

Claremont Variety Show



Sister acts are not uncommon in show business but rather unique in a community the size of Claremont. Tracy, Terri (Tuck) and Lenni Pilkey performed at the Claremont Lions Christmas

Program, Sunday. They are the daughters of Earl and Shirley Pilkey, Claremont.

—Jim Thomas.



Rod Bond of Stouffville was joined by daughter Debbie in several duet numbers that were enthusiastically received by the audience. They are members of a well-known vocal and instrumental group called "Country Road".

—Jim Thomas.



Eleven year old Diane Harper of Claremont displayed an excellent vocal talent, accompanied by guitarist Tom Davis. Diane is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Harper, Wixon Street.

—Jim Thomas.

Wrong way!

PICKERING — There's a right and wrong way to connect booster cables.

An Agincourt man discovered this while trying to start his car on the Kingston Road in Pickering. The battery suddenly exploded, splashing acid on his face.

Joseph Clifton was able to reach the Pickering Regional Police Office where first aid was provided. He was then admitted to Ajax-Pickering Hospital for further treatment.

Band - choir in concert

STOUFFVILLE — The Town's Concert band, organized by the late Ted Hawley and now conducted by David Howard, will share the spotlight, Thursday (tonight), with the Orchard Park choir, under the direction of Ron Robbins, assisted by Barbara Wideman and Doreen Brown.

The Christmas program,

at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School, begins at 7:30 p.m. Band members include: FLUTES - Shirley Morgason, Diane Ralph, Angie Taylor, TRUMPETS - Geroge Baxter, Kent Wideman, Steve Barnott, Don Messerbey; CLARINETS - Jan Stern, Colleen Clarke, Martin McDowell, Cathy Reid; BARITONES - Steve Gault, Juck Greenshields;

TROMBONES - Danny Assinck, Paul Simons, Jack Savage, Ron Merton; BASS - George Pegg; Harold Hodgson, Mike Beesley; DRUMS - Paul Gamble, Len Collis; SAXOPHONES - Harvey Billings and Dick Whittaker.

Admission is \$2 adults; \$1 senior citizens and students; children under ten (with parents) free.

Acting Mayor McKnight Interim role quite enough

UXBRIDGE TWP. — Acting mayor Maustyn McKnight isn't interested in the position on a permanent basis.

He's only filling the post until a by-election selects a successor for Gary Herrema. Likely candidates are Bill Ballinger and Bert Shingler.

Herrema, acclaimed mayor of Uxbridge for a second term, resigned this office immediately following his election as Chairman of Durham Region. He defeated Oshawa Alderman John Aker, 16-14.

McKnight, a member of regional council and a veteran politician, told The Tribune his crop insurance business took up "far too much of his time" to allow him to handle the demanding role of mayor as well.

"I'd have to give up my

insurance business and I'm not prepared to do that yet," he said.

He explained that his regional council position allows him to look after both.



MAUSTYN MCKNIGHT

In moving up to the region's top job, Herrema, a prominent Uxbridge dairy farmer says regional and municipal governments must learn to work as a more cohesive unit. Too often, he said, members go out of their way to criticize each other. In doing so, they lose the respect of taxpayers.

Herrema suggested also that rather than face up to their own problems and seek solutions, municipalities tend to use the Region as a scapegoat.

The 41 year old father of three will earn \$38,000 at his new post. He will hold sway over the municipalities of Newcastle, Oshawa, Whitby, Ajax, Pickering, Scugog, Uxbridge and Brock.

The region's total budget is in the neighborhood of ninety million dollars.

Talent galore

CLAREMONT — It's been said that when a boy is born in Claremont, the parents hand him a guitar instead of a rattle.

An exaggeration, perhaps, but from all appearances, Sunday, the practice of pickin' and singin' is as basic as pudding and Pabulum.

This talent shone through as a main ingredient of the Lions' annual Christmas Show in the Community Hall. The Master of Ceremonies was Earl Pilkey.

This "country and western capital" of Durham Region, vibrated to the strains of manual and electronic gadgetry, at times fairly separating the roof from the rafters.

Rick Johnson set the pace

following words of welcome delivered by three year old Lindsay Graham. Little Lindsay won the hearts of young and old alike with her well-spoken lines.

Not to be upstaged by her kid sister, Courtney Graham performed a difficult dance routine with precision and grace.

Eleven year old Diane Harper was accorded prolonged applause following her vocal selections. She was accompanied by Tom Davis on guitar. Rod Bond and daughter Debbie were received in like manner.

The Woolhead boys displayed amazing instrumental skills and teamed up with the Pilkey sisters on several

selections. The three girls (one now married), were natty dressed for their numbers.

The Lions and Lioness members added to the merriment of the show, particularly the old "cream pie-in-the-face routine" that never loses its appeal.

Buster Fykes showed his talent on the violin with "Santa and Friends" proving a real hit.

However, once again, it was the tiny tykes who stole the show—the nursery school kids including Raymond Winterstein, Erica Swanson, Tara Emmorey, Mark Bannock, Chris Johnson, Lindsay Graham, Patty-Jean Felletti, Jamie Voss, Lori Illingsworth and Paul Uzzell.

Controversial sex education program achieves acceptance

DURHAM REGION — A supposedly controversial sex education program, proposed for the Durham Region school system in 1981, has been accepted by the majority of parents, two consultants for the Board reported last week.

Tom Sears and Lloyd White said there'd been only a few requests for children to be excused from instruction.

"As a general rule, it's been very well received," Sears said.

The original concept met with strong opposition in some quarters when subjects such as masturbation and homosexuality were included.

As to how the instruction will be applied, Sears explained that teachers would not be imposing their own values on

pupils but rather would be "upholding traditional values in our society".

The program will begin in Kindergarten and extend through Grade 12.

On the issue of homosexuality, Sears said teachers would not be saying if it's right or wrong but rather, would present the practice "as another lifestyle".

Accolades for local resident

An open letter to Whitchurch-Stouffville Town Council; the Ministry of Culture and Recreation, Heritage Administration Branch; and residents of Whitchurch-Stouffville, in response to the award - a town crest - recently bestowed upon Wesley Brillinger by Whitchurch-Stouffville Town Council:

People like Wes Brillinger are few and far between, especially with regard not only to his personal family history in this area, but also with regard to involvement in the history of Stouffville - his knowledge and expertise being unequalled by many - and it is this combination of qualities which greatly adds to the value of his contribution to our community.

What has this contribution been? Wes (most often accompanied by his wife Clara) has slogged about in the rain and chill while hosting the annual maple syrup festival at the Museum; tending the fire, greeting visitors, serving pancakes and washing up hours later; he has moved at breakneck speed on stifling days in final preparation of the annual antique and classic car show, staying up until two or three the same morning making as many as 100 complete cold-plate meals for the drivers and their families; he has attended auctions all over southern Ontario on the watch for artifacts which strayed afar from Stouffville; he has climbed

ladders and roofs to fix light-bulbs and leaks; all of this over and above his chairing numerous board meetings and tending to other matters of business for the Museum.

The outstanding characteristic underlying these and other efforts by Wes has been his unwavering enthusiasm, an enthusiasm which infused everything he did for and with the Museum, revealing how much he cared. And this caring saw no boundaries, felt no prejudice, was not selfish: Wes knew what was needed to keep the Museum alive, and he gave.

His comments may begin to sound maudlin, but when we look closer, what we see is the embodiment of a rare combination of qualities. There is both a lesson and opportunity at hand: the lesson is that we younger generation ought to pay attention to the example set by this man; and the opportunity is as follows:

In addition to the recognition bestowed upon Wes by the Town, I suggest that Council establish the post of Official Town Historian, with all the necessities attached. These would include a salary, clerical services, a mileage budget, and the like. The chief responsibility of the position would be the collection of material which would serve as archives of the history of the Town and surrounding area, perhaps using Mrs. Jean Barkey's excellent book as a guide. The archives would be

available (by appointment) to students, historians and other interested people, serving in a smaller way (but no less significantly) a function similar to that of the Sigmund-Samuel Library in Toronto.

The magnitude of the task might compel itself to seek successive town historians, but I can think of no one better suited than Mr. Brillinger to pioneer what could be a valuable and worthwhile office. Stouffville: let's initiate something which might find the elders of other Ontario communities treated similarly.

Respectfully,
David Walte
Chairman
Board of Directors
Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum



WESLEY BRILLINGER