

# Celebration events take shape

**STOUFFVILLE** — The dual celebration of Canada Day and Ontario's Bi-Centennial is already approaching the celebration stage after only two meetings.

The executive, numbering eight persons, is now complete. Jim Kidd, past-president and now treasurer of the Kinsmen Club, has accepted the position of vice-

chairman, and will work in close co-operation with chairman Tom Wood.

Celebration dates are Thurs., June 28 through Sun., July 1.

A feature of the weekend's activities will be the unveiling and official opening of a new portable stage, the Town's Bi-Centennial Project. This is planned

for Sunday afternoon, (July 1), in the Stouffville Park. Events surrounding this ceremony will include an open-air worship service; a box social and a band concert.

"The weekend's success will depend on you and those you represent," Chairman Wood told an organizational meeting at the Legion

Hall, Thursday, "our goal is to create an exciting and memorable weekend for all our people and visitors."

Although dates and times of several events must still be finalized with program chairperson Marlene McKee Weatherill, (640-3768), some of the proposed activities follow:

The Miss Whitchurch-

Stouffville Pageant will take place on Thursday evening, (June 28), at the High School along with the Citizen of the Year presentation.

Suggested events for the Friday, (June 29), include: Slow-Pitch Ball Tournament; a bake sale (Welcome Rebekah Lodge); a Street Dance, (Jr. Farmers); a Celebrity Ball Game; Sports Personality of the

Year presentation and a Jr. Tennis Tournament at Ballantrae.

The Saturday program, (June 30), will include: a Pancake Breakfast; Sr. Tennis Tournament at Ballantrae; Giant People Parade; Petting Zoo; Bicycle-Tricycle Decorating Contest; Lawn-Bowling Tournament; Big Wheel Grande Prix; Crazy

Olympics; Giant Side-walk Sale; Cutting of the Canada Day and Bi-Centennial Cake; Horseshoe Pitching Tournament; a Street Dance and a Celebrity Auction in Latcham Hall.

Sunday's events, (July 1), will conclude with a Giant Fireworks Display in the Stouffville Park.

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## Rec. Centre cost worries ratepayers

**VANDORF** — After a contract price is received, Vandorf area residents want a say concerning what type, if any, Recreation Complex is built in Stouffville.

This message, voiced repeatedly at a Culture and Recreation Committee meeting here, Wednesday, drew agreeable, but not enthusiastic response from members of Council in attendance. The cost of Phase I, (an arena), is estimated at 2.7 million dollars or \$37.50 per year for 15 years on the average tax bill.

Ruth Warden suggested the people should be afforded an opportunity to express opinions on an ex-

pense of such magnitude. Betty vanNostrand, a former councillor agreed, saying a forum for public discussion would be welcomed once the exact cost is known.

While no one rejected the recommendation, Wilf Morley made it clear the final decision should rest with Council. He spoke out in opposition to a plebiscite on the issue as did councillors Jim Rae and Jim Sanders. Mayor Eldred King stressed the importance of such a facility for the Town. He described the present arena as unsafe. "We have to do something," he said.

He questioned why Whitchurch-Stouffville

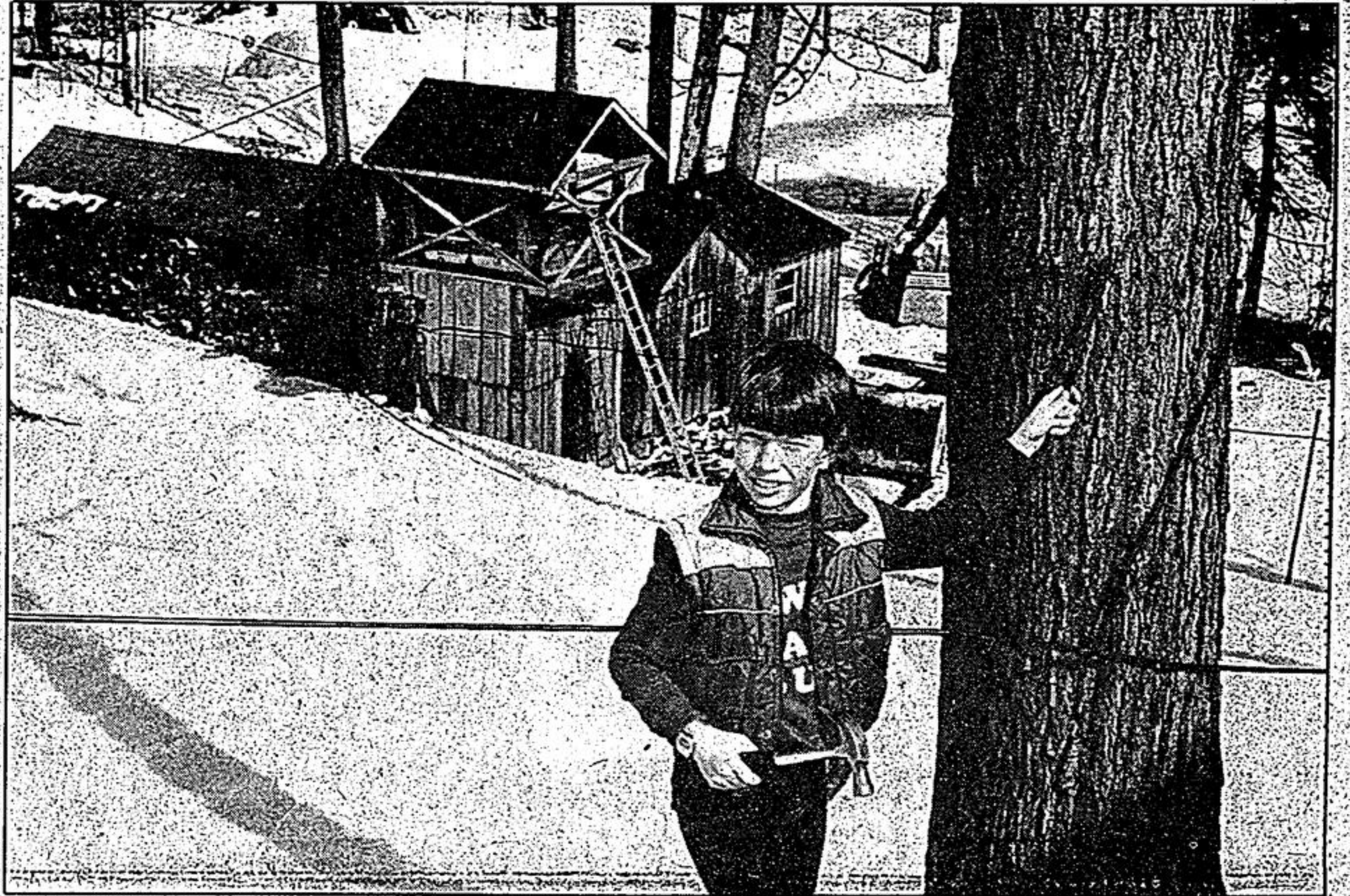
should be so different from other municipalities of similar size.

As to location, he said the site, (4.59 acres), across from the High School, had been recommended by a consultant hired by the Town to complete the Culture and Recreation Master Plan. On the strength of this, no other properties were considered, he said.

Mrs. Kim Rogers, R.R. 3, Newmarket, said she was "stunned" by the price, quoted at \$80,000 an acre. She said land, a quarter mile to the north, could have been purchased for \$8,000 an acre or 40 acres for \$320,000.

Councillor Fran Sainsbury pointed to the fact the proposed site is fully serviced and convenient to the High School. "This is everybody's community centre," she stated, "I'd like to see the whole Town get behind it. Every year we procrastinate, the cost goes up."

Chairman Sanders warned against "tossing figures around". "If you're against it, (the Complex), you can make a case that'll scare the pants off anyone. If you're for it, you can make a case in favor."



**The sap's running—it's spring at last**

Spring has sprung. All signs point to this on the property of Al and Maureen Irwin, Island Lake, R.R. 3, Stouffville, where the maple syrup operation's in full swing. Ten-year-old Tim Irwin has grown up with the business and is a big help to his father.

—Jim Thomas

## Argument but—No apology

**VANDORF** — A rural ratepayer demanded an apology from Mayor Eldred King here Wednesday, but didn't receive it.

Kim Rogers, R.R. 3, Newmarket, was incensed over the mayor's tone of voice when replying to questions raised by his wife.

"It's not what you said but how you said it," Rogers stated angrily.

The accusations related to Council's choice of a site for the proposed Rec. Complex. Mrs. Rogers said land could have been acquired at a short distance farther north at a much cheaper price.

Mayor King said the property west of the High School had been recommended by a consultant hired to complete a Culture and Recreation Master Plan. On the basis of this, no other sites had been priced, he explained.

Mrs. Rogers said she was "stunned" by the figure to which Mayor King responded. "It hasn't cost the taxpayers one penny." He explained the money had come from reserve funds provided by developers.

## Rural area

## Given scraps Town told

**VANDORF** — "You only throw a little scrap our way," commented a rural resident attending a Culture and Recreation public meeting in the Vandorf Hall, Wednesday.

His reference was to the fact a 2.7 million dollar arena is planned for Stouffville while the Vandorf area lacks adequate facilities for tennis, soccer and softball.

Several in the audience criticized the Town for failing to respond to community recreational requirements, including the Vandorf tennis courts and the ball and soccer fields, at Whitchurch-Highlands School. One speaker said he was continually frustrated by not knowing who to contact in order to get work done. Mrs. Kim Rogers wondered at the delays when requests seem so trivial. "I can't believe it," she said. Ward I Councillor Margot

Marshall said hold-ups occur when Council must deal with the Board of Education.

A Vandorf area mother complained conditions were so bad at Vandorf, "the kids were wallowing in the mud."

Another described the situation as "desperate".

Councillor Jim Sanders, the meeting's chairman, said improvements often take time. The Town's facilities manager must think from one to five years ahead, he explained.

Mayor Eldred King admitted to problems due to the fact the urban centre of population is located in one corner of the Town. "We didn't shape the municipality," he said. "Darcy McKeough did." He promised the people that as soon as conditions permit, the ball diamonds and the tennis courts would be put in useable shape.

## Claremont area man wins jackpot prize

**STOUFFVILLE** — Glenn Fretz, R.R. 2, Claremont, was the grand prize winner in the Lions-sponsored Elimination Draw held at Cedar Beach Pavilion, Musselman's Lake, Friday. He chose the \$1,600 cash

over a trip to Ocho Rios, Jamaica, saying "it's too busy a time to get away."

Glenn was on the dance floor when the announcement came that only two tickets remained. "I wasn't really paying that much attention," he said. "By the time I got there, my ticket had been drawn."

Often, the last two in the running agree to split the

prize. This time, however, Tom Winters, R.R. 3, Stouffville, the runner-up, was visiting his wife in hospital, so no last-minute deal was possible. His prize was \$125.

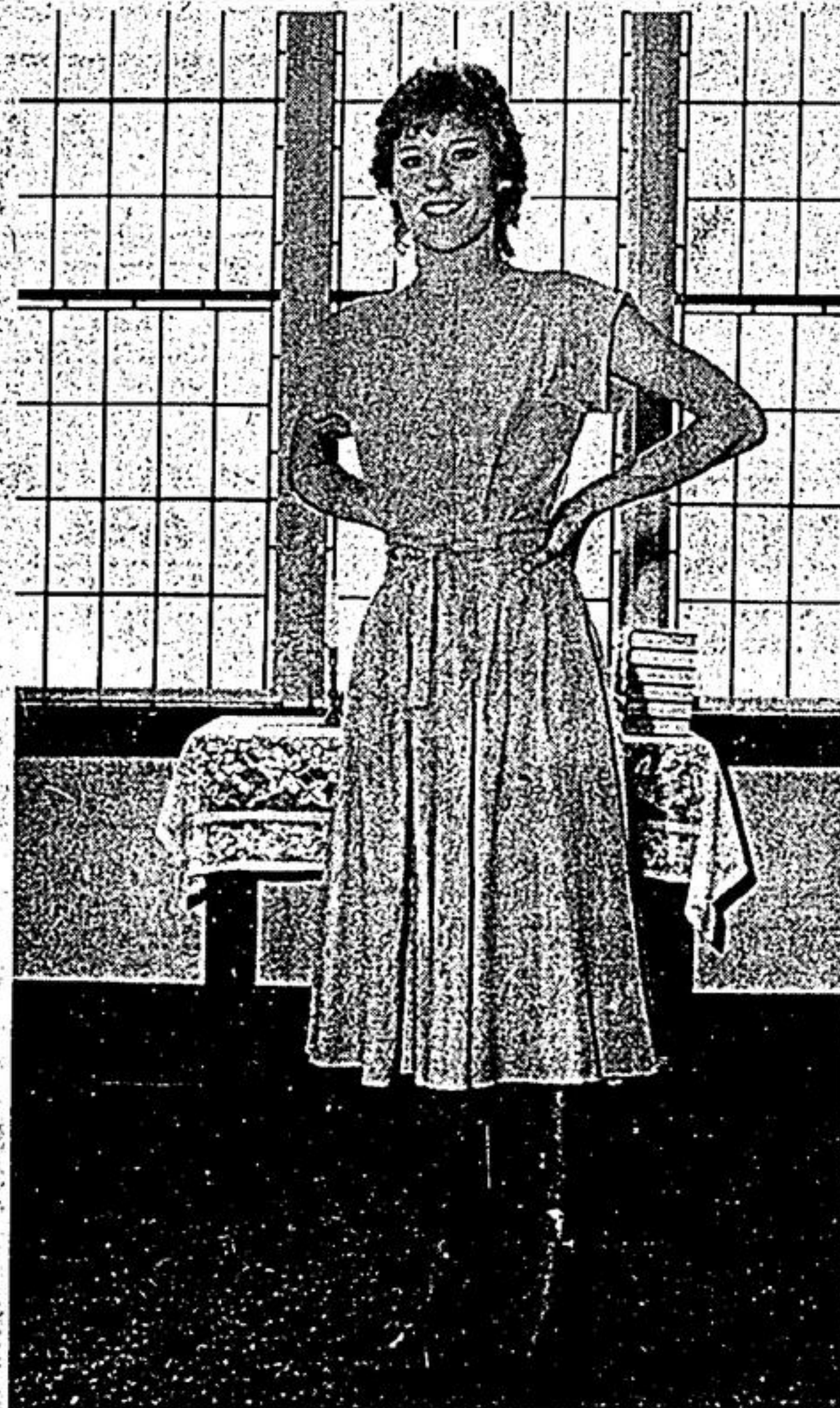
Glenn said with seeding time approaching and fertilizer to buy, spending the \$1,600 won't be difficult.

Other winners follow: Regal Restaurant, Stouffville, (\$50); Don and Mary Smith, Stouffville, (\$50); George

Johnson, Stouffville, (\$50); Paul Roney, Stouffville, (\$50); Graham Hudson, Stouffville, (\$50); Don Lewis, Stouffville, (\$50); Gary Hoy, Stouffville, (\$75).

Participants in the draw included Don and Joyce Caudle; Ivan Harris; Don Huxtable and Lorne Boudway. The committee chairman was Doug Hackert.

There were 196 tickets sold.



**Host fashion show**

The U.C.W. of Stouffville United Church is holding its annual spring fashion show, Monday, April 2 at 7:30 p.m. Eighteen-year-old Anne Murphy, Main Street West, is one of the pretty models along with Karen Harris, Lisa Weatherill, Kerl Wynn, Lynn Barry, Patti and Christine Hodgson, Beulah King, Linda Giles, Kate Gilderdale and Lorraine Steckley. Tickets (\$5) are available at the church office, (640-1163). Dessert and coffee will be served.

—Jim Thomas

## Teacher improved

**STOUFFVILLE** — Buoyed by support from all age groups within the community, Carole Pridham is making a slow but steady recovery in Toronto's Sunnybrook Hospital.

Mrs. Pridham, a teacher on the staff of Summitview School, was seriously injured in a two-vehicle collision near Stayner while en route to a hockey tournament at Collingwood. Husband Bruce and sons, Bran-

don, ten, and Philip, eight, were also hurt.

Mrs. Pridham underwent surgery, March 19, at which time two steel rods were implanted in her back. She's not expected back in class until September. Brandon and Philip have since returned to Orchard Park.

"The people have been marvellous," Mr. Pridham told The Tribune. He said cards have been arriving in great numbers, including

one signed by members of the Peeewe and Atom Hockey Clubs. Mrs. Pridham's room is No. 5538 (Wing D-5).

Mr. Pridham praised the thoughtfulness of the 'hockey mothers', also the principal, teachers and children at Summitview. Visitors are allowed and many of Mrs. Pridham's pupils have called at the hospital since the accident to say hello and wish her well, he said.

## Centre fund at \$125,000

**STOUFFVILLE** — The Rec. Centre Fund has passed the \$125,000 mark and is heading for \$200,000. Ged Stonehouse, a member of the Co-ordination Committee told The Tribune this week.

"We'll reach our target," he stated, "I'm very pleased."

Donations and pledges are just beginning to come in from the corporate sector, Stonehouse said. Two of these are McNeil Pharmaceutical and Cable Tech Co. Ltd., each with \$5,000. One hundred and fifteen

engraved bricks have been sold at \$250 apiece, amounting to \$28,250.00.

The committee member said two big hockey weekends are coming up, with proceeds going to the Complex. The first is Saturday, (March 31), when the N.H.L. Oldtimers come to town and the second is April 7 and 8, a Men's Amateur Tournament.

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Recycling Group is also aiding the cause with its "Garbage For Gold" campaign.

## Starvation kills swan

**RINGWOOD** — A full-grown swan, found last week at Spring Lakes Golf and Country Club, has died of starvation.

Animal Control Officer Judy Barrett told The Tribune the bird, weighing only ten pounds, was too weak to move. It was taken to the property of a well-known swan breeder, but all attempts to revive it failed.

Domestic swans usually have their wings clipped, Judy said, but this one had apparently flown away. A staff employee at the golf course saw it first and called the Town office.