



### Over the Rainbow

Stuffville musical group *Rainbow* performed a number of selections from the Goodwood Christian Women's Club's 50th Anniversary Garden Party Friday. Members of the group are (left to right) Jean Hammond, Betty Scuse, Darlene Campbell and Jenny Bowen. — Chris Garbutt

# School parents, staff meet to form new liaison group

**By KATE GILDERDALE**  
A meeting was held at Summitview Public School on Thursday night to present the draft constitution for the Parent/Staff Association and to select a nominating committee.

Following an introduction by principal Bill Elliot, Charles Parker gave an overview of the points covered in the constitution, which was then discussed by the small group of parents, Mr. Elliot and one staff member present at the meeting.

Mr. Parker explained that the name Summitview Parent/Staff Association had been selected to enable the group to include non-teaching staff such as secretaries or custodians, who may wish to be involved.

In order to draw up the document, constitutions from other parent/teacher groups were consulted and relevant items adapted for the Summitview group.

In concluding his presentation, Mr. Parker expressed appreciation to Mr. Elliot and teacher Steve Rensink, whom he said had been most helpful in getting the association on the right track.

A three-member nominating committee consisting of Bob Elliot, Charles Parker and Kathy Sandiford was formed at the meeting.

Mr. Elliot advised the parents that Summitview had been allocated three new computers by the board and had also received 13 used ones from the High School, which were in the process of being overhauled. He also announced that the school had purchased a video camera for use in the classrooms.

Asked about staff changes, Mr. Elliot told the group that Mr. Rensink had been transferred to Orchard Park.

"It's a question of numbers," he explained. "We are entitled to 23

and with the new vice-principal, that would take us to 24." Concerns were expressed by several parents on the 'open classroom' concept, with children working in groups. Mr. Elliot stressed that it was a ministry policy, but agreed that the subject should be addressed at a Parent/Staff Association meeting.

Questioned about special education and enrichment programs, the principal noted that the board is leaning towards integration rather than segregation.

He said he was unable to advise parents which grades the staff would be teaching next year, pointing out that the staff requested him not to divulge the information until the report cards are issued.

Mr. Elliot agreed that announcements and information on the Parent/Staff Association would be incorporated in school newsletters.

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