#### Possession of marijuana

### "A criminal offence"

Last fall, Sinclair Stevens, Member of Parliament for York-Peel, mailed out 31,800 questionnaires to residents in the Riding, dealing with a wide range of topics. Out of this number, 1,500 were returned, about 4.5 per cent. The response to some of these follows:

Do You Feel The Possession of Small Quantities of Marijuana Should Be: Legalized per cent); Decriminalized (31 per cent); Remain a Criminal Offence (56

per cent). Should Canada's Postal System: Remain Unchanged (5 per cent); Be Made Into a Crown Corporation (32 per cent); Be Turned

Over to the Private Sector (57 per cent). Losing My Job

Economy Worries Me: A Lot (30 per cent); A Little (30 per cent); Not At All (38 per cent). Not Being Able To Keep Up With The Bills Worries Me: A Lot (43

per cent); Not At All (22 per cent). Not Being Able To Pay For The Upkeep or Rent of My Home Worries Me: A Lot (41 per cent); A Little (33 per cent); Not At All (24

per cent); A Little (34

per cent). Saving For The Future Worries Me: A Lot (49 per cent); A Little (35 per cent); Not

At All (15 per cent). Should Public Opinion Polls Dealing

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Periods? Yes (49 per cent); No (20 per cent); Yes, But Only During the Last 30 Days (27 per

Comments Mr. Stevens: "It would appear that Canadians generally are dissatisfied with the existing postal system. This is hardly surprising considering the disruption of service that have been brought about by postal strikes and the costs associated with such strikes. According to an admission made by the current Post-Master General. one 43-day strike

resulted in losses to

about \$375 million. Even

Canadian business

with Voter Preference in good times, the Post be Banned During Office has been far from Federal Election reliable, as evidenced by the increasing trust being placed in private courier services."

> "On the question of whether possession of small quantities of marijuana should be decriminalized, the constituents of Lanark-Renfrew-Carleton voted 45.1 per cent in favor and 45.7 per cent against. This differs significantly from our results of 56 per cent in favor of marijuana possession remaining a criminal offence. There seems to be a decided lack of consensus on this issue which has been the subject of such considerable debate in recent years," concluded Mr. Stevens.

# Business "excellent"

conducted an 'in store' survey on business during the Christmas period.

One of the most opfrom George Ross of George Ross Photo Studio, Main Street East.

"Excellent," was the word he used to describe December sales. He said business was away up

The reason? people he dealt with be explained.

STOUFFVILLE - before. This is especially Recently, The Tribune convenient, he pointed out, if he or she requires advice on taking pictures or repairs to a product.

Family portraits timistic responses came were very popular during the Christmas season. All were in color - some done in the customer's home but the majority in Mr. Ross's studio.

"Personally, I like

going to the customer's over the same month in place; the setting's different; sometimes I can even include their dogs and cats," he said. One "It's the service that time, he took a portrait the small shopkeeper can out in a barn with the provide," said George, horses. Often, he said, "people like this". Also, families like the in-home when a customer returns, environment. Fireplaces he likes to see the same make nice backgrounds,

## Calendar of Events

Each week, The Tribune publishes a list of events for the days ahead. Organizations wishing to utilize this service should call 640-2100 not later than 5 p.m. Friday.

#### Thursday, Jan. 15

Ladies' coffee hours at the Stouffville Missionary Church. Times 1:30 p.m. and 7:45 p.m. The guest speaker will be Linda Durno, a representative of World Vision. Alma Oldham will demonstrate decoupage.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Markham Dist. Veterans' Association is holding a cards' night at the Vets Hall, 7 Washington Street at 8 p.m. Refreshments will be

The Friendship Club will meet to-night in the Stouffville Legion Hall at 8 p.m. Area senior citizens are welcome. Those requiring transportation are asked to call 640-2443.

#### Friday, Jan. 16

Dance at the Ballantrae Community Centre, sponsored by the executive of the Jr. 'C' Clippers. Admission - \$10 per couple. For tickets call Ken Roberts at 640-2853.

#### Saturday, Jan. 17

Family Skating Night in the Stouffville Arena at 8 p.m. Organ music by Clarion Baker. Special door prize. Admission-\$1.50 adults; \$1.00 senior citizens and students; .75 cents for children under twelve.

The Canadian Olde Tyme Square Dance Callers Association is holding a public square dance in the Women's Institute Hall, Buttonville beginning at 8:30 p.m. Admission is \$2.50 per person. Ladies are asked to bring a simple refreshment. For additional information call 252-4574.

"Weekend With The Stars" telethon for Participation House on CBC-TV beginning 7 p.m., Jan. 17 and extending through to 5 p.m., Jan. 18.

Children are invited to a puppet show entitled "Gronk", at 1:30 p.m., in the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library.

#### Sunday, Jan. 18

A motion picture honoring the life of Corrie ten Boom, entitled "Corrie-The Lives She Touched", will be shown at 7 p.m., in the Stouffville Missionary Church.

#### Tuesday, Jan. 20

How Children Learn Through Play" will be the subject of a video production by Jennifer Hardacre, Institute of Child Study, University of Toronto, at the Town Library beginning at 8 p.m. For additional information call 640-5990 (mornings) or 640-5402 (afternoon-evenings).

The Altona Ladies Coffee Hour will be held at 9:30 a.m., in the Altona Missionary Church. Guest speaker will be Shirley Ohlman with a special feature by Luella Lewis on "The Making of Quilts".

A beginners' knitting course, extending over six weeks, will be held in the Markham Centennial Library at 9:30 a.m., every Tuesday from Jan. 20 through Feb. 24. Pre-registration fee - \$15.00.

The Markham-Unionville Ministerial Committee is sponsoring Community Christian Campus '81 at Markham Dist. High School for five consecutive Tuesdays beginning Jan. 20 from 7:30 to 10 p.m. Subjects to be discussed include: The Christian in Business and Politics; Healing Through Faith and Science and Stages of Growth in Family Life. Registration fee -\$15 a couple; \$10 per person; \$7 senior citizens and students; \$3 for a single seminar. For additional information call 294-0723.

Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library is sponsoring a Babysitter's Training Course, Tuesday evenings, beginning Jan. 20 and continuing through March 31. Classes open to boys and girls, twelve years and over. Registration fee - five dollars.

#### Wednesday, Jan. 21

Pupil registration for Kindergarten at Ballantrae Public School from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Children born in 1976 are eligible to begin Kindergarten in September of this year. Parents of children who will be five years old by Dec. 1981 should call the school (640-2232 or 898-5520) and make an appointment for Jan. 21.

Annual meeting of the Markham and East York Agricultural Society (Fair Board), at 8 p.m., in the upstairs hall of the Markham Arena, Hwys. 7 and 48.

The Centennial Community Singers, a 24-voice mixed choir from Toronto, will provide the entertainment at a meeting of the Silver Jubilee Club at 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be lawyer Larry Sutton of Markham. His topic will be "You And The

Markham Order of the Eastern Star is sponsoring a dessert and card party at 1 p.m., in the Masonic Temple. Tickets -\$2.00. For additional information call 294-2294 or 640-2639.

Regional Councillor Carole Bell will speak on the subject of "Women's Involvement in Municipal Politics and How Your Municipal Government Serves You" at a meeting of The Local Association of Guides and Brownies in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Time - 10 a.m. Coffee will be served and free babysitting provided. For additional information call 294-6258.

#### Saturday, Jan. 24

Mixed Media 81 Group Exhibition at Hunter Gallery, 65 Main Street North, Markham, beginning Jan. 24 (wine and cheese party), from 2 to 5 p.m., and continuing through Saturday, Feb. 7. Gallery hours, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Friday; Saturday - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed Sundays and Mondays. Exhibiting artists are - Edwin Chau, Victor Crich, Irene Blogg, Irene Bollefer, Charles Brooks, Dorothy Clark McClure, W.F. Griffiths, Jim Knighton, Roxann Vivian Smith, Dave Taylor and Jake Mol.

The Markham Men of Harmony will present their annual show in the High School at 8 p.m. Tickets available at the door. For additional information call 294-

#### Wednesday, Jan. 28

The legal formalities of making a will and the problems that can result if this matter is neglected, will be the subject of a discussion led by Penelope Bryan at 7:30 p.m., in the Markham Centennial Library.



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