

# Strawberry Festival has something for everyone

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There's magic in the air as this year's Strawberry Festival committee puts the finishing touches on a program of family fun and entertainment for everyone.

Stouffville's own Shakespeare the Magician is conjuring up clowns and fellow magicians to wander through the park at the opening ceremonies and during the roast beef dinner Wednesday, June 30.

"On Canada Day we will have six or seven of us strolling

around from 6 p.m. until the Teddy Bears' Picnic, and we'll also be taking part in that," said Shakespeare.

"On Friday, July 2 we'll have people wandering around the park having fun and at 7:30 the annual Variety Show will begin."

The show will include a performance by Ontario award-winning dancers from the Expressions Studio of Dance.

Other performers include singer/musician Steven Charles, juggler Steve Payne, Ken Norris, the wacky wizard of Washington and magician Dan Laffey.

The mind-reading team of Jeff Evason and Tessa will also be a highlight of this year's

show. A dozen street entertainers, including minstrels, magicians and clowns, will be strolling through the downtown area on Saturday, July 3 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Among the children's events taking place at this year's festival is the crayfish hunt. Marked crayfish will be placed in Duffin's Creek and youngsters can turn them in for prizes.

Parents must accompany their children during this activity, since it will not be supervised, noted event director Marran Woods. It's the first year the festival has featured a crayfish hunt, which takes place Thursday and Saturday

from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Older children from eight to 11 years of age will enjoy the challenge of the scavenger hunt, and there will be plenty of entertainment for youngsters including performances by the Treetop Singers and Dan Devion.

"We're having the same petting zoo again this year, because they did such a wonderful job last time," said Woods.

Families can visit the zoo throughout the afternoon until dusk on Canada Day.

The 1993 Strawberry Festival runs from June 30 to July 4. Watch the *Tribune* for further details and be sure to come along and join the fun.

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## Stouffville DanceCentre at Markham Theatre

The Stouffville DanceCentre, directed by Michele Green, will be presenting its 10th annual recital at Markham Theatre on Monday and Tuesday, June 7 and 8 at 7:30 p.m.

The 10th anniversary presentation will include a short video of glimpses of the past nine recital performances.

The video features dancers who have been with the company for many years and others presently with the DanceCentre Youth Company. The youngest students will perform favorite numbers from past recitals.

Green said the second half of Recital '93 will

be an hour-long presentation of Alice in Wonderland which involves the 77 oldest students and features 13-year-old Susie Hartai as Alice.

Adults will enjoy the fast-paced, high quality presentation and children will be thrilled by Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum, the Mad Hatter and the March Hare, the Queen of Hearts, the Cheshire Cat, the Caterpillar and the White Rabbit.

Tickets are \$10 and are available from the DanceCentre (640-6082) and Markham Theatre box office (479-0201).

## Bouwmeister charity dance tonight raises funds for Stouffville youth

The Stouffville Youth Centre will be among the benefactors of tonight's Bouwmeister charity dance.

This is the eighth year for the dance, held once again at the Markham Fairgrounds, on Saturday, June 5.

Sponsored by Gary Bouwmeister of Bouwmeister Landscaping, the charity dance will feature Grant

Fullerton's Rock and Blues Band and a rock and roll disc jockey.

The Q107 Community Cruiser will also be on hand broadcasting from the event.

Proceeds from the dance will go to the Optimist's fundraising drive for the Youth Centre, and the Lions Club charities in Whitchurch-Stouffville.

In past years, the

Bouwmeister dance has raised between \$10,000 and \$12,000 for local charities.

Every year, between 1,000 to 1,200 York Region residents come to the dance, but there will be no advance tickets, so participants are advised to arrive early for tonight's fun.

Tickets are \$12 and the dance runs from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

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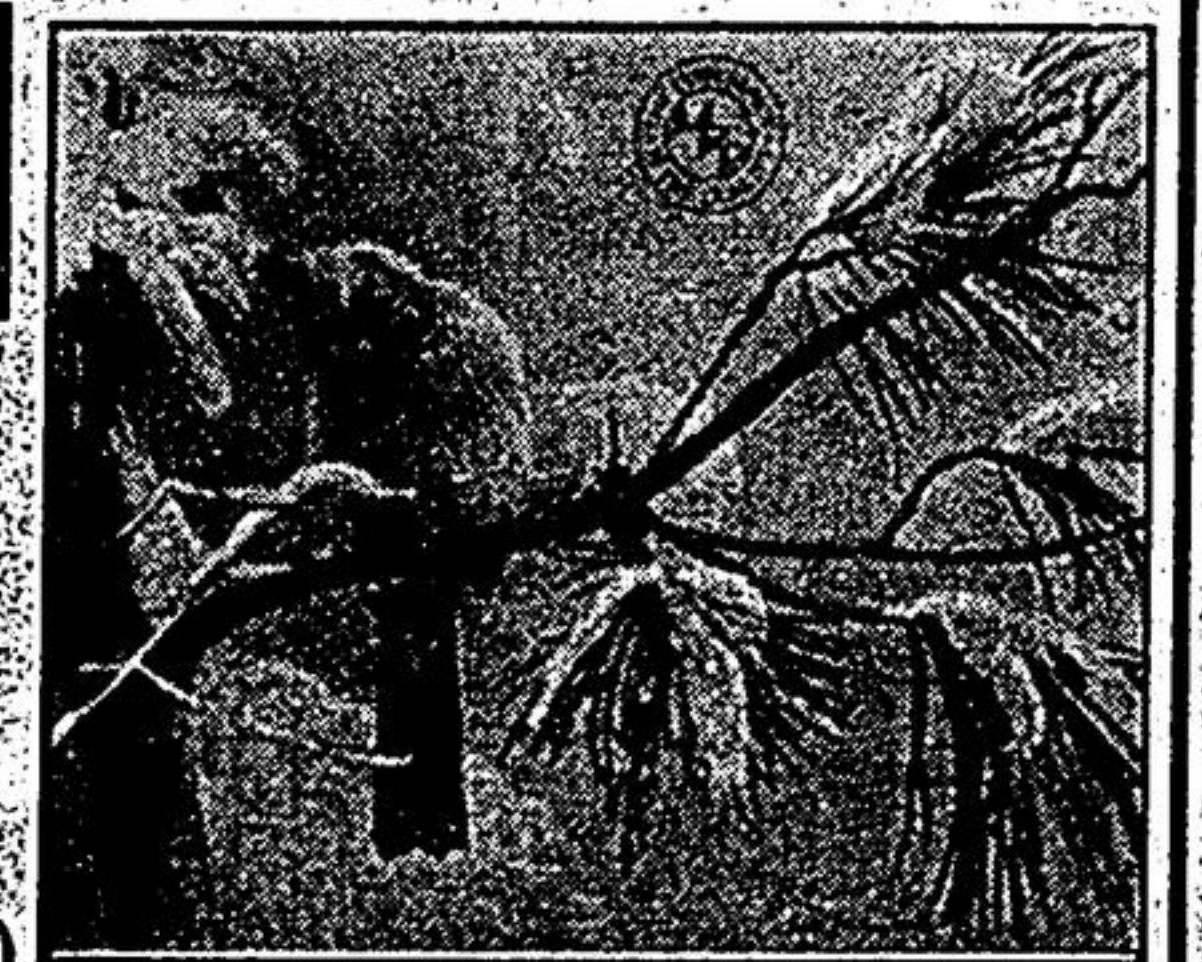
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