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Fears unfounded High school atmosphere unequalled

STOUFFVILLE—The planned September cancellation of Grade 11 and Grade 12 classes at the Stouffville Christian School will see a number of students completing academic and technical courses at S.D.S.S.

For some young people, (and their parents), the thought of changing over is unnerving.

It shouldn't be, says staff teacher Wally Currie. "The Christian influence is more intense here than at any other high school I know in Ontario."

Mr. Currie, head of the Inter-School Christian Fellowship, (I.S.C.F.), reports an average attendance of 50 young people every Wednesday. This is good, he points out, but religious instruction doesn't begin and end here. The Lord's Prayer is repeated every morning, he explained, along with a "Thought For To-day".

In addition, a Christian Counselling Service is offered by Pastor David Moran, a member of the Stouffville Ministerial. Here, students feel free to meet with Mr.

Moran and discuss any problems that may be causing them concern.

Mr. Currie gives much of the credit to Principal John Nikifork. "He, (Mr. Nikifork), is behind us one hundred per cent," he said, "he appreciates the fact this is a Christian community."

Mr. Currie explained that because I.S.C.F. meetings are held at noon, Mr. Nikifork lengthened the lunch period to accommodate special speakers and features. "I can't say enough for him," he continued, "this town is extremely fortunate."

Mr. Moran or Pastor Dave as he's often called, conducts informal discussions with students on Wednesday afternoons. The conversations, strictly private, range from teen-parent, girlfriend-boyfriend relations to clarification of issues that sometimes arise at Christian Fellowship, the minister said. Often, they return to express appreciation, he stated.

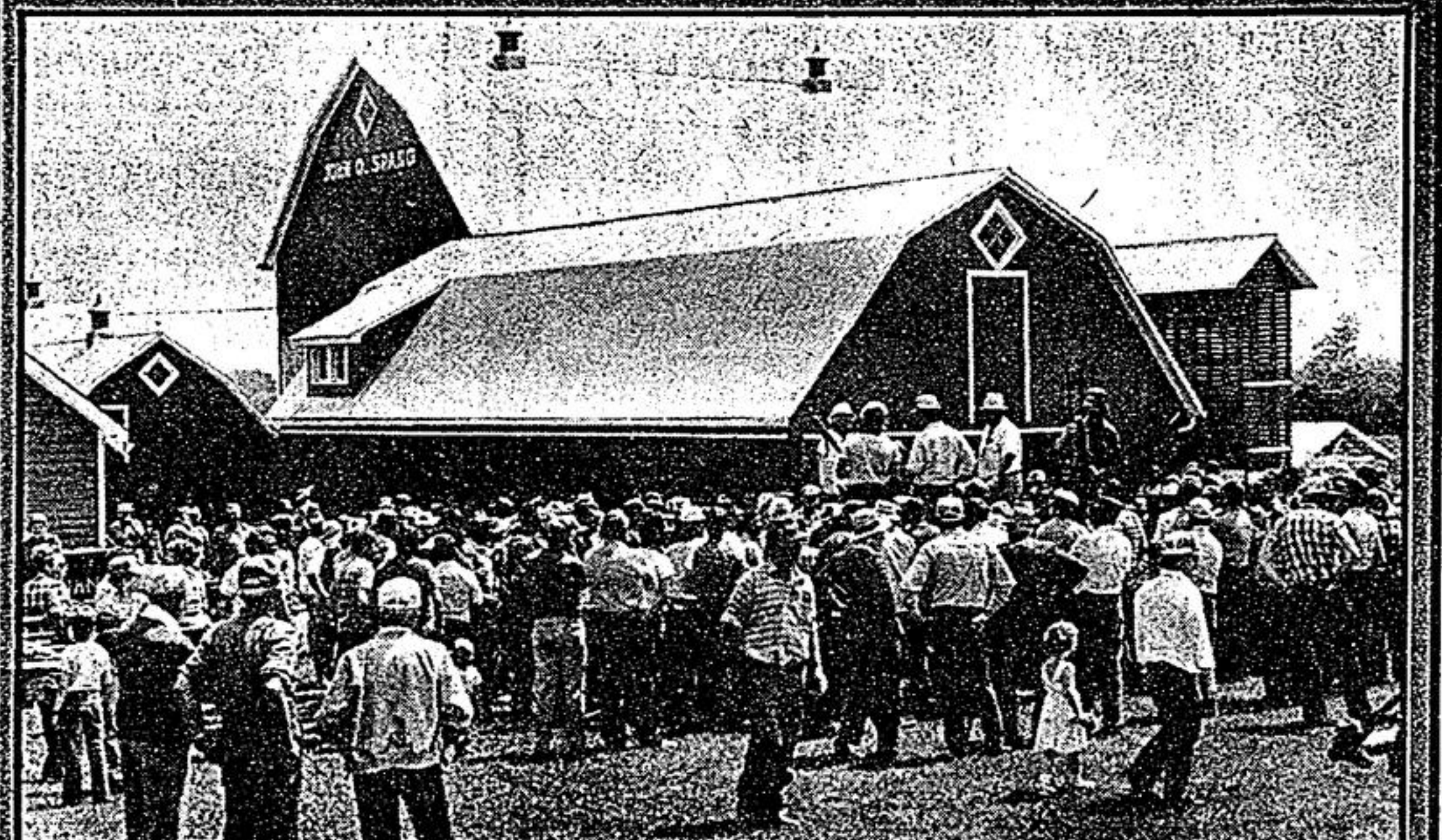
Mr. Currie says few people would believe the burdens carried by some students. "My heart aches for them," he said.

In many cases, said Mr. Moran, they only want someone to listen. "Often they know the answer but they want someone else to say it," he explained.

Mr. Currie said parents should have no reservations about sending their sons and daughters to Stouffville High. "It's a great school. I drive 40 miles here every morning but it's worth it," he concluded.



Driver Jack Spang (left), a friend to farmers in the Stouffville area more than 40 years, was as much a sale attraction as the sale itself. Saturday, close to 1,000 people attended the auction including Mr. Auctioneer himself, Norm Faulkner.



A portion of the crowd is shown above. Sale items, all in excellent condition, brought good prices. The property has been sold, Mr. Spang will move to a new house in Stouffville later this summer.

—Jim Thomas

At Spang auction Farmers' friend attracts crowd

By JIM THOMAS

STOUFFVILLE—If it came to see Jack Spang, that was the reason dozens of people gave for attending the auction sale, Saturday, on the property of Jack (John) Spang, Main Street East, Stouffville.

And Jack was just as anxious to see them. Immaculate in pin-striped coveralls, brown fedora, brown jacket and black bow tie, he stood watching the proceedings, shaking hands with farmer friends from a wide area.

It was 40 years ago that Jack Spang purchased the farm at 10735 Conc. 10, Markham. He made it into a show place, admirably by town and country folk alike.

But it was Jack Spang, the man that was admired most of all. "A more honest person you'll never find," said one. "He treated everybody fair and square," said another.

As a driver in the area many years, Jack had

lots of opportunity to put his fairness and squareness into practice. Some of his customers are second and third generation families.

While dozens came only for a visit, others came to buy. The crowd at its height was estimated at over one thousand items, all in excellent condition, sold well. Some prices follow:

John Deere 1330 diesel tractor (1978) \$10,100; Int. 230 gas tractor \$2,075; New Holland manure spreader \$3,200; chain harrows \$310; front-end loader \$210; cow statue \$169; a good chair \$110; a fern stand \$109; two cream canners \$76 each; a wooden radio \$60; a silver pitcher \$77; and a milk stool \$50.

Four auctioneers, Arnot Wotton of Hampton, Norm and Phil Faulkner and Earl Gault of Stouffville, started the sale at 11 a.m. and finished at 4:30 p.m.

Mr. Spang is moving to a new house in Stouffville late this summer.

Beer in stores Mayor objects

STOUFFVILLE—Beer sold in Stouffville stores? Not very likely, says Mayor Fran Sainsbury, not if the decision's up to Council.

Although Mayor Sainsbury likes the idea of each municipality having an opportunity to say 'yes' or 'no', she still thinks Premier David Peterson's "passing the buck"

"Local jurisdiction is where it should be," the mayor told The Tribune. "Council can act in the best interests of the town."

She said if and when the issue comes to a vote, "each of us will have to stand up and be counted."

Although hesitant to second guess the other six members, the mayor questions the need.

"I'm not sure Whitchurch-Stouffville, with its 21 churches, is ready for this sort of thing." She's certain many of the tourist towns in Northern Ontario will approve.

Mrs. Sainsbury suggests there are enough days in the week for people to buy their beer at the Brewer's Retail Store. "Maybe we're making it too easy," she said. She wonders if Age of Majority cards will still be required at corner stores.

The mayor hadn't yet heard of the recommendation when contacted by The Tribune. "I would have thought they, (the Government), would have told us before they told the media," she concluded.

Divided opinions on core boulevard

STOUFFVILLE—A treed boulevard through the downtown business core, between Mill and Church Streets, has drawn mixed reaction from members of the Business Improvement Area board.

The project, brainchild of B.I.A. chairman Tom Thompson, should be wide enough to accommodate trees and flags, Mr. Thompson said.

However, Councillors Margot Marshall and Wayne Emmerson were not impressed. Councillor Marshall said it would be very costly to build and Councillor Emmerson suggested "sidewalk width on either side would be reduced."

Juris Berzins, Urban Design Consultant, working on a Main Street re-development plan, said a boulevard could impede snowplowing.

Mayor Fran Sainsbury, contacted by The Tribune, agreed with Mr. Berzins. "It won't work," she said, "it's

not practical." The boulevard would pose a problem for snowplowing and tree branches would hinder traffic. Besides, she said, it would mean tearing up a section of pavement that will be newly laid this month.

Mayor Sainsbury said relinquishing parking spaces on Main Street for the sake of improvements would be difficult to 'sell' to local merchants.

Mr. Berzins urged an 'identity' for the downtown core. He suggested this could be accomplished

by strengthening the uniqueness of the area between Mill/Market Streets and Church Street. He recommended the building of small 'islands' at each end of the core, complete with crosswalks and flags. He admitted several parking spaces would be lost but didn't consider parking a problem in Stouffville.

Berzins also suggested the planting of more trees and the acquisition of more attractive benches and planters.



Three schools participate in Arbor Day ceremony

Arbor Day was celebrated in Stouffville, Friday. A white pine was planted near the entrance to the Recreation Complex, Ninth Line North. Participants included representatives from three elementary schools, (left to right), Kristina Schwartz, (Summitview); Ryan Bond, (Orchard Park); and Chrystal Moran, (St. Mark's). The pine was donated to the Town by Harold VanDyke of Richmond Hill Tree Service Limited.

—Jim Thomas

Busy corner safeguarded

LINCOLNVILLE—Whitchurch-Stouffville Councillor, Ron Robb and Councillor Cal Avery of Uxbridge Township have succeeded in safeguarding the intersection of Hwy. 47 and the Bloomington Road through the inclusion of left-hand turn lanes.

This corner, scene of several serious accidents, will be monitored by the Ministry of Transport over the next 12 months. Councillor Robb told The Tribune. If collisions continue, automatic traffic lights will be installed.

The Ward 2 member said both he and Councillor Avery had received numerous complaints from motorists who frequently travel this area. They then proceeded to check out accident statistics with York Region, Durham Region and Ontario Provincial Police.

"We began putting pressure on the Ministry to do something," Robb said. Officials agreed to a meeting with the two councillors at the site.

Robb admitted they were seeking traffic lights for the intersection but the Ministry argued they

weren't warranted. "We were willing to consider anything that would make the corner safer," he said. The cost of lights was estimated at \$100,000, he explained.

If the left-hand turn lanes, (now in place), don't produce the required results, traffic lights will be installed, Robb concluded.

Nominees

STOUFFVILLE—The annual general meeting of the Markham Stouffville Hospital will be held Thurs. June 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the Markham Centennial Centre, McCowan Road and Bullock Drive.

The Nominating Committee has recommended the following persons for election as trustees: J. Lachlan, Caitlan, Richard A. Cohen, William, L. Hood, Dorothy Jenner, Roderick McLeod, Donald J. R. Pettie, Earl Rowe, James R. Scott, John F. White, Elizabeth (Beth) Whitlock and Peter Vandenberg.

Set own salaries

Town Council members have given themselves salary raises retro-active to Dec. 1, 1985.

The increases are geared to inflation.

For their duties as mayor, Fran Sainsbury will be paid \$12,990.00 plus \$3,000.00 car allowance. This figure does not include the stipend received for regional representation or serving on the Stouffville Hydro Commission.

Members of Council will be paid \$9,990.00 for the year.

One third of the members received by-laws and a resolution to be presented to Council.