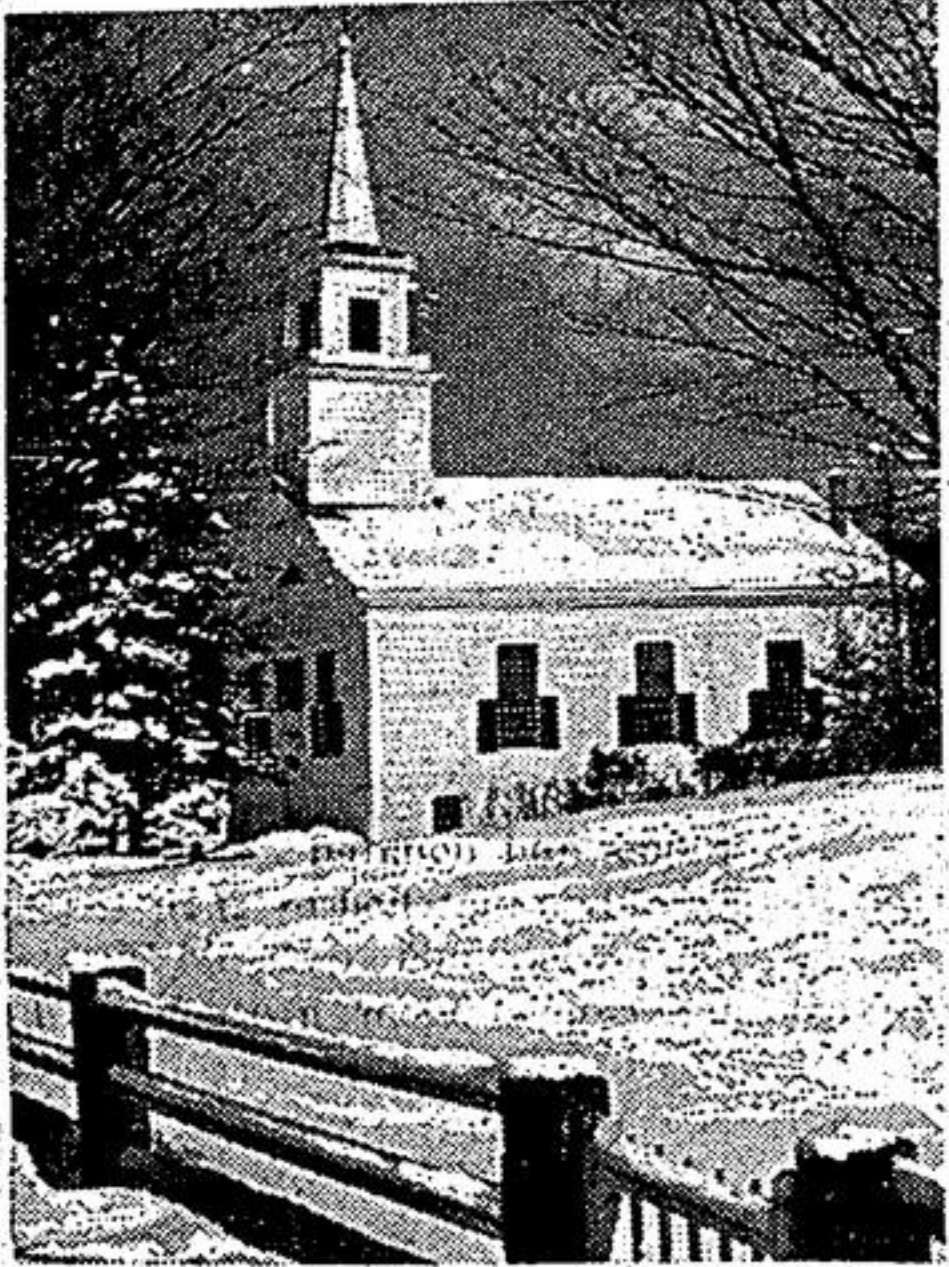
The solicitor will be asked to prepare a formal bylaw to cover situations of this sort, also to authorize the removal of buildings on two other properties not complying with zoning regulations.

This action was opposed by Reeve John Williams and Councillor Victor Rudik, both taking the stand that a policy-making body such as council should not

administer its own bylaw.

Mr. Rudik said he did not know the details of Mr. Burton's situation and the revee said the Burton woodworking operation was found to be non-conforming after the business was moved to permit road widening.

At this time of the year indoor sports are fine, providing they go home early enough.



AT THIS TIME OF THE YEAR

we recall with pleasure the many friends and supporters in York County and are pleased to have the opportunity to extend season's greetings.

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After a presentation by the congregation of the Pentecostal Church, which meets in the community hall every Sunday, Santa, himself, arrived to complete the evening.

The old gent just made it to the platform when it happened. Stampede! Every kid in the audience was on the stage. After prying loose a few of the more tenacious ones, Saint Nick handed out candies and oranges, and the program concluded.

As I walked from the hall, I noticed that all the glue had melted, but my smile was still firmly in place. I had told myself it wouldn't, but it did. I had a good time.

Sure, the production wasn't in any way professional. In fact, it was entirely the opposite. It just wouldn't have made it at the Royal Alex or the O'Keefe.

But, it made it in Altona, and that's what counts.

Village of Stouffville
PROCLAMATION
PURSUANT to a resolution passed by the Stouffville Council, I hereby proclaim
BOXING DAY
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26th, 1969
as a
HOLIDAY
All persons are hereby requested to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.
KENNETH B. LAUSHWAY, Reeve.
— GOD SAVE THE QUEEN —

Church sold, \$5,500

ZEPHYR — The Zephyr Presbyterian Church, a landmark structure built in 1882, has been sold.

The price of \$5,500 was paid by Allan McGillivray of Mount Albert, a school teacher and artist.

The building will be used as an art studio and gallery. No change in exterior architecture is planned.

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