



A SUMMERFELDT'S STORE, UNIONVILLE, ONT.

Summerfeldt store depicted on '83 plate

HISTORY BEHIND THE PLATE

This year, the Unionville Festival Plate, illustrated by local artist, Sharon Bright, depicts the Summerfeldt General Store. The business was opened and operated by Abner Summerfeldt, in co-operation with Charles Stiver.

Abner had farmed for a number of years on land originally acquired by his grandfather George, in 1792. However, in 1910 he moved to the main street of Unionville living above the store that he managed until 1930.

Abner Summerfeldt was a prominent business man and political figure, serving as a reeve on Markham Township Council in 1903 and 1904, as a deputy reeve in 1917, and as a councillor numerous times between 1899 and 1916. He was married three times and raised several children who, when needed, would lend a hand in running the store.

Jennie Harrington recalls what the store was like as a child:

On the right side as we went in was the candy counter. What candies we could get

for one cent! — a bag of mixed candies, a licorice whip, a marshmallow and chocolate broom on a stick, all-day suckers, etc.

The groceries also were on this side. On the other side were yard goods, patterns, thread, etc. At the back — shoes, rubbers, men's overalls...

Abner finally gave up the business in 1930 and it was subsequently managed by James Ash. It has since passed through many hands and still stands on the main street today as an antique store called "Thursday's Child".

The Unionville Festival Plates can be purchased during the festival at a cost of \$7 each at St. Philip's Church Bake Table, located just north of Jug & Basin Antiques on Main Street, and later at the church basement.

There are still plates available from preceding years as well as Festival Mugs for \$3, and Quilt Raffle Tickets for \$1. The quilt will be on display at Ruth Ingram's Antiques during the festival, and the draw will take place at the Post Office stage at 4 p.m. on Saturday.

Child's Eye View

Some tips for Saturday

HOW TO ENJOY THE FESTIVAL

"How to enjoy the festival" that's a good question. Well to start off where is it? Well it starts at Hwy. 7 and goes through all the way to Togood Pond. When? That's another good question. The date planned for it is June 4 and 5.

Now that we've got that settled the main topic is how to enjoy the festival. My opinion of how to enjoy the festival is (of course) to first look at the parade!

Then look at the exhibits. Then go to the haunted house.

After you've been scared half to death, go back to Crosby Community Centre. Then if you're a good sport try your luck at the Lions Club dunking machine. If you're

hungry go to the hamburger place in front of the Unionville Curling Club.

If you like clowns, go back to the church where the haunted house is and beside that is a clown face place.

If you're going back home now, go behind Crosby and go for a balloon ride.

After that there's batting practice, 10, 5 km run, helicopter rides. That's the funnest part of all. It's the fun part because you can see all of Unionville!

Well that's my side of the story. See you at the UNIONVILLE FESTIVAL!

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Ruth Rodanz of Stouffville created the handmade quilt, shown here, to be raffled off Saturday.