



Fairy princess at Summitview Christmas concert.

Every student was a star, last week, when Stouffville's Summitview Public School held its first Christmas Concert. The two-night program played to a 'full house' each evening.

One of the participants was this pretty princess, eight year old Stephanie Barclay, Cemetery Lane, Stouffville.

—Jim Thomas.

### O.M.B. supports Town

## Subdivision blocked

STOUFFVILLE — The Ontario Municipal Council has upheld Whitechurch-Stouffville Town Council's decision rejecting an estate residential subdivision on the St. John's Sideroad, south of the sixth concession.

York which Investments, Limited, the developer, appealed to the Municipal Board after the Planning Board and Council turned down their application on three occasions in 1975 and 1976. The Planning Board of the Regional Municipality of York also refused to support the scheme.

York which proposed to build a 12 lot development on a 30 acre parcel of land. The estimated population of the subdivision was 46 persons.

At the hearing, neither representatives from the Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Food, or from the South Lake Simcoe Conservation Authority registered objections against the subdivision plans.

However, both the region and local councils argued the plan was premature and should not be approved until further studies on the impact of it on the municipality were carried out.

The Town was concerned about the large numbers of developments already slated for construction, and environmental damage.

The homes would have been built in the Oak Ridges Moraine, an environmentally sensitive area.

The decision was contained in a nine page brief. In handing down their verdict, hearing officers D.D. Diplock and J. Wadd wrote, "The council with its local knowledge and with statements of policy which it has created after receiving detailed specialist advice, has made a series of decisions which this Board is unwilling to interfere with ..."

### Truckload of T.V.'s

## Theft thwarted

MARKHAM — York Regional Police, working in close co-operation with officers of O.P.P. Intelligence, have arrested five persons in connection with the alleged theft of an \$20,000 van and a load of television sets, said to be worth \$80,000.

The plan, police believe, was to hook up a borrowed truck with a trailer parked at the Quasar plant on Denison Avenue near Woodbine. This was accomplished. A transfer of the 142 T.V.'s was to take place in the area of Ellesmere Road and Victoria Park Avenue, about five miles to the south. At this point, however, things went wrong. Officers moved in and made the arrests.

Several of the suspects are school teachers, prominent in the Markham-Thornhill communities.

From Tribune files

of 38 years ago

# Beloved principal died

What events in the community made Front Page news, 38 years ago. To find out, the editor 'dug out' file copies dated December, 1940. Here are a few of the stories he found.

The little country church at Bethesda in Whitechurch Twp., was filled to overflowing as the community paid its respects to the memory of the late Isaac Pike following his passing at the age of 87. Mr. Pike, "the old schoolmaster", had been a tremendous influence in the area, not only as a principal but as a Sunday School teacher and minister. An initial service was held at the family residence with Rev. Bricker in charge. Later, a service was held in the church with Rev. Samuel Goudie bringing the message assisted by Rev. Brubacher, Rev. E. Atkinson, a pupil of

Mr. Pike, read the lesson. The paper's heading read: "This Day, A Great Man Has Fallen". Following his retirement from the teaching profession, Isaac Pike carried on as a farmer. His salary for the first few years as a teacher was \$150 (a year). Pall bearers were - Clarke and Clarence Atkinson, Clare Bolender, Samuel Doner, William Paisley and Wesley Steckley.

Edgar A. Storry of Bloomington was awarded \$5,705 against the C.N.R. by an Assize Court Jury for damages sustained in a level-crossing crash. Mr. Storry lost his right arm in the accident. His auto stalled on the tracks as the train approached. He got out and tried to push it out of harm's way but failed. He was injured in the resulting crash. It was ruled that the train's engineer had been negligent in "not having it under proper control". The jury claimed he had sufficient time to stop the locomotive and avoid collision.

In spite of a heavy fall of snow the day before, a good crowd attended an auction sale on the farm of Finley Thompson, east of Goodwood. The top cow brought \$87; a sow and ten pigs, \$40 and fat pigs, \$14 each. A seed drill sold for \$75 and a manure spreader for \$116. For receipts were \$1,750. For auctioneer A. S. Farmer, it was his "fifth day of selling without a break".

More than 300 people attended a banquet at the King Edward Hotel, Toronto, held in honor of Fred Timbers, "The Champion Plowman of America". Mr. Timbers won the title in competition at Davenport, Iowa. Chairman of the gathering was Markham Twp. Reeve James Rennie. York County Agricultural Representative Wm. Cockburn was also in attendance and spoke briefly. J.A. Carroll, Secretary-Treasurer of the Ontario Plowman's Association paid tribute to Mr. Timbers "for bringing honors to York County and Canada".

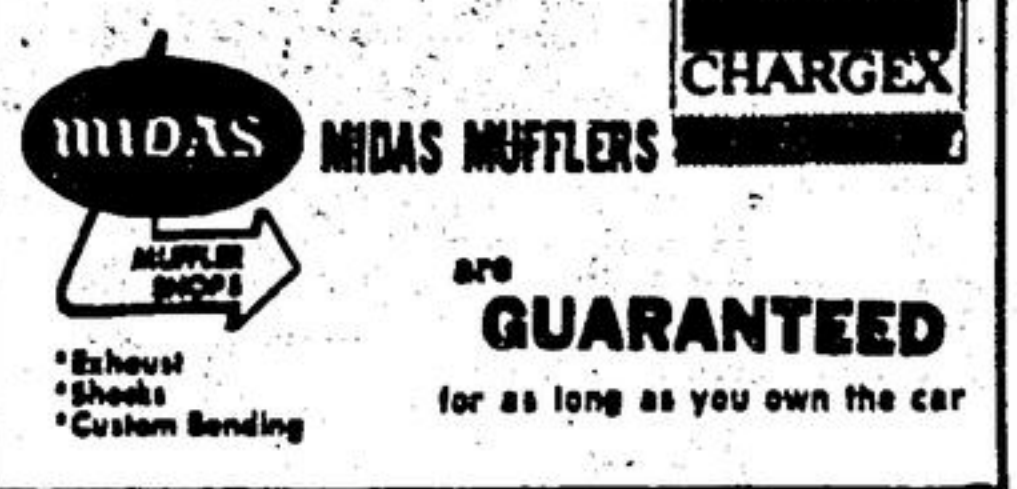
Warden R.E. Bales presented him with a mantle clock. Clark Young, Treasurer of the Ontario Plowman's Association, presented Mrs. Timbers with a bouquet of flowers in honor of the couple's recent 12th anniversary. Fred Timbers had previously won the Canadian International Match at St. Thomas and every other competition at the level from 1932 to 1939. He had not planned

to participate in the 1940 match, but according to the paper, changed his mind when pressed by officials after arriving at the site. Because he had anticipated retirement, he had not practised before the event. Tax Collector K.R. Davis reported above-average payments with the final due date, Dec. 1. Receipts totalled \$3,500.

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