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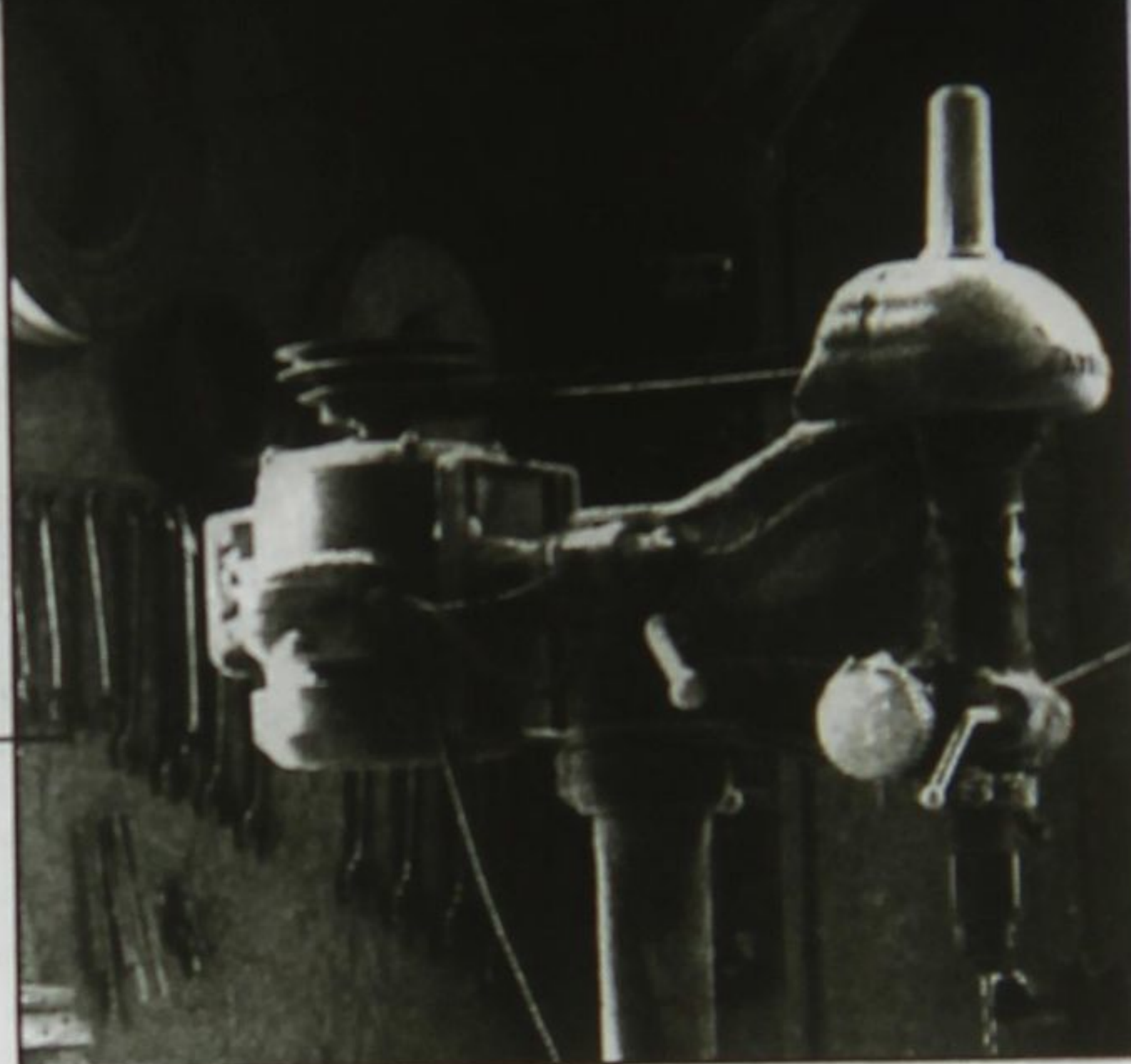
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On June 7, Whitchurch-Stouffville is participating in Doors Open Ontario.

Downtown venues include the Stouffville Clock Tower, built in 1931; Richardson Masonic Lodge at Ninth and Second St., and Schell Lumber Sash and Door Shop on Edward Street. Historical walking tours will depart from Summitview Public School on Main St. at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. and will explore Stouffville's first subdivision, which was registered in 1858.

Further afield, visitors can tour the James Lemon House at 13924 Kennedy Road. Built in 1875 as a double house for a farm family and their retired parents, its family room addition is a 1847 log cabin. A barn on the property houses a collection of antique and vintage hardware.

Lionel's Farm on McCowan Rd. is home to a fascinating collection of historic wagons, carriages, buggies and sleighs dating from the early 1800s to the 1920s.

The collection includes an ambulance, circus and police wagons and a horse-drawn hearse, and the property also contains hundreds of artifacts associated with the community's early life.

Willowgrove, also on McCowan Rd., offers a variety of educational and outdoor programs for young people. Visitors can tour the original 1802 farmstead buildings and wander around the grounds of this beautiful property.

And don't forget to visit Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum and tour the historic onsite buildings which include a pioneer log cabin, Victorian farmhouse, barn and restored classroom. It's an excellent opportunity to see this year's special exhibit: *Fast Forward: Through a Child's Eyes*.

For more information on Doors Open Whitchurch-Stouffville call the museum at 1-888-290-0337 or visit www.doorsopenws.ca.

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Through A Child's Eyes

Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum's 2008 exhibit, *Fast Forward: Through a Child's Eyes* is opening May 16.

Childhood in the 1800s was a very different affair from that experienced by children today. Exhibit narrator 'Annie' provides insight into everyday life, covering a wide range of topics including family, home, school, play, community and social activities. She talks about

the things that worry her and how she envisions her future.

The exhibition provides a fascinating look at an era when children were often treated like miniature adults. Summer museum hours are Wednesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The museum is located on Woodbine Ave. in Vondorf. For more information call 1-888-290-0337

Pancake Brunch A Historic Affair

By Steve Pliakes

Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum traditionally serves a pancake breakfast every April, and this year it was held on the thirteenth, which turned out to be a lucky number.

Actually this was the best one I've ever attended, and the busiest. How can you go wrong with a full breakfast for six dollars? There were people from all four corners of Whitchurch-Stouffville, and believe it or not, some had to wait to find a seat.

Next year, I believe the hours should

be extended so that we can mingle with the familiar faces we happen to know. Where is the museum? It is in Whitchurch, the northwest corner of the municipality, on Woodbine Ave. north of Aurora Road.

It's real country out here and for all the newcomers to Stouffville, the country is very close to the city. If you want history, here is where you will find it, from log cabins to old school houses, with a beautiful creek running through the property.

Come and visit, it's open all year round.

Ballantrae To Host Giant Charity Sale

The residents of Ballantrae Golf and Country Club are hosting a giant charity garage sale, take sale and live auction on May 24 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Ballantrae Community Centre.

All funds raised will be donated to the Markham-Stouffville Hospital fund, said organizer Nancy Myers. "This is our first even, a golden opportunity for all of us here to clean out our cupboards and basements, and have the proceeds

go to a good local cause," she said.

"We have a committee, and residents are volunteering their new, used and unappreciated crawl space treasures, and baked goods, as well as their help on our sale day."

Everyone in the community is encouraged to attend and help make the event a resounding success. Ballantrae Community Centre is located on Aurora Rd., just east of Hwy. 48.