

Christmas tree farm

'Tis the season - fun for the whole family

UXBRIDGE TWP. - The annual Christmas tree hunt is on.

With a large number of Christmas tree farms in this immediate area, local buyers should have little difficulty finding one that suits their need. Operators warn, though, that trees will be in short supply this year.

Two local Christmas tree growers, Miss Ruth Spademan and Miss Norma Shearer, have already sold all the trees they had available for wholesale purchase. While a good selection is still on hand for retail sales, anyone wishing to buy wholesale is out of luck.

These two ladies have been in the business 20 years. They presently run what amounts to two different operations: a retail outlet at their residence on Church St., in Markham; and a cut-your-own lot on their tree farm on Uxbridge's 6th Concession. Unlike most tree farms, theirs is open to the public daily.

This year, Miss Spademan expects to turn over a total volume of about 4,000 trees. There have been better years, she says,

and annual sales of 5,000 wouldn't be unusual.

The battle now is being waged between artificial trees and the real variety. Miss Spademan estimates that 30 to 35 percent of homes in Toronto use artificial. She admits that these aluminum-and-plastic creations might be more convenient in some cases, but points to the obvious advantages of a real tree. A tree farm provides an ecological balance, stabilizing water tables and preventing disastrous flooding. In addition, the real tree is bio-degradable; in a world increasingly concerned with pollution, the stand taken by Miss Spademan and Miss Shearer makes a lot of sense.

Their Uxbridge tree

farm is 200 acres in size, but not all of this is devoted to trees. The best specimens, according to Miss Shearer, are in the lot set aside for people to come in and cut their own; they don't cut out the best trees for wholesale, as some lots do.

The price difference is not significant. A 6-foot tree bought from the lot in Markham costs \$3.50; if you cut it yourself, there is a flat rate of \$3.00. Anyone determined to cut his own tree is warned to dress warmly and bring his own saw.

Cutting your own Christmas tree offers a lot of appeal. Not only do you help preserve the ecology, and contribute towards employment in the area, but it's a lot of fun as well.

Ask any 10-year-old.

Young Canada's Book Week

Excellent response

By Doris Lapp, Librarian
STOUFFVILLE
Whitchurch Stouffville Public Library was pleased at the response to Young Canada's Book Week.

Many people visited the library to study the display of Canadian Indian articles set up by Ed Macdonald, the curator of the Whitchurch-Stouffville



Eight year old Alison Barrett (front) and sister Cathy, 9, visited the Spademan Christmas tree farm, conc. 6, Uxbridge, Saturday. They are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Colin Barrett, Elm Road, Stouffville. —Jas. Thomas.

Late Arthur Harrington

Former village trustee

UNIONVILLE - A respected and widely-known local resident, Mr. Arthur Harrington of Pomander Rd., passed away Nov. 29.

Mr. Harrington, 73, was born in Unionville. The village's planing mill was founded by his grandfather, and Mr. Harrington took over the operation of the mill in 1932. He retired in 1964.

During his lifetime, Mr. Harrington was active in many organizations. An enthusiastic curler, he was for many years Secretary-Treasurer of the rink. In addition, he was a founding member of the local Lions Club and a Past Master of Markham Union Lodge. He served several terms on the village's Board of Trustees, and was chairman of the Board for some time. A lifelong member of St. Philip's Anglican Church, Mr. Harrington was a churchwarden for several years. He is survived by his

wife, Pidge; one son, Robert of Orillia; and a daughter, Patricia (Mrs. Vuilleumier) of Switzerland.

Service was held

Dec. 2 at the Dixon Funeral Home, Markham.

Presiding were Rev. Fred Miller and Rev. Piller. Pallbearers were - Ben Gayman, Arthur Toogood, Wallace Harrington, Lawrence Gayman, Ronald Vuilleumier, and Harry Watson.

Heads plowmen

MT. ALBERT - Ivan DeGeer, R. R. 3, Mount Albert, is the 1972 president of the North Ontario Plowmen's Association.

The annual meeting was held at Uxbridge, Nov. 29.

Other members of the executive include - Muir Dack, Brechin, Ross Thompson, Uxbridge, 2nd vice-president; Don Smith, Beaverton, secretary-treasurer and John Martin, R. R. 1, Beaverton, auditor.

The match site next year is on the farm of the president, Scott Township.

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Museum. Mrs. Betty Sanders also provided a beaver skin and other articles from Moosonee. Gina Ferri shared some of the finds from his Indian digs in this area.

The First Stouffville Pack of Cubs allowed us to display a totem pole and masks they had made. Orchard Park Public School made a mural and other pictures of Canadian Indians as their contribution.

We made a special effort for Y.C.B.W., but we try to have something of interest

every week at the Library. Each school in the area is displaying its art throughout the year. Orchard Park has been featured in November and for December it is St. Mark's.

The children's program will begin again Jan. 8, with stories by Mrs. John Garbutt. This program

Motorists charged

YORK REGION - While there will be no is conducted entirely by volunteers.

May we remind you that photocopying is available for ten cents a sheet.

UNICEF Christmas cards will be on sale at the Library until Dec 18.

'spot checks' in York Region, as carried out in Metro, officers will be keeping a close eye on motorists for driving infractions, deputy-chief Bob Hood said this week.

Over the weekend, five persons were arrested, charged with being impaired.

Mrs. Lois Rose turns in her Sony TR-55 Radio. Collects \$100.00.



Mrs. Lois M. Rose, of 107 Manitoba Street, Stouffville, Ontario, took advantage of our offer to buy back any of the original Sony TR-55 radios still around. You remember the TR-55? That was the first transistor radio shipped to Canada from the Sony factory in 1955. Only fifty were brought in and they have now become collector's items. We've been offering \$100.00 for each TR-55 we collect.

Mrs. Rose took her TR-55 in to Mr. Ron Myer of Stouffville Sound & Music. Mr. Myer looks on as Mrs. Rose is presented with her \$100.00 cheque by Mr. Al Griffiths, Sales Representative for General Distributors Limited, exclusive Canadian distributors of Sony consumer products.

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