



### Eight Stouffville 'astronauts' look down from on high

From a vantage point atop 'Hunt's Hill' in Stouffville's west end park, these eight children look much like little astronauts on a successful trip to the moon. The picture was taken after dark, using a full second time exposure and an aperture setting of f-8. Day or night, the site has provided kiddies with much outdoor enjoyment and recreation so far this winter. —Jas. Thomas.

## Roving dogs a problem to sheep farmer

By A.A. Wall, Agricultural Representative for York Region

Our farm tradition got a jolt at the Guelph meetings early this month, with the news that we imported more food last year to Canada than we exported. It's a big change from the days when we were part of the breadbasket for the world.

It's something of a puzzle too, when we are producing more grain, dairy products, pork and eggs than can be sold at a decent price. The bulk of the imports of course, are things like citrus fruit and vegetables that

can't be grown in our climate.

Some imports however, could be produced right here in York County. Soybeans and corn for example, in crops, and in livestock we could expand our sheep and lamb production four or five times and not have to worry about a surplus.

In ten years, sales of sheep and lamb have doubled, while our production has slipped back. The gap has been filled with imports.

Don Stevenson, our sheep specialist, estimates that a well run flock should net from 10 to 15 dollars

per ewe at present prices. That looks pretty good right now beside laying hens, hogs, or feedlot cattle.

We can grow the right kind of feed for sheep, here in York. Regular crops, including corn silage, and some crop refuse or vegetable culls, fit in very well. Our land that is best suited to pasture is a natural.

The big knock against sheep in York has been the hazard of damage by dogs and occasionally wolves. Up to now, there hasn't been a really practical answer but I think it is starting to sort out.

With better ideas for buildings, good

equipment for manure handling, and more nuts and bolts for feeding, a dry lot system is now practical for any livestock. We are using it for dairy cattle, beef cattle, and hogs, so why not for sheep?

Another idea that started here in York last summer, was the use of night paddocks, enclosed by high dog-proof fencing. Electric fencing shows promise too. One man on Manitoulin Island put up a three-strand fence last summer to protect 150 lambs from wolves. The fence completely protected the lambs, except for one night when the electricity was not turned on. Six lambs were killed.

If any of these ideas solve the dog problem, sheep could well be in your future, likely as a second enterprise, or perhaps even a primary one.

## Surprise!

LEMONVILLE Surprise! surprise!

These happy words rang out, Jan. 16, at the home of Bunny and Bruce Burton, Lemonville, in honor of Marie and Russell Clubine on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary.

It was a surprise indeed!

First of all, because of the approaching wedding day (Jan. 23) of their eldest son Jim, and what with showers, etc., there just didn't seem to be time. However, they did not reckon with their children and friends. Consequently, it turned out to be quite an event.

As a start, there was dinner for the entire family, including Grandma, Grandpa, Marie and Russ, Jim and Mary-Lou, Suzanne, and fiance, David Miller; Wayne and friend, Brenda Ash and Wendy, at the Ports of Call Toronto.

Then the mystery unfolded.

There was a side-trip to pick up a mysterious parcel, a sight-seeing tour of the city and then back to Whitchurch. All the time Marie and Russ were undoubtedly wondering "where are we going?" Then, suddenly, a turn up a County Road and "Oh No!" - the Burton's.

There, amidst a gathering of the family and close friends, the happy occasion was celebrated in high fashion - dancing, a singsong and a sumptuous spread.

The children presented their parents with a beautiful silver tea service. Friends and neighbors gave them a lovely pair of silver butane candles with silver candleholders, a silver serving dish and glasses.

It was a most memorable event, an evening that Marie and Russ will cherish all their lives.

## Family living and you

[Your Family Life Centre]

By Mario D. Bartolotti, M.A.

To paraphrase Winston Churchill's famous wartime comment: "Never have so many owed so much to so many!" I can't think of any better way to adequately describe the success of the Family Life Centre's appeal for financial assistance in December. From churches, service clubs, the Stouffville and Markham Town Councils, and numerous private citizens - the contributions came in before, during and after the holiday season.

From such a variety of sources as Skating Parties, Christmas banquets and various women's group projects money was collected and forwarded to us. Special thanks is due the "Christmas Carolers", who spread seasonal cheer through the neighborhood, collecting many contributions in the process which were later donated to the Family Life Centre. Also, we sincerely appreciate the efforts of the Markham Library staff who not only sent in a staff contribution but also collected signatures on a petition to the provincial government supporting our brief and application for financial assistance. Altogether, enough money was donated to keep the Family Life Centre operating on a full-time basis until the end of April. So, to all of you who have so generously supported our efforts, a hearty and sincere thank-you.

As reported before during the holiday campaign for funds, the Board of Directors has been in regular contact with the provincial government in an effort to obtain a mental health or family service grant. Actually, several meetings have been held with both Dept. of Mental Health and Social and Family Services representatives. Both of these provincial government divisions have been impressed with the operation and services provided through the Family Life Centre, and encouraged the Board of Directors to make application for a grant of funds which would make possible an expansion of our educational programmes as well as provide for the employment of additional staff to serve the growing needs of our growing communities.

If our application is approved, provincial recognition and financial assistance for the Family Life Centre would be forthcoming during the Spring. And because of the very generous support of the citizens in this area of York Region, we can continue operating on a regular basis while awaiting the final decision of the government.

Speaking as the Director of the Family Life Centre, I have no doubt that this service will continue to play a vital and growing role in the Unionville, Markham, Stouffville, area. The same kind of faith and effort which converted this type of family service from a dream into a reality three years ago, will keep it healthy and active in the months ahead. According to a research study completed last year by Marion Mann, a student at the University of Toronto, the Family Life Centre is one of the most unique social service agencies ever developed spontaneously in North America by concerned citizens.

## Active Service Class

### Elect executive

By Lillian Jamieson

BALSAM-MT. ZION Mrs. Donald Jamieson is the president for 1971 of the Active Service Class. The executive for the year was elected at a meeting, Jan. 20. Other officers are Vice-President, Mrs. Glen Manderson; Secretary, Mrs. Jack Empringham; Treasurer, Mrs. Murray Jones; and Mrs. Orr Graham; 4-H Leaders, Mrs. Ken Stickwood, Mrs. John Wilson; Auditors, Mrs. Ralph Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Frank McAvoy; Nominating Committee, Mrs. Lewis Mr. and Mrs. Donald Jones, Mrs. Grant Jamieson; Business Committee, Mrs. Lewis Jones, Mrs. Burnett Jamieson; Sick Committee, Mrs. Lorne Jones, Mrs. Burnett Jamieson; Pianists, Mrs. Grant Carson, Mrs. Orr Graham and Rev. T.H. Fleetham; Group Leaders, Mrs. Lorne Jones, Mrs. Carl Anderson; Secretary, Mrs. Glen Manderson; Mrs. Jack Empringham; Mrs. Lloyd Burnett; Mrs. Jamieson; Mrs. Elmer Wilson; Mrs. Fred Fiss; Teachers, Mrs. Elmer Carson, Mrs. Glen Manderson, Mrs. Ralph Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Frank McAvoy; Empringham enjoyed supper recently with Mrs. Lewis Mr. and Mrs. Donald Jones, Mrs. Grant Jamieson.

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The sale of Christmas trees, a seasonal project sponsored by the Stouffville Lions Club, netted the organization \$800, committee chairman Bill Murphy reported at a meeting, Monday night.

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