

## New Orchard Park School Site by phone

STOUFFVILLE — While the opening of Orchard Park School, 25 years ago, was important to the staff and students, the project's unsung heroes were members of the Board of that day—Keith Middlemiss, (chairman); Cec Hendricks, (vice-chairman); Lorna Button, Ethel Mole, Harry Schell and Bill Malloy. The secretary was Elsie Sanders.

The "spade work" done by resident trustees occurred long before bulldozers moved onto the site. No one remembers this better than Mr Hendricks, now living in Markham.

"Summitview was overcrowded; we needed a school at the west end to balance things out," he recalled in a telephone conversation with The Tribune.

The Board's first choice was the area where St. Mark's Separate School is situated, he said. However, members feared construction would be delayed due to rezoning. So they switched their attention to a seven-acre property east of the Ninth Line and south of Sunset Boulevard.

"The owner was Milt Smith—I called him up one night from a Board meeting—we offered him \$15,000 and he agreed—over the phone," Mr Hendricks said.

Dr. Dunlop, then the Minister of Education, attended the official opening. "We (the Board) considered that an honor," the vice-chairman said.

The hiring of Principal Keith Sutherland came about on a recommendation from the Inspector, Mr Hendricks stated. Mr Sutherland had been a staff teacher at Summitview prior to his promotion.

The Board of that day met in the building that was part of the village firehall beside the clock tower. Later, they moved to a room at Summitview.

"I remember being reprimanded for buying six dollar cushions for our chairs," Mr Hendricks recalled. "I thought if we were providing a volunteer service, we should at least be comfortable."

Mr Hendricks attended the recent Homecoming and enjoyed the reunion of former trustees, staff and students.



Mohawk grad

Bonnie Collins graduated recently from Mohawk College as a Registered Medical Laboratory Technologist. She's presently studying at the University of Toronto to obtain her Bachelor of Science Degree. She's planning a career in research. Bonnie is an honors' graduate of Stouffville Dist. Secondary School and the daughter of Mr and Mrs R.A. Collins, Felcher Boulevard, Ballantrae.

## Basement blaze

LINCOLNVILLE — "Another five minutes and it would have been too late," said Michael Carance of Lincolnville, after fire threatened his nearly-completed 30,000 square foot home.

Mr Carance said he lit a blaze in a basement fireplace, then went for supper in a nearby trailer where the family has been living while the house is under construction.

He wasn't aware the chimney was still covered. When he returned, he discovered a sofa ablaze and a section of the downstairs filled with smoke.

Firemen from Stouffville soon had the blaze under control with little damage resulting.

## Invitation extended

STOUFFVILLE — The 24th annual production of Music Mania, Stouffville's unique variety show, is already underway.

The program's producers are still looking for talented amateurs to join the chorus, dancers, skit-writers, performers and backstage crew.

"This year, we're making a special point of encouraging newcomers to belong," stressed Lovanna Sanders, the associate producer. "It's a marvellous way to get to know people and become involved in the community."

To become a part of Music Mania, (sponsored by the United Church Couples Club), participants must be adult and reside within the 640 telephone exchange, or be a member of previous shows.

"Don't hold back if you think you're not talented enough," says Lovanna, "all you need is enthusiasm."

A Get-Acquainted Coffee Party is planned for Wed., Jan. 4 at 7:30 p.m., at Summitview School. Rehearsals will commence shortly thereafter with show dates set for April 26, 27 and 28.

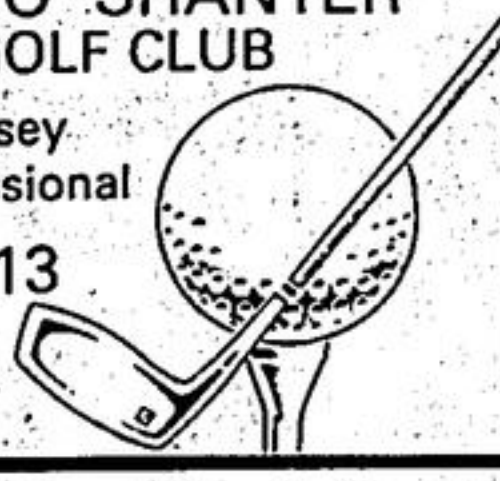
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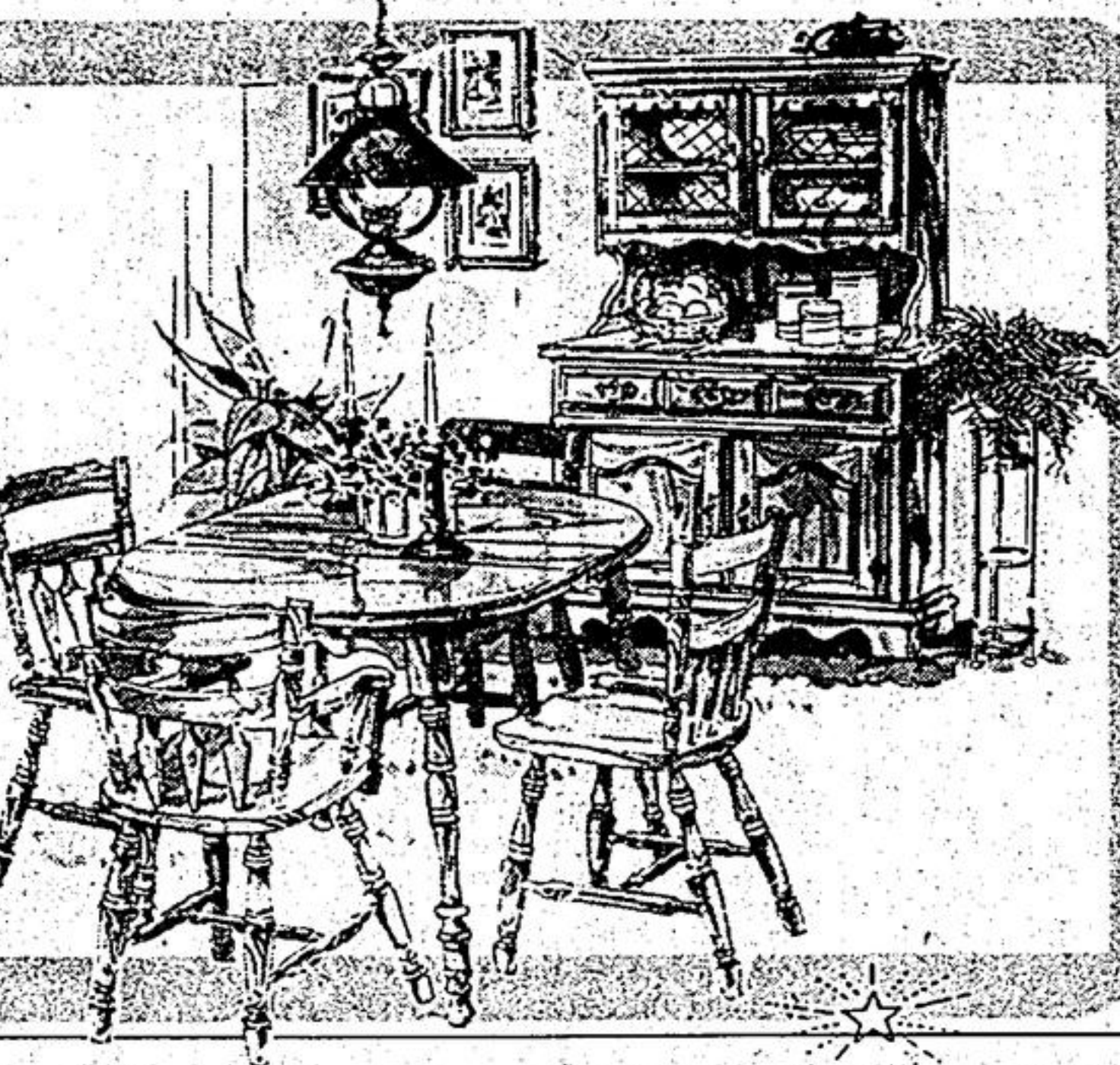
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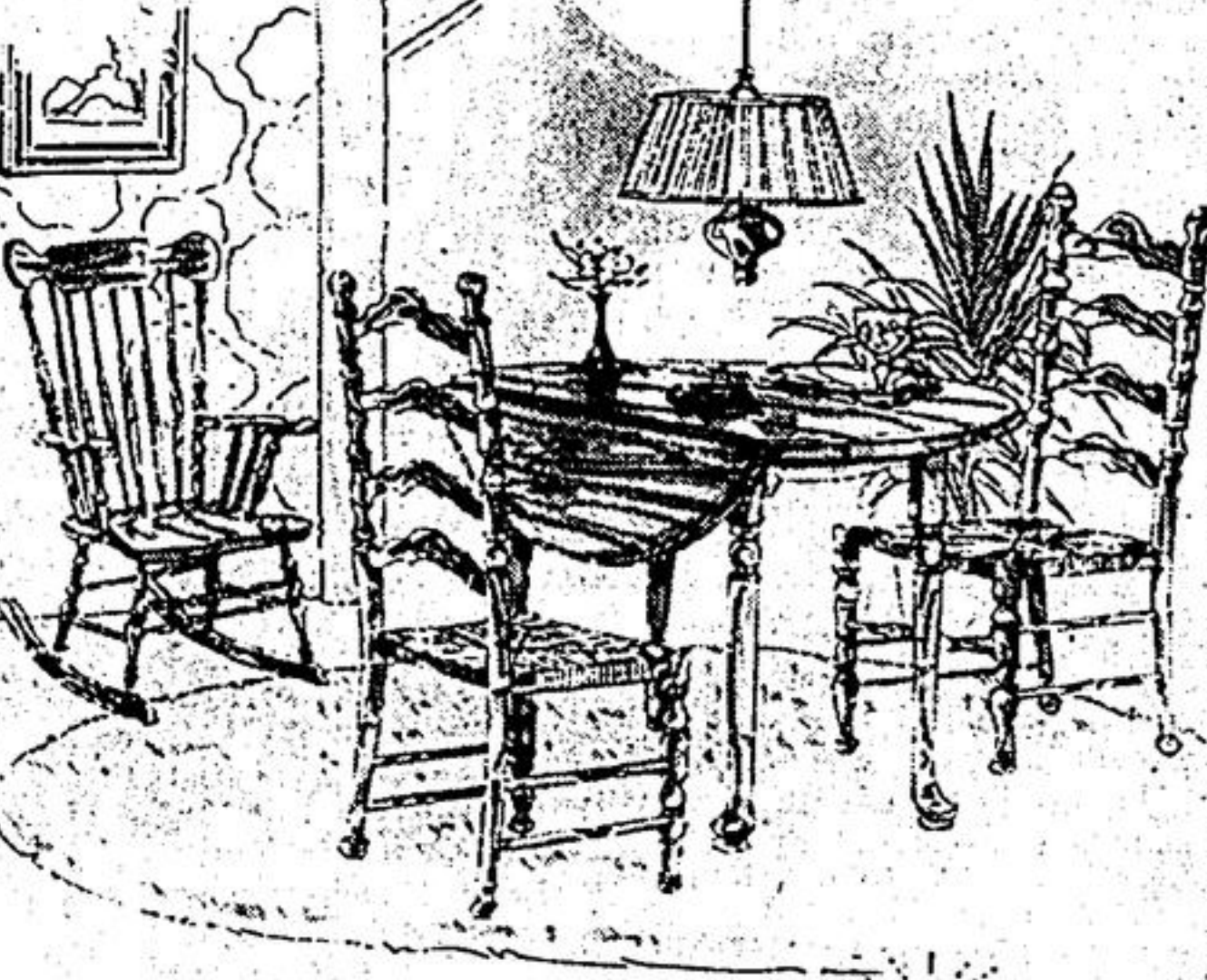
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