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By EVELYN MILSTED
GORMLEY — More than 150 people attended an "Open House" Saturday afternoon in the auditorium of Parkview Village, Stouffville, in honor of Ralph and Irene Empringham on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Empringham resided on the Stouffville Road, east of Woodbine Avenue before moving ten years ago to Parkview Apartments, Stouffville. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Empringham was employed with the York Region Board of Education. Mrs. Empringham, the former Irene Byer, was a faithful courier for 17 years on the R.R. 1 Gormley mail route. They were married Aug. 2, 1937. Ralph and Irene are justly proud of their sons and daughters-in-law, Jim and Marlene of Newmarket and Ron and Kathleen of Gormley. They have five grandchildren, Brad and Tamara, Brenda, David and Micheal. Following the reception, attended by guests from as far distant as Florida, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Ohio, a family dinner was enjoyed in the Friendship Room of Parkview Home. Mrs. Eva Poppert, Mrs.

Empringham's bridesmaid of 50 years ago expressed regrets at not being able to attend due to ill health. Sympathy of the community is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Heise in the sudden passing of Mrs. Heise's brother, Mr. Murray Winger. The funeral service was held from the Brethren in Christ Church at Wainfleet on Friday. Several from the Gormley area attended. Mrs. Melba Steckley, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Steckley and Mr. and Mrs. John Steckley spent several days at Elim Lodge near Peterborough. Mrs. Lorna Hogg underwent surgery last week in North York General Hospital, Willowdale. Mrs. Bruce Vanderbent spent a week at Camp Kahquah near Mattawa. Mr. and Mrs. Russell Heise have sold their home. They will move this fall into one of the new cluster homes at Parkview Village, Stouffville. Several from the Gormley community attended the funeral for Mr. Rick Sheffer of Stayner. Mr. Sheffer was only 23.

Adults refused to help

Dear Editor:
While walking along the shore line of Sibbald's Point, July 12, my 19-year-old sister and four of her friends came across a young boy sitting on the beach, pleading mercifully for help. The little lad's brothers had gone too far out into the water and were drowning. Prior to Cora's inadvertent arrival, the boy's efforts to convince nearby adults of the urgency of the situation had failed — not because they didn't hear but because they didn't care. The short of the story is that Cora and her friends did care and managed to save the lives of two of the drowning boys. The third died in Sick Children's Hospital the next day. Notwithstanding the tragic death of a young child, what I find morally devastating is the utter helplessness of a boy, away from the security of his parents, unable to swim, totally dependent on the intervention of others, but disgracefully ignored by members of the "adult" world. Some will say that it is invariably perilous to rescue a drowning person if you are not a durable swimmer. Others will remind you of the legal ramifications of improperly performed artificial respiration. I ask, is it too much to find a telephone and call for help, or to beckon the assistance of others? Cora and her friends were not immediately alarmed by the boy's pleading because there was a man, not more than five feet away, serenely fishing. As she approached, the desperate cries persisted, compelling her to ask the man to explain. He did: "All I know is that there's been a kid out in the water 'bobbing' for awhile now," he replied. When my sister and her friends pulled two drowning boys from the water, spectators gathered around and confirmed the seriousness of the matter. And the fisherman made a surreptitious exit. Disgusted with the abhorrent complacency of the onlookers, one of Cora's friends had to interrupt his efforts in reviving a child to locate a telephone because not one of the spectators would help. How can the child on the beach ever look up to adults with anything but disdain? How can we expect him to value the "mature" world of which he will one day be a part, or to respect any of the necessary obligations inherent in the preservation of a "civil" society? Like it or not, for one little boy, we are all imputed in the decadent let-somebody-else-do-it attitude of those repugnant onlookers. While I'm consoled by the efforts of Cora, Laurie, Andrea, Paul and Mike, I fear the real damage of this incident exceeds the tragic death of one little boy. Sean Ryan, R.R. 4, Stouffville



Married at Melville
Mr. and Mrs. Rick Jackson are pictured here following their marriage Saturday in Melville United Church. The bride is the former Kathy Lewis, daughter of Gord and Lois Lewis, R.R. 1, Uxbridge. The groom is the son of Don and Bessie Jackson of Locust Hill. Darlene Hughes, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Linda Lewis, Sherry Lewis and Irene Fockler. Best man for the groom was Roanney Bell. Ushers were Darryl Jackson, Glenn Lewis and Bob Lapp. Following a honeymoon spent at Niagara Falls, the happy couple have taken up residence near Sunderland. — Jim Thomas

Manager of Elvis says not fired

Dear Editor:
Recently, there have been news reports of Gord Hamilton no longer managing Elvis Jr. This letter is to say that I still have a valid, exclusive management contract with him and have not been notified by Elvis Jr. of any changes. He is a great entertainer and I feel privileged to have worked with him on his new album "The Legendary Story Unfolds" and his

new soon-to-be released 45 written by Canada's Bobby Fisher called "Marie". Do pick-up your tickets for this historical concert at the Recreation Complex August 7. I'll be looking to see you there. More on Elvis Jr. will be shown on Classicomm Cable's 21st Century Lifestyle's show Wednesday and Sunday nights on Channel 10. Elvis Jr. will be visiting The Tribune Office and signing autographs around town. Don't miss once-in-a-lifetime event. Sincerely, Gord Hamilton, Musselman's Lake

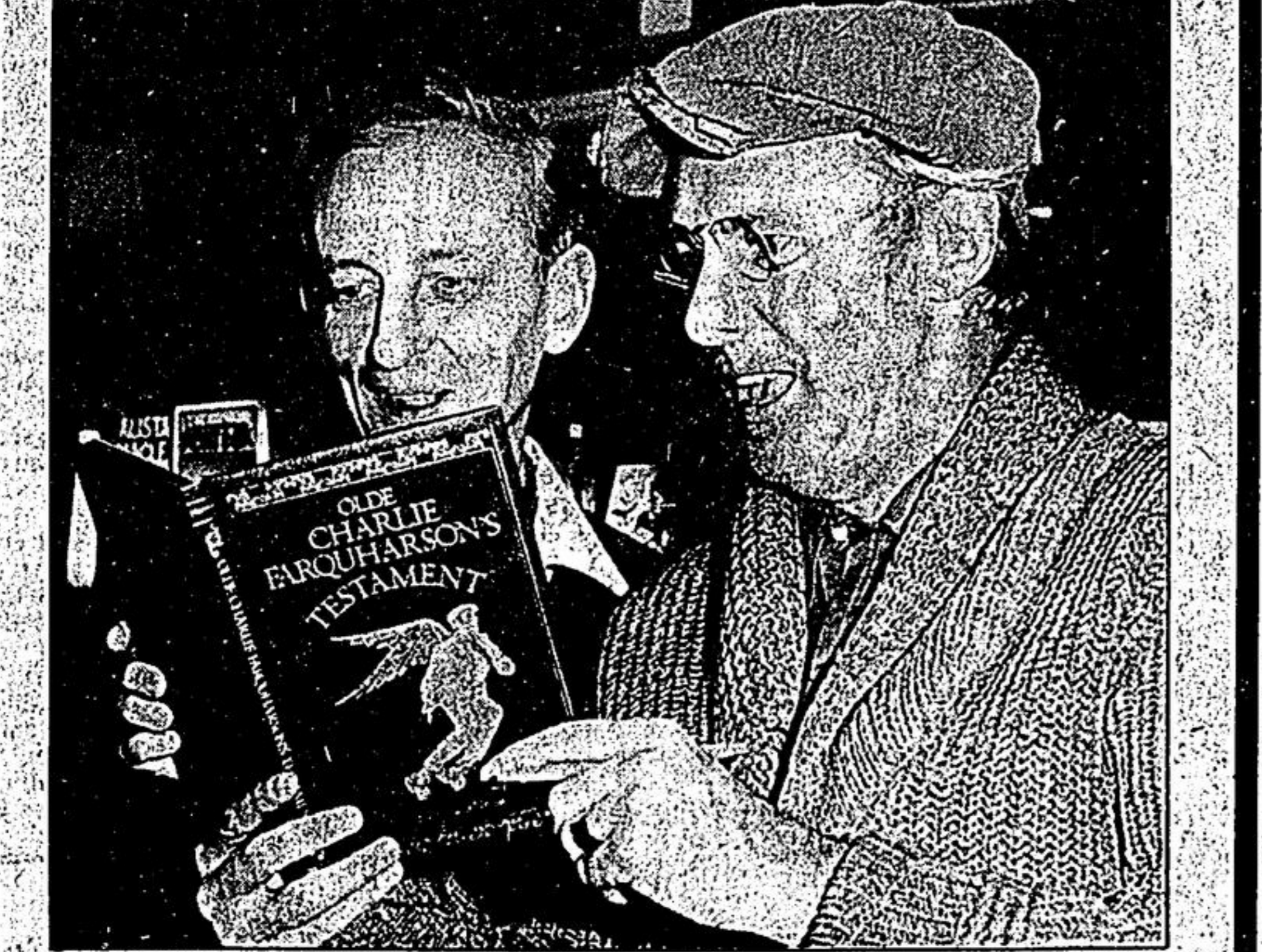
Church organist

Service will be held from St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Markham, Thursday, (to-morrow), at 2 p.m., for Barbara Stewart following her passing Monday in York County Hospital, Newmarket. Barbara, a public school teacher at S.S. 19, Markham and later Bradford, served for many years as organist and choir leader at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church where she was a faithful member. Surviving are three sisters, Jean (Mrs. Arthur Konchak), Margaret and Aileen; also Art Callan, a close friend. Friends may call at the Dixon-Garland Funeral Home on Wednesday, (today), from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Interment will be made at St. Andrew's Cemetery, Markham.

Bible School

STOUFFVILLE — Stouffville Baptist Church will host its annual Vacation Bible School Aug. 10 to 14 beginning each evening at 6:45 p.m. Children five years old and up are invited. Week-long Bible instruction will feature Christian ventriloquist Murray McMullen. There will be songs, games and crafts. Stouffville Baptist Church is located at the corner of Main Street West and O'Brien Avenue. For additional information call 640-2911 or 640-8085.

COUNTDOWN TO The Tribune A CENTURY



The Stouffville Tribune was established June 1, 1888. On June 1, 1988, this newspaper will celebrate its 100th birthday. Much has happened in the last 100 years. Some of these occurrences are being recorded weekly through photo flashbacks. Here, John Lord of John Lord's Books, Main Street East, Stouffville, chats with the venerable Charlie Farquharson, a guest at his store December, 1978. — Jim Thomas

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The official opening of Durham York Liberal Candidate Bill Ballinger Campaign office at 28 Main St. E. will take place on Thurs. Aug. 13th at 8 p.m. The Honorable Gregory Sorbara will attend and assist in the ribbon cutting ceremony. You are cordially invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

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