

AROUND TOWN



Wedding date appropriate choice

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Murphy leave the Stouffville Missionary Church following their Valentine wedding Saturday. The bride is the former Darlene Good, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Garth Good, Stouffville. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Murphy, Pickering. Rev. Douglas Gray conducted the ceremony. The bride's attendants were Cheryl Good, maid of honor; Tracey Broom, Laurie Murphy and Janet Lowe, bridesmaids. The groom's best man was Steve VanSickle. The ushers were Geoff Ward, Scott Lang, Stan Currie and Brian Good. Following a reception held at the Markham Centennial Centre, the happy couple left on a honeymoon to Montego Bay.

—Jim Thomas

MEET MICHAEL FOX
Phil and Loretta Lavell accompanied by sons Tim and Michael, Cam Fella Blvd., Stouffville, recently returned from a wonderful ski trip to Vermont. The highlight of the holiday was personally meeting Michael J. Fox of television and movie fame. He was seated in a tiny restaurant at Woodstock. Mr. Fox graciously signed autographs for Tim and Michael and chatted with them for a few minutes.

BRIDE-TO-BE
Congratulations to Sharon Moyer and Mark Busse on their forthcoming marriage planned for the Stouffville Missionary Church, Saturday, Feb. 27 at 2:30 p.m. Sharon is the daughter of Willard and Ruth Moyer, Dickson's Hill. A shower in their honor will be held in the church's Fellowship Hall this Tuesday, (Feb. 23), at 7:30 p.m. Hostesses are — Val Hoover, Susan Rosenberger and Becky Mashinter.

BELATED WELCOME
A belated welcome to Helen Grose, formerly of Conc. 9, Whitchurch-Stouffville and now residing at 92 Stuart Street in Stouffville.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB
The Stouffville Friendship Club will meet Thursday evening (tomorrow) at 8 p.m., in the Veterans' Hall, Ninth Line North. For transportation call 640-2443.

FUND-RAISING DANCE
The Stouffville Little League Theatre is holding a 'Family Dance', Saturday, Feb. 27 in the Legion Hall. Young people are asked to bring their parents. The cost is \$10 per family with door prizes and spot dances throughout the evening. Tickets are available at Card's Hardware; John Lord's Books or by calling 642-0006.

SOCCER/FILM
A film on soccer is being shown at the Town Library this Saturday, (Feb. 20), from 10 to 11 a.m. The video will include training tips and game skills. Registration forms for the 1988 season will be available. Admission is free.

FUN FAMILY SKATE
Mothers, fathers, pre-school and elementary school-age children are invited to enjoy an hour of free skating at the Town Rec. Centre this Friday, (Feb. 19), from 10 to 11 a.m.; sponsored by the Christian Education Committee of St. James Presbyterian Church.

LEGION LUNCHEON
The Legion Ladies Auxiliary are sponsoring their annual noonday luncheon on Wednesday, (Feb. 24) from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., in the Stouffville Legion Hall. Tickets, (\$6), are available at The Tribune or from Gladys Clarkson, (640-1941).

FROM MONTREAL
The community welcomes Edwin Raymer from Montreal and formerly of Dickson's Hill to his new apartment residence in Testa Villa, Albert Street South. Mr. Raymer has been an active participant in the work of The Gideons many years.



A ladies' coffee gathering at the Stouffville Missionary Church, Thursday evening, was well attended. Guests included cake decorating specialists Vera Francis, (left), of Cherry Street, Vivian and her daughter-in-law, Teena Francis of Musselman's Lake.



Special music for the occasion was provided by Wendy Williams, (left), of Altona and Judy Steckley of Richmond Hill. Wendy and Judy sang prior to and following the luncheon. —Jim Thomas

Legion Ladies host luncheon

STOUFFVILLE — The Legion Ladies Auxiliary are again hosting a hot roast beef luncheon in the Legion Hall. The date is Wed., Feb. 24 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Proceeds will go to Sunnybrook veterans' welfare. This annual event has become very popular in Stouffville. Last year, 248 people were served. Tickets, (\$6), are available at The Tribune or from Gladys Clarkson, (640-1941).

Editor's Mail

Crisis pregnancy has listening ear

Dear Editor:
I wish to reply to the letter from Sonya Zeisig under the heading "Abortion, A Difficult Decision", published in the Feb. 10 issue of The Tribune, since it was somewhat directed towards Rev. Craig Pitts and myself.
I appreciate the letter. I hope my response will reach you and anyone else in a similar situation. I thank you for sharing your very personal experiences with us regarding abortion. It was a very vivid portrayal of the agony and heartbreak of a crisis pregnancy — something we all need to know. How my heart aches for people like yourself who have had to endure such pain alone!
Like you, I disdain any faith that is sheltered from the "real world" of oppressed, hurting and lonely people.
Certainly, that was not Christ's way. His days were spent with those considered "outcasts" by the religious leaders of the day. His footsteps led to the blind, the hungry, the sick, the imprisoned and the forsaken. His strongest condemnation was to those who worried about trivialities, (tithing of mint, rue and cummin), while neglecting the important issues of justice, compassion and faithfulness.
The anger that was voiced with regard to the Supreme Court's decision was in no way directed towards people like yourself. Rather, it was at a system that encourages the further victimization of both women and children; a system that fails to hold men accountable and allows them to get women into trouble and then run; a system that deceives women by offering a "quick fix" that can boomerang into years of physical, mental and emotional suffering.
I have worked many years among the hungry and oppressed in refugee camps and famine areas of countries like Ethiopia and Haiti, and have a child who is

handicapped. I can fully empathize with the anguish of sleepless nights; crying infants; unmet goals and crushed dreams. I only wish I had known you eight years ago when you were facing your crisis. It's unfortunate you could find no one to which to turn.
My wife, Sharon, has spent considerable time assisting in setting up centres where women facing crisis pregnancies, or post-abortion trauma, can go for help. There is hope. There are answers, even for the most desperate cases.
You said your decision "does not rest well" with you today. We would consider it an honor if we could meet you.
We cannot change the past, but we can offer hope and happiness for the future.
Be assured that we do love you — unconditionally, and would love to talk to you. Not as a judge or a preacher, but as friends. Our home is your home. Whatever we have is yours to share.
You asked a valid and challenging question: "Could an unwed young mother call on you in the middle of the night...?"
My answer to you and anyone else who needs someone to which to turn, for whatever reason, is a sincere "YES".
"We'll rock your child. We'll listen and try to help in whatever way we can. If we do read a text from the Bible, it will likely be the words of Christ:
"Come unto Me, all who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart; and you shall find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My load is light."
My telephone number is 640-1187. Call anytime!
Sincerely,
In love
Mel Middleton,
Box 70, Gormley

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