



Bruce Miller put on a dazzling display of guitar picking in the first Winter Nights Concert at Latcham Hall, Friday night.

First in concert series

# Guitar work highlight

By DON BERNARD

It takes a certain amount of courage to organize a series of folk-bluegrass concerts in a place such as Stouffville. The endeavor is fraught with danger.

But Susan and David Hopper are taking a chance. The local couple are betting that there are enough people interested in good folk and country music to make the enterprise a success.

Friday evening, at Latcham Hall, Bruce Miller appeared in the first of eight Winter Nights Concerts. If the other seven are anything like the opener, then local audiences are in for a treat indeed.

Bruce Miller provided a varied program of folk, blues and country style music, mostly original compositions. Love songs and introspective musings, combined with a flair for humor, made the concert entertaining.

Mr. Miller did it the hard way too. With no backup, he provided some very good, sometimes brilliant acoustic guitar work. He also offered a fiddle set in each half of the show. In the finale he played the guitar and fiddle at the same time.

The program involved such numbers as "Anna-Marie", a Bruce Miller original recently recorded by Susan Jacks and "Rude Awakening", another of his songs recently released as a single.

It was the easy good-humor and fine guitar work that provided an entertaining evening for the audience of about 60. Songs such as "Ramblin' on my Mind" demonstrated Mr. Miller's interest in blues. The blues guitar picking segment in the middle of the song was especially exciting.

"Fly Raven Fly" was an upbeat song, while in "Hobo on Home" he invited the audience to provide the instrumental back-up, in a quasi-sing-a-long fashion.

The fiddle segment at the end of first set provided a light-hearted rendition of "Listen to the Mockingbird."

The second half started off with some fine guitar work, a very sensitive arrangement of the James Taylor song, "Rainy Day Woman". A light-hearted and lively version of "That's the Glory of Love", made a fine change of pace.

Near the end, Mr. Miller came forward with some satirical songs — "I Love my Pinky Pooh" and "Funky Toronto". He played the fiddle again at the end and provided a version of "Orange Blossom Special", which suffered for lack of back-up musicians.

As an encore he played and sang, "I'm so Lonesome I could Die", playing guitar and fiddle at the same time.

Fair committee meets

The Musselman's Lake Fair committee will be meeting Tuesday, Jan. 27 at 1 p.m. at the Cedars of Musselman's building on the 9th Line, and Lakeshore Rd. Election of officers for the committee will be conducted.

Guest speaker

Rev. William Griffin, dean of education of the Eastern Pentecostal Bible College in Peterboro, will be guest speaker this coming Sunday at the Stouffville Pentecostal Church. He will minister at the 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. services. The college has 265 students and offers Bible training for the Ontario, Quebec, Maritimes and Newfoundland districts of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.

Julia Laurretta Wright Funeral service was held Monday for Julia Laurretta Wright, who died Jan. 17 at Newmarket Nursing Home. She was in her 86th year. Miss Wright was the daughter of the late John and Martha Wright. Funeral service was at O'Neill's Funeral Home in Stouffville with Spring interment at 2nd Markham Baptist Cemetery.

Adult skating party The Stouffville figure skating club's annual adult skating party is set for 8 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 24 at the Stouffville Arena. Admissions is \$3 per couple with music provided by the East York Concert Band.

Off to Olympics Although not an athlete, one Stouffville man will be taking part in the 1976 Winter Olympics in Innsbruck, Austria. Lawrence Barclay, Loretta Cres. is a cameraman for CFTO. Channel 9 and will be part of the television crew filming the winter games.

## STOUFFVILLE SCENE

# What's going on

Legion dance

Stouffville Legion (Branch 459) will be the location for a dance Friday, Jan. 30 at 8:30 p.m. Guest admissions is \$2.25 with a pot luck supper at midnight.

Another anniversary

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Ewart Oldham are invited to offer congratulations on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary on Feb. 7 from 2-5 p.m. at the Canadiana Motel, (Kennedy Rd. at Highway 401).

Broken hip

Mrs. Florence Miller, a resident of Parkview Home, fell and broke her hip last week. She is recuperating in Scarborough Centenary Hospital.

Easter Star group

The Markham Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star will be holding a dessert and card party, Wednesday, Feb. 4 at 1:15 p.m. at the Masonic Hall in Markham. Admissions is \$1. For further information call 294-2294.

First fire truck

Harry (Red) Prothero, the first fire truck driver in Toronto, died Jan. 12 at York Central Hospital in Richmond Hill. He had been a resident of Country Place Nursing Home. He was the father of Mrs. Vern Davies of Musselman's Lake and Lillian Goff of Ballantrae.

Victoria Square

### Explorers

#### enjoy skating

By MRS. W. SANDLE  
VIC SQUARE — The members and leaders of the Explorer group held a Skating Party at the Outdoor Rink at the Park on Thursday evening of last week. Following the skating, they returned to the Sunday School room where everyone enjoyed hot chocolate and donuts. They all report having a wonderful time.

On Saturday evening, the Victoria Square District Lions Club members and their wives enjoyed a Skating Party on the Outdoor Rink at the home of the Lion President Don Boynton. For those who did not skate, cards were played.

Another Euchre party will be held in the Community Hall on Friday, Jan. 23 at 8 p.m. Everyone welcome. Please note that these Euchre parties are sponsored by the Victoria Square District Lions Club.

The annual meeting of the Victoria Square United Church will be held in the Sunday School room on Wednesday, Jan. 28 at 8 p.m. All interested folks please plan to attend!!!

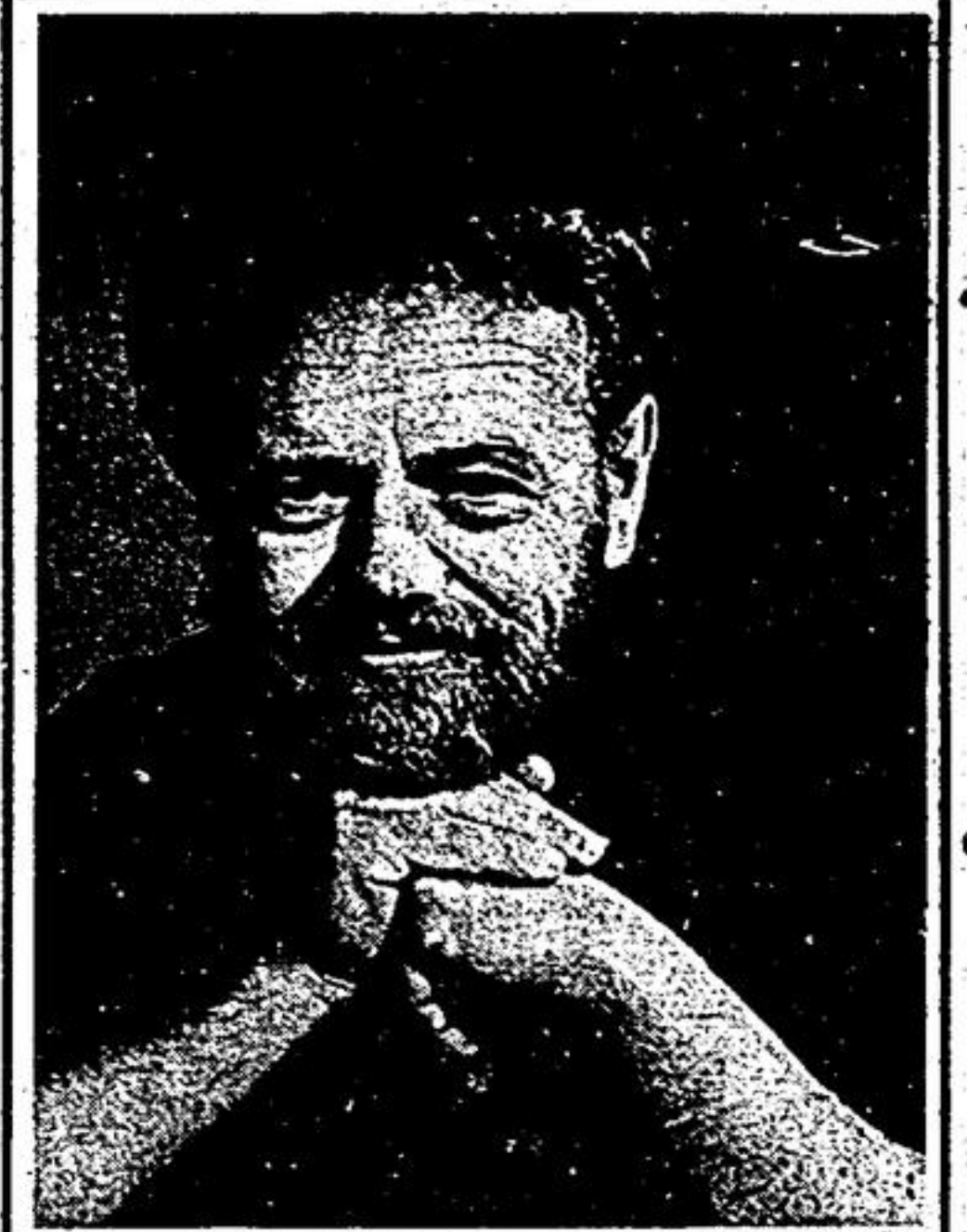
Mr. Jack Phillely of Burnaby, B.C., called on his aunt and cousin Mrs. Barbara Hart and Wendy on Saturday afternoon.

50th anniversary

Open House will be held Sunday, Feb. 1 for Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Houck, Maytree Ave. It will be held in Latcham Hall from 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m.

Trip to the Alps

Keith Liedtke, Manitoba St., is spending a skiing week in northern Italy at Madonna Decamillo. He is the proprietor of the Markham Travel Centre.



Local singer-composer Keath Barrie will appear in concert Saturday, Feb. 14 at Eaton Auditorium. —George Ross

## First concert for singer

STOUFFVILLE — Local singer-composer Keath Barrie will be appearing in Concert, Saturday, Feb. 14, at Eaton Auditorium.

It will be his debut as a concert artist and the first of a series of concerts in various cities in Ontario. Mr. Barrie is a resident of Goodwood.

He will be accompanied by an orchestra under the direction of Jimmy Dale, musical director for CBC's Bob McLean Show.

Mr. Barrie has had major successes since the release of first single in 1974 on the United Artists Label. Three singles have received major play on such middle of the road music stations such as CRFB and CHFI.

His two albums, "Keath Barrie Sings of Love and Other Places" and "Only Talkin' to the Wind" have also sold well.

To coincide with Mr. Barrie's first Toronto concert, a new single, "Only Talkin' to the Wind" will be released, and a feature story will appear in the Feb. 14 issue of the Canadian Magazine.

Tickets for the Feb. 14 concert are on sale at \$4.50 and \$5.50 and can be obtained throughout Eaton's Attractions ticket offices.

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