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## Neighborly Notes

By JIM THOMAS

### For one sign?

Now that Park Drive Antiques have erected their sign at the corner of Main Street East and Park Drive North (Stouffville), one has to wonder why all the fuss. It looks great, unobtrusive to the eye, and the location if so much time is required to approve so small a matter, no wonder it takes weeks (even months) to finalize something major.

### Our loss

Sorry to hear that Jim and Evy Mitchell are leaving the area to take up residence near Lindsay. This is indeed a loss, particularly to the congregation of Stouffville Pentecostal Church where both have been active members. The Mitchell family farm has long been a show place on the Brock Road north of Claremont. It's the type of property that would sell itself. Jim and Evy will say their farewells next spring.

### It got through

Since the presentation of the morning worship from St. James Presbyterian Church (Stouffville) on the CBC-TV program Meeting Place last month, Rev. Herb Gale has received mail from all across Canada. One letter came through only last week from St. Catharines. It was addressed: "The Minister, Stouffville Lutheran Church, Stouffville, Ontario." Although Postmaster Gary Fisher and Co. didn't have much to go on, they directed it to the proper source. At least the sender had Stouffville spelled correctly, which is more than most out-of-towners do.

### Sets trend

Alan Booth, 195 Main Street West, has established an eye-catching trend towards exterior decor for the Christmas season. Looks great! Maybe others will follow.

### Plan reunion

Past Grade 13s of Markham District High School are making plans for a ten-year reunion in 1988. One of the chief organizers is Leanne Lewis, formerly of the Sabiston Subdivision (between Markham and Unionville), and now of Brock Ridge Pickering. In the months ahead an attempt will be made to reach as many former staff members and students as possible.

### Booked solid

The Class of '57 has taken off at Stouffville's Deer Park Inn Theatre with solid bookings into January. The home-grown musical comedy is so good, it may be performed at other theatre locations. Who knows, maybe Broadway? I only hope co-owner John Whytall can squeeze me in before ringing the curtain down on this outstanding performance.

### U-mmm good!

Ruth (Mrs. Don) Anderson, Parkview Village, Stouffville, knows my weakness. She made me a pumpkin pie, Friday, and had it delivered fresh out of the oven to the Office. I thank you, My wife and kids thank you too.

### Final award

Welcome Rebecah Lodge have been making academic awards presentations at S.D.S.S. Commencements for over 25 years. Nov. 13 marked their last. The Stouffville branch will soon amalgamate with Markham.

### Not forgotten

Former S.D.S.S. principal John Nikifork, now of Markham, was given a rousing ovation when introduced at Commencement Exercises to which Principal Peter Bright responded: "I see you're still walking on water, John!"

### Determination

Mrs. Peter Samuelson, wife of the music director at Stouffville High, is determined to return to the classroom next fall. Mrs. Samuelson was severely injured in a car-snow plow collision almost two years ago, necessitating the amputation of one leg and surgery to the other. Despite all she's been through, Mrs. Samuelson has never lost her love and devotion to the profession. As she says, "you can't keep a good teacher down."

### Hockey reunion

Arena manager Joe Lewis and Harold Ike Hodgson are the latest members added to the Markham-Stouffville Hockey Reunion Committee for 1988. The get-together is planned for the Rec. Centre lounge sometime next spring, possibly May.

### Music Night

Tickets are now available at Stouffville High for the annual Christmas Music Night (vocal and instrumental) at the Markham Theatre, Monday, Nov. 30, at 8 p.m. The school band, under the direction of Peter Samuelson and the school choir, directed by Jim Rehill, will perform. Yes, Santa Claus will be there. Admission is \$5 adults, \$2 for senior citizens and children, \$12 maximum per family.

### Honk-honk!

Kennel Inn, the Animal Control Centre for Whitchurch-Stouffville, submitted its quarterly report at the Nov. 10 meeting of Council. Pick-ups included the usual array of dogs and cats, plus several raccoons and foxes along with one, and get this, a Canada Goose! Let's hope the honker isn't being fattened up for someone's Christmas dinner.

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