

**Ukelele class**

**Just follow the plunk, plunk...**

By Jim Thomas  
STOUFFVILLE — Just follow the sound of the music, commented a staff teacher at Summitview Public School, when I enquired concerning the Principal during the noon lunch period, Friday.

The door of a second floor classroom was closed, but the plunk, plunk of several ukeleles was audible through the hall.

I knocked, then entered.

Inside, were fourteen boys and girls, seated in a semi-circle and listening intently to their teacher, Mr. Lorne Boadway. Each held a ukelele and strummed it in unison on command.

However, this was no ordinary class; no ordinary students. It was a volunteer class, willing to sacrifice a portion of their lunch period, and obviously enjoying every minute of it.

There are, actually four classes, the Principal explained later, two for ukeleles and two for guitars. Group one is for

Beginners and group two, for Advanced. In total, about eighty pupils are involved.

The boys and girls have their own instruments and take them home following each practice. There are two noon-hour sessions each week and two at 3:30.

It all started about six years ago, Mr. Boadway said, a few students had guitars and wanted some help. Last June, parents attending the open-air graduation exercises were thrilled by the performance of these young people. They also play at the annual Christmas program.

"It's really quite elementary," says the Principal, modestly, "it's a fun thing, and they all seem to enjoy it."

Mr. Boadway admits he knows more about ukeleles than guitars, and advises budding guitarists to take private lessons if they wish to advance their learning past the 'fun' stage. He feels the association may

encourage the boys and girls to continue the training later on, and perhaps strive to join the junior and senior Bands at the High School.

With the fall term only 2½ months old, the Beginners already show real promise. The Advanced musicians are just that — advanced, with a repertoire of several numbers. They sing while they play.

Members of the ukelele band include: Beginners — Robin Donn, Martha Harrot, Sandra Keeping, Susan Mattison, Beth McBride, Mike Mumford, Teresa Rae, Heather Raymer, Brenda Steel, Valerie Stevason, Darlene Wagg, Cathy Gourley, Franceska Degli-Angeli, Advanced — Lori-Anne Barry, Elaine Duxbury, Kelly Glenn, Robin Gorringer, Mark Herold, Mary Lang, Joy Madill, Peggy McBride, Brian Mercer, Kim Morley, Paul Ramer, Heather Roper, Pam Schmidt, Alan Thorne, Carol Whale, Pauline Whale and Cindy Wilson.



Ten year old Darlene Wagg is a 'beginner' in one of two ukelele bands at Stouffville's Summitview School. Close to 80 boys and girls are involved. The instructor is Principal Lorne Boadway.

**The mayor reports**  
**Elect chairman**

Should the York Regional Chairman be appointed by Council or elected by the people? This question was posed to Mayor Gordon Ratcliff at a press interview Friday.

Under the Act, the Mayor explained, the Chairman's position is filled by appointment. Mr. Ratcliff feels this procedure should be changed. "An election is a healthy thing," he agrees. "The cost, however, poses a problem. The Mayor said it could cost each candidate up to \$10,000, an almost prohibitive figure. "Many capable persons would be hesitant to run, and I'm one who feels all election expenses should be curbed". The issue has been shelved for the present, Mr. Ratcliff said.

clear it up. As for the stretch of highway frontage from Ringwood to Gormley, I expect no large-scale build-up. It is good farming land and should be maintained for that use. It would be impossible too far for the Town to provide services so great a distance. I envision some commercial build-up at the Ringwood corner.

Question: Has Council submitted a bid on the present Post Office site?  
Answer: The Council has requested first consideration when the site is placed on the market. It's a federal matter, but the municipality is usually given first chance.

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**Don Deacon says:**

**Land freeze unfair**

YORK CENTER — I am concerned about the unjust burden some Government ministerial orders have placed upon many property owners in our area.

First, on March 2, 1972, the land designated as "NoiseLand" in connection with the proposed Pickering Airport was frozen to prevent any construction. Those who had, the previous day, the right to be granted a building permit for a house or other structure found that this right had been removed.

Although since that date I have been able to help a few owners get building permits for reasons of hardship, the order still stands and no one affected has received any compensation for this loss of the right he or she had prior to imposition of the Ministerial Order.

The same situation has arisen in connection with the Parkway Belt. Some owners have found that despite prior municipal approval, they no longer can proceed with long established plans for expansion or construction and have been deprived of rights they paid for in purchasing the properties.

I do not believe government should compensate for loss of anticipated rights or privileges such as is faced by those who acquired agricultural land and hoped to develop it. However, it is unfair of government to remove existing rights without compensation and I shall continue to press for either lifting of Ministerial restrictions or compensation for the loss of rights suffered by the owners.

**Mini-Royal at L'Amitie Stables**

GORMLEY — The third annual "Mini-Royal", a fund-raising project for the Community Association for the Disabled, will be held Saturday, Nov. 24 at L'Amitie Stables.

Most of the 200 members of CARD will be taking part. Children from Ontario Crippled Children's Centre, Bloorview School, High Point, The C.N.I.B. and Sunnyview School are included.

Members of Canada's equestrian team will be judging the events. The lunary present will include James Elder, Moffat Dunlap and James Day.

Trophies and ribbons and the sponsoring classes have all been donated and there will be a refreshment table and bake sale.

The horse show is the culmination of the year's activities and the public is invited to see the results of the work all the volunteers of C.A.S.R.D. have done. Publicity Chairman Mrs. Walter J. Pady said.

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