



Fur fashions

A fashion show of furs was a feature attraction, Friday, when the Goodwood Christian Women's Club met in the Community Hall. The apparel was from Elizabeth Furs in Markham. The model here is Betty Stonehouse of Stouffville.

—Jim Thomas

Top spot

MOUNT ALBERT The Doma Restaurant and Tavern, located on Hwy. 48, north of the Mount Albert Sideroad, is becoming a favorite spot for song-writers and recording artists. They are featuring such acts as William Wallace, Jim Robinson and others.

Both Bill and Jim have recorded in the past and are respected song-writers. Bill has released three singles in recent years with an album planned in 1985.

Jim has one single to date, with two more planned for the year ahead. Jim has also co-written with Wayne Rostad of Ottawa and has signed a recording contract with a record company.

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George Williams

Admired by many

STOUFFVILLE — George and Ruby Williams, exemplified perfection in marriage. Friends and neighbors often marvelled at the closeness of their companionship, whether walking hand-in-hand along Rupert Avenue where they lived, or riding bicycles down Edward Street, or riding blocks from home. Life was a sharing relationship, a union of everything wholesome and good.

Rev. Philip Poole touched on all these things in his tribute to Mr. Williams at the funeral service, Monday, held from Christ Church (Anglican), Stouffville.

Mr. Williams passed away Feb. 8 in Scarborough Centenary where he'd been a patient only two weeks. He was 73.

George Henry Williams was born in Warrington, England. At an early age, he came to Canada with his parents, Percy and Hannah Williams, and took up residence at Vanier, Ont., a suburb of Ottawa.

At sixteen, he entered the banking profession, a career that would span 41 years, including 15 years as manager in Stouffville. Previously, he had worked at Scotia Bank branches in Ottawa and Toronto.

Mr. Williams was highly respected in this capacity, winning a host of close friends.

In addition to his business associations, he was active in the Stouffville Lions Club, Richardson Masonic Lodge, Christ Anglican Church and The Senators' Bowling Club. He was a member of the Christ Church Building Committee when the present Parish Hall was built in 1961. Mr. and Mrs. Williams seldom missed a service.

Mr. Williams was proud of his family, a daughter, Barbara (Mrs Don Lintner) of Stouffville; a son, Larry, of Toronto and three grandchildren, Anastasia, Charmaine and Stephanie Lintner. A brother Stanley lives in Ottawa.

Rev. Philip Poole was assisted at the service by Canon H.L. Puxley. Pallbearers were: Joseph Morley, Donald Lintner, William Payne, Russell Ellas, Elmore Barkey and Noel Ramsey. Spring interment will take place at Beechwood Cemetery, Ottawa.

Takes exception

To The Editor:

Not a day goes by that I'm not grateful to be living in this time and in this place. I therefore take great exception to Pastor David Mensah's strongly worded criticism of our "western society's" inhumanity published in the Jan. 2 issue of The Tribune.

Does he mean that "Eastern" societies are more humane or have a greater regard for human life? I am fairly well travelled and have lived in several countries. There are few places in the world that take better care of their disadvantaged and needy than Canada. I believe the medical care provided all citizens saves countless lives. We lose comparatively few citizens through violent crime and need not fear for our lives because of dissenting political views.

I would also say that Pastor Mensah's historical references need clarification. He should realize that HE shares with Hitler, an extreme aversion to abortion. In Nazi Germany, women who obtained abortions were jailed and/or killed. Secondly, I would suggest that his nostalgia for a more compassionate past when "Godly men and women" founded our country, is inappropriate. Historical data will likely show that more people were killed in violent crime and suffering; and injustices

were more prevalent in that past era. Also, he should be aware that abortion before the woman felt any movement was NOT illegal before the late eighteen hundreds.

I believe that in the fields of justice and humanity, we have come a long way although there will always be need for improvement. I have two beautiful growing children and there is no other society I would choose for them.

Unfortunately, Pastor Mensah and like many others, focus on one aspect to which they feel strongly opposed; (in his case the abortion laws), and because of it seem to condemn our entire society. I would like to use the pastor's own words in a different context to say that our society has an abundance of "things that are good and deserving of praise".

Sincerely,
Leda Waite,
McCarty Crescent,
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