

Town Library

New art gallery dream come true

The Library's Latham Gallery is undergoing a metamorphosis. Next month it will shed its amateur chrysalis and burgeon into a newly-fledged showcase for professional artists. The event, on a local scale, will be as momentous as the Argos winning the Grey Cup or the government balancing the budget. Well, maybe that's a bit heavy on hyperbole but, the point we're making is that the emergence of the "new" gallery is a special happening that's important to the library and to the cultural growth of our community.

If you're old and bold enough to cast your mind back to the days when libraries were as sedentary as defensive chessmen, you'll realize that many exciting and even innovative moves have been made since then. For our library, the major move was one of location when we took occupancy of a superb new building during Stouffville's centennial. Since then, the facility's Latham Gallery has become increasingly important to the library's image and impact, for its primary function has been to display and promote local artistic endeavour.

This concept will be heightened, rather than

changed, when the Gallery makes a second debut next month. Its focus will be on professionals. To achieve this, an Arts Committee under the directorship of Ron Baird (a noted Canadian artist and sculptor who resides near Goodwood) has been formed. Its aim is to sponsor and develop the art program, promote local artists and ultimately, begin a permanent art collection for the community.

With the first two aims firmly in mind, the newly-fledged Gallery will flap its wings in spectacular style on Sept. 12 with an opening display of works by fourteen nationally-known professional artists who reside within or near Whitchurch - Stouffville. This is the first in a series of 3-week exhibitions already scheduled for the upcoming months so, if you wish advance notice through the Gallery mailing list or would like to comment on the art program, please don't hesitate to contact the library.

We hope ... No! Let's say, we're confident that the responsive folk in our community will not only encourage the Gallery fledgling in its efforts to get off the ground, but will help and watch it mature with a certain amount of pride.

Fair queen liked CNE

MARKHAM — Maybe she didn't win the Miss C.N.E. Title, but she had fun trying.

Markham Fair Queen, Cathy Case, describes what it was like to represent her Town in the pageant held the opening day of the Exhibition.

"It was great. I think it's a valuable experience for any girl. I would certainly encourage others to at least try it."

Cathy was crowned Miss Markham Fair last October and went on with 94 other girls to participate in the C.N.E. contest. The girls represented local fair queens from all across Ontario.

A recent Ryerson grad, Cathy has received her diploma in Business Administration and says she's going on for her degree.

After six years working at Murray Wilson Shoes on Main St., she's now proud to be the manager of the store.

Although Cathy says she's "not a farm girl", she's an active Markham Fair worker. She's looking forward to this year when she will sit on the Contest Committee, and crown the eighth fair queen.

As this year's queen, her duties have taken her to the annual Agricultural

Convention at the Royal York in Toronto in February, and to the Markham Spring Festival in May.

She says she met many new friends at the Toronto pageant, but since they were together for such a short time and live so far from each other, she doubts the friendships will last.

How does Cathy feel about not winning the Title? To her, it "means more to be the Markham Fair Queen than it ever would to be Miss C.N.E."

On trial

A pilot project, designed to expose juvenile offenders to federal prison life, has been announced by Keith Norton, Minister of Community and Social Services.

The program is experimental and voluntary. Mr. Norton explained. It will begin Sept. 1, and include visits to the federal penitentiary at Milhaven near Kingston.

The way it will work, a group of about eight boys from either the Champlain Training School at Alfred or Brookside Training School in Cobourg will be taken to Milhaven for a tour of that facility and talks with the inmates. Each visit will last about three hours.



"Girl Next Door"

Star on ice

Patrons at the Success Steak and Seafood House in Stouffville, aren't likely to complain about the service when it's provided by 18 year old Pam Thomson.

Pam's a part-time waitress there and our "Girl Next Door".

No, Stouffville can't lay claim to this pretty and personal teenager. Actually, she now lives east of Leaskdale and before that, near Siloam. She has one sister, Patty, 16.

Mention Pam's name around Uxbridge and most folks will remember her as one of the finest figure skaters to come up through the ranks of the local Club. Since the age of five, skating's been her life and it very well could be her career. Some day she'd like to instruct, maybe even at Uxbridge. She enjoys helping others, just as others once helped her.

Whatever success she's enjoyed to date, Pam says she owes to her parents. "They've been behind me two hundred per cent," she said, even to the point of getting up at 3 a.m., to drive her to the rink. "I have a lot of respect for them; they're unreal," she stated.

Pam's come a long way since the afternoons and evenings when Stouffville's Karen Lewis guided her through various tests. During the season of 1975-76, she won the Provincial Pre-Novice Ladies Class; she's skated in Buffalo, Montreal, Port Huron; Columbus, Ohio and even Copenhagen, Denmark. She hopes to return to Copenhagen next summer.

Pam's next goal is her Gold and then maybe she'll turn pro, perhaps with the Ice Follies, the Ice Capades or Stars on Ice. Oshawa is presently her 'home' club. Her teacher is Judy Jackson.

While skating occupies much of her time, Pam has other interests including horseback riding, swimming, downhill skiing and judo. She loves horses, particularly a Welsh pony called "Babe" and a Half-Arab foal named "Independence". She's participated in several shows including a few hosted by Al's Tack Shop on the Vandorf Road.

While skating's her "first love", Pam thinks she can incorporate teaching with another profession, possibly public relations work in the field of tourism.

Figure skating, Pam admits, takes a great deal of concentration and dedication. And, yes, there was a time when she almost quit. But she didn't and she's glad. For skating is what she does best and nothing but the best will do.


If you're a regular patron at the Success Steak and Seafood House in Stouffville, you've likely met Pam. She's a part-time waitress there. Most other times, she's on the ice; considered to be one of the finest figure skaters to come up through club ranks at Uxbridge. Jim Thomas

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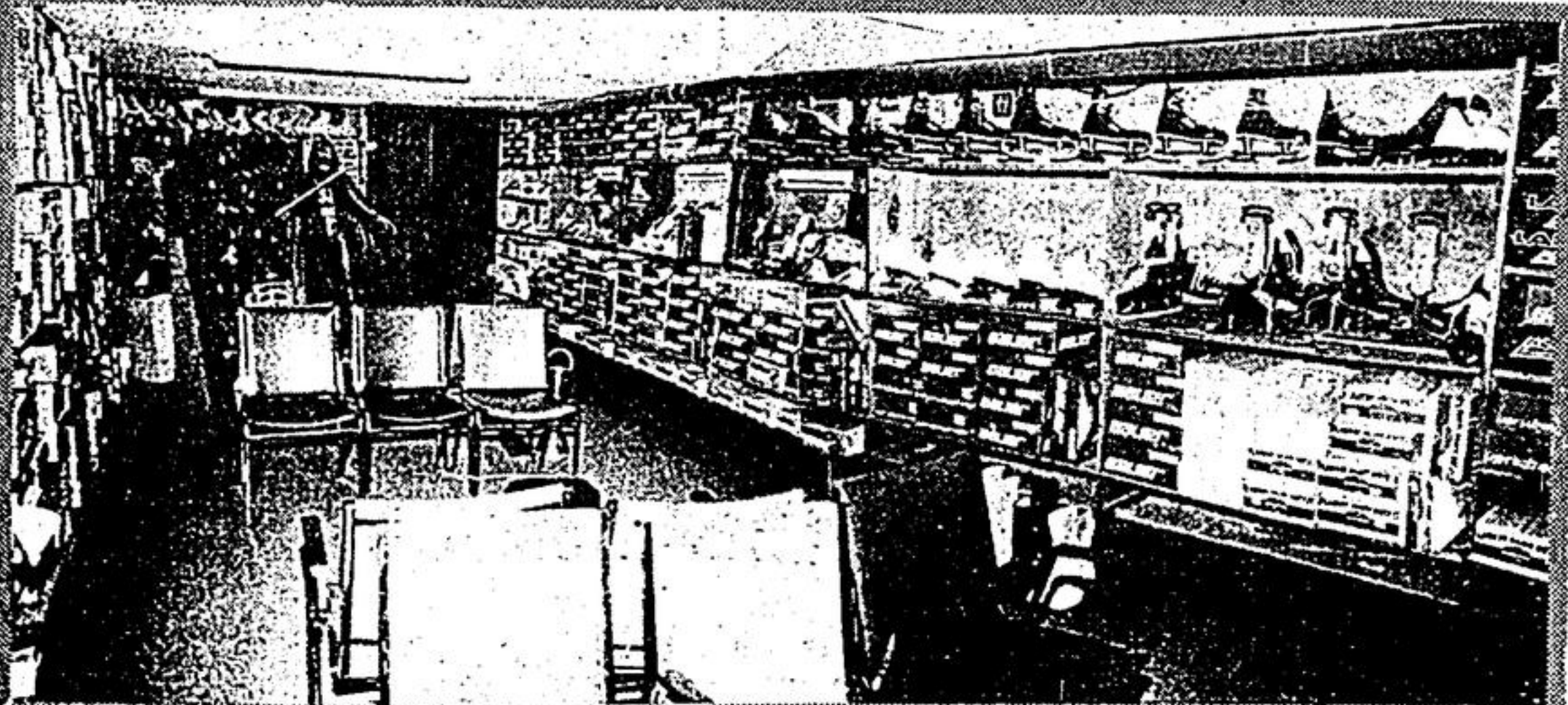
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