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FEAR SUNDAY SHOPPING

STOUFFVILLE — The trend towards Sunday shopping is growing.

Tom Thompson, Main Street merchant and chairman of the Business Improvement Area

board, (B.I.A.), is worried.

He expressed his concerns at a B.I.A. meeting, Sept. 17.

Mr. Thompson said he'd heard reports that all stores in Markham, including those in Markville Mall, would be open Sundays starting next month.

"It's scary," he stated.

While other members weren't as alarmed, Thompson predicted a 'flood' of Sunday openings following a pattern set by merchants in Toronto. "Unless there are complaints, the police won't lay charges," he said. "If they did, the courts would be so inundated, they'd never be able to process them all."

He urged the calling of a general meeting to discuss the issue.

Linda Fawns, owner-operator of Linda's Beauty Studio and the Tete Tea Cafe, argued against the B.I.A. becoming involved. "It's up to the individual," she said.

Thompson countered that with no businessmen's association as such in Stouffville, the B.I.A. is obliged to take a stand.

Mrs. Fawns said she could see nothing wrong with calling a meeting.

Both Bob Ancheril of Ancheril's Fine Shoes and Jack Verhoog of the Stouffville Delicatessen said they wouldn't open their stores on Sunday regardless of what others do.

"Christians go to church on Sunday," said Mr. Ancheril.

"Christians also shop on Sunday," replied Thompson.

Ancheril angered Thompson when he referred to Sunday store operation as 'greed'.

"Are you speaking to me or to him?" he enquired, referring to the presence of a Tribune reporter at the meeting.

Ceremony

The official opening of Parkview Village will be held Sunday, Oct. 19 at 2 p.m.

All 124 apartment units are now filled. Cost of the project has been placed at just over \$7,000,000.

Invited guests will include — M.P. Sinclair, Stevens; M.P.P. Greg Sorbara; York Regional Chairman Eldred King; Mayor Fran Sainsbury and members of Whitchurch-Stouffville Council; Bill McKnight, Federal Minister of Housing and Alvin Curling, Provincial Minister of Housing.

Following the ribbon-cutting ceremony, tours of the building will be conducted. Refreshments will be served.

Biggest spud

There should be no shortage of big potatoes this fall.

Just how big will be discovered at this year's Markham Fair.

The Tribune is again sponsoring a Big Potato Contest. Entries, properly identified, must be brought to The Tribune Office, 54-56 Main Street West, no later than 5 p.m., Sept. 29. They will be judged by weight.

First prize is \$10; second prize \$5 and third prize \$3.

The contest chairman is Frank Hendy, R.R. 1, Claremont.

Past-presidents will open Fair

MARKHAM — The spotlight of attention will be focussed on the past-presidents when Markham Fair holds its official opening, Oct. 1.

Time of the ceremony is 8 p.m., in the Entertainment Tent.

Invitations have been extended to 22 'Very Important People'. Mary Cosburn, this year's president told The Tribune. These include — Ken Deacon, (1944); George Henry, (1955); Alex Davidson, (1956); Harry Warriner, (1961); Maurice Hamill, (1962); Walter Reesor, (1966); Bill Sutherland, (1967); Bert Paisley, (1971); Gerald Mann, (1972); Ellis Britton; (1973); Bob Thompson, (1974); Ivan Norton, (1975); Harvey

Brown, (1976); Rogers Gardham, (1977); Alma Walker, (1978); Mac Cosburn, (1979); Fred Crawford, (1980); Dennis Seeley, (1981); Bill Walker, (1982); Barry Little, (1983); Bryan Armstrong, (1984) and Harold Snowball, (1985).

Ken Deacon will address the gathering on behalf of the past-presidents. All will participate in the ribbon-cutting.

Having the past-presidents together on stage was Mrs. Cosburn's idea. She says it's one way Markham Fair can show its appreciation of their dedication. Mac Cosburn will serve as master of ceremonies.

The Fair opens Oct. 1 and extends through Oct. 5.

Uxbridge plowman reserve champion

A member of the Timbers' family was again front and centre at the International plowing awards ceremony, Friday.

Barry Timbers, Ewne Drive, Uxbridge, won the Reserve Championship of Ontario in competition last week near Stirling, Ont. The Champion was Darryl Hostrawser of Belwood, Ont. Both will compete for the Canadian Title in Quebec next October.

Barry has advanced to the Canadian twice before, in 1982 and in 1983. Darryl is also no stranger to Canadian competition. "We've plowed against each other for years," Barry said.

In four days of competition, Barry scored a first, a second, a sixth and an eighth. Greg Timbers, Barry's younger brother, also did exceptionally well. "The last day pulled him down," Barry said. Lands varied greatly across the site, he explained.

Both Darryl and Barry received engraved silver trays plus \$250 for their accomplishments.

Other award-winners from this area included — Barry DeGeer, R.R. 3, Mount Albert; Ken Wells, R.R. 4, Stouffville; Steve Dunkeld, R.R. 1; Zephyr and Herb Jarvis, Sheppard Avenue, Agincourt.

For Barry DeGeer, it was his first time in International competition. The 14-year-old Jos. Gould Sr. Public School student scored two thirds; a fourth and a fifth.

He received the Clark Young Award, an engraved watch.

Ken Wells was awarded the Ginty Jocius and Association trophy plus \$300. Steven Dunkeld received \$200.

Herb Jarvis was presented with an engraved watch, courtesy Bank of Nova Scotia plus a trophy and \$300 from Petro Canada Limited.

New site

Fresh from participation in International competition, several area plowmen will again put their skills to the test at the York Regional Match, Saturday.

The location is changed however. Previously it was the farm of Jack Warriner, McCowan Road and Major Mackenzie Drive, Markham. Now it's the property of Lewis Reesor, Hwy. 7 and 18th Avenue, Markham. Inclement weather forced the change.

Starting time is 10:30 a.m. The match, previously scheduled for Sept. 12, had to be postponed to Sept. 27 due to wet grounds. The branch president is Grant Wells, R.R. 4, Stouffville.

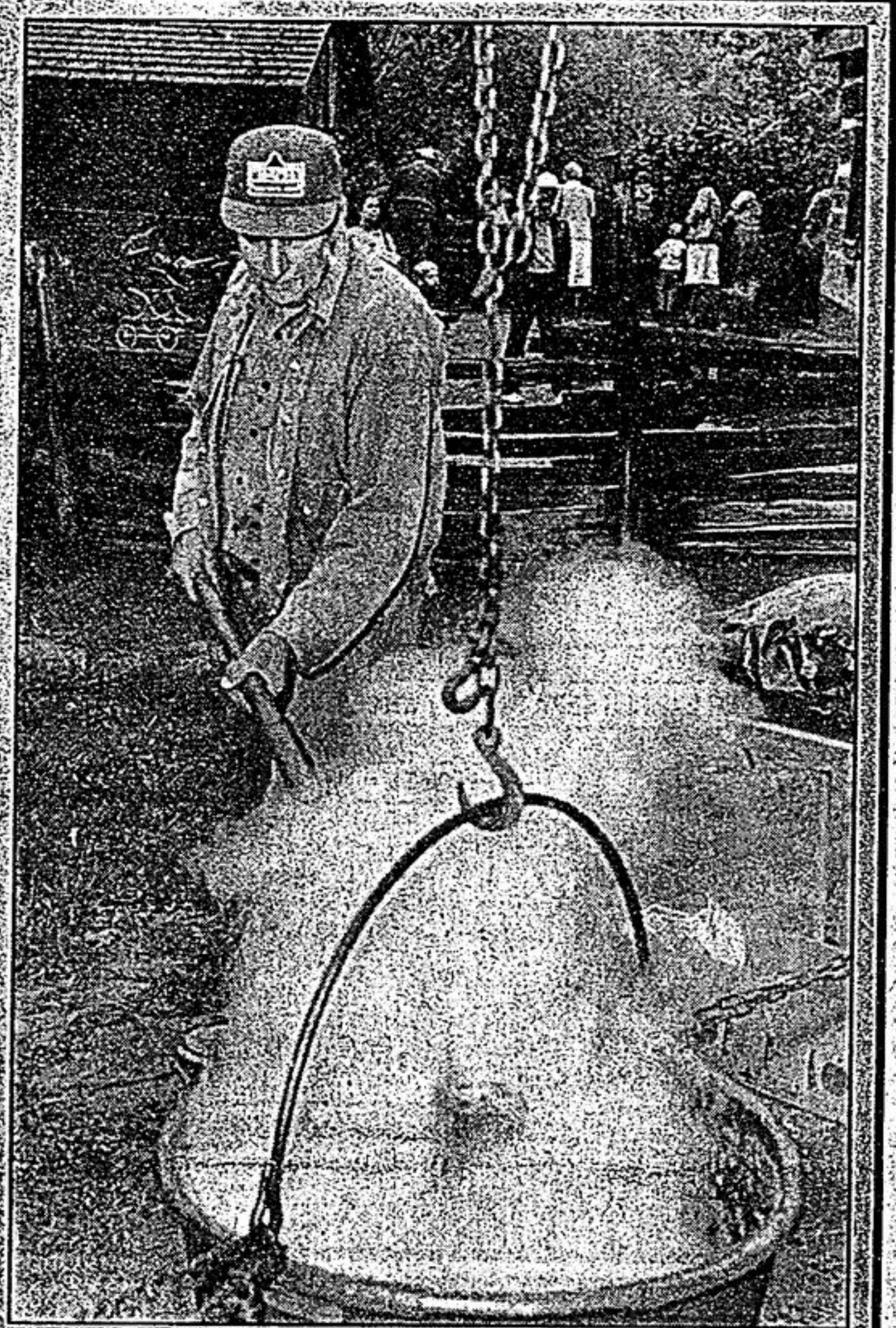
Music Mania stays in town

STOUFFVILLE — Music Mania will stay in Stouffville.

Replies to a spring questionnaire indicated this was the wish of most people, producer Doris Harvey told The Tribune. Besides, she said, moving to the Markham Theatre, would have proven very costly.

The production, said to be the longest running show of its kind in Canada, will go on stage at the High School, April 30; May 1 and 2. The director again is Ann Bell.

To get the show on the road, a meeting is scheduled for the lower auditorium of Stouffville United Church, Wednesday, Oct. 1 at 8 p.m. All interested persons are invited.



To cope with more than 5,000 visitors to Black Creek Pioneer Village, Saturday required many willing workers. Two of dozens of volunteers were Laura Burkholder, (left) of R.R. 1, Markham and Carolyn Byer of R.R. 2, Markham. Pictured (left) is Elvin Ramer.

R.R. 2, Markham, stirring a kettle of apple butter. Mennonite involvement in the Festival raised over \$39,000 for world relief.

Relief sale totals \$39,500

PIONEER VILLAGE — In spite of threatening weather, more than 5,000 people attended Saturday's Festival at Black Creek Pioneer Village.

That portion of the event, sponsored by the Mennonite churches of the area, raised in excess of \$39,000. Over \$20,000 of this amount was realized from the quilt auction.

The Mennonite Central Committee will use these funds for relief work around the world.

Mrs. Paul Burkholder, committee chairman, said she was very pleased with the result. All work was volunteer, she said, including the services of auctioneers Frank Bennett, R.R. 1, Unionville and Arnot Wolton of Hampton.

Ninety-two quilts were sold. Fifty-two of these were completed by the ladies of Heise Hill Brethren in Christ Church. These alone realized \$11,400.

The highest priced entry was a quilt of North Carolina Rose design, made by the ladies of Cedar Grove Mennonite Church. It sold for \$1,120. The runner-up brought \$820. The top comforter sold for \$525.

Adeline Reaman of Parkview Village headed up the quilt committee.

Twelve hundred pies were prepared in advance and all were sold by 11 a.m. Mrs. Burkholder said.

"We are very grateful," Mrs. Burkholder told The Tribune. "The weather doesn't seem to matter, people come rain or shine."

She estimated the crowd attending the quilt auction as the largest ever.

Music on the grounds, provided by The Unity Singers delighted Festival visitors. Members are Irene Stiner, Ruth Fockler, Lois Burkholder, Miriam Jones, Janet Hume, Evelyn Byer, Esther Reesor, Merna Knott and Sheryl Wildeman.

Auctioneer Frank Bennett called it "real charity."

A Toronto lady, who refused to give her name, purchased a quilt for \$420 at the Pioneer Village auction, sponsored by the Mennonite Central Committee.

Later, she donated it back to the sale and it re-sold for \$470.

Adeline Reaman, head of the quilt committee said she couldn't recall a similar act of generosity at the Festival before.

The unidentified woman said she hadn't purchased any quilts (to keep) "because the one I really wanted went beyond my means."

'Real charity'

Magic Festival a success

By CHRIS SHANAHAN
STOUFFVILLE — The town's 1986 Magic Festival is now history but it's too early to tell what the

future holds for the often-controversial event.

But co-ordinator George Schlukbier said he was encour-

aged by this year's attendance figures.

"I thought all the shows were well attended considering the

weather," Mr. Schlukbier said in an interview Monday. "I think those in the town who participated really got their money's worth."

"I was really pleased. I thought the quality of the whole festival was really first rate," he added.

The four-day festival began its fifth year Sept. 17 and wound up Saturday evening with the last of eight featured Presto cabaret shows at Deer Park Inn's Theatre in the Park.

Presto played to a total audience of approximately 750, according to Mr. Schlukbier, including sell-out dinner, theatre crowds on Friday and Saturday.

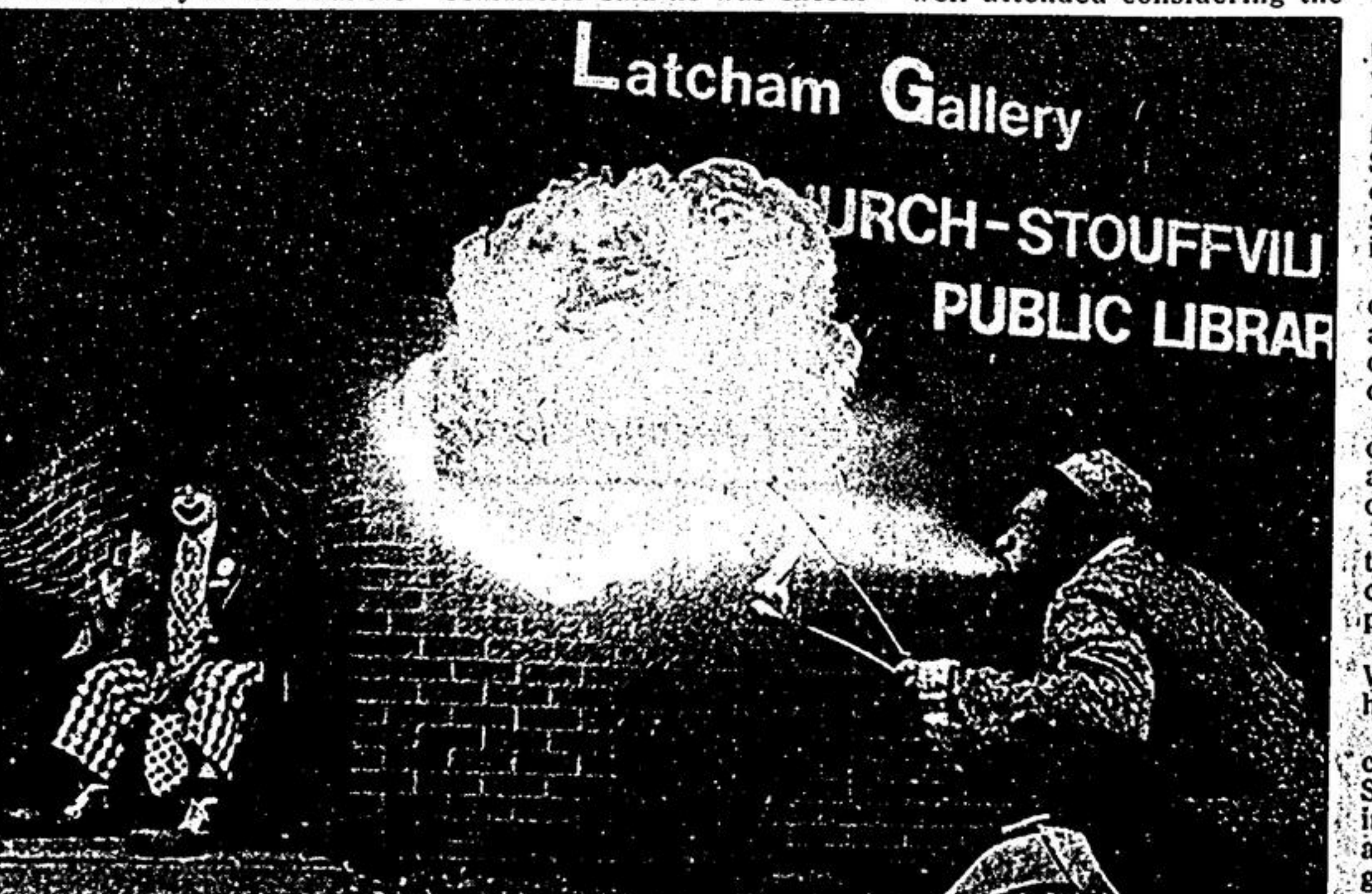
And other attractions like three children's magic shows had an additional combined attendance of more than 1,000.

Mr. Schlukbier claimed the festival drew many visitors into the community and, thus, helped promote the town.

He's now waiting to learn what Whitchurch-Stouffville council has up its collective sleeve.

"The future (of the festival) is in council's hands," stressed Mr. Schlukbier, who shared organizing duties in '86 with Claremont-area magician Dan Claffey. "I'm going to sit back and see how things work out."

The Stouffville Magic Festival, plagued by low attendance in past years, is financially supported by a grant from the municipality.



The Amazing Tunka blazed into town Saturday as part of the 1986 Stouffville Magic Festival. Here, the multi-faceted entertainer breathes fire during an impromptu show in front of the library. Large crowds attended most festival attractions in what organizers termed a "make-it-or-break-it" year. See more photos on pages A-14 and A-16.