

# STOUFFVILLE DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

## Interview With Mr. W. E. Duxbury

Dave Colburn, Gr. 11A  
Perhaps one of the most difficult jobs in teaching is being principal of a high school. This individual has the duty, not only of teaching regular classes, but being responsible for almost the entire school program through the year. Long hours, the preparing of examination schedules and time tables for hundreds of students, are only a few of the heavy requirements of present day principals.



W. E. Duxbury, Principal

Mr. W. E. Duxbury, principal of Stouffville District High School, is certainly no exception. Mr. Duxbury has been principal at our school for the past 7 1/2 years. He obtained previous experience while teaching at Caledonia for four years, and being principal at Cayuga, situated south of Hamilton, for 4 years. Mr. Duxbury obtained his B.A. degree at the McMaster University and spent one year at the Ontario College of Education in Toronto. He has completed eight summer courses. He finds that in working at his occupation, there is never a monotonous day. "Being principal, you are never sure what is going to come up, or who is going to contact you each day," states Mr. Duxbury. However, much time has to be spent with students who aren't really interested in their school

work. "This usually leaves me with the feeling that I am not giving as much of my time as I would like, to pupils who are seriously engaged in their studies, but are still having difficulties with their work," he said. "Teen-agers are often misjudged in today's society. The majority of them are honest, reliable citizens, possessing a good deal of enthusiasm and energy, and having a good deal to contribute to society," he continued. "In contrast to the opinion of some of today's adults, teen-agers have not degenerated in character from past generations."

Mr. Duxbury believes that the future will bring about additional courses which will be added to the curriculum. At present we have only the five year Arts and Science course and the one year Special Commercial course. There are other 4 year courses which are somewhat easier, and yet valuable, and these should help to keep students in school longer. He hopes that Stouffville will soon have a four year commercial course beginning in Grade 10.

Despite much discussion on the matter of what subjects are most important in a secondary school, Mr. Duxbury believes each subject is on the curriculum for a certain purpose, and that all are of equal importance, depending on the individual student.

### TICKETS NOW ON SALE

Finally the long-awaited tickets for this matchless spectacle are on sale. If you act promptly, you may not have to settle for standing room. Already a block of 100 tickets has been reserved, and the demand is mounting. Any student from SDHS can sell you a ticket. They are going for only one low, low price — \$1.00. And they may be reserved at no extra cost. A student will have a seat reserved for you, or, if you prefer, you may reserve it yourself at the school wicket where you can obtain a complete idea from the seating plan of what seats are not yet taken. A group may reserve a block of tickets; so how about having a theatre party? It's inexpensive and it's fun!

## Operetta Interview

Alan Lee, Gr. 10B

Mr. Maben is in charge of the financial end of the operetta. He held this post in H.M.S. Pinafire and various other productions. The forty dollars so far spent is increasing rapidly as more bills come in. Mr. Maben says the costumes, which have been ordered will cost the most. Music scores and scenery will be the next expensive.

### Tickets On Sale Wednesday, February 5th

Mr. Maben is also responsible for the selling of tickets. He will give each class representative, tickets to hand out to the students. They in turn will sell them to the public. Reserved tickets may be obtained at the school office or by contacting students.

The question is "Will Mr. Maben be able to balance the books?" Don't let us down — come to the operetta!

### Scenery in Full Swing

Roger Mole is taking care of the scenery. He has had a great deal of experience from working on decorations for school dances and other functions. Mr. Mole gave him the main idea of the scenery needed and Roger made this idea fit the stage. His first job was the drafting of the levels. This work started in the Christmas holidays. Right now he is working on the props.

### Two Scenes Needed

The first scene contains mainly a rocky coast line. A backdrop of water and sky will make up the main part, with four different stage levels. In the second scene the backdrop will be kept. Pillars and arches will be moved on stage and bolted to the levels. This will create the ruins of a Saxon and Gothic style chapel. This part of the scene is very heavy and will pose a problem in setting it up. This scene may take place at moonlight using dramatic lighting effects. So far the lighting arrangement has not been decided on.

### Keep Under \$80

Masonite and plywood, supported by 2 by 4's will be used in the chapel. Roger is hoping that a backdrop of canvas can be obtained. If not, the old stage curtains or cheesecloth will be used for this. All the lumber is bought through the school shop, from Schell Lumber. Roger says the scenery will cost about \$80. Although many problems have come up, the main one will be in moving the scenery quickly. Painting will start soon. All in all, Roger will be kept quite busy getting it done before the 28th of this month.

February 24. — The final determining round of debates to be held on Monday, Feb. 24, between Stouffville and King City to determine the winner of the Knowles Trophy. The public is welcome. (As the time of the contest has not yet been decided, it will be announced next week.)

## High School Sports

### Ferguson Leads Midget Team To Victory

Our Midgets played their second league game against Woodbridge and squeezed out a 24-22 win. At the end of the third quarter we had a 24-18 lead. In the last quarter we were held to no points but Woodbridge only managed to get 4. Ferguson was outstanding for us, getting 11 points and playing a strong defensive game. Dave Boyd also scored 6 points. The Juniors had a bad game all around and dropped a 49-32 decision to Woodbridge. The absence of our regular coach might have been the

reason for our loss. Later in the week the Juniors won an easy exhibition game to Pickering College 31-19. Otto and Buckland were high scorers for Stouffville, getting 12 and 11 points respectively. The Seniors, playing a league game, gained a 25-23 win. At half time we were winning 17-7 but were outscored in the last half, 16-8. This almost caused a defeat but after excellent passing, the Stouffville crew held the victory. Jim Hill was high scorer for Stouffville, getting 14 points.

## Boys Athletic Night

Paul Glover

All week long, the students of SDHS waited for the arrival of Friday the 31st. After all hadn't the posters promised "Liz Taylor and 10,000 Dancing Girls on Our Stage" Well, in any case, they did come to see the three best basketball games of the century.

Although we couldn't persuade Liz to show and although the full cast of 10,000 didn't turn up, we did have Roger Mole's Operetta scenery on the stage, 13 of the best cheerleaders this side of Markham-Dixon (Hill) line, and one of the best evening entertainments that I've seen around Stouffville in a long time.

Once the officials managed to entice David Rehill off the floor, our own Mighty Midgets and the Gorgeous Girls of Stouffville High took to the court. The problem of rules was solved by having the first half played with Girls rules and naturally enough the second half with Boys rules.

This agreement must have been settled with a double headed coin as the boys obviously had the advantage even in the first half which ended with a score of 14 to 10. In the second half, despite the odd extra player on the floor, the boys extended their lead to win the game 24 to 12.

The next event was the grudge match of the year with the Junior Citizens trying to get even for all those detentions. With a line up like Mr. Waite, Mr. Maben, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Groom, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Rehill, Norm Hendricks and Allan Boyd, it's no wonder that the teachers lost. Despite Mr. J. Marshall's dazzling shorts, which blinded the opposition, Mrs. Rehill's guidance from the sidelines, the appearance of the Black Knight (Mr. Maben) all the way from UNFD (whatever or wherever that may be), the squad from the staff were solidly trounced. In all fairness, however, we must admit that they lived up to their responsibilities as representatives from Pedagogy State U. Mr. Maben, for example, gave a terrific display of ball handling, while Mr. Rehill showed everyone how to "travel". The score at half time was 6 to 0 and by the end of the game, the boys had extended their lead to 20 to 6.

The third game, between the Spartans '63 and Spartans '64 turned out to be as thrilling and as crowd pleasing a display of basketball as you could find anywhere. Despite a layoff of at least 1 year for the Grads, they managed to play the game quite handsily with this year's senior team who, by the way, have a very good chance of winning the Georgian Bay Championship. The score at quarter time was 12 to 7 in favour of '64 and 15 to 12 at the half.

In the third quarter some of the fastest basketball was played as the Grads began to find their legs. By the end of the fourth quarter, they were closing the gap and seriously threatening '64's lead.

In the last minute of play, the score was tied 26 to 26 until a basket by Mike Paul for the Grads put them ahead 28 to 26. With forty seconds to go Gord Powell had the opportunity to tie the game with two foul shots, but managed only to sink the

first. The result was a well earned win 28 to 27 for the Grads in a game that wasn't settled until the very second that the buzzer sounded.

After such a game, SDHS-1964 must salute the team of '63 (Warren Hendricks, Mike Paul, Lloyd Graves, Fred Watson, Gary Yates and Eldon Wagg) as the undisputed Champs.

## PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST FINALS

Linda & Bob Smith

On the evening of Monday, Jan. 27, the Stouffville District High School, Speaking Contest Finals, sponsored by Stouffville Lions Club, were held at the Masonic Hall.

The contestants attended a dinner held in their honour, followed by the competitions.

Each student presented a prepared speech as well as an impromptu.

The judges were Mrs. Win. Packer, Rev. Mr. Borland and Mr. Bert Newell, principal of Markham Dist. High School. Mr. Ken Wagg gave his services as time-keeper.

The winners of the "Junior Finals" were Janice Smith (1st), Linda Sargent (2nd) and Pam Giles (3rd).

In the "Seniors", Heather Smith won first prize, Janet Button second and Noel Steckly, third.

All contestants received trophies according to their merit.

The contest was concluded by Mrs. Win. Packer who commented briefly on the speeches.

Our thanks to Mr. Cecil Hendricks and his committee for giving to our pupils this opportunity to gain valuable experience.

## Inter-School Christian Fellowship

Rosalyn Kreck, Gr. 12B

On the night of Friday, Jan. 24, twenty excited teenagers tumbled out of cars and scrambled into the bob sleigh which stood waiting for them on the farm of Mr. Falsley. With a "giddy-up" to the horse we were off across the fields amid shouts of laughter and the jingling of sleigh bells. As we arrived at the toboggan hill, we piled out of the sleigh and raced for the empty toboggans. Minutes later we were whizzing down the glassy slopes. When we were finally tired out, we clambered aboard the sleigh and sped back across the fields.

Arriving at Wideman's, we gathered around the piano and had a lively sing-song, accompanied by Paul Faucett on his saxophone. This was followed by a devotional.

The evening was highlighted with the boys flipping the flapjacks in the kitchen. Tired, but happy we climbed into the cars and made our way home.

Other socials such as this one are enjoyed by the I.S.C.F. (Inter-School Christian Fellowship) club in high school.

Our motto is "To know Christ and to make Him known." For this reason we meet as a group of interdenominational students, with our staff sponsor, Mrs. Mariatt, every Wednesday afternoon for discussions and Bible studies led by students and visiting speakers. We extend a warm welcome to anyone who would wish to join us.

## SKATING PARTY

Don't forget the Student's Council Skating Party this Friday at the Youth Centre. Admission — only 35¢ — See you there at 8:00 p.m.

## VALENTINE'S DANCE

February 14 — The annual Valentine's Dance will be held on the evening of Feb. 14. Little Caesar and the Consuls will be there to provide the music and make the evening a lively one.

## Editorial . . .

STOUFFVILLE — DEAD ?

Linda Smith — Gr. 11A

We're in a disappointing state when the teen-agers of our town grumble that "Stouffville is dead; stagnant; where's all the fun? There's not enough entertainment!"

But the time comes when a brave little group tries to organize clubs or dances and what happens? They are rewarded for their labours by a very poor turnout of kids, a small minority of those who "felt it was a great idea", to begin with.

Stouffville isn't a big town. Why then, is it so hard to introduce new ideas for entertainment, which will become realities, and remain as such?

Anyone who ever thought of setting up, for instance, a show, would immediately become discouraged because the teens of Stouffville have fallen into an habitual pattern of Friday night movies in Markham and Saturday night dances in the "city". The school crowd is, of course, provided with numerous football and basketball hops, but, let's face it, the council can't afford to put on a dance every week-end throughout the year.

And what happens in the summer? Ninety percent of the kids welcome a chance to get away from Stouffville for a couple of weeks to find some "action".

Recently, I've been hunting around for different opinions from teen-agers and adults alike. The general outlook is blunt but very true. "There's no point in helping people who won't help themselves."

Those who are complaining about our "bored-beyond-limits" town, ought to, for a start, get out and support some of these groups who have so far, strived in vain for acceptance. Now that the bowling alley and Teen-Town are back for a second try, let's hope that the teens will give better assistance than they have in the past.

Teen-age entertainment needs TEEN-AGE SUPPORT! Perhaps the future will be more inviting if the kids do consider their predicament in complete sincerity.

### GOING STEADY

Ron Castle

I feel that teenagers definitely should not be allowed to go steady. But I am not against dating, not by a long shot. In fact I feel teenagers should be allowed to date frequently and if possible date different persons every time around. Now take for instance a teenager who goes steady. He or she is assured of having a date for most of the dances and other social functions. And for this reason, along with others, a large percentage of teenagers go steady. But this tends to deprive them of the enjoyment of meeting people with different interests and personalities.

On the other hand the person who free-lances has the chance to gain interest in many fields of activity, therefore increasing his knowledge and interest by dating a different person each time.

On entering into the new surroundings of high school some teenagers are shy and refrain from meeting new people. These people usually want to attend the dances, but are afraid of what the others might think because they haven't got dates. So to them going steady means they will have a date whom they know and who will be available when a dance comes up. These people should learn to make friends — a good way is to date different people.

A rule that I think would be in good taste to remember when the thought of going steady arises is that "Variety is the Spice of Life".

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## Ski Club

Karen Dedlow, Gr. 9D  
The Stouffville and Newmarket High School Ski Clubs joined facilities for a trip to Beaver Valley near Flesherton on Saturday. We left at 7:30 and arrived at 11 o'clock with 39 members aboard. Three T-bars were working and snow conditions were good. Mr. Waite chaperoned the excursion. We left at 4:45 and arrived home at 8:00 with only one sprained ankle. For many students this was the first trip to the bigger hills, but they returned home undaunted and eagerly awaiting the next trip. (NOW — anyone else interested? We welcome new members!) Next Week: Look for our helpful new column — "Ski Tips."

## GIRLS' BASKETBALL

On Thursday, the Girl's basketball teams played host to Markham in two fast-moving exhibition games. Our guests came out on top in both rounds. The Juniors lost by a 10-17 score with Donna Knox as high scorer. The Seniors were trounced, with Marlon Byer scoring high.

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