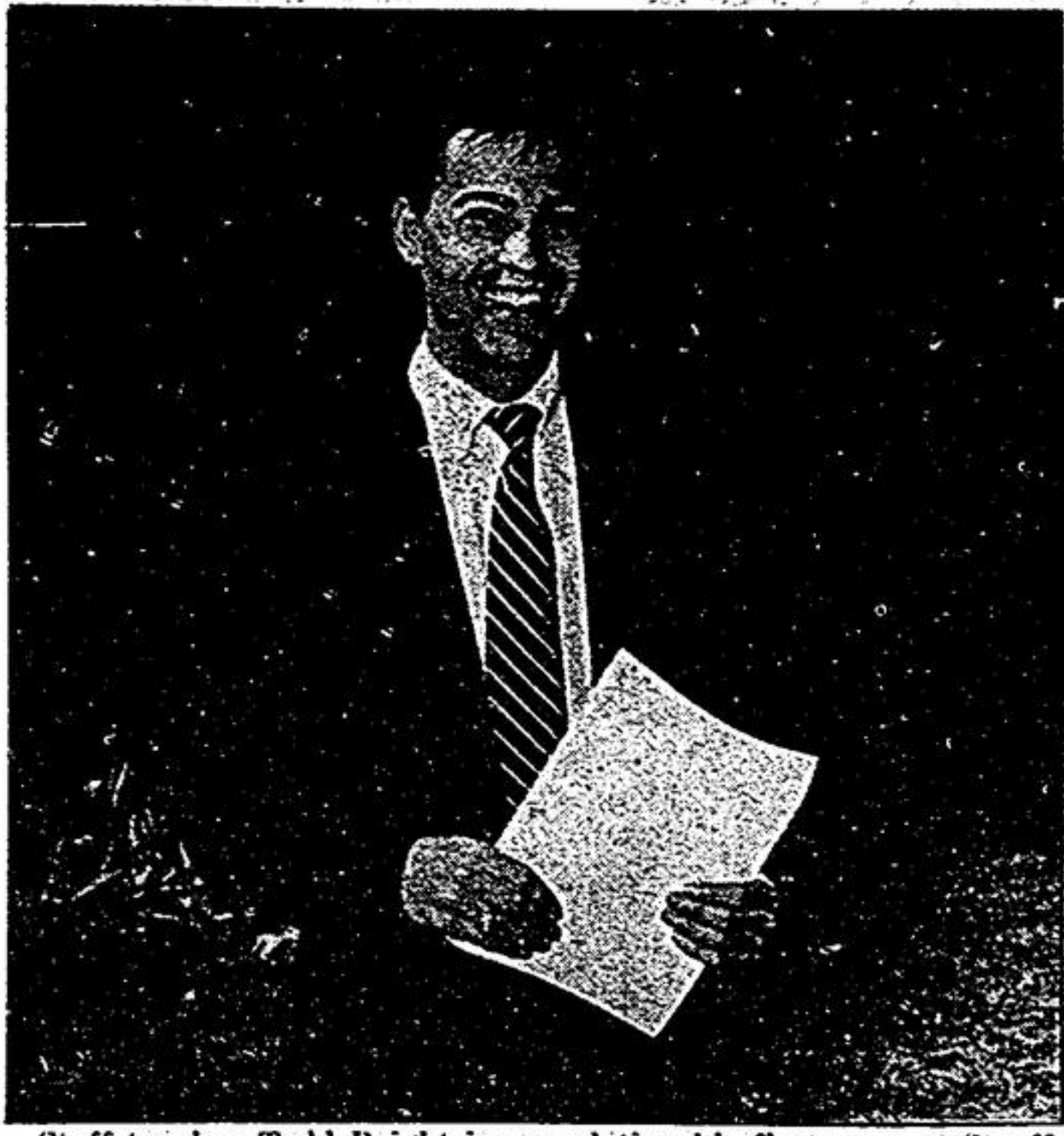


# Todd loves his 'fantastic school'



Staff teacher Todd Bright is completing his first year at Stouffville's Orchard Park School. A native of Niagara Falls, Todd graduated from Queen's University, Kingston. He describes Orchard Park as "fantastic" and the community as "super".

—Jim Thomas

By JIM THOMAS  
STOUFFVILLE — Every fall, a breath of fresh air in the form of enthusiastic first-year teachers, breezes into schools across York Region, including Whitchurch-Stouffville.

Principals endorse them. Parents appreciate them. Pupils love them.

They're born professionals awaiting an opportunity to apply their skills.

Such a descriptive fits perfectly the attributes of Todd Bright, a Grade 5 home room instructor at Orchard Park Public School, Stouffville.

He's our Featured Teacher of the Week.

Todd received his formal elementary and secondary school education at Niagara Falls. Later, he graduated with three degrees from Queen's University, Kingston. He's presently working towards his Master's.

Todd credits the influence of Doug Aitchison, a teacher in Niagara Falls with directing him into the profession. He still keeps in touch. The fact both his mother and his uncle are teachers was added support.

Orchard Park's his first school. "Get the map out," he

remembers asking his mother when the name Stouffville was mentioned.

"I think there's a Flea Market there," his mother replied.

She was right. However, Todd has discovered much more.

"This is a fantastic school," he enthuses, "and the community is super. I'm very happy."

So are his students. For Todd's interests extend beyond the classroom to include public speaking, basketball and soccer. "I enjoy being involved," he says.

Other associations include the Stouffville Lions Club and the 48th Highlanders.

Education's important within the Bright family circle, Todd explains. Sister Kelly's enrolled at Trent University, Peterborough. Like her son, Mrs. Bright is also working towards her Master's degree.

Todd will spend part of his holidays taking summer courses. However, he hopes to set apart a few weeks in July "to do things for myself."

Todd admits he's grown very attached to his Grade 5 class.

"I'm proud of them," he says of his students. "I'll be sorry to see them go, but I'm looking forward to those coming on."

Student graduates of Grade 4 have something to look forward to also. So have their parents.

It's oft been said that teachers are born not made. Todd Bright fits the description perfectly.

## Superb choir concert

Dear Editor:

On Monday evening, June 6, a small but appreciative group of us were privileged and honored to be part of the final concert presented by the Stouffville Dist. Secondary School choir under the direction of Jim Rehill.

It was undoubtedly one of the finest presentations by a school choir we've ever heard. Each selection was well done; performed with an excellent blend of skill and feeling.

Significant, however, was the absence of any member of the school administration. It seems unfortunate that so little attention was given Mr. Rehill's final public, school activity especially in the light of all the negative attention recently given other school functions.

Our purpose in writing, however, is to thank members of the choir for a fine performance and to pay tribute to Mr. Rehill for the years of dedication and

hard work he's given to the young people of Stouffville.

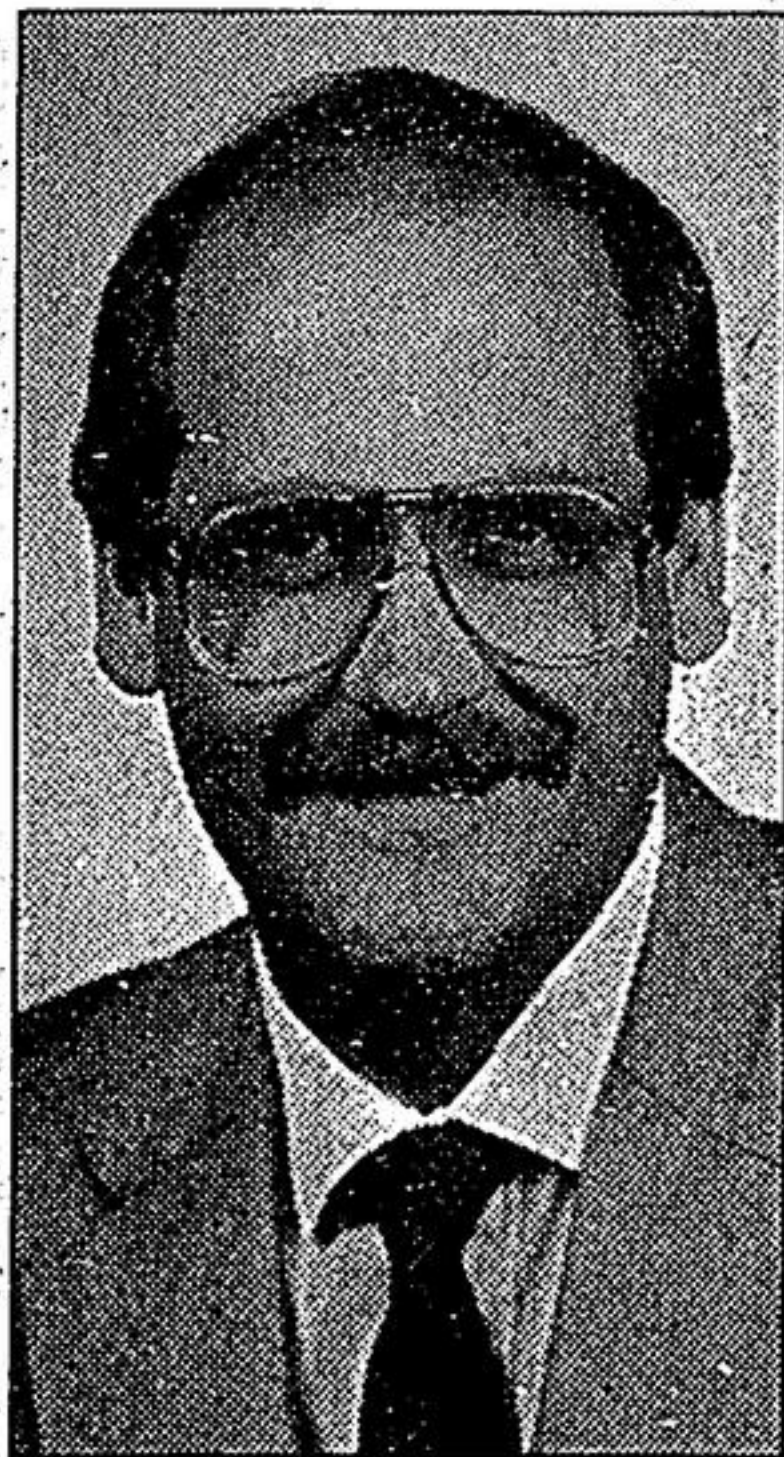
As the final song of the concert so beautifully stated, our sons and daughters have learned notes and words and melodies. They've also learned to live lives with hearts that sing so well!

We hope that Stouffville parents join us in saying a deeply felt "thank you!"

Sincerely  
Linda and Rick Hollin,  
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