

Stouffville Says

By Hannelore Volpe

How do the new federal and provincial budgets affect you?

— Asked at Sobeys in Stouffville

Debbie STEED



The child tax credit will help parents who don't have a high income, for the kids to do things like sports and other activities. The budgets won't really affect me because I am not in the low-income category.

Joanne ROWLAND



The budgets didn't have anything for the senior citizens who are single because they have lost their partner. It didn't help them at all.

George PAPAZOGLU



Help with tuition is good because to make money you have to go to school. It is expensive to get an education and if you have no support from the government, it is very difficult to better your life.

Celeste TOMASI



The child tax credit would help. The increase in support for post-secondary education will affect me. Our children will be entering high school soon so I am looking ahead to post-secondary education costs.

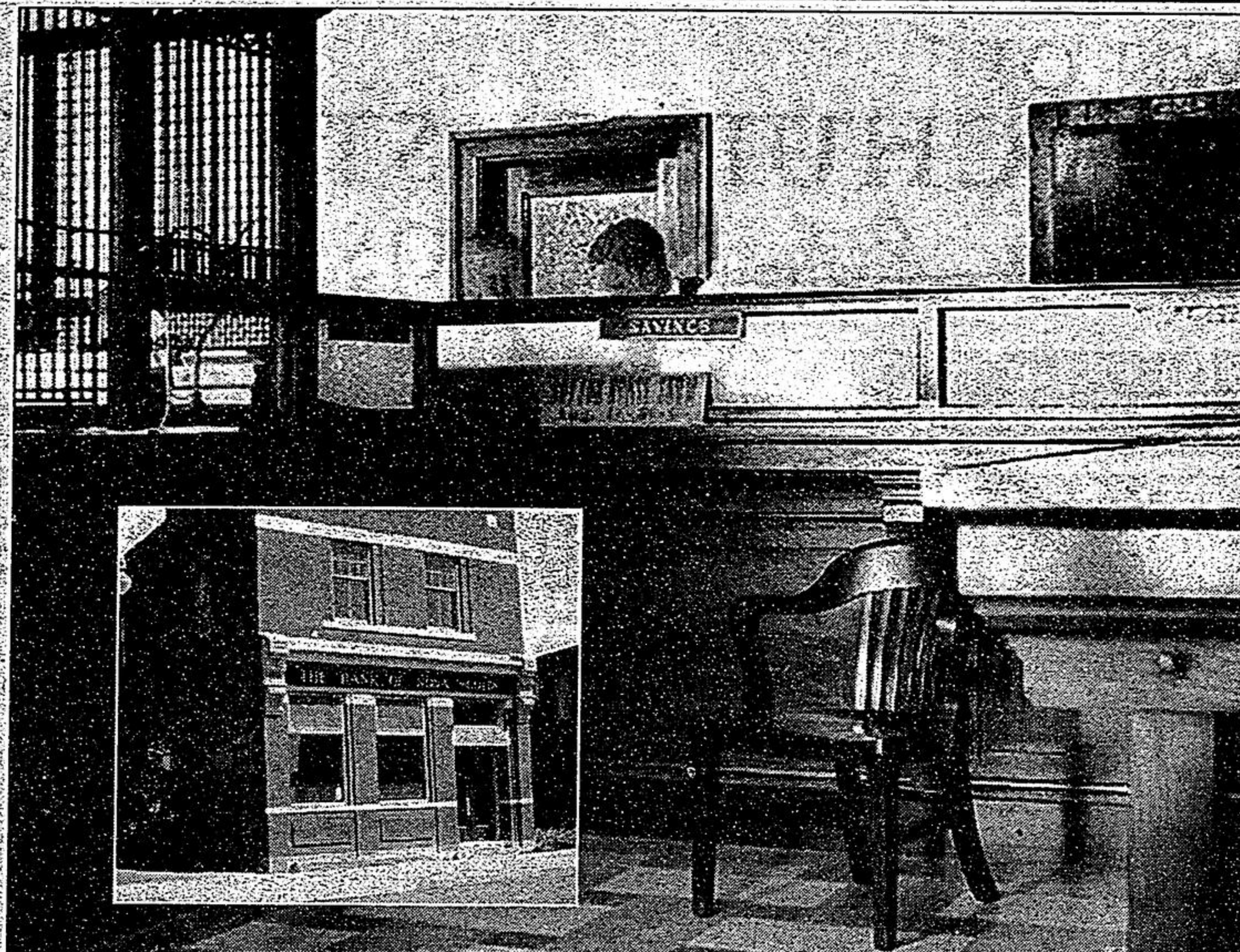


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The interior and exterior (inset) of the Bank of Nova Scotia in 1914. The bank is celebrating its birthday tomorrow with cake and Mayor Wayne Emmerson.

Celebrating with style

Stouffville joins in on Scotiabank's 175th birthday party

BY HANNELORE VOLPE
Staff Writer

The Bank of Nova Scotia, where customers swished in with long skirts or high collars and hats when its Stouffville branch opened Nov., 1914, is celebrating its 175th birthday tomorrow.

Over the years, the bank and its employees have contributed to the building the new Parkview Home, have been a fixture in the Stouffville Santa Claus parade and sponsored and participated in the Strawberry Festival.

You will be treated to refreshments, including a birthday cake, throughout the day and Mayor Wayne Emmerson kicks off the festivities at noon.

The bank began in Nova Scotia in 1832 with a four-person

office in Halifax. By the early 1900s, branches had been established coast to coast.

Now the bank has more than 2,100 branches and offices in over 50 countries on five continents.

Scotiabank put down roots in Stouffville when it amalgamated with The Metropolitan Bank Feb. 27, 1908, eventually changing its name to the Bank of Nova Scotia.

Walter Roy Adams, who had been appointed manager of The Metropolitan Bank in 1911, stayed as the Stouffville branch's first manager.

During the Second World War, the branch closed Nov., 1942 and all outstanding business was transferred to The Canadian Bank of Commerce.

That was the state of affairs until the branch re-opened July, 1955 at its current 6323 Main St. location.

An addition, almost doubling the branch's space, was added on the west side of the building in the early 1990s.

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Scotiabank employees, for the third year in a row, are registering people for the Rick Hansen Wheels in Motion fundraiser and lacing up the running shoes to do the route themselves.

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The Legacy Run for the Markham Stouffville Hospital also benefits as the bank is a major sponsor.

"We enjoy being part of the community," branch manager Janet Geddes said. "It is certainly a community-focused bank."

Most of the bank's 13 employees are from the Whitchurch-Stouffville area.

Briefly

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Quoteworthy

'I wasn't surprised at all. I don't think Dave (Laren, co-owner) wanted me there from Day One.'

Ken Burrows, after being fired as general manager of the Stouffville Spirit. See story on page 17.

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