

## St. Mark's School Night of nights



The primary pupils and teachers of St. Mark's Catholic School, Stouffville, held the first of two Christmas concerts Dec. 7. Here,

Jamie Bateman has his Wise Man's crown adjusted by shepherd Lindsay von Zuben, both five.

## Goodwood School project Trees decorated for needy families

By KATE GILDERDALE  
GOODWOOD — While the relationship between residents and gravel companies is often strained, Standard Aggregates is helping spread the spirit of goodwill by donating Christmas trees to Goodwood Public School.

According to Kindergarten teacher Tessie Dempster, the company had donated nine trees every Christmas for the past seven years. They are grown at Horton's Tree Farm in Whitchurch-Stouffville. The Kindergarten children visit the property and choose the ones they like best.

When cut, the trees are carried or dragged to a nearby hay wagon.

Each classroom receives one tree and the pupils decorate it with great glee. The decorations are all hand-made, some at home and some at school. The work takes about two weeks to complete.

When Goodwood School closes for Christmas holidays, Dec. 16, the trees are placed outside, ready for pick-up by needy families in the area.

"They're usually all gone in about two hours," Mrs. Dempster said.

For the children who decorate them and for the families who receive them, this special project emphasizes the true meaning of Christmas amidst an atmosphere of blatant commercialism.

## Going strong at age 100

STOUFFVILLE — Blanche, Ruth and Freda Henderson were pleased to attend an 'open house' recently in honor of their uncle, Ross Henderson of Toronto.

The occasion was his 100th birthday.

Mr. Henderson is an active member in the congregation of Bedford Park United Church. This association goes back 65 years.

He's been an elder in the church 40 years. He was the founder of the Men's Club.

Born at Cherrywood in Pickering, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Henderson resided at Gormley back in the 1920s.

"Uncle Ross" was employed with the TTC for 40 years. He remains active and in good health.

At the 64th anniversary of Bedford Park United Church, Mr. Henderson was honored by the congregation. A citation, delivered by Arthur Langley read in part:

"Ross Henderson's entire life, in his youth, his marriage, his family, his community, his work and his church, has been an astonishing record of service, of giving, of helping and caring. He assisted the poor, the homeless, the sick and the disabled. It was a calling for him to seek out those less fortunate than himself and to offer what he could to help. How lucky we are that this man, so alert, so independent, so active and so caring, should have been spared to continue to inspire us by his example."

## St. Mark's primary kids defy attention span

STOUFFVILLE — What's the attention span of a four-year-old?

Teachers Tina Lombardi, Consuella Tabone and Judy Altko put the experiment to a test, Dec. 7 when the Jr. and Sr. Kindergarten children of St. Mark's School held the first of two Christmas concerts.

Boys and girls, all four and five year olds, held their positions throughout the 30-minute program with the 'headliners' remaining longer while the 'backdrop' of choir members was

assembled.

"I've never seen my son stand so still so long in my life," said one amazed mother.

More than 100 children took part, much to the enjoyment of a standing room-only audience.

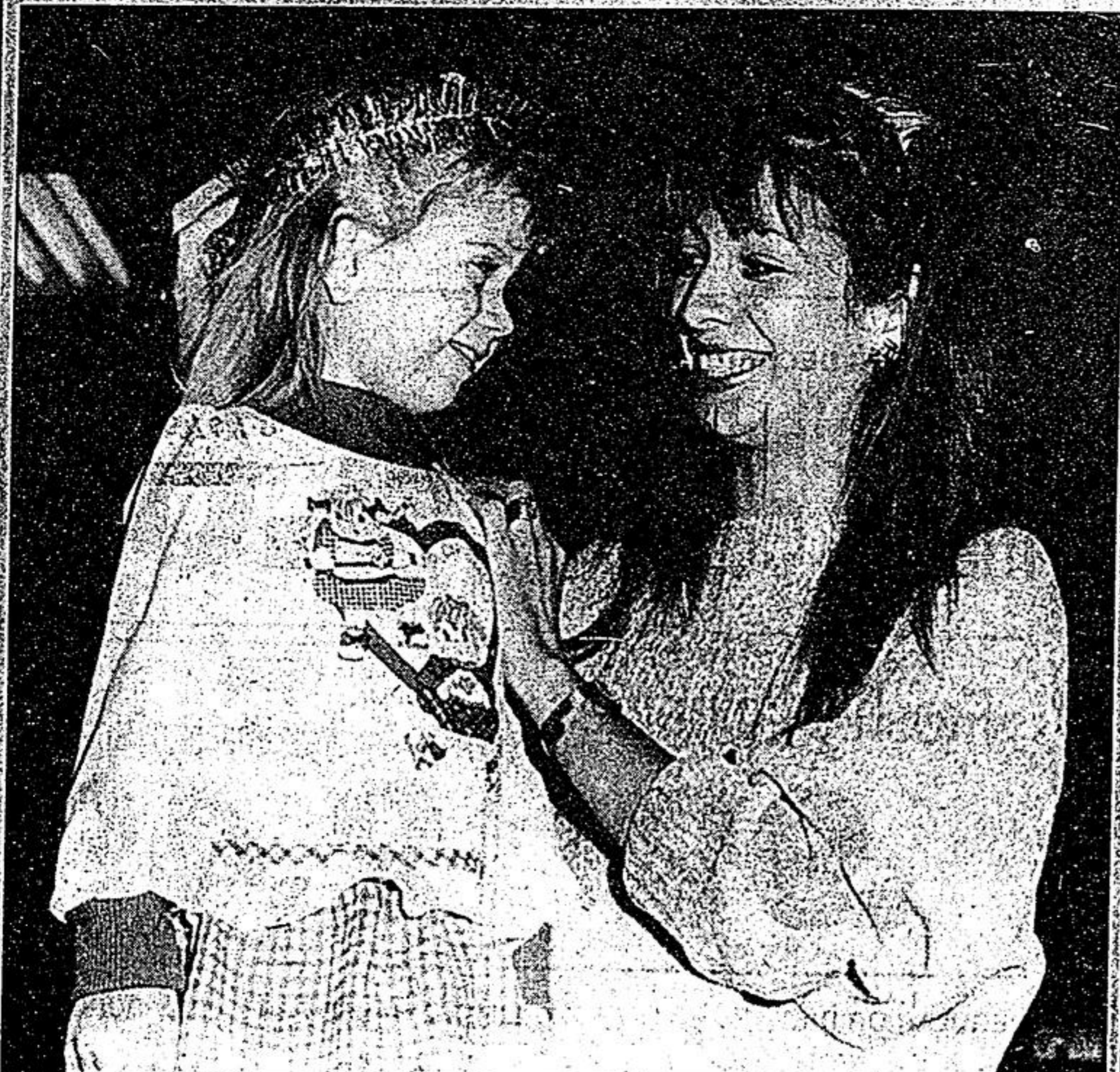
The pianist was Dorothy Caranci, a parent volunteer. At the conclusion of the concert, a gift of appreciation was presented to Mrs. Caranci by pupil Ashley Visser.

Due to limited accommodation and the numbers taking part, a

second program, (Grades 1-3), will be held Wednesday, (tonight), at 7:30 p.m.

"Many of the same parents will be back," Barbara Bodkin, the principal said. Mrs. Bodkin explained that combining the primary classes, (Jr. Kindergarten to Grade 3), would fill the gymnasium beyond capacity.

As it was, some parents arrived an hour in advance of the concert to secure front row seats, she said.



Mrs. Sherry Wilson, R.R. 2, Stouffville, makes sure daughter Lindsay's all set to go on

stage. More than 100 children took part in the program.



### Pupils show appreciation

Four-year-old Ashley Visser represented the Jr. and Sr. Kindergarten of St. Mark's School in presenting pianist Dorothy Caranci with a special gift in appreciation of her assistance.

Mrs. Caranci is one of several volunteer mothers who willingly give of her time to aid pupil-teacher programs.

—Jim Thomas

## Neighborly Notes

By JIM THOMAS

### Our thanks

The Tribune staff wish to thank the executive and members of the Stouffville Horticultural Society for the beautiful poinsettia. Our newspaper is pleased to support this organization and the work they do. The flower show in August has long remained an important community event as well as other activities throughout the year.

### Big shoes

It's hard to imagine Markham's St. Andrew's United Church without Peggy Clark leading the choir and playing the organ. She's an institution there. But all good things must come to an end. Tim and Peg are leaving Markham to take up residence at London. Both will be missed. Peggy will be honored by the congregation and the community at a farewell gathering Sunday Dec. 18 from 1 to 4 p.m. This is your invitation.

### Live in color

Whitchurch-Stouffville has only one representative, (Fran Sainsbury), on York Regional Council. At the inaugural meeting, Thursday, Mayor Sainsbury gave every indication our Town would be both heard and seen in the three-year term ahead. Fran attended in eye-catching red, enhancing a rather conservative dress scene of blacks, blues and browns. The color didn't escape the attention of Regional Chairman Eldred King, who suggested Mrs. Sainsbury could be celebrating Christmas, or the fact she's a Liberal. He also drew attention to the fact Mayor Sainsbury's fan avowed environmentalist. Yet he said at a time when prohibition of smoking is a popular trend, Mrs. Sainsbury keeps advocating 'The Big Pipe'.

### Ancient paper

My thanks to Cliff Dunkeld, William Street, Stouffville, for dropping off a copy of The Globe, dated July 1, 1867. It was found (in excellent condition) at a Brock landfill site. The price of the paper, 121 years ago, was six dollars a year or three cents a copy. The lead editorial reads: "The Union of the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, under the new Constitution, takes effect today. We heartily congratulate our readers on the event, and fervently pray that all the blessings anticipated from the measure by its promoters, are fully realized. So far as the people of Upper Canada are concerned, the inauguration of the new Constitution may well be heartily rejoiced over as the brightest day in their calendar. We firmly believe that from this day, Canada enters on a new and happier career, and that a time of great prosperity and advancement is before us."

### Truck found

Recently, a 4x4 truck with snowplow harness attached, was stolen from the Whitchurch-Stouffville garage in town. The driver didn't get far. It was found mired in the mud at the rear of the Sales Barn.

### Really merry

Education Minister Chris Ward and Durham-York MPP Bill Ballinger, may receive more Christmas cards than any two persons in Ontario. Dozens are going out from St. Mark's Catholic School, under authorization from the Build or Bust committee. It reads simply: "Season's Greetings, The Family of St. Mark's School, Stouffville, Don't Forget, We Still Need Your Continued Support For Expansion."

### Leaf legend

I had occasion to drop into Maple Leaf Gardens Friday afternoon. While there, I looked over the gallery of Toronto stars from yesteryears including the Stanley Cup greats of 1950-51. Included, of course, is Stouffville's own, Bob Hassard, along with the likes of Ted Kennedy, Harry Watson, Turk Broda, Al Rollins, Cal Gardner, Bill Barilko, Sid Smith, Howie Meekers and Danny Lewicki. Quite an honor.

### Short supply

Despite the lacklustre showing of the Maple Leafs this season, only grey seats and standing-room tickets are available, and not too many of those. The dates of Jan. 14 (Montreal) and Feb. 11 (Detroit) are sold out. Prices range from \$11 to \$29.

### To the rescue

Employees within the Whitchurch-Stouffville Roads and Works Department do more than cut grass, plow snow and spread sand — a lot more. Recently two were called to a house on Burkholder Street to free a squirrel that had become trapped in a basement drier. This they did, but not before one of the men was scratched about the face by the unappreciative rodent.

### Dead-end

Durham-York MPP Bill Ballinger drew the loudest laugh at York Region's annual meetings. There, day when he apologized for being late. Until today, it wasn't aware Hwy 404 didn't go all the way to Davis Drive. To which Chairman Eldred King replied, "All the more reason for your Government to complete it."