

# Called a witch Speaker tells of terror

By JOANN THOMPSON. STOUFFVILLE — They called her a witch. But that was eight years ago—before Pamela Blackburn of Newmarket gave her life to Christ. Pamela shared her unusual experiences with about 60 ladies during a recent coffee hour at the Stouffville Missionary Church.

Although she had never practiced the ancient ritual of witchcraft, she was often introduced as a sorceress. At an early age, Pamela realized she had special powers. Her childhood, a time that should have been filled with joy, was terrifying.

Particularly afraid of running water and heights, she would slither along the ground on her stomach, because she didn't want to be "too high".

At 17, she was reading tea leaves, although it was more of a social event. But when the most outrageous of forecasts came true, she became frightened of the ability to foresee the future.

More predictions became reality—but eventually she wasn't afraid—the fear was replaced with a feeling of superiority. By the time Pamela was married with four children she was having "pre-cognition flashes" and was actively involved in astrology, numerology, palmistry, transcendental meditation, yoga, and studied the theories of re-incarnation.

Deeply withdrawn, she maintained a feeling of condescension for everyone because of "the special gift". Physically unable to cry since she was 20, in her own words she "drove the ones she loved away" with her nagging, domineering behaviour. Every mirror in the house was eventually covered with towels—she couldn't bear to see herself. But that wasn't enough; she would wear

sunglasses in the privacy of her own home. Depressed, she contemplated suicide. It was at this point, she says, that God intervened.

"He said, 'No, you will go no further'." But the uncanny forces within Pamela were still very much alive. Living in St. Catharines, she met an old woman who taught her the art of casting spells.

Admittedly, Pamela didn't take it seriously initially. But when the first attempt was successful, she was astounded, and had to learn more.

By this time, her husband and children had left. She knew a change had to come. It was a friend of her teenager son who recommended she read Hal Lindsay's "Late, Great, Planet Earth".

Shortly after, she began attending church. Throwing away stacks of books on sorcery, along with two valuable Buddas, she began the road to her new life.

After a horrifying vision one night, Pamela was 'cleansed'. She is now able to read the Bible and understand the words—and says she's truly happy for the first time.

## Service

An evening of sacred music by The Sacredaires of St. Catharines, will feature the Sunday evening service, May 4 at 7 p.m., in the Stouffville Missionary Church.

Spring Luncheon The U.C.W. are holding a Spring Luncheon, Wed., May 21 at 1 p.m., in the hall of Stouffville United Church. The guest speaker will be Margaret Elliott, President of Women's Inter-Church Council. Tickets, priced at \$3.50 can be purchased from the church office or by calling Bea Jennings at 640-1453. Babysitting will be provided at the church.



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# 'Ashamed to be a Canadian'

Speaker tells banquet

STOUFFVILLE — "I'm ashamed to be a Canadian. Ashamed of the way our Prime Minister 'dilly-dallies' around while Russia is raping Afghanistan. When are we as a country going to stand on our own two feet and make firm decisions on such situations?"

the world is being dominated by representatives who reject personal accountability, both to themselves and other people.

Regarding religion in the 1980's, Rev. Campbell said there is "a general suppression of the truth of God", and the myths of secularism are "foolosophies". "The public school system is an institution which is morally and religiously neutral, and sometimes even hostile to Bible teachings. The evolutionary process is explained with no reference whatever to the Creator. In fact, one high school student told me she had never read a book which had presented scientific fact that

creation is a legitimate theory." He said he would rather forsake his property and possessions, than lose his family to a society that is led by 'sick kings' with pagan thoughts.

Citing a recent incident in which a major service club held a stag party, he pointed out the irony of the situation. "Many of the men who took part in the wild, drunken orgy called themselves church people. They actually hired a woman to take off her clothes for their entertainment. To them I say: 'Your names and addresses should be published in the local newspaper'".

world, I have not found a more positive way than anything that affects us in the Gospel," he said.

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