

# Deaths reported Once lived in hamlet

By Evelyn Millsted  
**GORMLEY** — Sympathy of the community is extended to Mrs. Lorne Baker and family in the sudden passing of her husband, March 25. He was 76. Before moving to Parkview Apartments, Stouffville, Lorne and Marion lived in Gormley and later Newmarket and Pefferlaw. The service was held Thursday afternoon from the Roadhouse and Rose Funeral Home, Newmarket.

Mr. David Gordon (Barney) Lehman, also passed away March 25. He was 79. Mr. Lehman is survived by his wife, Marie (Johnson), formerly of Gormley. Mr. and Mrs. Lehman had lived in Gormley at one time, but for many years at Don Mills. Service was conducted Friday from the Dixon-Garland Funeral Home in Markham. Several from the Gormley community attended.

Mrs. Russell Heise is recuperating at home following her release from York Central Hospital, Richmond Hill.

Mrs. Henry Heise underwent eye surgery this week in York Central Hospital, Richmond Hill. Mrs. Heise is 92. Her many friends wish her a complete recovery.

Lloyd Harvey is a patient in Toronto General Hospital. Mr. Harvey will undergo triple bypass surgery later this week.

Richard Frisby is a patient in Sunnybrook Hospital,

Toronto. He expects to undergo surgery later this week.

Mrs. Alfred Wright of Alliston, spent the weekend with her son and daughter-in-law (Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wright and family). They had an enjoyable visit with Leslie Wright in Scarborough on the occasion of Jack's birthday.

Mrs. Richard Davies entertained several ladies at a Tupperware party, Thursday.

Brenda Kerr and her three-month-old daughter, Shannon, were guests of honor at a surprise baby shower in Heise Hill Church, Saturday afternoon. Brenda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Wideman.

The Missionary Youth Fellowship will meet in the Missionary Church, Saturday, at 7 p.m. for an evening of "adventure".

A Sunrise Easter Service will be held at Heise Hill Church this Sunday, (April 7), at 7 a.m. A breakfast, sponsored by the Young People, will be served at eight. An Easter musical will be presented at the 7 p.m. worship.

A Community Sunrise Service will be held on Sunday, (April 7), at 7 a.m., at Hillcrest Mall. Col. Stan Walter, Chief Secretary of the Salvation Army, is the guest speaker.

An Easter breakfast will be served at Victoria Square United Church, Sunday, April 7, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. This will be followed by a special Easter Service at eleven.

## Put skills to test

**BALLANTRAE** — Proof of the pudding is in the eating.

On Tues. April 16, members of the Ballantrae 4-H "Bashful Bakers" will put their culinary skills to the test when they, along with Stouffville I and Stouffville II, host a bake sale in the Town Library. Time of the event is 7 to 8:15 p.m.

On Friday, four of the ten members met at the home of leader Heather Andrews, (centre-rear), to get in a little pre-sale practice. The girls pictured here are (left to right) Deborah Kerr, 12; Kristy Saunders, 12; Lori Coleby, 12 and Tracy Andrews, 15.

Co-leader of the group is Peggy Blackwell.

The current 4-H Project is entitled "Basic Baking". It begins with baking powder biscuits and concludes with pies and decorated cakes.

The public is invited to the Library, April 16, to see, first-hand, how skilled at baking these girls really are. Next month, (May 4), a 4-H Achievement Day will be held at Orchard Park School, Stouffville.



## Fund nears target

**STOUFFVILLE** — The Whitechurch-Stouffville Rec. Centre Fund has passed the \$195,000 mark.

Although the Coordinating Committee had hoped the figure might reach \$200,000 by March 31, the total fell a few thousand dollars short. Ged Stonehouse told The Tribune Tuesday.

To put the fund drive over the top, purchase of foyer family bricks at \$250 apiece, has been extended to April 10, Stonehouse said.

## Editor's Mail

# A common goal

Dear Mr. Thomas:

Clearly, Mrs. Craine, in her Letter to the Editor of March 27, takes exception to my reported praise of the York Region Board of Education. She feels Markham-Unionville to be a "loser" in the development of French Immersion in York Region and that Stouffville is the "winner". The implications that our "gain" is their "loss". To the contrary, the establishment of a dual-track immersion program at Dickson's Hill is a dynamic step in the Board's plan to provide students with this specialized educational opportunity. Serving the south-east portion of the Region, this school will help in building the proposed four to five centers planned for Area 4 (Markham-Unionville), in the future. For the Board to use a resource to serve an extensive catchment area, allowing equal access to students from parts of Markham, Unionville, Dickson's Hill and Stouffville, as needs of parents in York Region grow, makes educational and economic sense. As well, it demonstrates the Board's commitment to balance the growing needs of different communities.

I found the Board to be a representative political body, responding to parents' concerns and staff recommendations on many issues within their jurisdiction. Nine delegations presented briefs on matters concerning both English students and French Immersion students. I observed Board members address issues from Area 1 to Area 4 with conscientious and dedicated attention. The Board democratically acted

to reach decisions on their constituents' behalf within the constraints of each situation. The source of my praise lies in this fact, not in the limited view of an immediate outcome, but from the observation of a responsive institution.

Returning to the question of Dickson's Hill, retaining administrative jurisdiction in Area 2 does not adversely affect Area 4 students allocated to attend this school. The Board's decision results not in preferential treatment, but equal access for Stouffville students. If overcrowding arises, both area superintendents, in consultation with area trustees, will jointly decide on attendance. Finally, French Immersion is a program of York Region, not of a particular area, and is now standardized throughout.

Mrs. Craine implies there is long-standing friction between Stouffville and Markham when, in fact, there is long history of co-operation, currently exemplified by the Markham-Stouffville Hospital project.

In speaking with parents from Markham, Dickson's Hill and Stouffville, I find the same co-operative spirit in working towards a common goal—to create a positive, productive educational environment for our children at Dickson's Hill. The real outcome of parents' concerns, staff, and Board deliberations, is the commitment to meet this objective.

Sincerely,  
Susanne Hilton,  
Stouffville

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Houseleagues available for most age groups including T-ball. Rep Ball is played by Tykes thru Seniors.

The 1984 Blue Jay highlight film will be shown. So please come and let's talk Baseball and the Jays.

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