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Saturday is Santa's day in Stouffville. St. Nick and his flotilla of more than sixty bands and floats will travel west

along Main Street beginning at 2 p.m. Again this year, the event is sponsored by the Kinsmen Club of Stouffville.

—Dawn Anderson.

This Saturday

Santa comes to town

STOUFFVILLE — Santa Claus comes to town, Saturday.

The parade, described by committee chairman Ken Smurthwaite as "the biggest in Stouffville's history", will include 61 bands and floats, all starting out from the area of North and Stouffer Streets at 2 p.m., and concluding on Westlawn Crescent near the A & P Plaza. The Kinsmen Club is again organizing the event.

Four main themes will be stressed — most humorous, best school, best organization or group, best Christmas spirit along with best over-all and an honorable mention. Making the selections will be judges Lou Hertle, President of the Stouffville Legion; Ross Garrett, President of the Stouffville Lions and Steve Upton, President of the Stouffville Amateur Hockey Association.

Coverage of the procession will be provided

by TV-Cable 10 with on-the-spot commentary by radio broadcaster Eddie Luther and Stouffville businessman Ged Stonehouse.

Music for the occasion will be provided by the Whitchurch - Stouffville Concert Band; the Maple Leaf Accordion Band; Pipe Bands from Newmarket and Uxbridge; the Ambassador Drum Corps of Aurora; the Beaverton Accordion Band; the North York Salvation

Army Band; the Cardinal Cadet Corps and the Darry Flute Band both of Scarborough.

There'll also be girls, girls with high-stepping majorettes from Markham, Richvale, Willowdale and Sutton.

Following the parade, the Silver Jubilee Club is throwing open its doors and offering free coffee, tea, hot chocolate and cookies to everyone.

Plowman Ken Ferguson

A proven champion

STOUFFVILLE — If there were any doubts concerning Ken Ferguson's prowess as a champion plowman, they were dismissed Wednesday night.

An Ontario entry for the Canadian Title at London in 1982, he captured no less than five awards at East York-King and Vaughan and North York branch matches this fall.

Presentations were made at the conclusion of a banquet in the Community Hall, Victoria Square, Nov. 25.

He received the following

Share memories

Two plowmen attending the awards banquet at Victoria Square, last week, were competitors in the same match 55 years ago.

Tony Featherstone, RR 1, Milliken and Wilf Ferguson, RR 2, Stouffville, participated in an East York Branch competition on property where the Scarborough Town Centre is now located. The year was 1926.

prizes: Guaranty Trust Company Trophy (East York Area); the Carl Timbers Special (North York Area); the Bank of Montreal Award; the East York-King and Vaughan Association Award and the Toronto Dominion Bank Award.

As winner of the Guaranty Trust Company Trophy three years in a row, Ken retains the prize for posterity.

Other top prize-winners in the East York-King and Vaughan Division were: John McDonald, King City; Kevin Wells, Stouffville; Mark Grove, Bailieboro; John Robinson, Cookstown; Jan King, Stouffville; Eric Timbers, Stouffville; Herb Jarvis, Agincourt; Norm Jarvis, Unionville and Lorne Britton, Claremont.

In the North York Division, first prize winners were: Murray Grove, Stouffville; Keith Grose, Mount Albert; Jan King, Stouffville; Kevin Wells, Stouffville; Herb Jarvis, Agincourt; Don Dunkeld, Zephyr; Ken Wells, Stouffville and Dennis Bolender, Stouffville.

The Bank of Nova Scotia Trophy was won by Ken Wells, Stouffville; the Stouffville

Credit Union Trophy by Keith Grose, Mount Albert and the Wm. Simpson Memorial Trophy by Jan King, Stouffville.

The event's master of ceremonies was Ken Brown of Richmond Hill. Reports on the 1981 Canadian Match and the '81 International were given by

Les Smith and Art Mitchell respectively.

Entertainment was provided by The Rouge River Family Band including Andrew and Joanna Reesor-McDowell, John McDowell, Steve McDowell, Paul McDowell, Jay Reesor, Eugene Reesor, Kim Reesor and Tom Wideman.

Tale of a tail

Dog found

MARKHAM — Back in August, Mrs. Gordon Jones, RR 2, Markham, reported the family's pure-bred Australian shepherd dog missing. Subsequent ads and news stories failed to produce a trace. But they never gave up hope.

Last week, The Tribune published a story concerning six pups available for adoption at Ryan's Kennels, Stouffville, RR 4. Two were described as having bob tails, an oddity common to Australian shepherds.

Mrs. Jones contacted Jim Ryan and learned that the female of the litter had been adopted by a family in Thornhill. And yes, it was their "Bunny", missing almost four months.

"The people had given her a wonderful home," Mrs. Jones told The Tribune. However, the six puppies were more than they could handle.

She described the ecstasy of the reunion. "She jumped all over us," she said.

Mayor recommends —

Cost equality for recreation

STOUFFVILLE — Fees charged to subsidize the cost of operating various athletic programs and sports facilities in Whitchurch-Stouffville are unfair, says Town Mayor Eldred King.

In a press interview, Friday, Mayor King pointed to the discrepancy in rates between what it costs for a boy or girl to play hockey or figure skate, compared to softball or soccer.

The inequality, he claims, is not the fault of the people involved, so it seems unfair they should be penalized for it. Just because it's more expensive to maintain an arena and a swimming pool compared to a ball diamond or a soccer field, shouldn't necessarily mean the participants in these sports should pay a lot more or a lot less. Our North American climate is also a factor over which no one has any control, he points out.

Mayor King contends that rather than assess fees on an individual activity basis, the expense would be poured into a single pot and divided equally, including that which the non-participant should pay.

"We could arrive at a percentage of what everyone should contribute," he said.

Mayor King indicated concern over the fact hockey registration is decreasing. The downturn, he suggests, can be

blamed in part on the cost which, he said, climbs every season.

"It's good," he said, "to keep both young people and adults occupied". "This," he explained, "can be done through recreation," adding, "better than social services".

The mayor's wide-ranging thoughts on "equalization payments" for sports, extend beyond the ball diamond and hockey rink. He feels the

Museum and the Library should also be included.

As for assessing ball teams an additional fee to cover the cost of floodlights, Mayor King sees nothing wrong with this, under the present system. He admits, however, that since many kids' games are played during daylight hours, a problem could arise.

"I anticipate opposition," he said.

Close friends

Freak crash kills drivers

STOUFFVILLE — On the morning of Nov. 24, Stuart Smith and a truck driver friend enjoyed breakfast together before heading out for their respective destinations.

A short time later, near Barry's Bay, Ont., the same two vehicles collided head-on, killing both men. Smith's truck burst into flames.

Formerly of Gormley and Stouffville, Stuart moved to Maynooth, Ont., one year ago. He was 45.

Although details concerning the accident are scarce, it was

said that Stuart swerved his truck to avoid a car and at that time, a front tire blew.

Besides his mother, Mrs. Pearl Smith, Main Street West, Stouffville, he leaves his wife, Audrey; four children, Gary, Perry, Christine and Elaine; five grandchildren and a sister, Mary McGinty.

Services were held at Wiggins Funeral Home, Bancroft, Nov. 26 and Marshall Funeral Home, Richmond Hill, the following day with interment, Victoria Square Cemetery.

At Ballantrae

'Fantastic' party thrills seniors

BALLANTRAE — "Fantastic" was the way one senior citizen described the Christmas program, Friday, hosted by the Ballantrae and District Lions Club at the Community Centre.

If enthusiastic applause was any indication, the gentleman spoke for everyone.

The main attraction were four couples representing the Canadian Amateur Ballroom Dancers' Association. Their routines ranged from fox-trots to the boogie-woogie with two

pairs performing at a time.

Tom Wood, a club past-president and Town councillor was master of ceremonies. Head table guests included Mayor Eldred King; Lions' President Al Kerr and Club charter member Ernie Lee.

Mayor King praised the work of the Ballantrae Lions within the community. He said he hoped all seniors were acquainted of the various services available in the municipality including Home Support handled by Betty

Courage from an office at Stouffville's Silver Jubilee Club. He urged his audience to make Council aware of needs and desires of the organization.

At age 90, Alice Marson, Felcher Boulevard, Ballantrae, was honored as the senior lady in attendance. Stanley Lewis, RR 3, Mount Albert was the senior gentleman. Mr. Lewis is 89. Garnet and Ruth Smalley, RR 3, Mount Albert were the couple married the longest—63 years.



It's not an election year but Councillor Tom Wood can still be liberal with his kisses on other special occasions. Here he congratulates Mrs. Alice Marson, the oldest guest attending a senior

citizens' Christmas party in the Ballantrae Community Centre Friday night. Mrs. Marson of Felcher Boulevard, Ballantrae, is ninety. —Jim Thomas.