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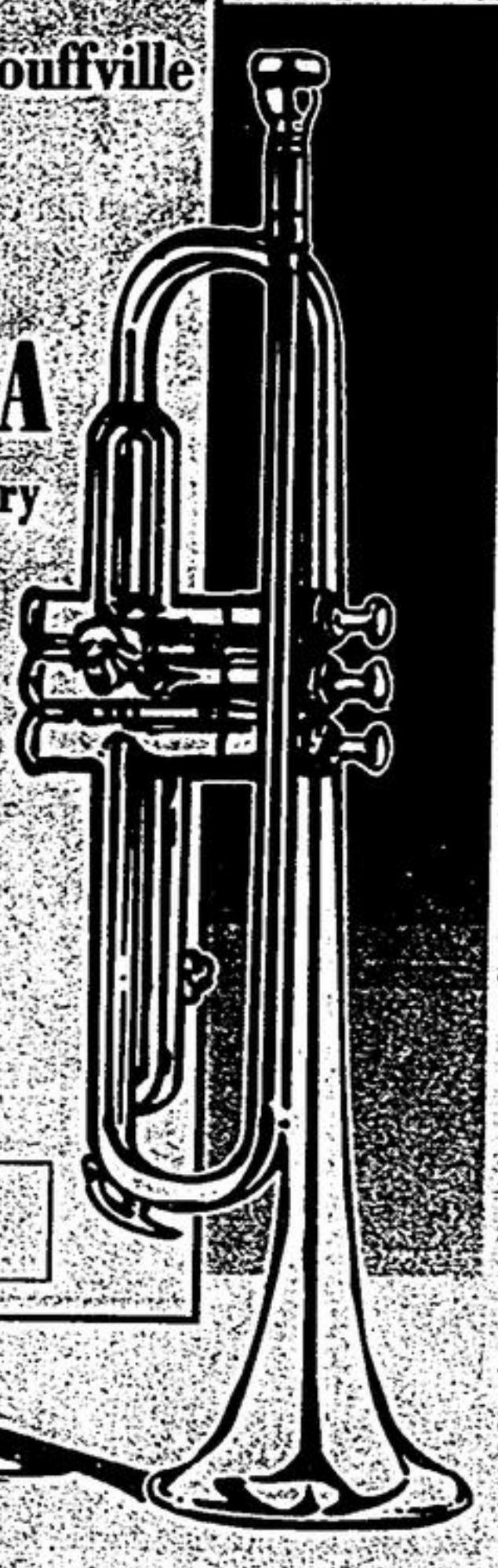
**The HAMILTON
PHILHARMONIC
YOUTH ORCHESTRA**

Under the direction of Glenn Mallory
with special guest conductor
Dr. David W. Roe of Stouffville

Sunday, May 7, 1995
from 3 to 4:30pm
at Stouffville District
Secondary School

Tickets \$5.00 available at
the door.

Co-sponsored by the
Stouffville Lions Club



**VE Day
Vet to celebrate liberation of Holland**

By RALPH T. FORFAR
Special to The Tribune

Where was I when the Second World War ended May 7, 1945?
By May 3, the 19th Field Regiment had passed Weiffelstadt, Germany and was heading toward Bremerhaven. On the evening of May 3, I took my motorcycle back to regimental headquarters to pick up the secret codes for next day.
As I was leaving a signaller friend stuck his head out the communications truck and hollered, "Come here and listen to this." I went over and listened to an announcement repeated over and over from the BBC in London, England - which said, "At 0800 hours, 4 May, 1945 there would be a cease-fire in NW Germany."
I took this momentous news up to our gun-position and wasn't believed. But within an hour we received orders to "Cease-fire," which we did but the Polish Army on our immediate left and the Germans in front of us fired all night.
I had an O.P. (Observation Post) crew up in the next village and wanted to bring them back to a safer position with the guns.
But every time I started up I was shot at. Not wanting to die in the last hour of the war I got out of that situation.

Next morning, sharp at 8 a.m. both the Germans and the Poles stopped firing.
It was the weirdest situation - silence - and groups of German soldiers with full packs wandering around begging to be taken prisoners.
We just heaved a huge sigh of relief that we had survived and passed out in an oblivion of sleep. Orders came to keep the men occupied so there wouldn't be any trouble. Our imaginative commanders could think of nothing but clean and polish tanks, trucks, guns and equipment, then run them through the mud and do it all over again. I thought "if this is the peace-time army I didn't want any part of it" - so I volunteered for the Far East where the war was still going on.
Where was I and what was I doing on May 7th 1945? I can guarantee you I was cleaning and polishing vehicles and equipment. The farther back from the front the bigger the celebrations until way, way back at Halifax there were riots.
We didn't celebrate, we just rested, thankful we had lived through it. The British and Americans signed a peace on May 8, the Russians on May 9 - they wanted an extra day of revenge on Berlin.
On May 7th, 1995, I will be in Holland helping the Dutch people

celebrate the Golden Anniversary of their liberation.



Ralph Forfar is heading off to Holland to celebrate the 50th anniversary of that country's liberation.

Victory In Europe
May 8, 1945 50th Commemoration May 8, 1995

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To help commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Victory in Europe, the Stouffville Canadian Legion will be hosting a Parade through Downtown Stouffville on Saturday, May 6th at 1:30 p.m.

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION Branch 459

- PROGRAM**
- 9:00 a.m. Work Crew to take saluting stand to Clock Tower
 - 12 noon Trucks with lowbeds to Memorial Park
 - 12 noon Shuttle-bus arrives at Rec Centre
 - 12-12:30 Participating Paraders leave cars at Rec Centre. Take bus to Park.
 - 1:00 p.m. Parade Marshall begins to form Parade. Bands arrive.
 - 1:30 p.m. Town Crier opens Ceremonies. Speeches by President, Mayor, Dutch spokesperson, Lions, etc
 - 2:08 p.m. Parade marches off, led by Girl Guides with flags for public on Main Street. Dignitaries to saluting stand at Clock Tower. Ride to Hall after parade. Fly pass over Parade.
 - 3:00 p.m. Parade arrives at Legion Hall
 - 3:00 p.m. Entertainment at Legion Hall and Masonic Hall
 - 3:30 p.m. Work Crew picks up saluting stand

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