

Students learn from seniors

STOUFFVILLE — Were there P.A. days? Did your school have a gymnasium? Did you study French? How much was your allowance? Did you have any fun? These were only a few of the questions asked of Annie Neal, Erma Brown, Daisy Fryer, Edna Allan, Mathilda DeFrance and Norman Hooper during interviews in the library at

Orchard Park School, Wednesday. The fact-finding seminar, involving students and senior citizens, was part of a Bicentennial program underway at several schools in Whitchurch-Stouffville and elsewhere across the York Region. Mrs. Neal recalled how one teacher would handle up to 45 children in a single classroom. Out in the yard, the boys and

girls never played together unless the teacher was present, she explained, prompting one student to comment: "Gee, that would be no fun." Baseball, tag and skipping were favorite sports. Her young audience laughed as she told of wading through waist-high snowbanks to reach the school's outside toilet. They also found it

hard to believe that an icecream cone, a chocolate bar and a box of popcorn could cost but five cents. The children's eyes grew wide when she told of receiving only an orange in her stocking at Christmas. Mrs. Neil said travelling into town, (Stouffville), by horse and buggy on a Saturday night was "a real treat".

Because the majority of babies were born at home, she often helped out as a nurse. For this, she received \$12 a month and still bought all her own clothes. Mrs. Neil said that while Stouffville didn't have a Sales Barn 'back then', the Farmers' Market brought many people to town. Mrs. Brown talked about coaloil lamps, steam engines and threshing

machines, butter-making and wood-burning stoves. She recalled a Sunday School picnic at Toronto's High Park and "a big day" at the C.N.E. At age 16, she obtained a position with the T. Eaton Company at a salary of nine dollars a week. When she left, the pay had increased to fifteen. "Some make more than that an hour to-

day," observed a young listener. Daisy Fryer remembered buying round steak for twenty-five cents a pound and hamburger at two pounds for a quarter. She said a full-course meal cost only fifty cents. At the sound of the bell, students and seniors were hesitant to leave. It was an interesting learning experience—for everyone.

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Priceless lawn bell stolen

WHITCHURCH — An antique school bell, valued at \$1,000 but considered a "priceless keepsake", has been stolen from the property of Harry Naylor, Lot 9, Conc. 5, Whitchurch-Stouffville. The theft occurred April 19. It originally belonged to Mrs. Naylor's parents. "My mother and dad prized it," Mrs. Naylor told The Tribune, "I treasured it too—it held a lot of memories." While there's no certainty as to its origin, Mrs. Naylor says it goes back as far as she can remember. "It was a real conversation piece."

Charges follow assault

UNIONVILLE — A Unionville woman was allegedly assaulted and held more than two hours, Saturday, after a man, impersonating a police officer, forced his way into her Village Parkway home. According to police, Lois Clarke was injured when the accused, on gaining entry, dragged her down a flight of stairs. She was then held against her will until breaking free and summoning help. York Regional Police investigated and later arrested a 34-year-old male of no fixed address, on Hwy. 7 in Unionville. Charges include: Being unlawfully in a dwelling house; forceable confinement; assault; impersonating a police officer; breach of recognizance (three counts) plus outstanding warrants on charges of making harassing phone calls and watching and setting.



Fashion styles modelled by students of Whitchurch-Highlands School, Thursday, spanned a period of 200 years, and formed part of a program celebrating Ontario's Bicentennial. Here, fourteen-year-old Tara Dow models a lovely gown of the 80's.



Students revive fashion styles
This ancient school bell has nothing on the outfit worn by eight-year-old Meagan Austin, Gormley, R.R. 1. The style is reminiscent of the early 1900's. More than forty students participated in the fashion promenade organized by parent volunteers Joyce Dow and Joan Bannerman assisted by staff teacher Marie Lloyd. More photos Page B-5. —Jim Thomas

To discuss behavior rules at HS

STOUFFVILLE — A Code of Conduct will be established at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School. The edict, issued by the Ministry of Education, relates to all secondary schools across Ontario. The chairman at the Board level is Earl Rowe of Markham. The committee chairman locally is S.D.S.S. vice-principal Bob Krol. Harry Bowes, trustee for Whitchurch-Stouffville, will sit in on the discussions. Mr. Rowe will also attend since a number of students from the Markham area are enrolled here. No meeting dates have been established although a draft plan will be presented to the York Region Board this September. The final draft must be ready by September 1985. Mr. Bowes anticipates at least three meetings will be required to prepare the foundation for September's draft report. He intends to make enquiries at other high schools across the region to learn some of the recommendations presented there.

Debate plan

STOUFFVILLE — Accommodation within the Town council chambers has been taxed to the limit before. However, previous crowds aren't expected to come close to anticipated attendance May 1 at 8:45 p.m. The topic for discussion is an application by The Firefighters (Bethesda) Group for a 400-lot residential development on two golf courses between Warden and Woodbine Avenues. The proposal also includes areas for industrial and commercial build-up. While the size of the subdivision is considerably reduced from the original application, (600 lots), a petition, signed by 32 families stands opposed. Both oral and written submissions will be received. The subject lands, fronting on Woodbine Avenue, Bethesda Road and Warden Avenue, comprises about 550 acres. Additional information on the project is available at the Municipal Office, 19 Civic Avenue, Stouffville during regular business hours: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Enlarge church

MARKHAM — A sod-turning ceremony, Monday, marked the start of construction on a new three-level addition to Wideman Mennonite Church, Hwy. 48, Markham, with completion expected by late July or early August. The frontal extension will provide for a pastor's study, a nursery, a fellowship room, washrooms plus added Sunday School and foyer space. Cost of the project is estimated at \$150,000 with close to \$115,000 already contributed or pledged. Murray Stewart of R.R. 1, Gormley has the contract. Mr. Stewart is a member of the building committee along with trustees Doug Hoover, John Reesor and Eldon Ramer. Twenty-two members of the congregation have signed up as volunteers. Initially, the construction start was planned for last fall; Rev. Jim Shantz told The Tribune. Delays, however, postponed the project until spring. The sod-turning ceremony, Monday, was unique with male members of the congregation pulling a single-furrow plow owned by Aaron Grove, R.R. 2, Markham.

Market 57 years

MARKHAM — Jacob Shank was as well known at St. Lawrence Farmers' Market as the downtown Toronto location itself. For 57 years he travelled there, many times by horse and buggy. He saw many changes, both in the property and the people. His quality produce was readily sought by long-time customers. He knew their faces and many of their names. Jacob Shank died suddenly, April 16, at Parkview Home in Stouffville. He'd been a resident there six months, after suffering a stroke back in September, 1982. He was a patient for a time in Scarborough Centenary Hospital. Mr Shank was born near Markham, July 31, 1894, the son of William and Mary (Byer) Shank. He spent nearly 75 years on the home farm at R.R. 2, Markham, where he assisted his brother Oliver. Following retirement, he and wife Martha moved to their new home next door. Here he maintained an excellent market garden. Mr Shank appreciated the care and attention he received at Parkview and indicated this on many occasions in spite of limited speech and confinement to a wheelchair. Surviving are two daughters, Grace (Mrs. Delbert Bontrager), Fairview, Michigan and Edith (Mrs. Erle Byer), R.R. 2, Markham; one son, Don Shank of Markham; eighteen grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren. One sister, Nancy Shank, resides in Parkview Apartments. He was predeceased by his wife in September, 1981, also four sisters and four brothers.

All-color show

STOUFFVILLE — Music Mania plays on the element of surprise. And the 1984 edition is no different. However, to fully appreciate it, you have to see it. On Sunday, producer Elizabeth Fraser opened the curtain just enough to give the media a sneak preview of what's to come. "It's beautiful, especially the chorus colors, adopted from the half-time show at the Super Bowl in January. We can say no more. Music Mania, now in its 24th year, takes to the High School stage Thursday, (April 26), and continues Friday and Saturday, (April 27 & 28). There are still good seats available. More than 100 people are involved including fifty in the chorus and eleven dancers. Rehearsals began four months ago. In addition to Mrs. Fraser, others holding positions of importance include Al Whittaker, assistant director; Lovanna Sanders, producer; Bruce Burton, assistant producer; Melody Curtis, dance choreographer; Nancy Wagg, costume director; Linda Williams, chorus choreographer; Ann Bell, chorus director; Linda Carney, assistant chorus director; Ivan Harris, technical director; Daphne Goldman, skit director. Proceeds from the event will be used to purchase new drapes for the High School stage; a \$100 Theatre Arts Scholarship and a donation to the Whitchurch-Stouffville Recreation Complex.



This is Music Mania Week in Stouffville. The curtain goes up Thursday with shows continuing Friday and Saturday. Whatever the stage attraction, the dancers are sure to command attention like (left to right) Sue Hathaway, Melody Curtis and Gayle Davis. —Jim Thomas

Projects

STOUFFVILLE
The Tribune is sponsoring three projects in connection with Whitchurch-Stouffville's Canada Day-Bicentennial Celebrations, June 28-July 1. On June 28, the Town will honor its 1984 "Citizen of the Year." This event, hosted by The Tribune, will be held at the High School in conjunction with the Miss Whitchurch-Stouffville Pageant. On June 30, the Tribune's annual Pet Show is scheduled for Stouffville's south park at 2 p.m. In the evening, (7:30 p.m.), a Celebrity Auction is planned for Latham Hall. As part of the same program, the Cam Fella film will be shown. The horse's co-owners, Norm Faulkner and Norm Clements will attend along with Bob Davies, composer of the now-famous Cam Fella song. Admission to the show and auction will be one dollar, with all proceeds going to the Town's Rec. Centre Fund.