

Neighborly Notes

BY JIM THOMAS
The sign says
 A sign in the front door of the Claremont Restaurant reads: "No Shirt—No Shoes—No Service! I guess the message (warning) speaks for itself."

Appreciation
 Occasionally, folks send me letters of thanks. They're not expected but certainly appreciated. Recently, the staff here received a kindly note from Kathy Carrick, Church Street North, Stouffville. Mrs. Carrick is the advertising chairperson for the Goodwood Christian Women's Club. In addition to a very personable "thank you," she included a plateful of cakes that would surely win grand championships at both Markham and Uxbridge Fairs. On behalf of all, the thanks this time comes from us.

Like Florida
 Looking out the window of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Heise's Parkview Apartment, I felt like I was in Florida. One of two peach trees in the Heise front yard is loaded. South-easterly exposure to the sun and protection from north-west winds are apparently two ingredients required for producing quality peaches in Stouffville. A "green thumb" helps also.

The heaviest?
 The Tribune is again sponsoring the "Big Potato Contest" at Markham Fair. The heaviest entry will win its grower \$10. Second prize is \$5 and third prize, \$3. Ron Wilson of Mount Albert is sponsoring the Largest Watermelon Competition. Stouffville's Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce is looking for the Largest Tomato. There's also a prize for the Heaviest Squash.

Safety first
 All drivers in the Don Anderson Haulage fleet now operate their trucks with headlights on during daylight hours. More and more firms are adopting this policy. Also, the maximum speed of Anderson vehicles is 90 km per hour.

Appropriate
 For a voice of experience, call Norm and Phil Faulkner, reads the inscription on the side of the local auctioneer's pick-up truck. Norm calls his vehicle "Miss Melisa," after his daughter by the same name.

Crafty lady
 If you have reason to call at the home of Bob and Wanda Heise, 60 Tenth Line North, Stouffville, ask to see samples of Wanda's music boxes. They're things of beauty.

New coach
 Ex-Toronto Maple Leaf Paul Gardner is the new coach of the Newmarket Saints. He succeeds John Brophy, now with the Leafs and formerly with St. Catharines Saints.

Just went pfff
 Straight-faced Ken Roberts, a volunteer with the Town Fire Department, pointed to a book of paper matches in his shirt pocket. "I bent over, they fell out, and pfff the fire started," he reported. Apparently, Ken had a small blaze going in his backyard on Harold Street, recently. Despite the fact the fire was under control, a neighbor took it on himself to call in the alarm, an action that'll surely cost somebody something.

A comeback
 Barry Timbers, one of the finest fastball pitchers this area has ever known, (he played in the World Championships), has been coaxed out of retirement. Yes sir, Barry recently removed his glove from mothballs

and joined the Sunderland Sluggers in quest of an All Ontario Title. Formerly of Sandford and later Milton, Barry's wife Sheryl and family now live in Testa Heights, Uxbridge. Even after a three-year absence from the mound, Barry should still have enough stuff left to stand a few batters on their ears.

No gamblers?
 Are there no gamblers in Ballantrae? The Lions Club there was forced to cancel its Monte Carlo Night Aug. 16 due to "lack of participation." Member Ralph Wise explained that with so many people away, ticket sales weren't sufficient to proceed. "We'll try again," he said, "maybe in the fall or early next year."

Kathy writes
 Remember Kathy Stevenson-Shepherd? Most C.B. operators will. She was the American Cricket whose pleasant chirp was heard all over Whitechurch-Stouffville and beyond. Kathy has moved back to the United States and doing well. I received a note from her Thursday. It said in part: "Everything is going great. My home is coming along nicely, both inside and out. It's wonderful here, but I do miss my son Doug and all my friends. I live in the country but shop in a nice little town like Stouffville. Love, Kathy."

Few regrets
 While corn farmers in the area will express no regrets, jay-walking raccoons are being reduced in numbers in rapid fashion. Bodies of these night creatures are seen everywhere, particularly along the Bloomington Road where they insist on playing Russian roulette with cars and trucks. Foxes are numerous also. One resident on the Uxbridge Townline recently lost 14 chickens to a bushy-tailed thief.

Keep it handy
 Many people, (including myself), can never remember the Stouffville ambulance number. In a time of emergency, most call the fire department at 640-1111. For the ambulance, call 294-1436. Keep it handy.

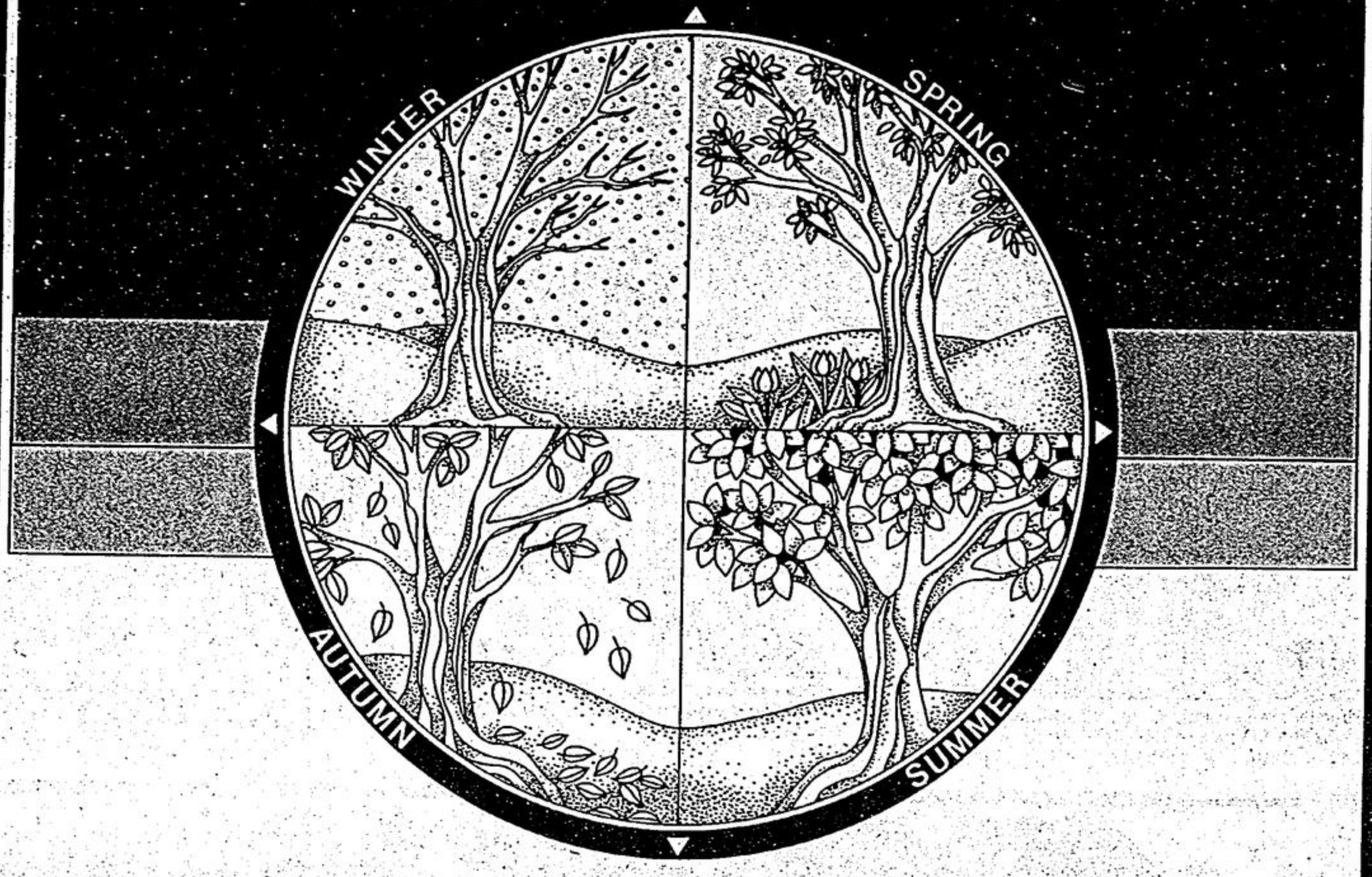
Well done!
 Uxbridge Twp. Councillor Cal Avery is head of the Public Protection Committee in his municipality. However, he had to call on the Stouffville Fire Department for protection recently when his gas barbecue blew up. While response from both Stouffville and Ballantrae stations was fast, there was really little left to save. He's since replaced it with a Canadian Tire special that works just fine. Cal says.

Sermon topic
 Rev. Paul Scuse of Christ Church (Anglican), Stouffville, was handed a sermon topic when he arrived for service Sunday morning. Just outside the sanctuary, a bulldozer was at work in the Victoria Wood subdivision. Apparently, for some, a six-day work week isn't enough.

Not cold feet
 Jack and Carol Watson, Tenth Line South, Stouffville, recently returned from a holiday in Colorado where together, they successfully scaled a 14,000 foot mountain. "Is Mt. Everest next?" I asked Jack. "I'd like to," he replied, "but it's too cold."

Not our line
 A weekly newspaper office receives unusual calls from time to time. On Friday, someone phoned for a report on the weekend weather. "Partly cloudy with a high of 20 degrees celsius," our receptionist replied. And she hit it dead on, which is more than the professionals always do.

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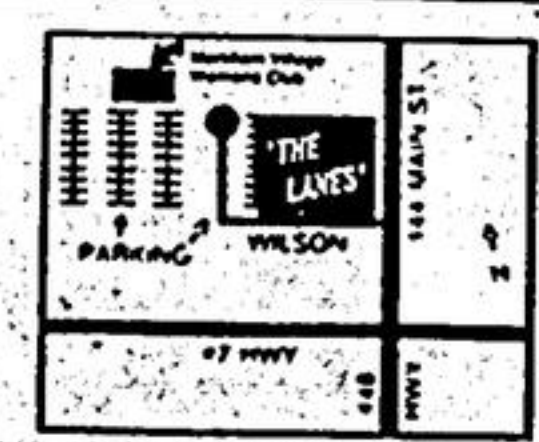
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