



Cubs and Scouts plant 2,000 trees

Cubs and Scouts from Stouffville and other areas across York Region, participated in a tree-planting project, Saturday. At a site east of Gormley, 2,000 trees were planted. Three willing workers are pictured here (left to right)-Ron Ormson, 12, of R.R. 2, Stouffville; Stewart Richards, 12, of Church Street North, Stouffville and Andrew Green, 11, of R.R. 2, Stouffville.

—Jim Thomas

Bible Society Exciting story

The fascinating story of a young, Welsh woman and her 25-mile trek in her bare feet to purchase a bible, was part of the entertaining program at the Bible Society's annual meeting, Sept. 26, at the United Church. Rev. Andrew Brndjar, who also showed a film, "Tools for Change," recalled the tale of Mary Jones, who lived in Wales in the 18th century, and how she began to save for a bible at the age of 11, and then six years later, made her famous walk to buy it. Rev. Brndjar and his wife, recently had their dream come true when they travelled to Wales and visited the home of the intrepid young lady. The new executive for 1982 is, Alan Chamberlain, president; Eunice Gam-mage, treasurer; Pearl Burnell, secretary; Rev. Blair Clark was in charge of the meeting. Canvassers will be calling during October for your donation to help send bibles to where they are needed.

Winners of the inaugural Shank shot slo-pitch invitational golf tournament, Sept. 26, were, Wayne Shank, 1st low gross; Gary Stiner, 2nd low gross; Gord (Sodbuster) Hodgson, won the prize for the most honest player.

Tickets are on sale for a lovely UCV quilt, which won first prize for a group project at the Uxbridge Fair. Winning ticket will be drawn at the bazaar, Oct. 30. Call Bernice Ward, 649-2183, for tickets.

There will be a cross-country school meet on Oct. 1, at Claremont Public School, starting at 1:15 p.m. All students from grades 2-5, will participate. Parents are welcome to attend. The first parent advisory meeting will be held at the school, Oct. 5, at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Congratulations to Danny and Marilyn Ridley, whose daughter, Amanda Linda, a new sister for six-year-old Yolanda, was born Sept. 21.

A community shower was held on Sept. 20 for Larry Pilkey and Louise Hockley, who will be married Oct. 16 in Uxbridge United Church.

We welcome Mildred and Harry Spang to their new home on Joseph St. Mildred is a familiar, friendly face at the Bank of Commerce.

The evening unit of the UCV will meet at the home of Mary Bolland, Oct. 4, at 8. Roll call is the letter "I".

Georgia (Youngs) Tremaine, will be giving art classes Monday afternoons, starting Oct. 4, from 1 to 3:30, and Tuesday evenings, starting Oct. 5, from 7 to 9:30. For information, call 649-2996.

Claremont United Church Sunday school will be having a party to celebrate nature and "God's creative goodness," Oct. 3, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., at the church. Children and parents are welcome.

Recent euchre winners: Lena Ogden, Iva Yake, Evelyn Bryant, Lloyd Wilson, Art Parratt, Marg Benson, Elva Kydd, Edna Myers and Gord Wilson. Lucky draw winners: Tom Ogden, Evans Benson, Marg Benson, Ross Thompson, Norman Kennedy and Elva Symes.



Happiness is---balloons and clowns

Nothing creates more joy among children than balloons and clowns. There were plenty of both at the St. Mark's Parish Fair, Saturday in the Stouffville Park. These three disguised but smiling faces

belong to (left to right)-Mary Shanahan, R.R. 4, Stouffville; Nancy Giffen, Unionville and Margaret Tobog, Pine Street, Stouffville.

—Jim Thomas

From joy to despair -He's retarded initial shock

BY JIM REESE
4:00 a.m. - "Congratulations! It's a boy!"
11:00 a.m. - "Jim, we've discovered several physical problems which point as well to mental retardation."

From exhilaration to despair in one morning!

With the doctor's words still ringing in my ears I drove back home, stunned and dry-eyed. But alone in my bedroom, the tears began to flow and my heart felt like it was about to break.

My mind raced back to my childhood: I could see my mother as she tearfully but tenderly revealed to my brother and me, as we knelt for bedtime prayer, that our little brother would never be normal. A nasty fall had caused brain damage.

Then, a brother, now, a son. "O Lord, what are you trying to say to me?" I wept... And I listened... He said, "it is better to have a son who is physically and mentally handicapped and headed for Heaven, than to have a son who is handsome and brilliant but rebelling against God."

So I said "thank you Lord. We'll have our problems, but it won't be problems like that".

Next the Lord reminded me, "It's only a little while between now and the time that Christ returns for His own. On that day little Stephen will have a perfect mind and body."

Again I said, "thank you, Lord."

Then He said to me,

"Jim, I've brought this experience to you not to hurt you, but to bless you and to make you a blessing."

I replied, "dear Lord, I can't understand how that would be, but I'll try to believe it."

And then my mind focussed in on a verse that my wife, Adrienne, and I had memorized years before - Psalm 27:14: "Wait on the Lord, be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart; wait I say on the Lord." My impulse to blindly react was blessedly soothed by this Divine pacifier.

Finally, I made my way back to the hospital to share with Adrienne how God had met me in my need. I walked into her room to find a young woman with tears in her eyes but with a smile beaming through. And before I could relate my testimony to her, she was sharing hers with me.

"I just had to have a word from the Lord," she said, "and He gave me Philippians 4:4: 'Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice.'"

Wait on the Lord and rejoice in the Lord. What a blessed combination! As we've watched Steven grow

up in our home, we've had much reason both to wait and to rejoice, assured that God is at work doing something wonderful.

Several months after his birth, a growing burden began to develop into a vision.

"Why don't Christians make themselves more visible in ministry to the handicapped?" That burning question prompted a scouting of what Christian ministries were available. I became aware of the loving service of a few private or denominational programs and institutions.

But I looked in vain for an interdenominational, evangelist fellowship which would provide a full spectrum of ministry to the handicapped and their families.

In God's good providence, the keen interest of a number of Christian parents, professional people and key spiritual leaders was developed. An open meeting was held in 1965 and a board was formed. Now known as Christian Horizons, Inc. its purpose briefly stated is as follows:

1. To provide Christian fellowship for persons interested in the welfare of the exceptional person.

2. To promote the establishment and program of specialized facilities such as homes, camps, schools and workshops, for developing the full potential of the exceptional person and prepare him to lead a happy, meaningful and useful life.

3. To encourage and assist interested churches in the development of Christian Education programs for the exceptional person.

Many, have asked, "Can the retarded respond to the Gospel?"

Praise God, that the Good News is so simple! Though limited mentally, a retarded person has a normal capacity to love and to trust. When he is introduced to the love of Christ a retarded person is usually very eager to respond. This has been witnessed over and over again in the camping ministry of Christian Horizons. During the past seven summers more than one hundred campers have made a heart response in faith to Jesus Christ.

Yes, the retarded can respond to the Gospel. And the witness of counsellors and parents have verified that there is a definite behavioral change for the better in the life of a retarded person who has established a loving relationship with Jesus Christ. In fact, since most retarded persons do not have the ability to be good hypocrites, their faith is simple, strong and genuine, and its pristine beauty is a joy to behold.

High School fall fashions Girls set trend

By Jim Holt
STOUFFVILLE — In the world of high school, "preppiness" (the latest addition to student phraseology to denote fashion consciousness), Stouffville still lags behind many of York Region's schools. However, the pervasive image of jeans, hockey-jackets and air of general scruffiness that has hounded SDSS for close to a decade, is about to be superseded by the

"clean-cut look" and it's the girls who are setting the pace. We may not have yet reached the high-point of fashion, where names such as Daniel Hechter, Ralph Lauren, Lacosta and Toppers are dropped in the classroom and hallways to impress, but we're getting there, slowly but surely.

Courtney Wallace, Grade 11, O'Brien Avenue, Stouffville, feels

SDSS is changing. "Older students seem to have much more dress-sense these days, compared to five years ago. They are far better dressed than in previous years; we're shedding our 'country look,'" she said. According to Courtney there is a sign of more individualism among this year's students. Furthermore, many are becoming trend-setters.

"Personally, I do my own thing, but I much prefer skirts to jeans or pants," she concluded. Jackie Bart, Rupert Avenue, Stouffville, also a Grade 11 student, recently returned from Argentina after eighteen months and can look with an unbiased eye on the student dress-scene. She is very critical of the old-guard style of dress. "Most people dress sloppily. Jeans and jackets are still far too common, but the girls are trying to set the pace and show lots of enterprise by wearing attractive, frilly blouses which go with almost anything," she said. Jackie would like to see the guys look even more formal, "I think they're cute in ties," she stated.

A guy's point of view came from Gregg Smith of Ballantrae, a

newcomer to SDSS. "Greg's impressed by the girls' dress. He thinks 'they look good'. He would prefer to see them wear jeans rather than skirts, however, but would not elaborate further. Greg agreed that the guys are far less fashion-conscious than girls, but if one catches their eye they'll 'make the effort to create an impression' (it was ever thus) he said.

Having recently returned from Calgary, Joanne Hanley of R.R.1. Gormley made comparisons with the rich Albertans. According to Joanne, Stouffville girls are fashion-plates compared to their "jeans and shirts" western cousins. "They are at least four or five years behind us in fashion," she said. Joanne is very much a feminist regarding dress. "I much prefer skirts to jeans and wear them as much as possible." She agreed that her peers have a "fresh-look" about them this year that is "different."

Teachers too are impressed with the "new-look" at SDSS. Staff teacher Jim Rehill agrees that the students are "different," "I find it very refreshing," he said.

Cyclists!

Dear Editor: While I don't altogether agree that cyclists should be encouraged to ride bikes on Stouffville sidewalks, your recent editorial concerning "wrong-way riders" on our roads made good sense. I've long thought the same.

I see no comparison between a bicycle and a car or between a bicycle and a motorcycle for that matter. So why should the same

directional rules apply?

As a motorist, I'd much prefer to meet a cyclist than overtake one. At least he (she) can see me. Under present highway regulations, he (she) can't.

I wonder how long the Ministry will take to make the change? Don't bet it will happen in our generation.

Sincerely,
Bryan Jones,
R.R. 1, Stouffville.

Plow in focus

Organizers for this year's International Plowing Match and Farm Machinery Show in Lucan, Ont., are expecting more than 150,000 people to attend the event, Sept. 28 to Oct. 2.

"Since Lucan is only 24 kilometres north of London, we're hoping to draw a lot of city people out to the match, in addition to the rural people," says Bob McMahon, secretary-manager of the Ontario Plowmen's Association.

Lucan is in the heart of a large agricultural area known for corn, beef cattle and mixed farming. The 320 hectare (800 acre) site for the 1982 IPM is located on the Alan Scott and neighboring farms, just west of Lucan.

"The 1982 IPM will have one of the biggest and best matches that has ever taken place in Ontario," says McMahon.

Plowmen from six provinces will be competing in the annual Canadian Plowing Championships being held in conjunction with the IPM this year. The IPM was last held in Middlesex county in 1928.

Plowing is not the only event at the IPM. Parties, the Queen of the Furrow competition, square dancing

and horseshoe pitching will be part of this year's event.

Other exhibits this year include a Middlesex county historical exhibit and corn and soybean trials planted by the Middlesex County Soil and Crop Improvement Association.

The Tented City, the focal point of the plowing match, is erected each year to house exhibitors on 32 hectares (80 acres). It is divided into six streets equipped with telephone, electricity and water, providing more than 6,900 metres (23,000 ft.) of exhibit frontage. This year more than 600 exhibitors ranging from livestock breeders to car and truck dealers will display their products and services in the Tented City, says McMahon.

Local committees in Lucan are busy raising fences, organizing parking areas and preparing the site for the 66th annual IPM.

"There are many good farm operators in Middlesex county and we have excellent committees," says McMahon. "They're one of the best organized local committees we've ever had."

Admission fees for the 1982 IPM in Lucan, Sept. 28 to Oct. 2 are: adults \$4 and children under 11 \$1.



Hold Sunday service at pioneer church

A special commemorative service will be held in the historic Altona Memorial Church this Sunday, at 3 p.m. Dr. Frank H. Epp of Waterloo will be the guest speaker. An historical sketch of the church and the Altona community will be presented by Mrs Luella Lewis.

—Jim Thomas



Three family generations attend Match

Eugene Timbers of Cannington participated in the class for horses at the York Regional Plowing Match in Whitchurch-Stouffville, Saturday. He had plenty of assistance as seen by this photo. Shown left to right is his father, Ed Timbers of

Epsom; a daughter Jacqueline and another daughter Janine. Their advice obviously helped for Gene placed first among four competitors.

—Jim Thomas