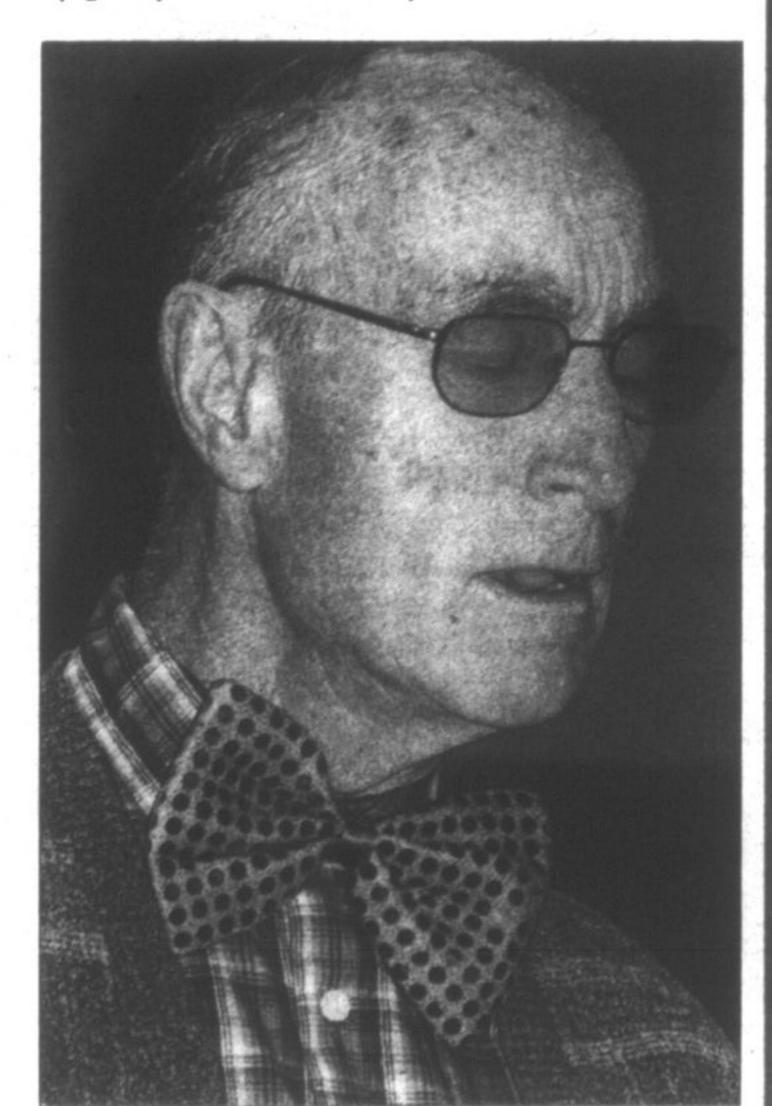




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Myrtle McLean sings to the music of Boris Meichenko (right) during the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library's annual St. Patrick's Day party on Wednesday.





Gennie Cuthbertson sings while Eldon Fretz checks the lyrics of an Irish favourite.

Home show blooming with ideas

As spring temperatures draw you out of your homes, it is time to take stock of your gardens, decks and patios.

Often, these have not weathered the winter as well as you would like.

This weekend's Markham Home Show promises solutions to homeowner problems.

Whether your woes are landscapingrelated or have to do with the interior of your home, the show offers a variety of vendors.

From lawn cutting services to pool companies and interlocking driveway specialists to real estate companies, it promises

to meet the needs of the discerning hom-

Look out for food vendors and a children's area with a bouncing castle.

Gardening expert Mark Cullen will give

three talks and sign copies of his books.

The show is on today from 10 a.m to 6

p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is at the Markham Fairgrounds at 10801 McCowan Rd. on the north-east corner of McCowan and Elgin Mills roads.

Admission is \$3 for adults. Children 12 and under are free.

Go to www.markhamhomeshow.com/ for more information.

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