

**Bob Hammond**

# Teacher retires

By Jim Irving  
STOUFFVILLE — Among the prized possessions of Bob Hammond, former assistant technical director at Stouffville District Secondary School, is a huge cartoon of him by fellow teacher and art instructor, John Roberts, him at one of his favorite pastimes — curling.

The cartoon points out that Bob "is the name, curling? ... woodwork is the game."

It's not shoddy art work, of course, just a good-natured dig at longtime woodworking instructor — or as he was

officially known, assistant technical director — Hammond. For curling is a passion and now he'll be able to indulge not only in that, but in any other hobbies.

Because it's not only the end of the school year, but the end of 26 of them, in his case, all at Stouffville Secondary.

"I've decided I've put in enough time," the softspoken Hammond said, while sitting at the back of his spacious O'Brien Avenue home.

"I'm going to let the ball go and see where it rolls. No more nine o'clock in the morning. I'm going to do it on my

time."

In the same breath, he starts listing some of the things that have to be done around the house and yard, and it looks as if his time is going to be just as full as it ever was, and that nine o'clock may come even a bit earlier than usual.

But before all those painting and repair jobs get underway, Bob and his wife plan to do some travelling — Canada, the United States and Europe.

"Provided I have the money," he adds.

He's also a ham operator, although I haven't done it for years. It may be time now."

Bob and Jean Hammond have been in their home, which boasts a 150-foot lot in the back and 100-foot frontage, since coming to Stouffville in 1954. It was an ominous beginning, because it was also the day Hurricane Hazel paid her respects.

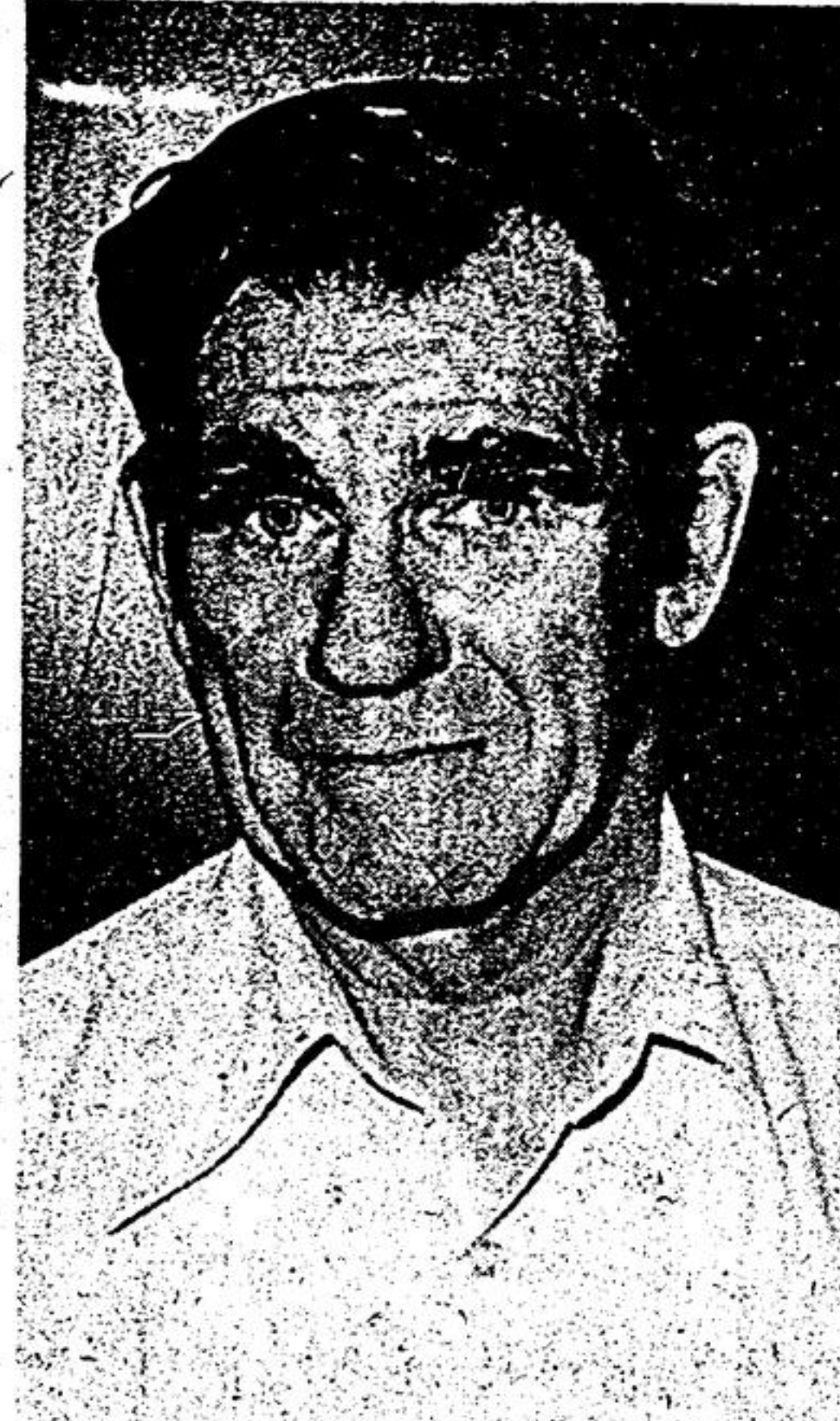
The Hammonds found the basement full of water. When he went to check it, the stairs gave way and he found himself swimming in it.

Just as well that curling — er — woodworking was his game.

Bob also started at the school that year — 1954 — the first year of its existence. It was much more the village atmosphere then, with just 10 teachers and 250 students.

"I knew everybody when I first came," Hammond recalled, almost wistfully it seemed.

Now, the school has closer to 1,000 students.



BOB HAMMOND

## Events

Each week, The Tribune publishes a list of events in the days ahead. Organizations wishing to utilize this service should call not later than 5 p.m., Friday.

**STOUFFVILLE** — The executive in charge of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Recycling Depot has set 9 a.m. to 12 noon as the new Saturday hours beginning July 5.

**BALLANTRAE** — Boys and girls aged five to 12 years are invited to register for the Ballantrae Summer Playground Program, Thurs., (today), July 3 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Community Centre. The fee is \$15 per child with the period extending from July 7 to Aug. 29.

**UTICA** — Strawberry Social at the Utica United Church, Sat., July 5 at 8 p.m. Adults - \$3; children under 12 years, \$1.50.

**UNIONVILLE** — The Unionville Horticultural Society is sponsoring a Best Flower and Vegetable Garden Contest, with judging to take place Sept. 11. For further information call 297-2461 or 297-4363.

**STOUFFVILLE** — The Town Band is holding rehearsals every Monday evening in the Stouffville Arena at 7:30 p.m. New members welcome.

**MARKHAM** — Student Summer Employment Office in The Village Shoppes, Main Street. For information call 294-3857 or visit the location Monday through Friday from 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**NEWMARKET** — Student Summer Employment Office. For information on job placements call 898-1224.

**LEMONVILLE** — The U.C.W. of Lemonville United Church is holding a strawberry festival, July 5 and July 6 from 1 to 5 p.m. at Applewood Farm, McCowan Road, north of the Stouffville-Gormley Road.

**BALLANTRAE** — First bingo of the season at Cedar Beach, Musselman's Lake, Thurs. (to-night), July 3 beginning at 7 p.m., sponsored by the Ballantrae and District Lions Club.

**WHITCHURCH** — During the months of July and August, Emmanuel International is holding Family Nights, informal evening of fellowship and entertainment, on Fri., June 4. The Thomas Family of Oshawa will attend. Time: 7:30 p.m. The location is (the former Youth Centre), Stouffville-Gormley Road, east of Kennedy Road.

**CLAREMONT** — Summer art course in oils, acrylics, pastels and water-colors. For additional information call Georgia Tremaine at 649-2996.

**STOUFFVILLE** — The congregations of St. James' Presbyterian Church and Stouffville United Church will hold summer services together beginning July 6 at 10 a.m. in the United Church and continuing there for the rest of the month. August services are in the Presbyterian Church at the same time.

**CLAREMONT** — Senior lawn-bowling tournament for the Town of Pickering Trophy, Thursday (to-day), July 3 beginning at 1:30 p.m.

**STOUFFVILLE** — Friendship Camp for boys and girls (ages 5 to 11 years), at Willow Springs, Lemonville from Aug 11-15. Registration deadline is July 20. Registration fee - \$5.00. For additional information call 640-3911.

## Reunion

**CLAREMONT** — Mr. and Mrs. Walter Weathermiller of Stoney Creek spent the holiday weekend with their daughter and son-in-law, Dexter and Karen Williams, and grandchildren. While there they celebrated the birthday of their grandson Crayton, one-year-old.

Mrs. Marks held a very successful bible class at the United Church, June 23 to 27. Fifty-six children attended.

Anna Johnsen of Kitchener spent the weekend with Dorothy

Middleton. They enjoyed Saturday morning breakfast at the home of Mrs. Anonby. In the evening they attended a dinner party at the home of Mrs. Amy Hood of Ballantrae. Other guests were Olive Vine of Claremont and Evelyn Dishley of Markham.

Donna Beelby celebrated her twenty-first birthday, June 30. Mary Redshaw held a family birthday party Sunday, honoring husband Jim; daughter Wendy; sister-in-law Joan Postill, and brother-in-law Bob Redshaw.

**WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE RECYCLING DEPOT**  
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**ARABIANS**  
The largest Arabian and Half Arabian Championship Horse Show in Canada is being held June 30-July 5, at the Coliseum Building, Exhibition Place, Toronto.  
An estimated \$20,000,000.00 worth of horses and equipment will be in competition. There will be lots of displays, exhibits and entertainment.  
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday will see the appearance of Cass-Ole, the Black Stallion from the Academy award winning movie of the same name. Count Negatze, donated by Brandon Arabians, is a purebred grey gelding being drawn for on July 5th. Don't miss a chance to win this handsome horse!

The Canadian National Royal Red Arabian Horse Championships, June 30-July 5, Coliseum, Exhibition Place, Toronto.  
Shows: 8 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. daily.  
Tickets: \$3.00-\$5.00.

**THE ALTONA PLAYGROUND SUMMER PROGRAM**  
The above program will operate effective Monday, July 7th, 1980. This program can now be operated with a grant from the Federal Government.

**REGISTRATION**  
will be held at the  
**ALTONA COMMUNITY CENTRE**  
FRIDAY, JULY 4th, 1980  
between the hours of 1 o'clock P.M. and 3 o'clock P.M.

For further information please contact Joan Alfrey at 683-2760 ext. 24 or Zenith 35650.  
The registration fee will be \$7.00 per family for 6 weeks.

# Let penalty fit the crime

By John Stephens  
York County Board  
of Education Trustee

Joey was an intense, aggressive player, so it wasn't surprising to hear a stream of invectives aimed at anyone and everyone as he left the court in a losing cause that day.

Unfortunately, the game played after school hours was on school property, and his stirring obscenities were picked up by observing teachers, one of whom became a target.

The principal was nice, but said: "This time, my son, you have gone too far," and suspended Joey for three school days for conduct unbecomingly.

Joey, who by this time had apologized to the teacher, and his father felt that the penalty far outweighed the deed, and appealed, as was their right, to the Board of Education for review.

It just happened that the following Monday a board meeting was scheduled, but by that time Joey had already lost one day of school.

The matter raised two serious questions:  
a) Did the circumstances warrant suspension, and if so, was it worth three school days?

b) Since Joey had appealed to the board was it right that Joey should be suspended during the period before the board made its decision?

There's hardly an athlete around who at one time or other hasn't done precisely what Joey did. Joey will not gain credit for innovative invectives (they've all been heard before), but surely this was a matter for league personnel to determine the penalty, not the teachers, the principal or the board. Just how far is the disciplinary arm of the school to extend? And how does this penalty rank with other three-day suspensions? We'll never know.

The second point is more serious. If the board had considered Joey's appeal to be of merit or had considered the length too long, how does the board propose giving back the student the suspended days of school?

This point was debated before the board and its staff took the position that if the suspension were not immediately in force, the appeal notwithstanding, then this would tarnish the authority of the teacher. The majority of the board agreed.

We pride ourselves on our rights as free people, Magna Carta, the presumption of in-

nocence until found guilty. But how are our young to learn that we really mean what we say when a school board can subvert those rights in this authoritarian manner?

If we really believe in natural justice and the right to a fair trial, aren't those principles to be practised in our daily lives? On what basis can we derogate from those principles, for if we do, we teach the young that these rights depend simply on the whim of those in charge. That's authoritarianism not democracy.

Surely we've come much farther than that since the days of King John.

People aren't born democratic; those rights were fought for and it's up to all of us to be vigilant in preserving them.

The words Joey used are not uncommon on school grounds, or elsewhere in the community for that matter. Why should Joey have been singled out for such attention and given a three-day suspension which in other cases has been reserved for fairly serious misconduct.

What gained Prime Minister Trudeau cute press, cost Joey three valuable school days. Fuddle-iddle!

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