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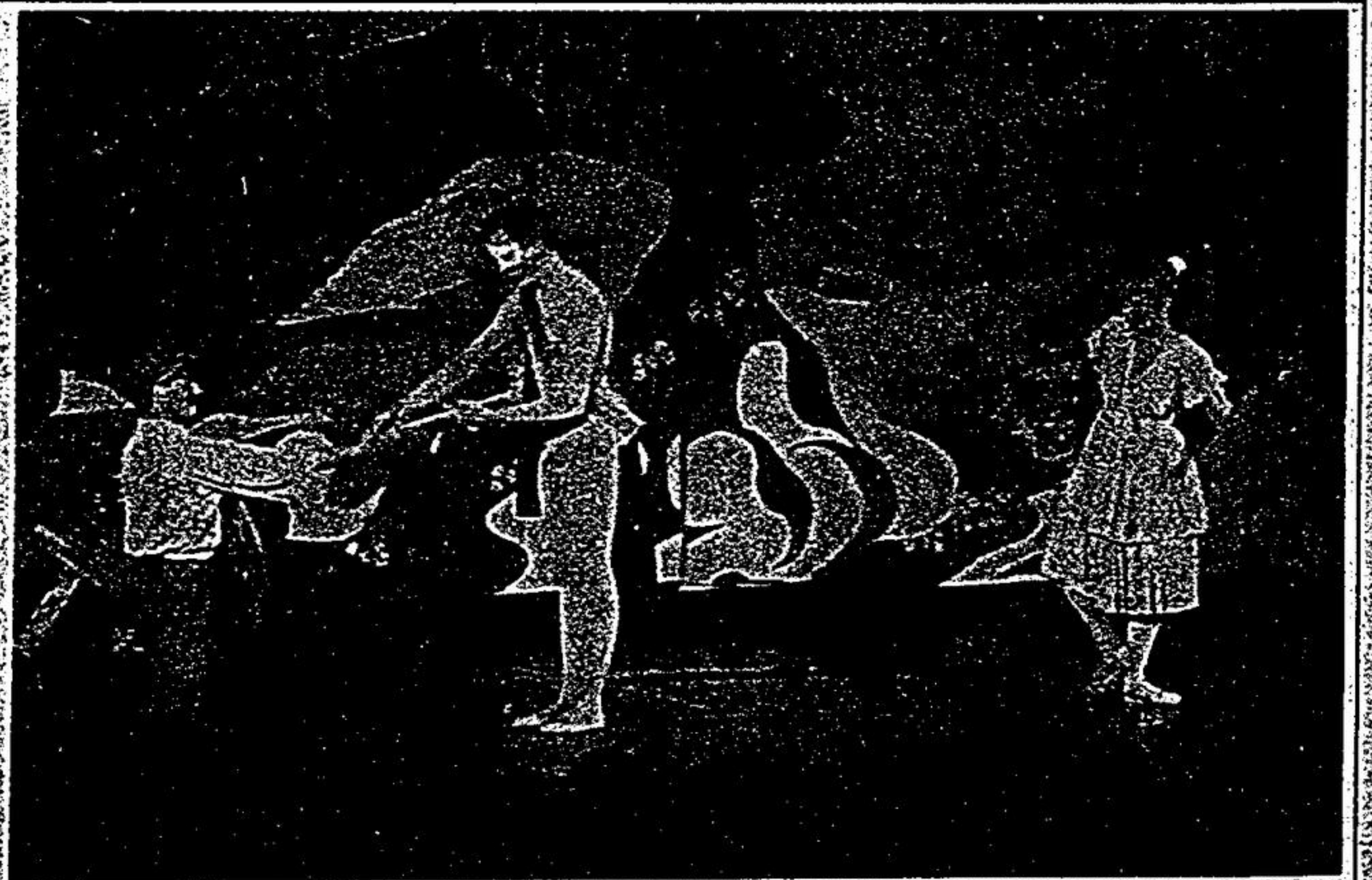
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## The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

C.S. Lewis' classic *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* was enthralling for students at St Mark Catholic School on Thursday. The tale was choreographed by Paul Caplette and performed by the Ontario Ballet Theatre.

Photos/SJOERD WITTEVEEN

### Education

## Positive response to common curriculum

By MIKE RUTA  
Staff Reporter

This spring, the province will begin forming a common curriculum covering all students from Junior Kindergarten to the end of high school, Minister of Education and Training Dave Cooke announced on Tuesday.

The move comes in the wake of the recently released Royal Commission on Learning report.

The ministry will work with teachers, students, parents and community members to form the curriculum,

which will include expected outcomes and levels of achievement to measure student learning.

By taking over the responsibility for curriculum, the province says it will save Ontario school boards \$30 million.

Cooke also announced that a standard report card, for use throughout the province, will be ready for the 1996 school year.

Maurice Poirier, a member of the ministry's curriculum and assessment team, said the consultation process will likely begin next month, first utilizing curriculum currently in place and then

building upon them.

"We certainly don't want to invent bureaucracy," he said. "We want to work with what's available."

The plan is to have a standard curriculum for Grades 1 to 9 in place by September 1996, said Poirier.

The new report card, he said, reflects a shift in emphasis from inputs to the educational system to outputs, where a student's achievement can be measured in a consistent manner.

"We want to be able to see results, measure results and report on them to parents," said Poirier, adding that cur-

riculum discrepancies across the province have resulted in report cards which say different things to different parents.

York Region Board of Education director Bill Hogarth, said the ministry's actions are in line with changes that were already underway.

"We were already in the process of putting together a standard report card and getting parents' reaction to it," he said, adding that these plans are now on hold.

Similarly, Hogarth said the board had

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## Region set to begin \$1.5 million well project

By JOAN RANSBERRY  
Staff Reporter

The Region of York is expected to introduce measures to solve some existing water problems in Stouffville.

As part of the plan to re-evaluate the Stouffville sewage treatment system, the Region will carry on with its plan to invest \$1.5 million to build wells on a site adjacent to the south side of Main Street, east of the 10th Concession.

Project engineer Bruce Macgregor said he hopes to be in a position to put the shovel in the ground this summer. "But, we still have to buy the land," he said.

Officials expect that the wells will resolve water problems, including meeting increased demand, said Mac-

gregor. The project is being planned under the umbrella of the Class Environmental Assessment for Municipal Water and Wastewater projects. Subject to comments received as a result of this notice, and the receipt of necessary approvals, the region intends to proceed with the design and construction of this project," said Macgregor.

Macgregor pointed out that all appropriate documents linked to the project can be examined at both the Region of York and the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville in the clerk's department.

The filing of an earlier Notice of Completion document resulted in the Ministry of Environment and Energy requesting an addendum to the project file summarizing

its contents, said Macgregor. People have up to March 10 to provide written comment on the proposal. If concerns arise regarding this project, which cannot be resolved in discus-

sion with the municipality, people can request that the Ministry of the Environment "bump up" the project to an individual environmental assessment, said Macgregor.

## Heart & Stroke benefits from tea today

February is Heart Month, and today, from 1 to 4 p.m., the Heart and Stroke Foundation will benefit from a Victorian Tea. The event takes place at

the Stouffville United Church, on Church St., and everyone is welcome. Admission is \$5.

There will be boutique shopping and a silent auction held

"Bump up" requests must be received by March 10.

If there are no "bump up" requests, the project will proceed to design and construction, said Macgregor.

at this event. For tickets call Maris Anderson at 640-3902, or purchase them at the door.

All proceeds will go to the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

**Region Official makes court appearance**

A town council member... (The rest of the text in this block is very faint and difficult to read, appearing to be a continuation of a news story.)