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Neighbors band together to save 30 acres of land

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Following negotiations with the residents and the town, the developer agreed to pay the back taxes providing ownership went to the community of Trail of the Woods. "We were able to convince the town to cancel the tender on this parcel," said Ennis. (The owner) also agreed to donate \$4,000 to the town. The money will go towards a "civic cause" for the betterment of the whole community, said Ennis.

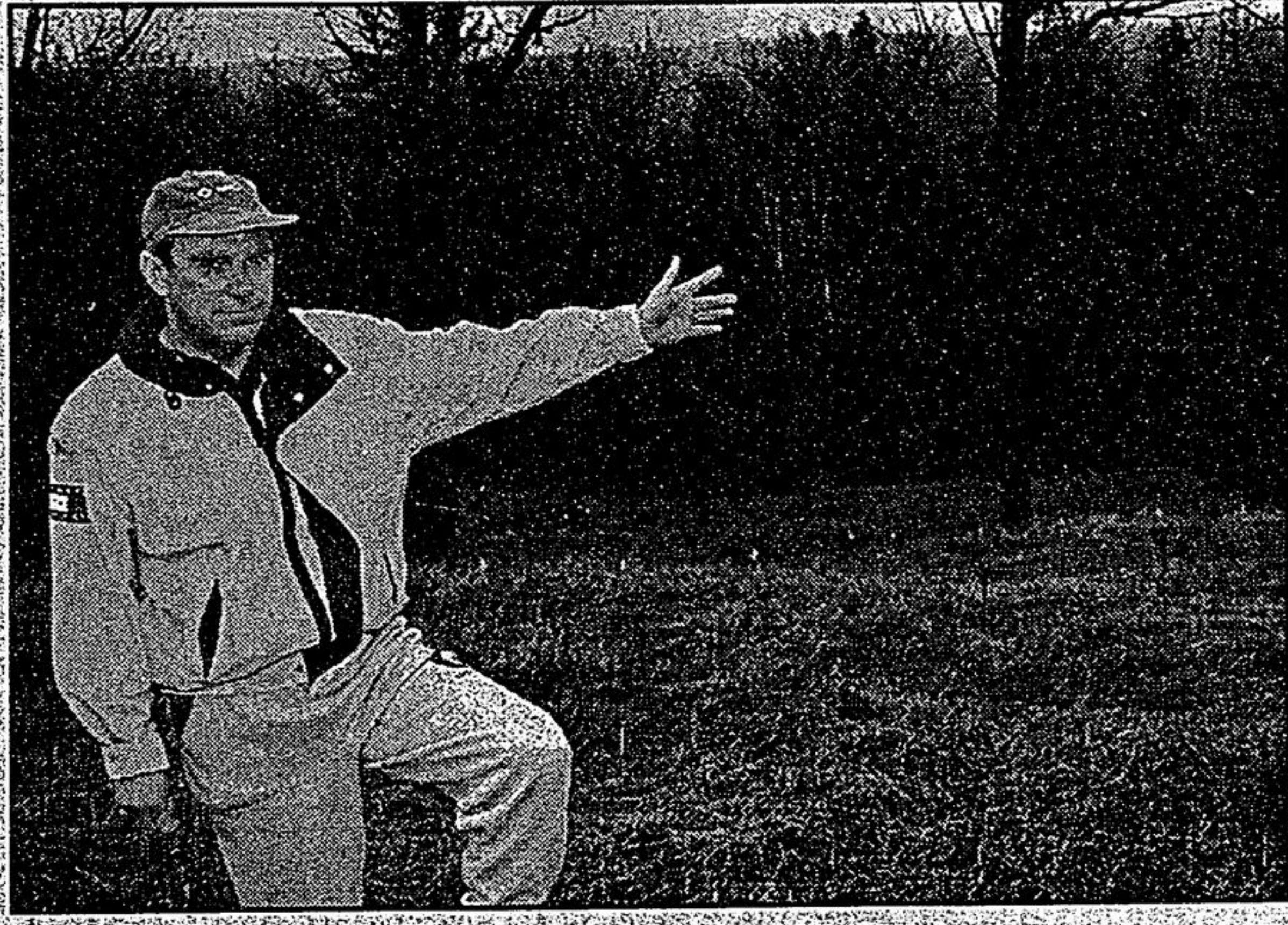
Area councillor Ivanka Bradley said the transaction is "precedent-setting." She added, "the residents should be proud of themselves. It's an excellent

example of how homeowners can protect their neighborhood. It's a win-win situation. People living in other areas of Whitchurch-Stouffville should take notice of how things were handled in Trail of the Woods."

The plan now is for Ennis and his next-door neighbor to form a corporation with shares being offered to Trail of the Woods residents.

"There will be rules. The criteria is that nothing be done (on the land)," said Ennis. "We don't want any uses."

The land is zoned Open Space Environmental. "That is what it will stay," said Ennis.



LAND LOVER: Rob Ennis of the Trail of the Woods area shows off the 30-acre parcel of land he and his neighbors purchased to save it from development.

Photo by SJOERD WITTEVEEN

Variety of activities on to celebrate education

This week, students at Orchard Park Public School have made a classroom wall into a living garden — or rather, enough artwork to represent one.

"They've been growing a lot of plants in their unit," Orchard Park principal John Hopkins explained yesterday.

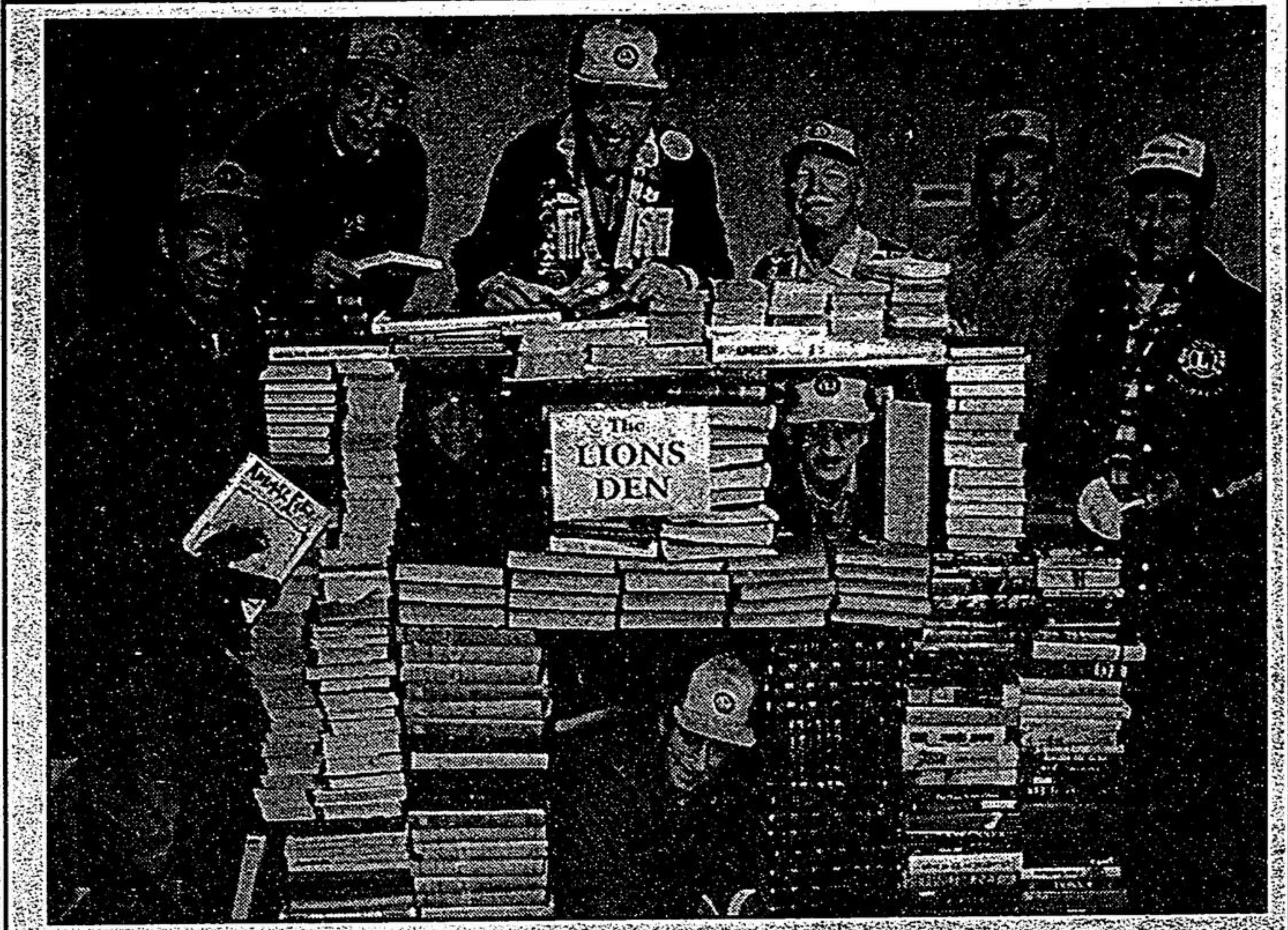
But the real plants were switched for two and three-dimensional art on a garden theme, he said.

This is Education Week, a time when people are more welcome than usual to visit schools in their communities. It's a time for parents' nights, concerts and visits by storytellers.

First graders at Orchard Park are going to have a reading marathon tomorrow, "a celebration of their ability to read," Hopkins said. On Friday

at 1 p.m., fifth graders will sing their favorite songs at the Stouffville Gazebo on Main St.

And schoolkids at St. Mark Catholic Elementary School have a Young Authors' Day tomorrow, when students will share books they have written with others. Later, they will use materials like paper or plastercine to make the characters come alive, said vice-principal Carol Gallimore.



BOOK BUILDING: The Stouffville Lions Club helped out again preparing for the annual library book sale starting this week. Getting ready for the big event are from left: Mel Gornik, Russ Holder, Cap Cowan, Glen Peart, Ted Welter, and Bill Hodges. In window at right is Ken Hodges and at left is Ivan Harris. In the doorway at bottom is Ed MacAloney. See p. 20 for details.

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Commission examines hospital

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Its goal, reporters were told yesterday, is a system of health care that is "genuinely integrated" and "sensibly organized" as well as accessible and affordable. Things that are done very rarely should be concentrated in only a few places, but things that are common should be as close to home as possible, said Duncan Sinclair, chair of the group. "It's a trade-off between accessibility and quality," he explained.

Commission members say they have the power to recommend big capital investments in York, Durham, Halton and Peel regions if it will help local hospitals meet certain standards.

The group is in Durham today to hear from hospitals and other health care providers. These presentations and work done by district health councils will be the basis, commissioners say, for recommendations they will issue this fall.

"We've been given the opportunity to

do some things that politically would be very difficult to accomplish," said commissioner Hart MacDougall, a career banker.

"You know some people are going to lose existing jobs. The question is, Are there going to be replacement jobs?" But a lobbyist for Greater Toronto's suburban hospitals said the so-called 905 areas, which have comparatively small resources to cope with high growth, have little to fear from the commission. "It's more a matter of what's going to be added in, rather than what's going to be subtracted," Jim Armstrong predicted.

Local health providers want to reduce the distances which suburbanites travel for care, he added. "We're having people

go (to Toronto) for very basic primary and secondary service because there isn't that choice closer to home." Restructuring also means hospitals will have to provide their services as fast as the top 25 per cent of Ontario hospitals, commission staff say. If newborn delivery takes about two days in these top hospitals, and three at another hospital, the commission will look at what resources are needed there to perform faster, said Mark Rochon, the commission's chief administrator.

If there's a good reason that a hospital has difficulty with the benchmarks, the commission can give it more time. It can also tell the ministry to send an inspector to the hospital or appoint a supervisor to take over its operation.

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TOWN OF WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE A PROPERTY INCLUDING LAND AND BUILDING OF ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL VALUE

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville intends to designate the following property as a property of architectural and historical value or interest pursuant to the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18, Part IV:


CHURCHILL BAPTIST CHURCH (formerly Church Hill Christian Church) 15336 Ninth Line Part Lot 21, Concession 8, (Former Township of Whitchurch) Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, Regional Municipality of York.

REASONS FOR THE PROPOSED DESIGNATION CAN BE OBTAINED BY CONTACTING THE UNDERSIGNED AT (905) 640-1900 OR DORIE BILLICH, CURATOR, WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE MUSEUM AT (905) 727-8954.

ANY PERSON MAY, BEFORE THE 5th DAY OF JUNE, 1997, SEND BY REGISTERED MAIL OR DELIVERY TO THE CLERK OF THE TOWN, Notice of Objection to the proposed designations, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. If a Notice of Objection is received, the Council of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville will refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing and a report.

DATED at the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville this 5th day of May, 1997:

Michele Kennedy, Clerk Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville 19 Civic Avenue, PO Box 419 Stouffville, Ontario L4A 1Z6




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Contest on at festival

A new attraction will be added to the 1997 Strawberry Festival. The festival organizers will be holding a talent contest this year. Polish up your act and come out and participate on July 1 weekend in Memorial Park.

Volunteers are still needed as well. Please call Dave Houston 640-4454 or Gladys Clarkson at 640-1941.