

UCW fall rally held

Service is the real thought given by us for our room on Presbyteral President Earth was the opening Marian Starr of Vandorf

to a well-attended Fall Rally of United Church Women at Woodbridge United Church, during October.

A meaningful worship service was conducted by Myrna Watson and Florence MacLivre of Stouffville, assisted by May Richards as Pianist. Mrs. Jolley, President of Woodbridge U.C.W., welcomed the ladies, after which a business period was conducted.

Jean Nauta then introduced two special speakers - Nora Love, of the Department of Health and Social Service, York Region, and Allison Adair, Community Development Worker for the Ontario March of Dimes. The speakers outlined the development of treatment of handicapped persons in institutions, as well as the assistance given toward their integration into the community. To this end, action groups in every municipality are a prime goal.

A number of stimulating books were then reviewed by Bill Bird of Canec.

Musical interludes for the morning and afternoon sessions were enjoyed under the leadership of Jean Morley and Lorraine Hutchinson.

Jean Willets introduced the guest speaker of the afternoon Gladys Bennett of Bracebridge, who, assisted by her sister as projectionist, showed and discussed over one hundred slides taken during a recent visit to China. Miss Bennett provided an interesting and informative view of life in China since 1949.

AURORA Darlene Duggan returned home Saturday to collect eight awards during Dr. G.W. Williams' Secondary School's annual commencement exercises.

The top Grade 13 student in York Region last June with a 96.8



The winner of the Legion Ladies Auxiliary Stouffville Centennial quilt contests were decided recently. Posing here with the winning pattern for the quilt is Greta Hill of 9th Line South. She was awarded a prize of \$100. There were 20 entries in the contest.

Local train stations featured in book

STOUFFVILLE

Elizabeth Willmott of Toronto has more than a passing interest in seeing the old Canadian National Railways station in Stouffville and scores like it across Ontario, preserved.

As author and photographer of the book "Meet Me at the Station," Mrs. Willmott has striven to arouse an awareness throughout Ontario of the

importance of the preservation of historically important railway stations.

The station in Stouffville is one of many dealt with in the book, including those in Claremont and Uxbridge.

"I've been reading about the possibility of the (Stouffville) station going," Mrs. Willmott told *The Tribune*. "I'd hate to see it."

Your station has so much history surrounding it, I think it would be a shame if they didn't find some way to use it."

Mrs. Willmott said she would prefer that the station remain where it is now located, if possible, to keep the atmosphere, but she said that if it could be moved, it would still retain some of the flavor of an old railway station.

The author will be coming to the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library on Nov. 18, 1:30 p.m., to both talk about her book and to make a slide presentation. The event is co-sponsored by the library and John Lord Books.

"Meet Me at the Station" briefly tells the history of Stouffville, as well as of the railway station in the village.

According to the book, "the presence of the narrow-gauge Toronto Nipissing Railway which passed through Stouffville in 1871, was an important factor in the development of the village and surrounding area."

One early incident in Stouffville's train history was an explosion that occurred Jan. 31, 1873, in an unusual type of locomotive known as a Fairlie. One of the two boilers burst, killing most of the crew, and causing great damage to the railway station.

The locomotive, called "The Sheddin," later had a second explosion in 1879 before it was put out of use.

"Stouffville," wrote Miss Willmott, "became a busy railway junction when a branch line was built in 1877 to Sutton." The railway through Stouffville eventually was acquired by the Grand Trunk Railway in 1884, the company which, in 1886, built the present station.

The two-story frame Stouffville station included in its living quarters for both the station master and his family.

A long-time station master was John Mason,

who served there from 1911 to 1932.

The station at that time was a place to which children seemed to gravitate "because of all the wonderful places to play. Climbing the old water tower was a favourite sport."

And on election night,

"every man in town gathered in the waiting room to hear the election results as they came hot off the wires of the telegrapher's table."

Similar tales are told in the book of the old Canadian Pacific Railway station in Claremont.

Kenneth Dopping of Toronto, son of a Claremont station agent, told in the book what it was like living at the station house for some 20 years of his life.

He was "the envy of all his young friends" and used to get permission to climb up into the train cars while they were waiting to be cleared, and even got the chance to drive a locomotive a short distance.

In the Dopping household, "the entire day was punctuated by the arrivals and departures of passenger trains,

and the thunder of a passing freight train acted as a conversation stopper."

Windows rattled; dishes and silver vibrated a metallic tune, and pictures hanging on the walls took on a new angle.

The line through

Claremont had been built

in 1884 by the Ontario and

Quebec Railway Company.

The same year, the Canadian Pacific Railway purchased the line and have operated it ever since.

STOUFFVILLE SCENE

What's going on

NDP meeting

The Durham-York

NDP annual meeting will

be held Wednesday, Nov.

17, at 8 p.m. Dr. Charles

Godfrey, MPP Durham

West will be guest

speaker. New executive

to be elected.

Historical photos

A member of the

Photographic Historical

Society of Canada will

present a program on old

pictures at Markham

Centennial Library

Thursday, Nov. 18

beginning at 8 p.m. Terry

Wedge will explain how to

collect, date and preserve

antique photographs. He

will also bring a display of

old pictures. Admission

is free.

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Students at Orchard

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Quilt winners

First and Second

prize winners of the

Legion Ladies Auxiliary

quilt draw held Saturday,

Nov. 18. Tickets \$12 per

couple.

Beef social

Stouffville Legion are

hosting a beef social at

the legion hall, Saturday,

Nov. 20. Tickets \$12 per

couple.

50th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Sher-

man Arnold, 37, William

St. Stouffville, celebra-

tated their 50th

wedding anniversary

Saturday, Oct. 30.

The couple enjoyed a

dinner with their children

and grandchildren at the

Parkway Hotel on Friday

evening.

Family and friends

honoured them at a

dinner and social evening

on Saturday at the home

of their son Carl, and

daughter-in-law Anna, in

Markham.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold

have two children, Jean

(Mrs. Don Edey) of Ot-

tawa and Carl. They have

four grandchildren, Brian

and Grant Edey and

Carolyn and Kathryn

Arnold.

Nursing open house

For anyone interested in nursing Seneca's School of Nursing is having an open house on Sunday, Nov. 14, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Leslie Campus, at Leslie and Sheppard. For further information call 494-8900.

Honor society

Barry C. O'Flynn, son of Mrs. C. O'Flynn, of Mount Albert, a senior at General Motors Institute in Flint, Michigan, has been appointed to GMI's Management Honour Society.

The society was founded to provide an opportunity for the company to honour those students whom they feel show special promise of leadership and managerial potential.

WEB panelist

Audrey Christie of Elm Road, Stouffville was recently a member of a panel discussion on education held at Kingcraft in King City by the York Branch of the University Women's Club.

Mrs. Christie represented the Working Educational Bureau (WEB) group. She has been a member of the organization since its inception during the 1974 teacher's strike. Also on the panel was a member of the Thornhill Parents Council and the York County Teachers' Federation.

Recycling display

Recycling depot members have mounted an interesting display of recyclable materials in the front window of the public library. This display will be on hand for one more week. Some literature — on composting food and garden waste — is available free of charge.

Depot volunteers are trying to encourage more families to sort their garbage and use the facilities available in the village. Also needed are more volunteer workers to help man the depot.

Volunteers are asked to work one month. For further information call 640-4370 or 640-4479.

William Richards passes

William Richards of Stouffville passed away Nov. 8 at Green Gables Nursing Home. He was in his 74th year.

Mr. Richards came from England as a young boy, and worked on various farms in the area. He remained a bachelor all his life.

A service was held Tuesday evening at O'Neill Funeral Home, with interment in Stouffville Cemetery.

Anniversary gathering

Friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lipscombe are invited to a tea in honour of their 50th wedding anniversary at Brougham Hall. It will take place Saturday, Nov. 13, from 2 to 4 p.m. Best wishes only is requested.

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