

Major renovations planned for Care and Share Shoppe

CARING AND SHARING

The annual meeting of the Care and Share Shoppe Oct. 29 at the Community Mennonite Church of Stouffville was an upbeat affair, with the majority of people in attendance wearing something they had purchased from the store. Guest speaker Raga, who came to Canada from Sri Lanka in 1985, talked about how he got involved in Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) and explained how the organization works in India.

He also spoke of MCC's contacts with Mother Theresa and the respect they shared for each other.

The store's contribution of \$123,197 to MCC for world relief and development programs in 1997 represented an increase of more than \$10,000 over last year, as a result of higher sales and lower expenses.

A decision to begin planning for major renovations to the building was made, since staff and volunteers presently work in crowded conditions and have to contend with a leaky roof, problems which were wittily illustrated in four short-skits during the evening. The store is requesting help from MCC to set up a building fund for the work, which is slated to begin within five years. At the conclusion of the annual report, Joanna Reesor-McDowell noted, "We greatly appreciate our many faithful volunteers, and especially thank the seniors in our community who are using their retirement years to serve through the Care and Share Shoppe. New volunteers are always needed, however, and we wish to reach out to younger people too, so that the future commitment to our store is secure."

PARKVIEW BAZAAR The item in last week's Grapevine contained some inaccurate information. The bazaar, jointly hosted by Parkview Village and Parkview Home, runs Nov. 22 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Parkview Village, 12184 Ninth Line and will feature a wide range of crafts, a white elephant table, baked goods and a silent auction. Donations for the auction are welcome and anyone who can offer contributions is asked to call 640-1911 ext. 226.

CHRIST CHURCH BAZAAR The sixth annual Victorian Christmas Tea and Bazaar takes place at Christ Church Anglican on Sunset Blvd. Nov. 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A fabulous selection of crafts, baking, attic treasures and gift ideas will be on sale and a quilt raffle and silent auction will add to the fun. The justly famous tea room will offer a mouth-watering selection of treats and an opportunity to relax, while younger family members can get together with their friends at the children's fair.

CRAFT SALE MOVES The eighth annual Country Pastimes Christmas sale will be held Nov. 28 at Lemonville Community Centre, 13453 McCowan Rd., half a mile north of its previous location.



Grapevine

Kate Gilderdale

More than 25 crafts people will participate in the sale, which takes place Nov. 28 from 4 to 8 p.m. and Nov. 29 and 30 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. As well, the United Church Women will serve a country lunch Nov. 29 from 11.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. at the Lemonville United Church, with all proceeds to church funds.

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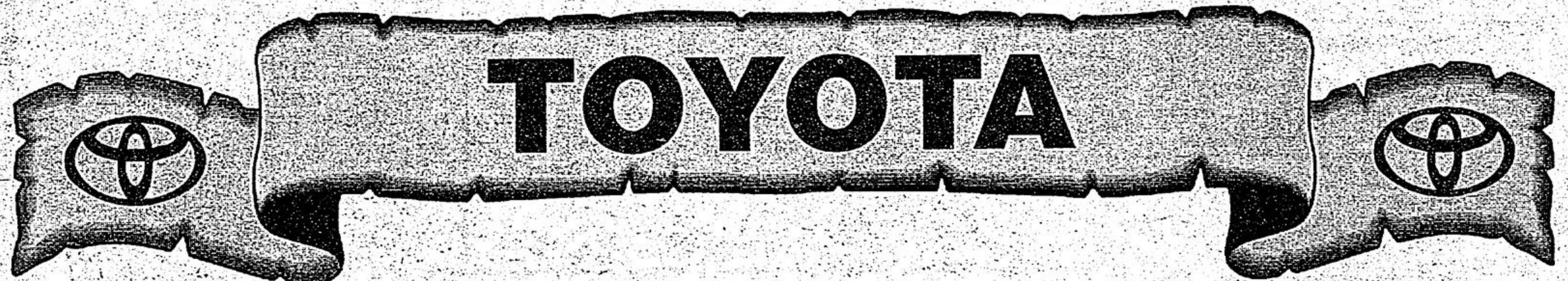
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