

# -Events-

Each week, The Tribune publishes a list of events scheduled for the days ahead. Individuals or organizations wishing to utilize this service should call 640-2100 not later than 5 p.m., Friday.

**STOUFFVILLE** — Sat., Dec. 2 is Santa Claus Parade Day in Stouffville. The procession starts at 2 p.m. For information on float entries call Ken Smurthwaite at 640-1428.

**STOUFFVILLE** — The C.C. Riders Snowmobile Club will hold a meeting in Latcham Hall on Thursday (to-night) at 7:30 p.m. Members and non-members are invited.

**YORK REGION** — The official opening of the York Centre for Children With Learning Disabilities will be held on Thursday (to-day), Nov. 23 from 1 to 8 p.m. The location is 11225 Leslie Street, Richmond Hill. For more information call 887-5896.

**GORMLEY** — Bruce's Mill Conservation Ski Area is holding an "open house", Sunday, Dec. 3 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., with films, clinics and demonstrations to interest the cross-country skier. Admission is free.

**CLAREMONT** — Films for pre-schoolers will be shown by the Altona Co-op Nursery School on Fri., Nov. 24 at 11:15 a.m., in the Claremont Community Hall. Admission is free.

**STOUFFVILLE** — UNICEF Christmas cards are on sale until Dec. 20 at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library and can be purchased during regular library hours.

**STOUFFVILLE** — A special evening worship featuring "The Women" gospel music group, will be held in the Stouffville Missionary Church, Sunday, Nov. 26 at 7 p.m.

**STOUFFVILLE** — The Stouffville Boxing and Fitness Club is holding a formal dance and buffet, Fri., Dec. 15 at 8 p.m. in Latcham Hall. Tickets (\$15 a couple) are available from the Stouffville Sound and Music; Sargeant Dymont's Fried Chicken; Fawns Sports Centre or by calling 640-1841.

**CLAREMONT** — A hard-times dance will be held in the Claremont Legion Hall, Sat., Nov. 25 at 8:30 p.m. Admission is \$1.

**STOUFFVILLE** — The County Breakers are holding a dance on Sat., Dec. 9 in the Goodwood Community Hall. For tickets (\$6 per person) call Gina at 294-6302.

**VICTORIA SQUARE** — Annual plowmen's banquet is Fri., Nov. 24 at 6:30 p.m., in the Victoria Square Community Hall.

**MARKHAM** — Residents of Thomson Court Apartments are holding a bazaar, Sat., Nov. 25 from 1 to 4 p.m.

**MARKHAM** — The Markham Little Theatre is presenting "Harvey" in the high school auditorium, Nov. 23, 24 and 25 at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are available at Crothers Pharmacy, Markham Pharmacy, T-Shirt Deli, Wellington Way Stereo and Murray Wilson Shoes.

**UNIONVILLE** — Union Villa Sr. Citizens Auxiliary is holding a Christmas bazaar, Sat., Nov. 25 from 1:30 to 4 p.m.

**STOUFFVILLE** — The Whitchurch-Stouffville Book Club meets on the first Thursday of each month in the Latcham Gallery of the Public Library at 8 p.m.

**VICTORIA SQUARE** — Turkey shoot sponsored by the Victoria Square Lions Club will be held on Sat., Nov. 25.

**UNIONVILLE** — A craft, antique and bake sale will be held at Unionville Public School, Sat., Nov. 25 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is 50 cents; children 25 cents.

**STOUFFVILLE** — The Stouffville Chapter of TOPS meets every Monday at 1 and 7:30 p.m. in Christ Anglican Church, Sunset Boulevard.

**STOUFFVILLE** — The Concerned Citizens of York County will hold a public meeting, Tues., Nov. 28 at 7:45 p.m. in Room 105 of Stouffville Dist. Secondary School.

**STOUFFVILLE** — The Kinsmen Club of Stouffville will be selling balloons and pens from a display booth in the A & P Plaza, Friday evening and Saturday, Nov. 24 and 25 with all proceeds going to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

**STOUFFVILLE** — The Whitchurch - Stouffville Silver Jubilee Club is holding its Christmas program, Dec. 7 with entertainment at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

**VICTORIA SQUARE** — The Community Centre Board will hold its annual meeting, Mon., Nov. 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the Hall.

**CLAREMONT** — The Claremont Golden Age Club will host an instructional course on the Baking of Bread, Tues., Nov. 28 at 10 a.m. in the Bowling Green Clubhouse.

**GOODWOOD** — Senior citizens of the community are invited to a Christmas dinner, Sunday, Nov. 26. For further information call Elva Symes at 640-2249.

**STOUFFVILLE** — The annual Skate-a-thon at the Stouffville Arena, begins Sat., Nov. 25 at 7 a.m., with public participation from 9 to 11 p.m.

**MARKHAM** — Annual Santa Claus Parade, sponsored by the Kinsmen Club of Markham, Sat., Nov. 25 starting at 9:30 a.m.

**STOUFFVILLE** — The Ladies Auxiliary of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Minor Hockey Association is holding a bake sale, Sat., Dec. 2 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in Latcham Hall.

**MARKHAM** — A pre-Christmas bazaar will be held at Markham Home for Sr. Citizens, Parkway Avenue, Sat., Dec. 9 from 2:30 to 4 p.m.

**MARKHAM** — The Markham Family Life Centre is holding an "open house", Nov. 29 from 7 to 9 p.m., and Nov. 30 from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon. The location is 113 Main Street.

# Two diaries in a barn

By ALEX DAVIDSON  
Today, we saw a barn 28, 1896; first robin, March 17, 1897; first property, Machines first robin, March 16, 1898; worth \$175,000 had first robin, March 20, 1900. "Got coulter ploughshare, 10 cents". "Shoes set on horse, 65 cents".

Sifting through the debris, we discovered two diaries. They contained records of a previous owner, a gentleman by the name of Vanzant. One of the diaries was written on a piece of tin; another on a board. The tin notations were as follows:

"The first swallow came May 1, 1937".  
"The 'Dersey' heifer to bull May 6, 1933".

"April 3, 1937, bought the Barney horse".  
"April 28, 1939, bought the Black mare".  
"April 4, seen a 'pluver'".  
"March 6, 1940, got White cow off Lunau".  
Our interest deepened. The Lunau mentioned was the father of John Lunau, curator of the Markham Museum.

The diary written on a board was more historic. It read:

Years after this land was expropriated for an Airport, an enquiry is still underway to determine if the country needs it.

Did this man build this barn and then sit down and ask his family and neighbors if he needed it? Not very likely. The recorded items really spurred our imagination like: How many more records were buried in the debris? Did the Black mare ever get the colic? Did the "Dersey" heifer become pregnant? When did the first robin return in 1899? How did the White cow do that was purchased from Lunau?

All is now quiet. The high-priced machinery has left the scene, having done its "level" best. Descendants of those 1898 robins can be observed making their way South. Eighty years have not changed their appearance and habits. We felt as if we had spent an afternoon with Mr. Vanzant.

It was a pleasure.

## Thanks

Dear Mr. Thomas:  
Through The Tribune, we wish to thank Mrs. Ennis, her helpers and the Community Centre Board at Ballantrae, for their assistance in organizing and holding recent teen dances.  
They were lots of fun and we hope they can be held again.  
Sincerely,  
"THE KIDS".

# Is dancing a sin?

Dear Editor:  
I hope you won't allow your newspaper to be "used" as a sounding board on this issue, but I feel the recent letter from Doris Ratcliff deserves a reply.  
Mrs. Ratcliff seems to look on dancing as some kind of pagan ritual, in fact, if I read her correctly, she feels no one can honestly

claim to be a Christian and participate in such forms of entertainment. I resent that kind of sweeping condemnation of people.  
I know many (young people included) who attend public dances yet still walk as straight and narrow a path as she and her friends will tread.  
Dancing is fun, like

skiing, golfing and bowling. Surely, Mrs. Ratcliff doesn't condemn these too.  
And what about different kinds of dancing? Is the highland fling okay? What about ballet dancing or tap dancing? Or is it that people "touch" that automatically condemns them to hell?

And by the way, Mrs. Ratcliff, there's a hymn we often sing in our church called "Lord Of The Dance". Should it be banned also or are we who sing it non-Christian also?  
In my opinion, it's this kind of straight-laced "Christianity" that is turning folks away from church.  
LORNE PETERS.



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