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Happy 106th to Gertie!

'Just another birthday' for former stenographer

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Gertrude Moses is a slight woman with a quiet voice. But when this 105-year-old great, great grandmother speaks, the room falls silent and everyone's attention turns to her, whether she likes it or not.

Mrs. Moses doesn't like people fussing over her, but that is exactly what friends and family will do Monday when she turns 106.

"Just another birthday, another day," she said of the event.

Mrs. Moses, the eldest of five, was born in Winnipeg in 1905. She moved to Toronto with her family when she was about two years old because her father, a tailor, got a job there.

Mrs. Moses was an honour roll student and after completing business school, she worked as a secretary for a pharmaceutical company and accounting firm. She was also a stenographer for deputy ministers in Ontario's legislature.

She retired at age 75.

Mrs. Moses married Arthur, a boy who lived a couple of streets over from her family's home and



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Gertie Moses is set to turn 106 years old Monday. The former Queen's Park stenographer is the oldest resident at Parkview Home on Weldon Street in Stouffville.

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MAN CONVICTED, SECOND BEFORE COURTS OVER SEX ASSULTS

Youths befriended, taken to Stouffville apartment: police

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Pre-trial court hearings for a Whitchurch-Stouffville man facing several sex charges continue in October.

Nicholas Latour is charged with several counts of sexual assault and sexual interference.

The charges were laid last year after York Regional Police received information about sexual incidents involving three male youths, aged 14, 15 and 17.

That case is back at the Newmarket courthouse Oct. 25, sexual assault unit Det.-Const. Joe Willmets said.

Meanwhile, another Whitchurch-Stouffville man, Peter Hale, who was charged with Mr. Latour June 29, 2010, pleaded guilty to sexual assault a month after his arrest.

Mr. Hale was sentenced to 30 days spent in pre-sentence custody and given probation for two years after being convicted of assaulting a 15-year-old male youth, Det. Const. Willmets said.

Both accused men lived together at a Stouffville apartment, according to police.

Police believe sexual assaults took place at the apartment after youths were befriended and went to the apartment.

If you have information, call police at 1-866-876-5423, ext. 7071, Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS, leave a tip at 1800222tips. com or text TIPYORK and your message to CRIMES (274637).

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