

Newcomers' Club meeting

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Newcomers' Club will meet for a pot-luck supper, Thursday, Nov. 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the Stouffville Legion Hall.

Executive with the firm of Wood-Gundy Ltd. His remarks will centre around the topic of Investment. For additional information call Sue Joyce, (640-2693) or Terri Bossi, (640-6281).

SDSS valedictorian has two mothers at commencement

By KATE GILDERDALE
STOUFFVILLE — When 19-year-old Jim Baggs was reunited with his birth mother in July, his adoptive mother, Mary, described it as "a wonderful reunion which has made our family grow in size and love."

Jim was six when Mary and Robert Baggs and their three children welcomed him into their close knit family. He had been taken into the first of two foster homes at the age of four, when authorities decided his mother, Joan, couldn't care for him adequately.

Joan couldn't read or write and suffered from a speech handicap, but was a loving mother with her son the centre of her world. When he was taking into care, Joan, unaware of what she was doing, signed a release form allowing the Children's Aid Society to put him up for adoption. She fought desperately to keep him, but her fight was in vain.

Jim himself was unaware of what was happening. "I didn't know I was going to be adopted," he said.

"Jim had felt secure in his second foster home and although he was by nature a happy child, it took him a long time to adjust to his new family," said Mary. "I had become his fourth mother, and he'd lost his trust in people."

He longed for his birth mother, and constantly asked Mary to call and find out how she was. As he grew to know and love his family, Jim began to realize he was a permanent part of their lives, "but he never forgot his mother," stressed Mary.

She'd always known it wouldn't be easy to adopt a child of Jim's age, but the family wanted to help someone who would be difficult to place.

"We felt we had so much and we wanted to share what we had," said Mary, stating it was a decision she would never regret. "He's special; it's really hard to explain; you love him just as much but in a different way."

His pastimes were typical of many children; he skated on the pond during the winter and swam in the summer. He also played on Stouffville's all star hockey teams. He had planned to be a lawyer from an early age and in September, he entered Queen's University to work towards his goal.

It was during this last summer Jim began to seriously consider searching for his birth mother.

"I just felt I wanted to do it," he explained. "I always knew that I'd look for her one day. I knew this was the right time."

Finding natural parents can

often be fraught with problems and frustrations; Jim was extremely fortunate. Lieutenant Embree of the Salvation Army Corps in Markham took it on himself to do all he could to help. After countless hours of phoning and travelling, Lieutenant Embree achieved the miracle Jim had been waiting for; he found Joan.

Throughout the search, Jim's family supported him all the way. They had discussed the effects of a reunion on Jim, Joan and the whole family. One they found Joan, Mary said, they knew it would be for keeps.

"We couldn't just walk out of her life again."

In July, the first meeting between Jim, his family and Joan was arranged. They all met for lunch and it was a very emotional occasion.

"One cannot express the emotions involved when two people who have never ceased to love one another fall into each other's

arms," Mary said. Society had denied Joan her schooling and, most tragically of all, her child. Mary watched her adopted son and his mother deep in conversation, and felt "a growing warmth and love for Jim's mother." Jim's sister Brenda remembers them all "laughing and crying in the parking lot, wondering what people would think if they saw us like this."

"During lunch, Joan just sat there, smiling and looking at Jim," said Mary, "she's so proud of him." After Jim and Joan were reunited, he took her to meet his second foster family, whom he still visits whenever he can.

When Jim graduated from Stouffville Dist. Secondary School on Friday night, his family, including Joan, were there to watch with pride and love as he gave the valedictory address on behalf of the graduating students.



JIM BAGGS Finds birth mother

Concert cancelled

BALLANTRAE — A disappointed Lawnie Wallace told The Tribune the Nov. 10 concert, in which she was booked to appear with The Oak Ridge Boys, had been cancelled at the last minute.

Her father, Bill, explained there was a problem working in the show at Copps Coliseum, Hamilton.

"They (The Oak Ridge Boys) were taping a TV program and couldn't fit things in," he explained. "They've told us Lawnie will have a spot in their concert next April."

"We were really looking forward to it," Bill said.

Despite the disappointment, 1989 looks like another exciting year for Lawnie.

Said Mr. Wallace, "Her manager is working on three different television shows." Lawnie is auditioning for Star Search in New York. She may also have a spot on the David Maine show. She's also working on a place in Hee-Haw and for an appearance with Tommy Hunter.

It's shaping up to be a good year," Lawnie's father concluded.

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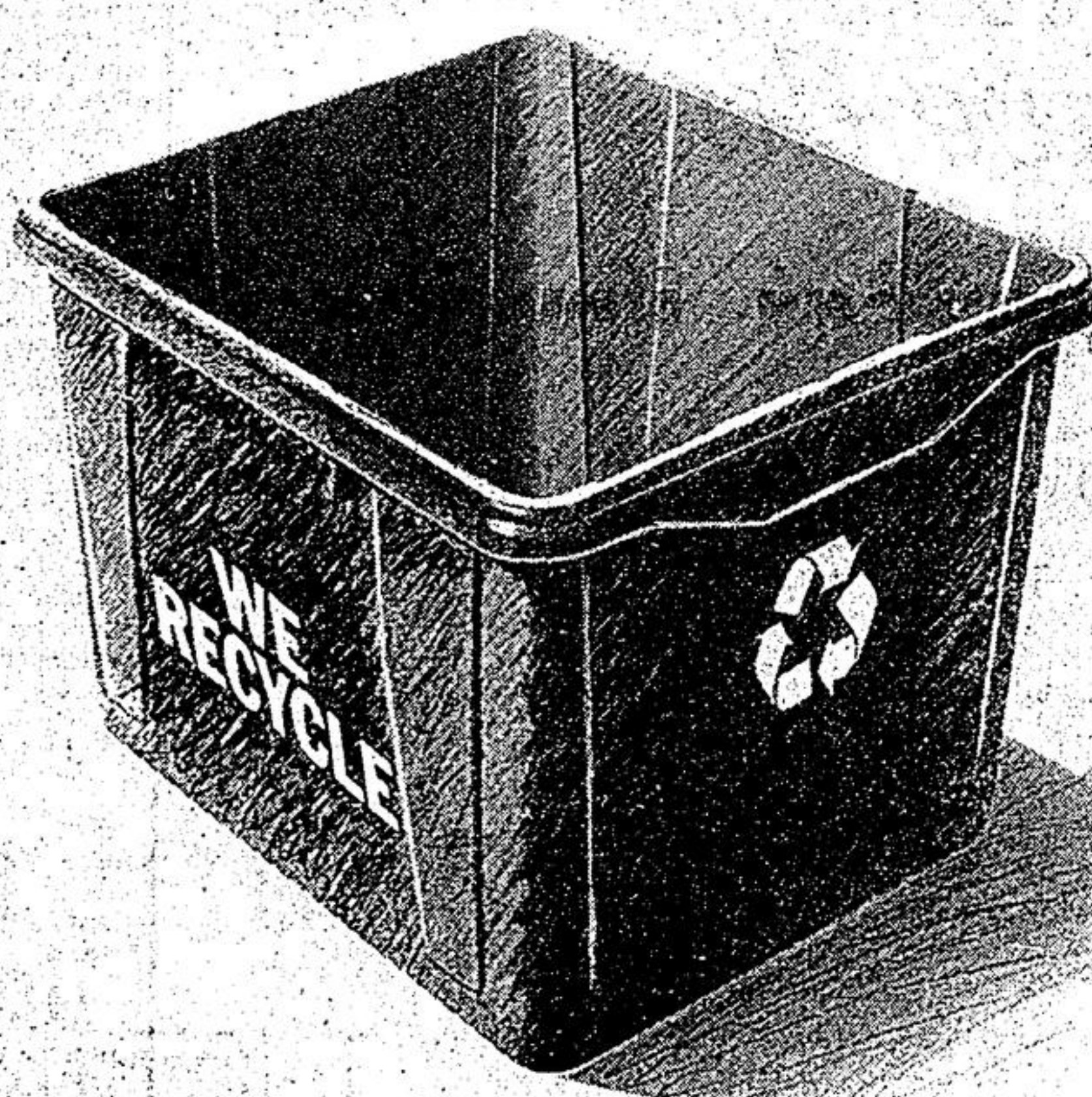
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The Blue Boxes are Coming!

Every day, every person in Ontario generates about a kilogram of garbage. Most of it is stuffed in trash bags and buried in landfill sites or burned in incinerators. Now Whitchurch-Stouffville, with the help of the Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Ontario's soft drink industry and its container and container material suppliers, is making it easy for you to do something to reduce the amount of garbage that must be buried or burned.

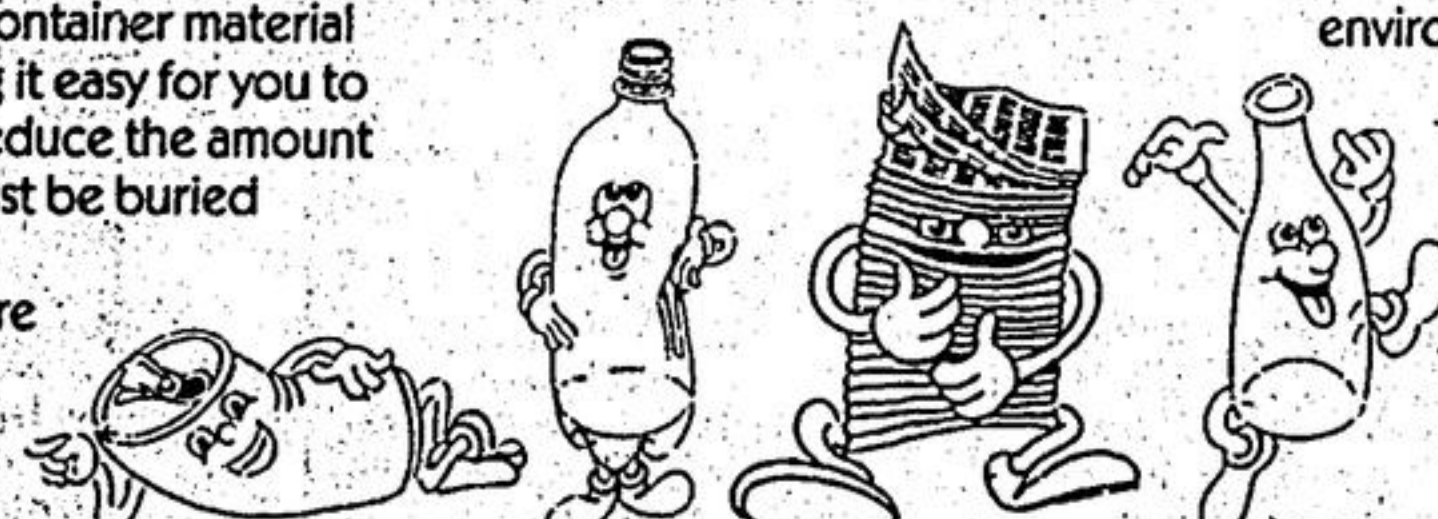
The Blue Boxes are coming and are easy to use.

Within the next two weeks, each house in Whitchurch-Stouffville will receive its own recycling Blue Box.

You can do your part by collecting glass bottles and jars, beverage and food cans, newspapers and plastic soft drink containers in your Blue Box. Then, on your regular garbage

day, put the Blue Box at the curb for pick-up. The contents will be taken to a collection centre, processed and made into new products. By recycling we all help preserve precious natural resources, reduce demand on landfill sites and contribute to a cleaner, healthier environment.

So please do your part. If you have any questions or would like more information, call the "Recycling Hotline" at **640-1870.**



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MISSIONARY CONFERENCE NOV. 20-27TH SPRINGVALE BAPTIST CHURCH

(Stouffville Rd. at Kennedy)

- Sunday, November 20th
Sunday School - Miss Lois Weller
A.M. - Dr. McBain
Special Music - Joanne Brushett, John Hisey, Pastor Stewart, Choir
- P.M. - Dr. McBain
Special Music - Joanne Brushett, John Hisey, Pastor Stewart, Choir
- Tuesday, November 22nd - W.M.S. Meeting
Special Guest - Miss Lois Weller
- Wednesday, November 23rd - Prayer Meeting
Special Guests - Eddy & Wendy Buchanan
- Saturday, November 26th - Men's Breakfast
Special Guest - Dr. E. Sikikane
- Sunday, November 27th
Sunday School - Miss Lois Weller
A.M. - Dr. McBain
Special Music - Gladys Ratcliff & Gwen Koller, Choir
- P.M. - Mr. Jim Jepson (M.P. London East)
Special Music - Gwen Koller, Choir

Young People's Sacred Music concert
Friday, Nov. 25th
8:00 p.m.
St. James Presbyterian Church
101 Main St. E.
Stouffville
Community Participation



MAYOR ELECT

A special thank you to my family, workers and the residents of Whitchurch-Stouffville, who have given me a mandate to serve you for these next three years.

SINCERELY
FRAN SAINSBURY