

**Vivian Kindergarten class**

**Nature study enjoyable**

Shouts of "Smokey the Bear is coming," "I found a calapillar," and "I see a movie" rang through the woods when a Kindergarten class from Ballantrae Public School visited the Outdoor Education Centre at Vivian recently.

The kindergartners were exploring one of the regional forest tracts under the knowledgeable guidance of Fred Mayor, a naturalist, conservationist and teacher all rolled into one.

Mr. Mayor, along with other Vivian staffers, instructs school classes from Kindergarten to grade eight in nature studies, conservation, ecology and recycling, and hopefully, a deeper understanding and respect for nature.

Most area schools take advantage of the program, which will be expanded next year.

Mr. Mayor explained that there are different programs, half and full day, for the various groups.

The kindergarten class, for instance, was learning about natural camouflage by hiding in the tall grass and observing which child was the most easily spotted. Love of animals was taught by encouraging the children to build 'houses' and feeding stations and stocking them with acorns and other like tidbits, for the forest inhabitants.

Participation is stressed in all the programs and the children respond with great enthusiasm, and imagination. Especially the latter.

After Fred Mayor explained all about fires and Smokey the Bear, at least three tots claimed to

have seen him, and one insisted that Winnie the Pooh had also been there.

However the most remarkable apparition seen that day in the woods was probably the 'movie'

that a little blond boy claimed he saw. Neither Mr. Mayor, nor this reporter ever did get to the bottom of that mystery. All we saw was trees.



David Slade lovingly pats a mouse house he built at the Vivian Outdoor Education Centre.



A tent 'calapillar' nest arouses the interest of Tracey Rodda and Dan Murnaghan.



Joe Perrin is building a feeding station for his woodland friends. All the children were kindergartners from Ballantrae P.S.—Annegret Lamure

**Group to take seniors to parade**

The Baha'i group of Whitchurch-Stouffville is making plans to ensure that the senior citizens of Stouffville will be able to see the giant Homecoming Weekend parade on Friday, July 1st.

Stan Phillips, a member of the group, said that Baha'i will be providing transportation for citizens in homes and residences. He commented that there are

seven people in the group and they have all offered their services and vehicles to take the seniors to and from the parade.

A spot will be set up for them on Main St. and Mr. Phillips said a sign is being made for the seniors which will read: "Exclusively reserved for Whitchurch-Stouffville history makers."

Refreshments will also be available for the seniors and if anyone would like to help the group contact Mr. Phillips at 640-2522.

**Social service meeting**

A series of meetings will be held in the Region of York in the next few months to determine the most appropriate type of Health and Social Service planning bodies required to service the needs of the residents of the Region.

Interested organizations and the

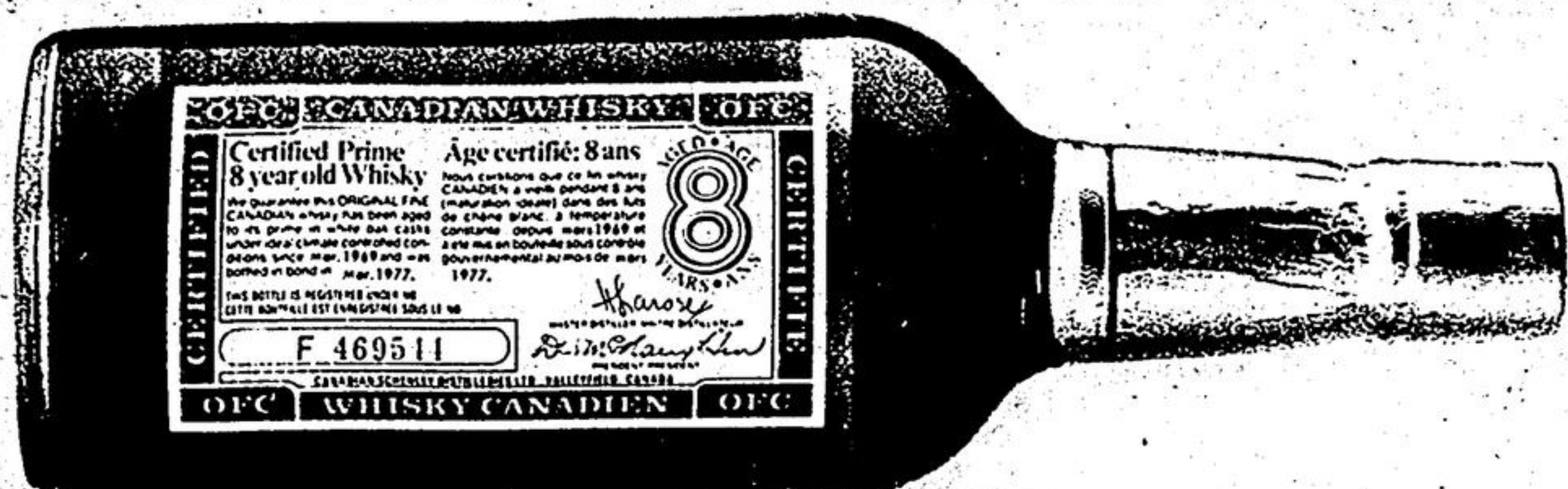
public will be invited to participate and contribute to the meetings, which will be held under the sponsorship of the Review Committee on Health and Social Planning, which was approved by Regional Council on recommendation of its Health and Social Services Committee.

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