

1955 auto auctioned for \$2,600

To repeat successful stage show

# 64 students modelled own clothes at Don Head Secondary's open house



Horticulture in its many phases, from growing plants to arranging flowers, is another popular course at Don Head Secondary School. Sherry Fuller of 154 Crestwood Road, Thornhill, and Kim

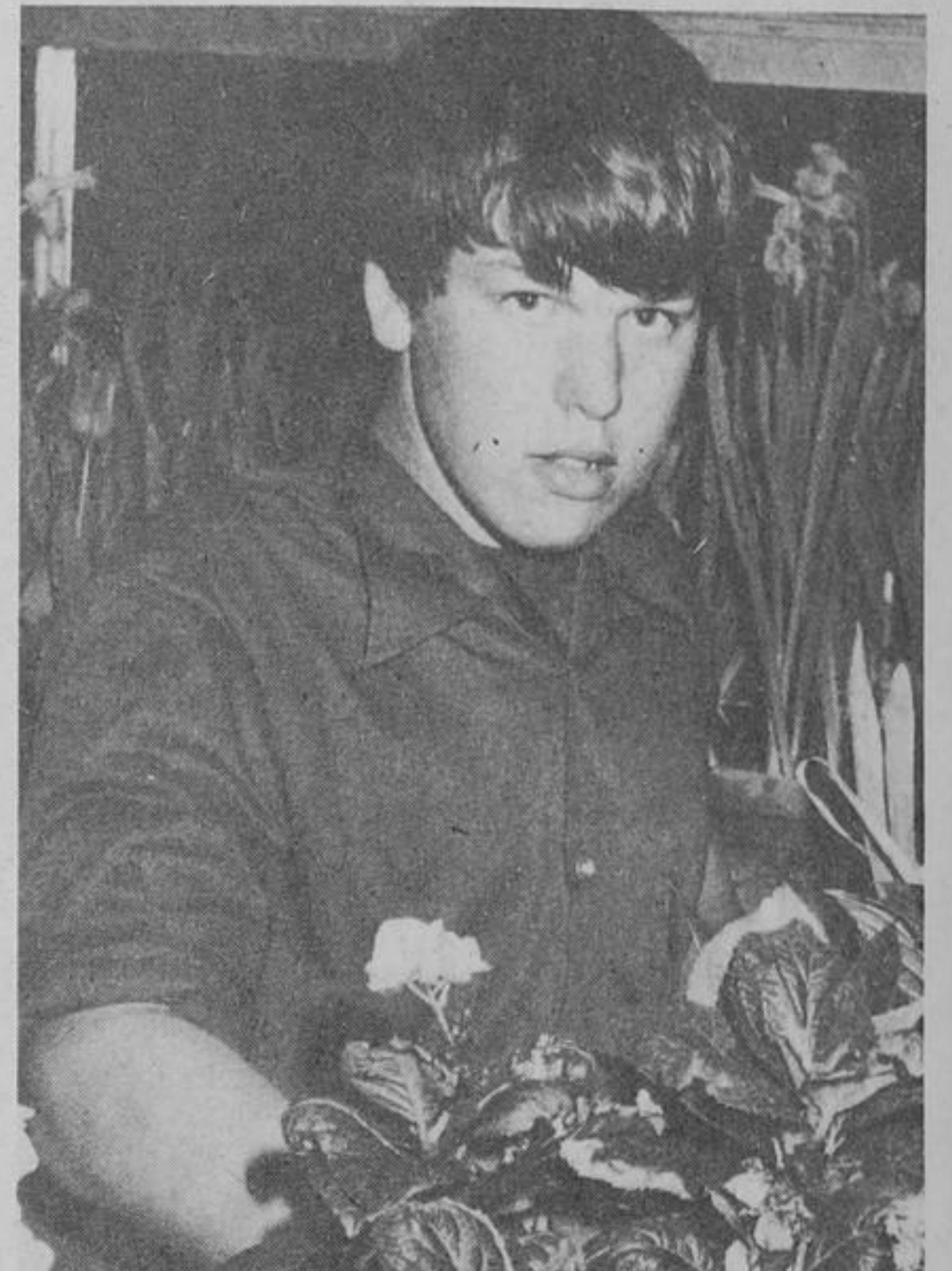
Bartlett of RR 1, Gormley, are seen above as they carefully construct a terrarium which will add greenery to a room and give hours of pleasure with a minimum of care

By Julian Beltrame  
Backstage of the Don Head Secondary School cafeteria, Thursday night, 64 student models stood in their places. They seemed to be attending to last minute details, but mostly they were just getting increasingly frightened of the moment when the stage curtain would spread apart. On the other side of the curtain four times as many parents, relatives and onlookers awaited almost as silently as the participants

backstage. At 7:15 the curtain opened and the fashion show began. Not many schools go to this much trouble for an open house. But Don Head does, every year. Don Head is an unusual secondary school: the boys and girls who attend there aren't the academic type, in fact many have failed most of their school lives. But here in Don Head they learn more than at any previous time in their lives, and for the first time they experience successes in

school instead of failure. **Interest does it**  
Mrs. Eva Teich, sewing teacher and organizer of the fashion show, explains that it's interest on the part of the students which account for her class's achievements. "You saw them out there, they made all those clothes themselves, and they're better than students in ordinary schools," she said. "I let them make what they want, because if they make what they want instead of what the teacher wants, they work five times

as hard." The fashion show featured 64 Don Head boys and girls modelling their own creations. The clothes were made during school hours as part of school work, but only represented a portion of the work done by the students in Mrs. Teich's sewing class. **Car auction**  
Many students opted out of the fashion show for differing reasons, and many other creations made during the fall term were not included. But impressive as it was, the fashion show was again forced to take a back seat to the next highlight on the program: the automobile auction. The car was a 1955 Chevrolet Bel Air, hardly a classic in any auto show. But this one was different. It represented a month-and-a-half rebuilding work by four shops in Don Head—the metal shop, auto service, auto body, and upholstery. And after completion the shiny cream-colored, mag-wheeled super-Chevy turned out to be the ultimate in fifties nostalgia. By 8 o'clock hundreds had crowded into the auto shop where the chrome special was featured. There was the appropriate "Rock around the Clock" music, and slides showing the shop students at work.

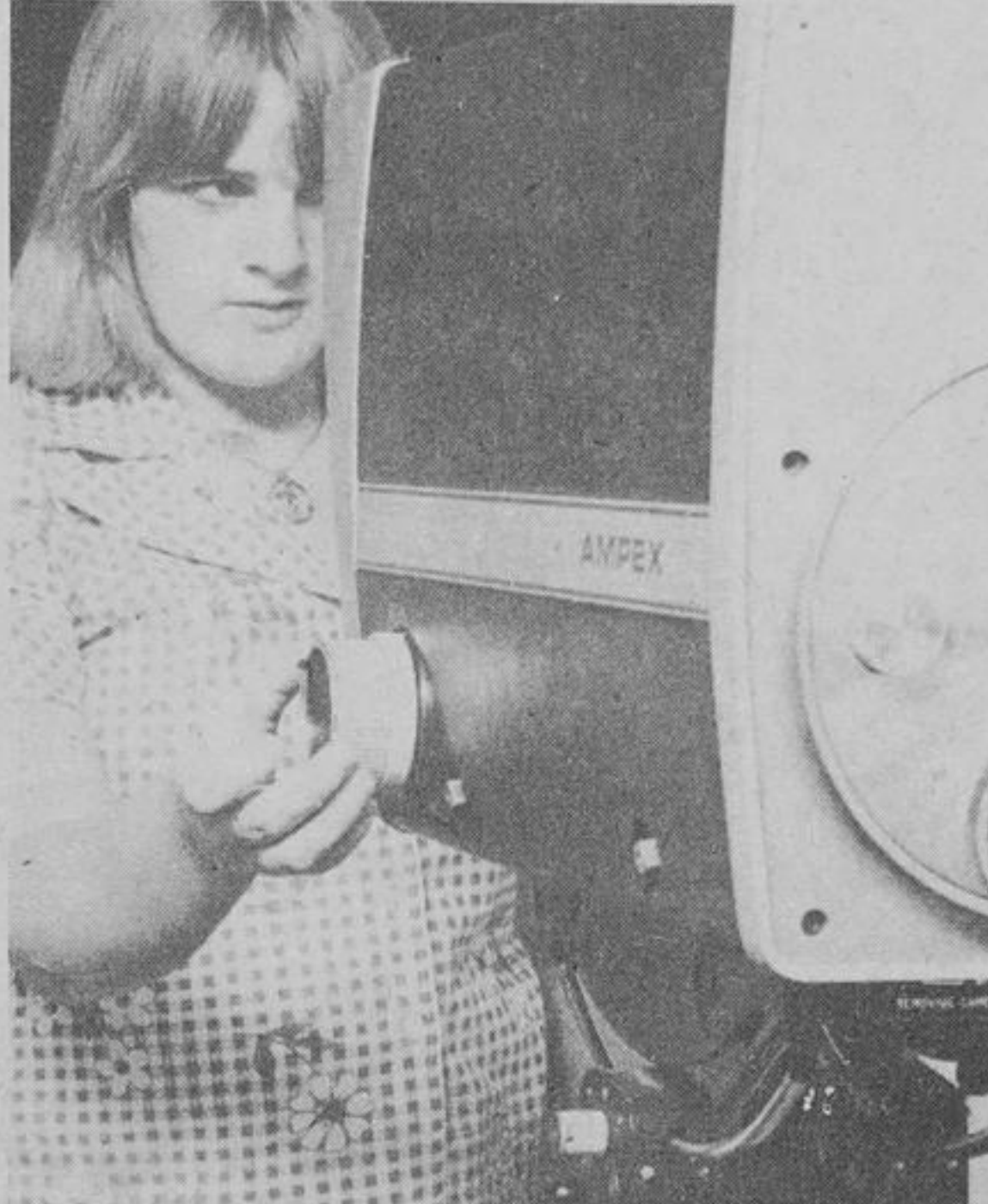


A green thumb is an asset but a knowledge of what to do and when to do it is of greater importance in the horticulture classes at Don Head. Kevin Wells, RR 4, Stouffville, is seen above in the greenhouse during the recent open house with a wide variety of healthy plants.



Showing how it's done, students in Don Head's drivers' training course concentrate on the consoles which simulate action on the road in the classroom. Seen above are (left to right) Steve Colvin, 226

Bluegrass Boulevard, Richmond Hill; Perry Gibson, 4 Richmond Street, Maple; and Frank Alisch, 261 South Taylor Mills Drive, Richmond Hill.



Sally Thornhill of RR 1, Richmond Hill, focuses the television camera on part of the big crowd of parents and friends at Don Head Secondary School's open house. Sally is in the third year of the TV Arts program at the school.

**Professional auctioneer**  
Again present to act as auctioneer was Gord Orr, who told the expectant bidders how glad he was such projects were conducted in schools, "enabling students to use their hands as well as their heads." Before the auction of the car, several other items were auctioned off, including a patio table and two chairs made by the metal shop—which sold for \$77.50. But it was not too soon for anyone by the time the evening rolled around to the dream Chev. A student involved in the making of the car told this reporter that he expected the car to be sold for over \$2,500, which, at the time, seemed a bit steep even for nostalgia.



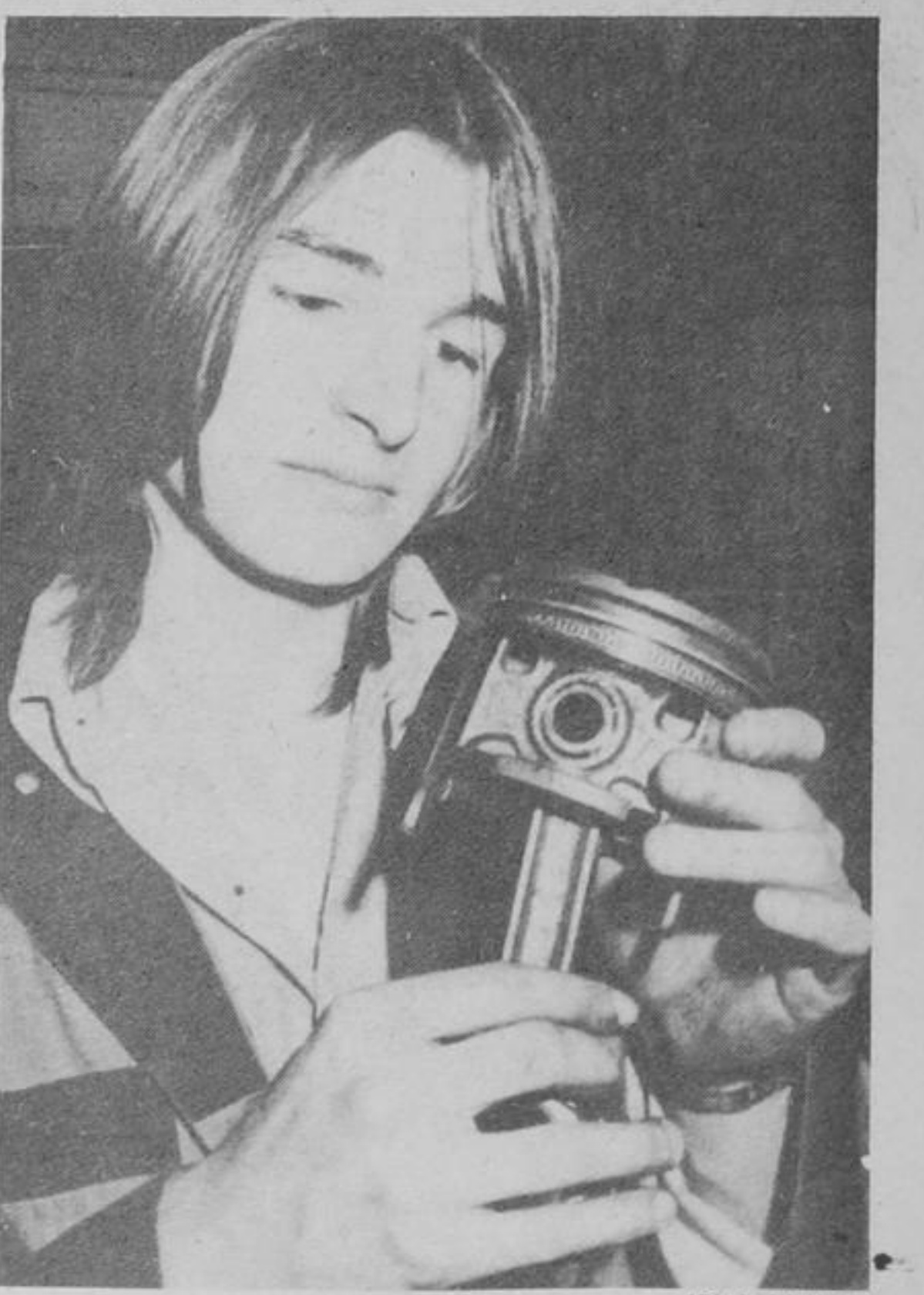
Don Head students get practical experience in the kitchen in the home management course. Their culinary masterpieces are consumed every day by fellow students and staff members in the cafeteria. John Knox, 510 Elm Road, Stouffville, is seen above tasting the chili he is making to make certain the spicing is just right.

**2 bidders left**  
The bidding began at \$1,000 and by the time it got to \$1,600 there were only two bidders left. But by purposely going from one bidder to the other, Gord Orr nursed the bidding up \$50 at a time to over two thousand, and then \$25 at a time to the final sale price of \$2,600.

**Lucky buyer**  
The Bel Air was bought by Wayne Houston who said he wasn't an antique car nut, but felt "the car was a good buy" at \$2,600.

It was the third year the Don Head students auctioned off a rebuilt car. The previous two years brought in \$1,700 and \$1,800 respectively for the school. Also featured during the night was a "kaleidoscope of color" show at the gymnasium which featured the students rendition of the Prince Who Couldn't Smile. But as well as putting on a show, Don Head also gave everyone an inkling of a school's life when the students aren't rebuilding cars, sewing or cooking.

**Academic work**  
Among the academic demonstrations was one on metric conversion, slides of rehearsals in theatre arts, a demonstration of drafting techniques, chemistry, physics and biology experiments, and displays of student work in history and geography. Although no attendance was taken during the night, the scene inside the school was more like Yorkdale during the Christmas rush, than that of a spacious secondary school just barely six years old during open house. Head counts are rather risky, but there seemed no reason to believe this year brought fewer people into the school than last year's 2,000.



One of the most popular courses at Don Head is the one provided by the Auto Shop. This was the scene of an exciting auction during open house when a rebuilt, shiny cream-colored, mag-wheeled 1955 Chevrolet Bel Air brought \$2,600. Above Mark Davis of 131 Oak Avenue, Richvale, is seen examining a piston.

## Annual Spring Fair opens Friday

By Denise Romberg  
The Richmond Hill Agricultural Society will open its annual Spring Fair Friday at the Town Park, Church Street and Lorne Avenue. This is the 126th Spring Fair and events will continue until Sunday. Society President Don Cober said that "people will see some of the best Jersey cattle in Canada at this fair".  
**New exhibit**  
One new exhibit at this year's fair, an exhibit operated by the Unionville Junior Farmers, is Old MacDonald's Farm. Richmond Hill residents will have an opportunity to

get the farm life feeling in a representative setting with real farm animals. Watch for it because it's not mentioned in the index of the program. The majority of the events at the fair will be horse riding and showing activities.  
**500 horses**  
It is expected over 500 horses from farms in Ontario and the Eastern United States will be entered in nine events. Most of these events have received Canadian Horse Show Association approvals. The Quarter Horse Show is the first registered show this season.  
**Fair Queen contest**  
The Fair Queen contest will take place opening day

at 8 p.m. The winner of this event will compete in the CNE Queen contest. Other events included in the fair are a poultry show, a sheep shearing demonstration, a mutt show and a rabbit and cavy show.  
**Women's events**  
The Women's Division sponsored three events this year—Domestic Science, Needlecraft and the School Competition. The needlecraft competition will provide a display of braided and hooked rugs, quilts and household linens. Midway rides will cover a little more space this year and will provide entertainment while fair visitors view some aspects of agriculture.



"Fashions for the Summertime" is the theme of a fashion show May 9 and 10 at Richmond Hill Spring Fair. Judy Calder (left) will model a halter style bathing suit of royal blue with pink and lime green print while Monica Dewar (right) will wear a black one-piece suit with embroidery on the bra. The fashion show will be staged in the new arena with free admission at about 8 pm Friday and 1:45 pm Saturday.



A member of Beta Sigma Phi, Monica Dewar, wears a dress for summer evenings, featuring a flowing A-line skirt with fitted halter top and matching bolero jacket, in the Spring Fair fashion show.



Responsible for organizing the fashion show at the Spring Fair May 9, 10, were the three women seen above, choosing the fashions to be modelled. They are (left to right) Conny Phillips (manager of Reitman's), 45 Trayborn Drive; Hilda Baxter, 247 Harrygan Crescent; and Jane Thomson, 84 Starlight Crescent; all of Richmond Hill. The fashion show is a joint project of the merchants at Richmond Heights Shopping Centre and Delta Lambda Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi.