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## Math victory team effort

THORNHILL — Thornlea secondary school tied for first in the junior mathematics contest sponsored by the University of Waterloo.

About 21,500 students Grades 9 to 11 in 1,065 high schools from eight provinces took part in the contest.

The best five scores from each school are added together to come up with the school total.

Eighty-eight of those students were from Thornlea. Terry Cheny was the teacher in charge.

The top students at Thornlea were Robin Davies, Philip Mansfield, and John Sidwell.

Davies was seventh over all, with a score of 119.5 out of a possible 140. One student from Ottawa achieved a perfect score.

Credit for the team victory should go firstly to the students, and secondly to the mathematics teachers who have stimulated an interest in their subject, says principal Arthur Murch.

"The first year we entered the contest, I think we finished 64th," he said.

Don Attridge, head of the mathematics department, started Math Day at the school a few years ago, one day each year when the focus is on games and puzzles with a mathematical application.

Three years ago, the York County math league was formed. It pits teams in inter-school competition.

Murch had some "digs" for those "including your newspaper" who think students are lacking in some basic skills.

"These students are handling something much more complicated than the math I was doing when I went to school, or anyone who graduated more than five years ago," he said.

The main thing is that the student tries to excel in the things he is good at.

Some may not be good at sports or music, but can shine in math. He said they should get a chance for recognition too.

One thing the Waterloo contest shows is that boys are either better in or more interested in Math than girls.

The top girl finished 45th.



### Prize car to be auctioned

Thirty coats of metalflake and hand-rubbed lacquer! That's only one of the features of this completely re-worked 1969 Datsun. The car will be auctioned off at the Don Head Open House Thursday at 9 o'clock. Shown

here applying some last-minute touches are Claus Plock, the auto body instructor; Bill MacKay of Yonge Street, Richmond Hill; Derrick Lane of Elmwood Avenue, Richmond Hill; Bob Hennessey of

Markham; Ken Barrett of Lincoln Green, Markham; Neil Dysart of Clark Avenue, Thornhill; Tom Carlton of Markham; and (sitting inside) Bob Garthwaite of Maple.

## Fashions, car auction Don Head open house



### Busy young dressmaker

There's "sew" much to do! Gwen Ranko of Henderson Avenue, Thornhill is busy

working on one of the dresses to be sold April 14.

RICHMOND HILL — Don Head secondary school on Major Mackenzie Drive will be throwing its doors open to the public tomorrow evening from 7 to 9 o'clock.

An Overview '77 will feature the results of a year's hard work by the sewing students, whose part of the open house will be called 'Fashion '77'. More than 80 garments... evidence that 'practice makes perfect'... will be modelled, ranging from casual coveralls to elegant evening wear.

Immediately after the show many of the articles will be put on sale, with prices from \$5 to \$20, depending on the material and style of the particular garment.

As well, visitors will enjoy a continuous physical education display, an outdoor education display, a plant sale, student demonstrations, a snack bar, a bake sale, a food school and a driver education showplace.

For car buffs, the highlight of the open house will be a car auction.

The 1969 Datsun to be put on the block is the result of a two-year spirited effort by students in the body shop, auto service shop, upholstery shop, and metal shop.

The vehicle has been completely stripped and re-worked. Of special interest will be the diamond tufted noughahide interior and the rather extraordinary paint job; over 30 coats of metalflake and hand-rubbed lacquer. The auction will begin at 9.

For any further information, please contact publicity chairman F.R. Tucker at 884-3330.



### Models

Here lovely Chris Landry of Henderson Avenue, Thornhill, models one of the many student-made gowns which will be sold at the Don Head Open House.

## Maple goalie can shoot too

MAPLE — 10-year-old David Jurczak was a winner twice in April 2 hockey skills competition.

David had just won the Ontario Minor Hockey Association showdown competition for his age group at Markham Centennial Arena that morning.

He returned to the radar timed shooting competition at the Lions Maple Pancake Festival and won the atom competition with a 44 m.p.h. shot.

It was a bit of an upset. David is a goalie.

This was the second year for the shooting competition at the pancake festival. Shots are timed by York Regional Police officers using a special sports radar device first tested in Maple.

Tribar, the Toronto manufacturers of the Muni-quip police radar, experimented and developed the device to measure the speeds of small projectiles such as hockey pucks and tennis balls.

The same sports model was used on the NHL showdown series.

Other winners in the Maple shoot-out were: peewee, Dennis McCluskey,

Woodbridge, 58 m.p.h.; bantam, Scott Grohman, Maple, 70 m.p.h.; midget, David Massarella, Maple, 73 m.p.h.; open, Dennis Limoges, Maple, 81 m.p.h.

The Maple girl with the fastest shot was Elsie Milne at 30 m.p.h.

### \$80,000 grant

RICHMOND HILL — The Central Ontario regional library system in Richmond Hill is \$80,000 richer as a result of grants from the Ontario Lottery.

The library was one of four such groups in the region of York to receive grants.

Other grants go to the Ontario Ladies Squash Racquets Association in Thornhill — \$6,000; Markham public libraries — \$3,172; King Township public library \$3,000; and Newmarket public library — \$1,775.

# Miklas seeks PC nod in new York North

By Jim Irving

THORNHILL — Dusan "Dusty" Miklas, former Markham township staff engineer, is seeking nomination as Progressive Conservative candidate in the federal riding of York North.

While he may not be able to do anything about all of Prime Minister Trudeau's separation problems, he does feel he can help with one of them. And that is the one dealing with national unity.

"National unity is probably one of the biggest issues before us."

"Confederation is only going to survive if everyone works like hell at it," Miklas told a press conference, in announcing his candidacy at his Thornhill home last week.

The new riding includes the towns of Vaughan, Markham and Richmond Hill.

Miklas could be running against Defence Minister Barney Danson, who has the choice of two ridings. Miklas said there were "no guarantees."

Danson's riding is being split into York Region and Toronto Metro sections. He hasn't yet chosen which one for the next election.

"We have to ensure that all have advantages. It's not a one-sided street," says Miklas.

Canada is a "rudderless ship" at the moment, "heading into a socialist state," Miklas said, while his dog, Sun-Hi — Japanese for Rascal — scratched at the door of the den, as if wanting to add something to the statement.

"I'm a free enterpriser and make no bones about it," said Miklas, giving the door a bang and sending Sun-Hi on his way.

He said he believes in the "basic tenets" of the PC party, which would give more central power to the provinces.

"Each province should have more say in its own destiny," Miklas said.

National unity, housing, unemployment, inflation, productivity, government spending and taxes, are all among the reasons why Miklas is anxious to give federal politics "a shot."

"Canada is in a crisis position in almost every area in which we measure

a country's progress. To be a part of a PC government that intends to solve these problems is sufficient reason to be in federal politics," he said.

On the matter of housing, Miklas said the reason there wasn't any, was because the federal government hadn't made money available to the provinces to service the lands for home construction.

"Then the only way to knock down prices is by basically flooding the market; which is the free enterprise system," Miklas said. "Right now, we don't have sufficient units to do that."

Looking at government spending in other areas, Miklas said he thought it should always be based on the gross national product. Since the Trudeau government took power in 1968, federal spending went from \$10 billion to more than \$40 billion in 1977.

Twenty years ago, the share of the GNP taken by all levels of government was 26 per cent. It was now more than 44 per cent, he said.

"The government must learn the taxpayer is not a renewable resource and that spending must stay in line with the country's GNP," Miklas said.

In the matter of unemployment, Miklas said the government "must provide a climate conducive to private initiative and free enterprise... free of excessive taxation, regulation and control."

"Jobs must be created in the private sector if the economy is to become healthy again," he said.

What about labor? Where did it stand in all this?

Labor had to do its part, too, Miklas said. At present, wages in Canada had passed those of the U.S., which was now trying for parity with Canada.

The American people tightened their belts when they had to, "roughed it and were now coming back," he said.

So far as wage-price controls were concerned, Miklas said he felt they had been left on too long. The PCs had always maintained they shouldn't be kept on indefinitely; there had to be other cures.

The controls should be taken off and the economy left to work itself out.

Although a staunch advocate of the free enterprise system and the individual's right to pull himself up by his

own bootstraps, Miklas said he feels all people should become part of the company.

"If you want to call that socialism, okay, but I think that's free enterprise," he said.

Did Miklas, who has his own engineering and planning consultant firm, have such a system operating there?

"Hmm, hmm," he replied. "I'll have to think about that one."

A native of Slovakia, Miklas, 47, came to Canada when he was nine. He grew up in the Cornwall area and Oshawa.

He graduated from Oshawa High

School and later the University of Toronto, where he received his degree in civil engineering.

He worked both privately and with the former township of Scarborough and former township of Markham, before opening his own firm, D. Miklas and Associates, in 1969.

He and his wife, the former Anne Babik of Toronto, have lived in Thornhill for the past 16 years. They have four children, Greg, 20; Brian, 18; Paul, 16; and Janet, 14. Their home is on Cherry Blossom Lane.

So far, Miklas doesn't know who, if anyone, will be running against him. John Gamble, a Markham solicitor,

is mentioned as a possible candidate; another lawyer, Vaughan Regional Councillor Dave Fraser, has been mentioned.

However, Miklas said he asked him "point blank" and he said no. Also mentioned is Markham Councillor Walter Grieve.

In the meantime Miklas has picked up considerable backing in his own area, an area which he knows as well as the back of his slide rule. And he feels that it's locally where his strength lies.

He knows it physically as an engineer, socially as a resident and participant in such activities as scouts, sports — he was once a Triple A ball

player — and fund-raising drives, and politically as a member of both provincial and federal riding associations.

Now he has built up his firm, which he plans to move to Markham within the next year, to the point where he has more free time, he wants to try his political hand federally.

"I think I can give (Barney) Danson as good a shot as any," he says, "I think I have as good a feel as anyone for local issues."

Rascal gives a couple of barks from the background.

Obviously he agrees. The party's scheduled nomination day is June 14.



### Family behind their Dad in campaign

The Progressive Conservative Party voting for a federal nominee for York North doesn't get under way until June 14. But Dusty Miklas, far right, is already getting

his campaigners ready. The former Markham township staff engineer is making his first bid for a political seat. Set to join him and his wife, Anne, on the

campaign trail are his children, left to right: Craig, 20; Janet, 14; Brian, 18; and Paul, 16 (sitting). "Rascal," the family mascot, is the other member.