

Open coffee house in church

By Joy Morning, 727-3944
VANDORF — Wesley reopens its coffee house Sat., Oct. 6, 8-10 p.m., the corner of Woodbine and the Aurora Sideroad, with former professional singer John Laidlaw and a new family in the area — the Bradys. Long before Laurie and Janis Brady and their

five teenaged children moved from Dryden, Ontario, to the Newmarket area, their record album, "The Brady Family", was being sold in the Christian Bookstore in Newmarket. Their first album will be available for sale Saturday evening, but the family is awaiting the release of their second

album — "God's Family" — by the end of October. While the Bradys have toured both Canada and the U.S. with their "musical ministry", it was not their music that relocated them south. Laurie had accepted a position as the purchasing manager of Excel Metalcraft in Aurora. Saturday's

second performer — John Laidlaw — changed his career in mid-stream. He was well on his way to being a well-established guitarist — vocalist, recording artist, and song-writer, when he decided to "channel these talents for the Lord." As a night-club entertainer, his act had always been enlivened by his light

patter and humour. This aspect of his work is still present, as are many of the secular songs he includes with his own original gospel-folk tunes. While the music of Wesley's coffee house is teen-oriented, all age groups are welcome, but children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

There is no admission charge. Local horseback riders are invited to join 225 others already registered for a 25-kilometre ride-a-thon, Sunday, Oct. 7, to raise money for CARD (Community Association for Riding for the Disabled) of Whitchurch-Stouffville. Pledge sheets

should be picked up at Al's Tack Shop, just west of Highway 48 on the Vandorf Sideroad. The ride, which netted almost \$15,000 last year, is a pleasant one, off roads, through the York Regional Forest of Whitchurch - Stouffville, and along trails that provide excellent footing.

It looks like one of the most active packs in South Lake Simcoe District is about to fold. For four years, Moe DeWitt has led the First Vandorf Cub Pack. Now that he is retiring, it seems there is no one to take his place despite several efforts to recruit new leaders. Suggestions for carrying on the pack may be made to Rev. Art Thomson, 727-4745.

"In Praise of Hands '79" scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 13, Vandorf Community Hall, needs donations of baking, plants, crafts, and white elephant items. The teenagers also need donations of small prizes for their fish pond which will raise money for CANSAVE's refugee-camp project in Malaysia. Donors please phone Ruth Pogue at 888-1715.

Death saddens town

STOUFFVILLE — The town was saddened this week when news was received of the sudden passing of Del Jennings, Lloyd Avenue, Stouffville. Mr. Jennings died Tuesday after a brief illness. It was only last month that he and his wife celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary. Del had served as the Village Fire Chief and was extremely active in the community, including The Silver Jubilee Club, the Lawn Bowling Club and the United Church.



Picture an artist can sketch
 Gwen Williams of Scarborough is an accomplished artist. She displayed her skill recently while attending Uxbridge Fair. In one sitting, she included four members of a single family, Debbie, Donna, Michelle and Caroline Stevenson, daughters of Robert and Eleanor Stevenson, RR 1, Innismore, Ont. Here, she does a final touch-up on sixteen year old Donna.
 —Jim Thomas.

Daughter like Dad

MARKHAM — They've always been told they look alike. They couldn't fool the judges at the "Chip off the Old Block" contest at Markham Fair, Saturday, or in fact, the hundreds of people watching. Stephen Foreman and his daughter, Jodi, 10, of Thornhill, came out the winners in the contest, but the judges didn't do too badly matching up parent and offspring either. They had five out of eight correct. Steve and Jodi were all smiles after their win. But Jodi's sister, Tracey, 8, looked a little discouraged. She bears a striking resemblance to her mom, Barbara, but unfortunately they didn't enter. Well, there's always next year. Second were Wayne and Earl Thompson, Markham; and tied for third were, Elva and Sherrie Barkey, Markham, and Joan and Dianne Youell, Scarborough. The other entrants were; Trevor and Leslie Simpson, East York; Sheila and Amanda Lillie, Holland Landing; Gary and Darren Peck, Thornhill; and Gary and Matthew Taylor, Stouffville.

Tractor pull for fun

MARKHAM — Tractor owners enter "the big pull" at Markham Fair "for the fun of it", committee chairman Dave Hollinger told The Tribune, "not for the money in it". Fifty-seven entries participated in the event, Friday, attracting a huge crowd. Class winners follow:
 Under 7,000 pounds - Peter Ferguson, Peterborough (International 574). From 7,000 to 9,000 pounds - Ken Preston of Pontypool (Ford 7600). From 9,000 to 11,000 pounds - Neil Brown of Pefferlaw (Allis-Chalmers 200). From 11,000 to 13,000 pounds - Rob Carson, Claremont (Case 2090). From 13,000 to 15,000 pounds - Ray Reesor, Markham (International 1086). From 15,000 to 18,000 pounds - Lorie Pearce, Sunderland (Allis-Chalmers 222). Up to 200 horsepower - Roy Lewis, Glasgow (Massey-Harris 1905). Over 200 horsepower - Bob Armstrong, Markham (John Deere 8630).

Fair bits

"A fantastic job", was the way one York Regional Police officer described the work of the Markham Search and Rescue Unit at the fairgrounds, Thursday through Sunday. In singling out Earl Atkinson for personal praise, the constable said the organization had eased the police work load considerably, by helping locate the parents of lost children. During the heavy fog, Friday evening, they helped direct an ambulance into the midway so a young boy could be rushed to hospital after suffering an epileptic seizure. The Unit is hoping to establish a permanent station at the Fair, the officer said.

 Ellis and Dorothy Britton of Claremont, travelled all the way from the International Plowing Match at Chatham (where he was a competitor), to attend Markham Fair, Saturday. Ellis is a past-president of the Society.

 "Rolo the Clown", the blue-haired gentleman on roller skates that entertained the kids at Markham Fair was in reality Al Kuhne of Scarborough. Al is a member of the Scarborough Corps of Clowns and roller skates are his trademark. He volunteers his time, pays for his own uniform and even paints his own face.

 The Fair's opening ceremonies had to be delayed two hours, Saturday, when Eugene Whalen's plane out of Windsor became fog-bound. Instead of 12 noon, the event was put over until two.

 A little lad was badly frightened but not injured, when a steer broke free while being led from the auction ring at Markham Fair, Saturday. The boy was in the path of the charging animal, but it stopped just in time.

 The Markham Lions Club booth was the busiest eating place at Markham Fair through all four days. One of the workers there was Reub Meyer, Main Street North. Mr. Meyer will be 91 next month.

 The Buttonhole Contest was initiated at Markham Fair by Immediate Past President, Mrs. Alma Walker. She reactivated the competition because she considered it "a dying art". Commented Alfred Devonport of 45 Peter Street, Markham, "no wonder".

 Signs reading "We Thank You For Not Smoking" were posted in most buildings throughout the Markham Fairgrounds, for the most part, the request was respected.

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