



"Some day a fireman I'll be"

Stouffville's expanded fire hall was officially opened by Town Mayor Eldred King at an informal ceremony, Friday afternoon. On hand and appropriately dressed for the occasion was three-year-

old Michael Jammer, son of Arthur and Elizabeth Jammer, South Street, Stouffville. To be a firefighter is every boy's dream. Michael has already come closer than most to realizing this ambition.

—Jim Thomas

Moms' and Tots' Club

"Togetherness"

STOUFFVILLE — While in many areas, it's mom and pop who tear out the door each morning, en route to their respective jobs, in one part of Stouffville, anyway, it's mom and tot, (or tots) who head off together at a mutual hour.

And their destination? Mom and Tots' Club, Stouffville United Church, 34 Church St. N.

Unlike mom and pop, however, who head their separate ways when they reach the church goers, as it were, stay on when they reach their destination.

That's because the Mom and Tots' Club is just what it implies, a club for mother and

child. Or children, if they have more than one, or if some of the neighborhood flock come along, while their own mothers tend to some other chore that particular day.

Either way, the mothers stay on with their charges, in definite contrast to day care centres, where the progeny are dropped off and retrieved some third of a day later.

At Mom and Tots, the kids head for the nearest toy box, and the mothers the nearest listening post, where they chat with fellow mothers about the whys and wherefores of child rearing, and other subjects of mutual concern.

Not that they're ever far from their own charges. That, in fact, is the idea of the whole thing, says Leana Coward, mother of a 13-month-old child, and club activity director.

"We don't leave the children," she says. "We all play together. The club gives the mothers and children a chance to socialize."

Says another young mother: "The best part is, if they get into a fight, there's mother around the corner. In a nursery school, they get the hard knocks, without their mothers."

"The kids need the inter-action of other kids," according to one young woman. They need the preparation for school, otherwise they're going to be overwhelmed."

Aren't there other kids on the street they can play with? the mothers are asked.

"It's more for the younger ones, who can't go on the street," comes a reply. "It helps build relationships. It gets them more independent."

Says another mother: "We do it for ourselves, too. It's great to meet other mothers."

The session gets underway each morning at 9:30 and continues to 11:30, with a break for cookies and juice (for the kids) at 10:30, and coffee and tea for their elders.

Toys, edible play-dough and a story hour, are all part of the morning get-together, which flies by for all concerned, and which leaves them all looking forward just that much more to the next day's gathering.

After all, as one mother stated, "we've got the afternoon to recuperate."

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'Love Notes' Police reply

Last summer, the inscription "Roger loves Beth" was painted on overhead bridges above Highways 404 and 48.

While passing motorists saw some humor in the "love notes" the Ministry of Transport were anything but amused. They filed a complaint with York Regional Police.

Last week, William Roger Warnock of 19th Avenue, Markham, was charged with mischief to public property. He will appear in court Dec. 3.

House Break-ins Country homes appear to be easy marks for thieves. Two residences at R.R. 4, Stouffville, were entered last week. The one was the McGinn

property on the Bethesda Sideroad where a microwave oven, a color TV and jewellery were stolen. At the home of David Brooks, cash in the amount of \$250 was taken. At the Munroe residence on Woodbine Avenue, clothing, silverware and jewellery were removed.

Steal Chainsaws Two chainsaws, valued at \$1,000, were removed from a storage garage on the Ministry of National Resources site at Westview Golf and Country Club, Vandorf Road, persons unknown drove a truck across the greens, then struck the clubhouse door. Damage was estimated at \$200.

A busy time for all

CLAREMONT — The season of Advent has begun and with it comes the preparation for all the Christmas parties and programs. I hope all the planners and organizers survive until Christmas!

Saturday, Dec. 4, is the date of the second annual Sunday School Tree Trimming Party at the United Church, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Then it's off to Stouffville and the Santa Claus Parade at 2 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 5, is White Gift time at the 11 a.m. service of the United Church. The children of the Sunday school will present "What Child is This?"

The Lion's annual Christmas concert will be held that same afternoon at 1 o'clock in the Community Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend and enjoy the local talent.

Women's Institute will be held Dec. 8 at 1:30 p.m., at the home of Maude Anderson. Marge Cook will give a demonstration. Roll Call is the reading of a Christmas Card verse.

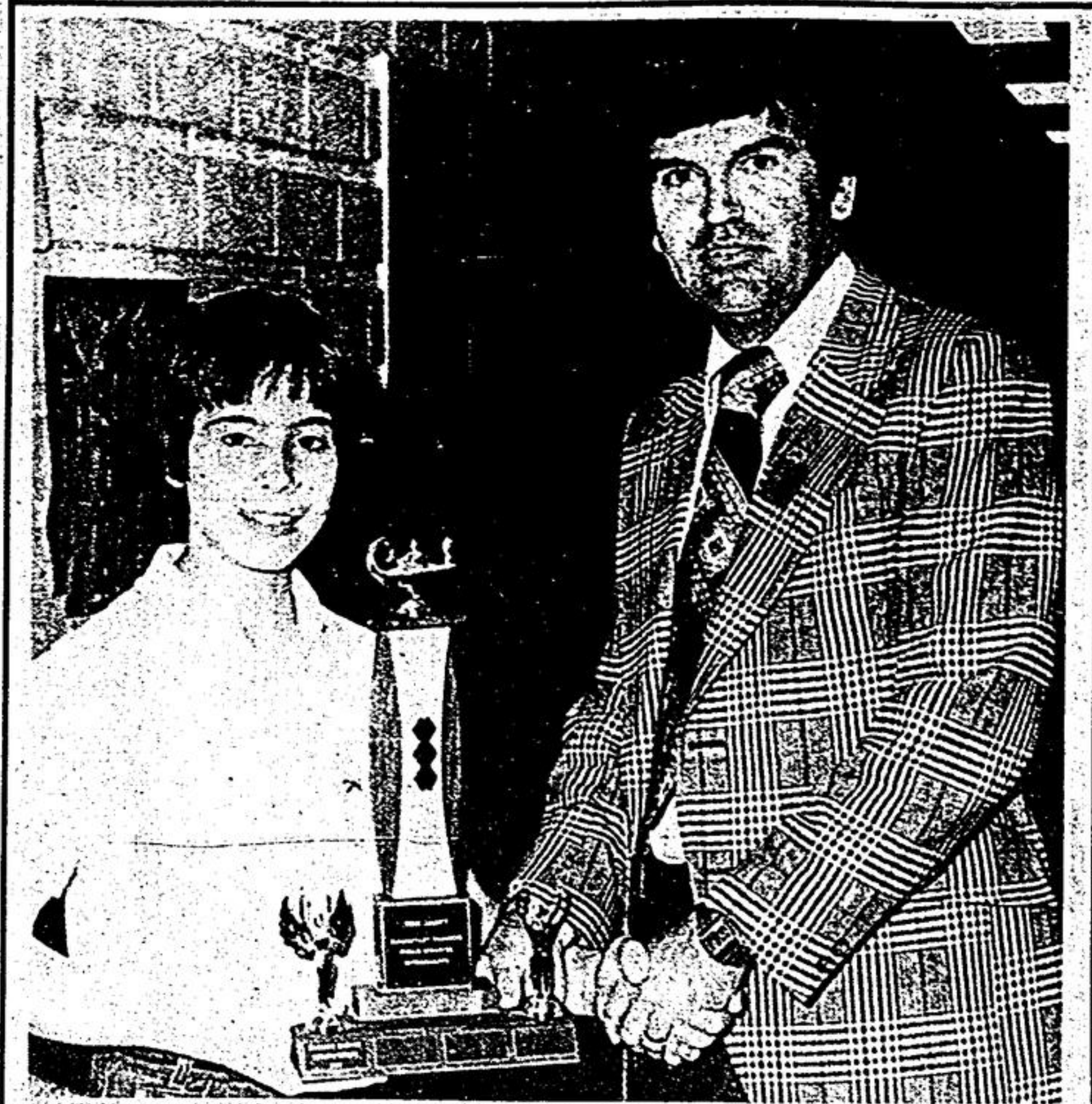
On Sunday, Dec. 12, the Baptist Church Sunday school Christ-

mas program will be presented at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served following presentation of the pageant, "The Night the Animals Talked."

Friends and family held a surprise 25th wedding anniversary party for Ephrem and Joan Albert, Nov. 27, at the Claremont Legion.

Euchre winners from Nov. 22: Mary Hill, Eva Evans, Marg Benson, Tom Ogden, Irene Redshaw and Aldine Evans. Lucky draw winners: May Ford, Gord Smith and Gladys Burgin.

I had the pleasure of seeing "Eat Your Heart Out," at the Uxbridge Music Hall, last Friday. Jim Irving of The Tribune playing Mr. Carter, seemed comfortable in the role of a grumpy middle-aged man.



Ballantrae student Region's top speaker

John Bellerby, a student attending Ballantrae Public School, is the intermediate winner in the Regional Finals of the 1982 Public Speaking Contest sponsored by the Elementary Teachers' Association.

He was introduced to the York Region Board of Education at a meeting, Monday night. Here he's congratulated by his school principal, Mr. John Laughlin.

—Jim Holt

To honor parents

By Evelyn Milsted GORMLEY — The community extends congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gamble on the occasion of their forthcoming 40th wedding anniversary. Their family is holding an "Open House" in their honor, Dec. 12 from 2 to 5 p.m., in the Victoria Square Community Centre.

Mr and Mrs Russell Heise and granddaughter Cari Anne, spent several days with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Marlin Ressler, and Mrs. Doug Wightman and daughter at

Killarney, Manitoba. Mark Cullen is home from York Central Hospital, Richmond Hill. He is getting around on crutches.

Mrs. Ellis Klinck of London visited with relatives and friends here this week.

Rev. Marlin Ressler is enjoying a few days deer-hunting in Pennsylvania.

Mr and Mrs David Tussey and daughter Cari Anne, spent several days with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Marlin Ressler, and Mrs. Evelyn Milsted underwent surgery.

Tuesday, at York Central Hospital, Richmond Hill.

The Wright Singers will present an evening of sacred music at the Missionary Church, Sunday, Dec. 5. Time of the service is 7:30 p.m.

Ronald Lofthouse of Kitchener will speak at the 11 a.m. service, Sunday, in Heise Hill

Church. He will describe the work of the Menonite Central Committee.

The annual Trim and Treat special will be held Dec. 3 at 7:30 p.m., in the Missionary Church. Non-perishable foods or a new unwrapped toy for the Yonge Street Mission will be accepted.

Editor's Mail

Our thanks

Dear Mr. Thomas: Thank you for visiting our school during Career Week and speaking to our group. We enjoyed your being here and talking to us about your career. We enjoyed listening a we learned a lot.

The class discovered that journalism is an interesting profession which some of us will no doubt enter. Thank you for coming.

Sincerely,
Salmaan Shallwani,
Dickson's Hill School,
R.R. 2, Markham.

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