

**Kindness Club**

**Children learn to be kind**

**STOUFFVILLE** — Fourteen year old Christine Kerrigan held a baby starling in her hand and fed it a small ground up piece of beef.

Nine year old Mary Catherine McDermott smiled at the contented robin perched on her shoulder.

A half-dozen smaller children crowded around an incubator to watch a baby chick emerge from its 'prison' egg.

And outside, Greg McGrath, age 12, was spading up a small section of ground searching for worms.

All are members and workers in an organization known as the 'Kindness Club', established by Kindergarten staff teacher, Mrs. Angela Gifford at St. Mark's Separate School and active across the country.

"The idea is to teach children to be kind to all creatures," Mrs. Gifford explained, "to teach them respect for nature and share in a sense of responsibility."

The project is meant mainly for the Kin-

dergarten kiddies, although older students have willingly volunteered to assist. Christine Kerrigan, for example, is the President. She's a pupil in Grade 7. Mary Catherine McDermott is the number one bird-feeder. She's in Grade 4. Greg McGrath is the chief worm-digger. He's also in Grade 7.

Live pets include two robins, three starlings, four grackles, several kinds of fish and a hermit crab.

Eggs under incubation are from robins, geese, chickens, pheasants, quail, grackles and sparrows.

All birds, when mature, will be released, Mrs. Gifford said. "They belong to nature, we are only temporary caretakers." She takes them home with her each night.

The program has caught on with the children in a big way, prompting several of the pupils to bring pets of their own to school, including a pig and, yes, even a baby skunk.



Five year old Lindsey Baston, a Kindergarten pupil at St. Mark's School, Stouffville, holds a baby robin, one of several birds being cared for by members of the 'Kindness Club'. When strong enough to fend for itself, the pet will be set free.

**SENIOR CITIZENS**  
Plans for Whit church-Stouffville's participation in Senior Citizens Week June 16-23 were drawn up at a public meeting on May 31.

Among activities planned are a pot luck supper, a movie, bus trips to local points of interest, a community church service, and a strawberry festival and band concert.

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Friday evening was 'Music Night' at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School, with three bands participating, under the direction of Mr. Ted Hawley. A soloist in the Junior Band was Craig Hogg, a student in Grade 8. A large audience attended the two-hour concert.

— Jim Thomas.

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**8 P.M.**  
**COMMUNITY**  
**IS INVITED TO ATTEND**

**TOWN OF WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE**  
**NOTICE TO RESIDENTS**  
of a  
**PUBLIC MEETING**  
regarding the  
**BALLANTRAE COMMUNITY STUDY**  
Monday, June 17th 1974 at 8:00 p.m.  
at the  
Whitchurch Centennial Community Centre  
at  
Ballantrae

The meeting is being held to present the BALLANTRAE COMMUNITY STUDY to the public. The Study was prepared by the Area Services Branch, Regional Planning Department at the request of Council and contains various conclusions and recommendations regarding the Community of Ballantrae. The public will be invited to express any opinions or ask any questions related to the Study. Copies of the Study are available at the Municipal Building, 19 Civic Avenue, Stouffville during regular business hours: (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)

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It was a memorable event Thursday as the Staff of The Tribune gathered at Sleepy Hollow Golf and Country Club to honor Jim Thomas, long-time editor. Publisher C.H. Nolan presents a gift to Mr. Thomas on behalf of the newspaper. Jim is to take over as publisher of the Markham Economist and Sun. John Baxter, executive vice-president of Inland Publishing Co. was also on hand to pay tribute to The Tribune editor.

— John Montgomery

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**'No hassles' at dual meet**  
**STOUFFVILLE**— "There were no hassles at all. These kids were very sportsmanlike towards each other." That was the comment of Orchard Park coach Ed McDonald concerning the Summitview / Orchard Park meet on May 28.

Champions and their schools in various classes were: junior boys — Raymond Dart, Summitview; junior girls — Karen Brodie, Summitview; intermediate girls — Linda Frisby, Orchard Park; intermediate boys — Steve Spang, OP; senior A boys — Bruce Legault, S; senior A girls — Barb Goudie, OP; and senior B girls — Elizabeth Harris, OP.

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