

Children's exhibit best ever — organizer

Gerri Seeley, Chairwoman of the School Childrens Exhibit Committee is furiously active in final preparations, as well as highly optimistic in her predictions for this year's Markham Fair. She thinks it's going to be the biggest and best ever.

Gerri, a petite brunette, wife and mother, who lives on Eckhard Avenue in Unionville has "really grown up with the Markham Fair" she tells you. The daughter of Howard and Mary Cosburn of Markham, Gerri can remember "helping out at the Fair ever since we were old enough to be useful" and the "we" includes her brother Mac. She feels she "just naturally fell into it" when asked how she became involved in the School Childrens Exhibit and explains further that "both my parents have chaired this committee in the past." Her work involves planning the categories and encouraging children from Kindergarten to grade 8 to participate by entering exhibits in sections such as writing, printing, arts and crafts and projects. In order to reach as many children as possible, she writes letters to Principals and teachers in all the area schools advising them of the Rules and Regulations and providing them with a list

of the many categories open to them.

While Gerri is also actively involved in three other committees, she displays such a acute enthusiasm over the School Childrens Exhibit, that you cannot help but be caught up in the excitement she exudes. "Thursday and Friday have always been the childrens' days at the Fair and we encourage them to come out and see all the school, agricultural and livestock exhibits" she explains.

Her eyes light up when she tells you that "Last year over 5,000 children attended from Scarborough and North York alone. That's double their attendance from the previous year," she adds excitedly. "The Metro teachers and children are very enthusiastic in their approach to the Markham Fair" she says "and I only wish more local children could get just as involved."

This year the Music Program Committee, of which Gerri is also a

member, have planned a special entertainment program for Thursday and Friday. There will be morning and afternoon performances by a magician and a puppet show; but what Gerri finds most exciting is that the children are being encouraged to perform for each other as well. "We're hoping that some of the classes coming out will put on little plays, perform little dances or sing songs. We want them to actively participate in their own program" she

says enthusiastically.

According to Gerri, you can't help but become excited and even

gratified when you see the expressions on the faces of the children when they look at the various

exhibits at the Fair "and they pay so much attention to detail" she says.



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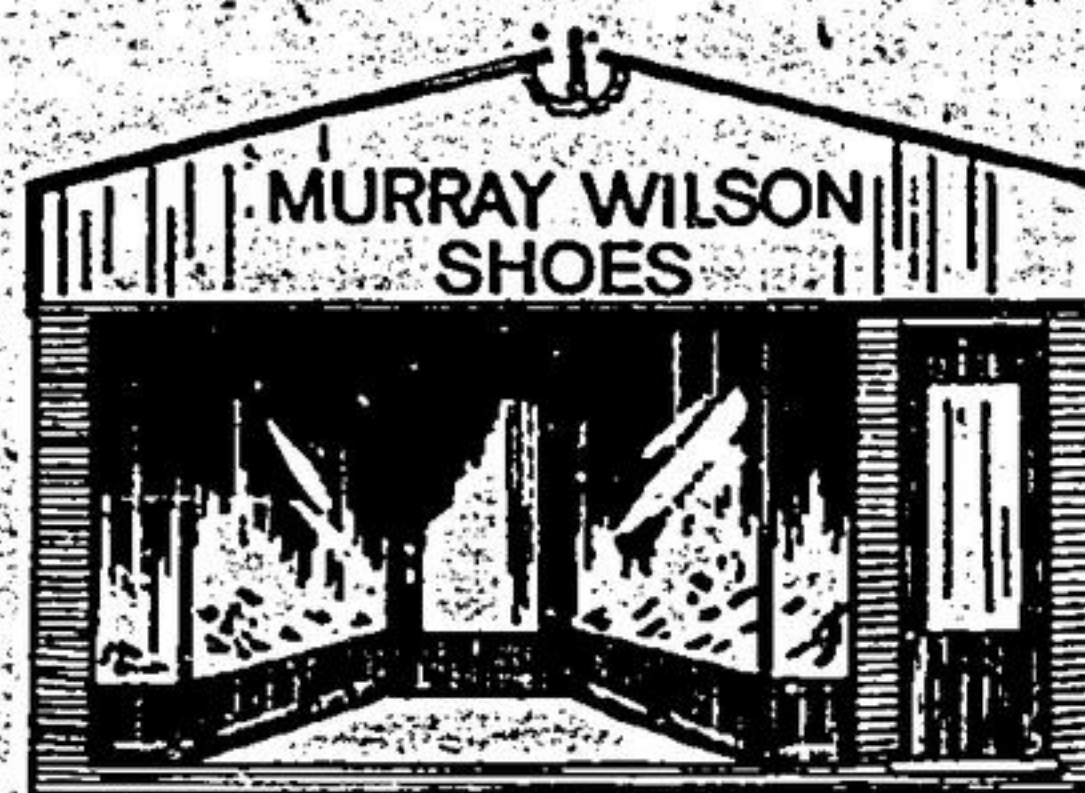
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