

# Kept the faith despite illness

STOUFFVILLE — Service was held from the Wideman Mennonite Church, March 8, for Mrs. Ada Ramer, following her passing March 5 in Parkview Nurs-

## Trains once huffed and puffed

By RUTH BURKHOLDER  
Thirty people braved the first thunderstorm of the season to hear Charles Cooper and see slides related to the history of railroads in Ontario, with emphasis on the Toronto and Nipissing Railroad.

Mr. Cooper, a railroad buff and chairman of the York Region Board of Education, attended a meeting of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Historical Group, March 23 at Ballantrae Public School.

The audience was pleased to see photos of the Stouffville Station as well as former depots at Vondorf, Vivian, Ballantrae and Gormley. Mr. Cooper told how one of the principal supporters of the Simcoe Junction Railway Company was Robert McCormick after whom the McCormick Memorial Church at Vivian is named. Mr. McCormick had a large lumber industry in the Vivian area and was seeking an improved way of transporting wood to Toronto for use as fuel and building materials.

The guest speaker took his audience on a 'trip' through central Ontario by rail, looking at several former stations in their heyday including Muskoka Wharf at Gravenhurst and the Lindsay depot crowded with people.

The Lindsay scene, Mr. Cooper said was a typical wedding party on a Wednesday afternoon. It was common, he explained, for couples to marry on a Wednesday and take the train to Toronto for a weekend honeymoon.

The next meeting of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Historical Group is Wed., May 25.

## Assist Library

UXBRIDGE — The Uxbridge Public Library has received \$6,000 under the Automation Program for Small Libraries.

The announcement was made Monday by Durham-York MPP Bill Ballinger on behalf of the Hon. Lily Munro, Minister of Culture and Communications.

This funding will assist the Uxbridge Public Library Board to examine the feasibility of automated collection management systems.

## Passes suddenly

UXBRIDGE — Service was held from Trinity United Church, Uxbridge, Saturday, for Edgar Latcham following his passing, March 23 at Scarborough Centenary Hospital.

He was 86. Born at Glasgow, Mr. Latcham was employed for several years on the staff of the Uxbridge Co-operative. He later owned and operated his own cement block business.

Besides his wife, the former Effie Knight, he is survived by one brother, Cecil, of Agincourt. He was predeceased by a brother Arthur and five sisters.

Spring interment will be made at Glasgow Cemetery.

## Library's thanks

Dear Editor:  
Thank you for the excellent coverage The Tribune accorded our Library's March break program, "Jabberwocky Jungle".

Kate Gilderdale's article, complimented by your photographs, charmingly captured the essence of our make-believe jungle and the ingenious delight of the children.

The local newspaper provides an indispensable information channel between Library and Public and we appreciate The Tribune's role in keeping the Library news flowing over the years.

Thank you for your co-operation and for providing a community newspaper that has an innate sense of 'community'.

Sincerely,  
The Staff,  
Whitchurch-Stouffville  
Public Library

## Yours to enjoy

Dear Editor:  
On behalf of Home Support Services and our local Seniors, I wish to thank The Tribune staff for your help.

We appreciate the complimentary copy of The Tribune for our Seniors to enjoy at the Silver Jubilee Club each week.

Sincerely,  
Ginny Burrow

ing Home, Stouffville. She was 68. Mrs. Ramer, the former Ada Hoover, was born at Hwy. 48 and 18th Avenue, one of eight in the family of Leonard and Susanna (Wideman) Hoover.

She attended Dickson's Hill Public School.

Prior to her marriage, Oct. 3, 1959, she was employed on the staff of the telephone switchboard in Markham.

Mr. and Mrs. Ramer moved to Tenth Line, South, Stouffville, from King City in 1967. Other places of residence included Greenbank and Whitchurch Twp., north of the Bloomington Road.

Although in declining health several years, Mrs. Ramer maintained a strong faith to the end and seldom complained.

Arthur Burkholder, a nephew spoke of these and other attributes that made Mrs. Ramer so highly respected among a wide circle of friends.

He told of her enjoyment when family members came to call, particularly at Christmas. He recalled her singing in the Mennonite Community Choir during Christmas cantatas.

"The choir sang acapella and we depended on Aunt Ada to keep us from going flat after the first

verse," he said. She also participated in trios and quartettes as well as with the Ontario Mennonite Bible School Choir.

"This was true of her whole life," he continued. "Aunt Ada dedicated her voice to the glory of God and to the Lord Jesus Christ whom she publicly confessed as Savior in her early teens."

Mrs. Ramer also provided leadership within the Young People's Group," her nephew said.

The Wideman Church was her second home. She taught Sunday School there for years, with the membership ranging from children to adult women.

She also loved the fellowship of the neighborhood Sewing Circle. Mr. Burkholder recalled. He told how she crafted quilts, afghans and crocheted items for the Mennonite Central Committee, the Scott Mission and other ministries.

Concluded her nephew, "Aunt Ada was a quiet Christian in the best Anabaptist tradition. She demonstrated her love for Christ by living a life of service to those she encountered along life's path. She'll be remembered for dinners served, for blankets quilted, for gardens weeded, for prayers offered and loving care provided."

Besides her husband, Mrs. Ramer is survived by one son, Paul, four brothers, Ernest, R.R. 2, Markham; Maurice of Stouffville; Leonard, R.R. 4, Stouffville; Willis of Thornhill and two sisters, Eya, (Mrs. Harvey Burkholder), R.R. 1, Markham and Mary (Mrs. Oliver Shank), R.R. 2, Markham. She was predeceased by a sister Etta, (Mrs. Aaron Grove).

Rev. Jim Shantz conducted the funeral service with interment Wideman Cemetery. Pallbearers were Andrew McDowell, John Ramer, James Ramer, Vernice Hoover, Neil Shank, Ken Hoover, Morley Rose and Larry Grove.

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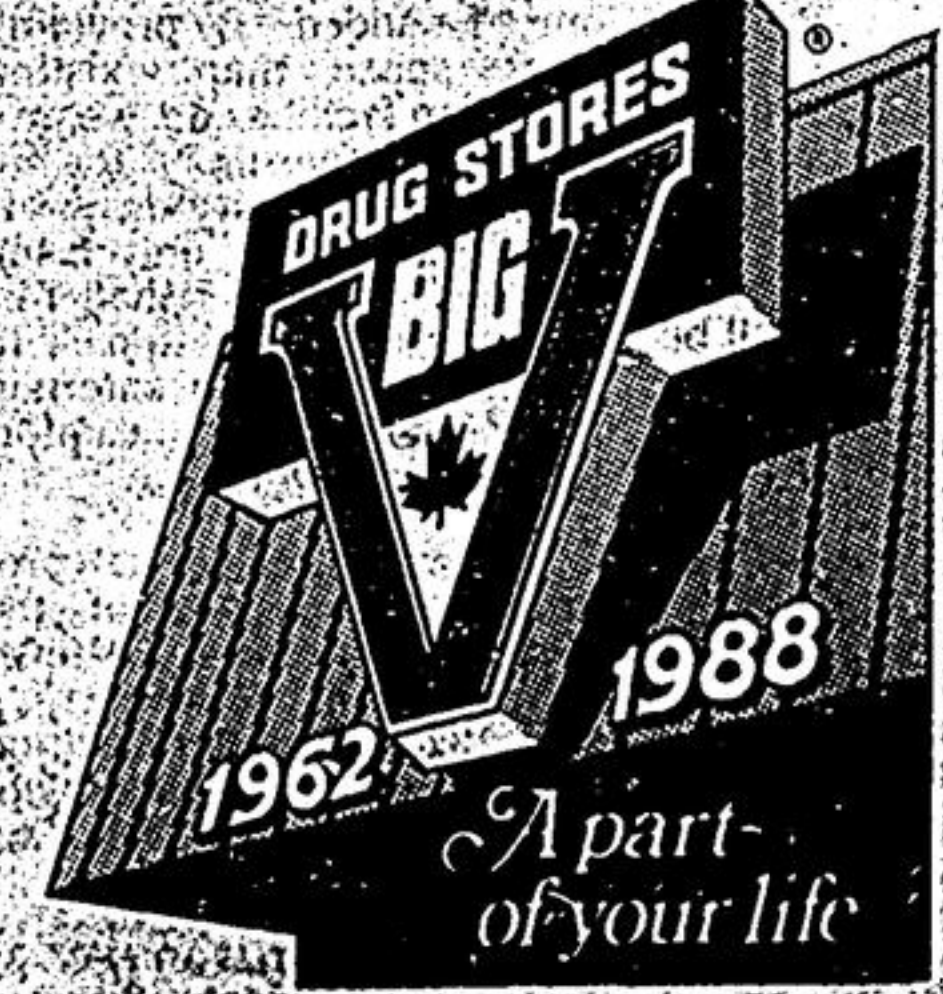
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