

TOPS Stouffville club-crowned first-year queen

Lost 53 pounds

STOUFFVILLE — One year ago, Mrs. Ruby Mansfield, Watson Drive, Stouffville, tipped the scales at 213 pounds. That was before she became a member of the town's Centennial TOPS Club. Now she's down to 160 and on Monday evening, was crowned Stouffville's TOPS Queen.

In spite of her pounds-off success, she's not finished yet. Dr. Glen Graham, the family physician has set 150 as her goal but Ruby intends to do even better than that.

She wants to get down to an even 140 and then hold it right there.

Mrs. Ronald Mansfield, a resident here, four years, loves to keep busy. With three children, Norma-Lee, 10; Kent, 9 and Bradley, 8 she is busy. In addition to everyday household chores, she also holds a daily job at Kent-Tools Limited in Markham. One would think that such an active life would keep any woman fit as a fiddle. With some, it probably does, but with Ruby, it didn't work that way. She, like Winie Dart, of Mongolia, decided that the time had come to embark on more drastic measures. Membership in the Stouffville TOPS Club was the answer. The President is Jackie Turner. They meet every week in Christ Anglican Church, Sunset Boulevard.

Stouffville's Centennial TOPS Club was organized only last year and Ruby is their first Queen. The runner-up is Mary Reesor of

Dickson's Hill. She lost 24 and a half pounds. Ruby will attend the Ontario TOPS Convention at the Royal York Hotel in April.

"I made me my centennial project," said Ruby, "at first it was rather hard but now it's not so bad. When I think of what I used to eat..."

Ruby lost four pounds the first week and 12 pounds in the first three. "Coffee breaks at work are the most difficult. When you see others eating, you feel you'd like to join them but you can't. But the compliments I receive make it all worth while, especially from those who haven't seen me for a while."

What does Mr. Mansfield have to say about it? "He felt it was just a fad — that I wouldn't stick with it," said Ruby with a gleam in her eye, "I now point the finger at him." Ron weighs 190.

Mrs. Mansfield said that it can become pretty discouraging when you put on a dress to go out and find it fits too tightly. "Now, I'm afraid to buy any for fear in a month or two they might be too loose." But her worries are only temporary. When she attains her 140 pound goal, Ron has promised Ruby a complete new wardrobe. So, come Easter Sunday, if you see a neat, trim mother of three on the Main Street "board-walk," with a brand new outfit, you'll surely know that Mrs. Ronald Mansfield has attained her goal.



There are not too many calories in a cup of tea, says Mrs. Ruby Mansfield, Watson Drive. She is Stouffville's first TOPS Queen, officially crowned at a ceremony, Monday night. —Staff Photo

Forty years in the ministry

STOUFFVILLE — The Stouffville area lost one of its native sons and the United Church lost a devoted pastor in the passing, Feb. 27 of Rev. Russell J. Pike, in the Toronto to East General Hospital.

Born at Bethesda, Rev. Pike served many pastoral charges in a period that covered forty years. He was the son of the late Isaac Pike and Nancy Bowman.

Mr. Pike occupied pulpits at Brampton, Udon, Vroomant, Port Carling and Collingwood. His last post was at Brampton which he was forced to vacate in the fall due to ill health.

Besides his wife, the

former Mary M. (Lena) Pipher, he is survived by two sons, Ivan, Toronto, Harold, Bagotville, Quebec and one daughter, Mrs. Marie Mansbridge of Brampton. There are also five brothers, Abe and Howard of Toronto; Maurice, Bethesda, Allan, St. Catharines, Lloyd of Ajax and two sisters, Mrs. Cora McKee, Los Angeles, California and Sue (Mrs. Clifford Burkholder) Bethesda. There are seven grandchildren.

Service was held Saturday from Dickson's Hill United Missionary Church with interment, Dickson's Hill Cemetery. The pall bearers were nephews, George Pike, Donald Pike, Howard Burkholder, Gordon Burkholder and two grandsons, Paul and Peter Mansbridge.

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Sister of slain missionary to speak at service

Markham — On Sunday evening, Mar. 10 at 7:30 p.m., Mrs. George Irwin will be speaking in the United Missionary Church, Main Street, Markham. Mrs. Irwin, along with her husband, has served as a missionary for 20 years with the Christian and Missionary Alliance in Viet Nam. No mission field has been more in the news in recent weeks than Viet Nam. In a major push of the Viet Cong from the north at the end of January, six missionaries of the C. and M.A. were killed. Included in this number were Rev. and Mrs. Ed. Thomson, parents of five children. Mrs. Thomson was a sister of Mrs. Irwin. Mr. and Mrs. Irwin have been designated as guardians of the five children. They have two children of their own.

Mrs. Irwin comes from a missionary family of seven children five of whom found missionary service with the same society. Mr. Irwin's parents were also missionaries. His father, the late Mr. E. Frank Irwin, was born

in Markham. "We grew up in French Indo China," says Mrs. Irwin, "when Viet Nam was a colony. We were there when the Japanese landed to occupy the country during World War II." Speaking of her missionary career which began in 1947, she says, "It has been deeply rewarding, fruitful, and at times, almost too exciting."

With this background of missionary experience, and her ability to bring us

up to date on current events in war torn Viet Nam. Mrs. Irwin will be a most interesting speaker. Referring to the future she says, "we are still hoping to be able to return to Viet Nam and be back in Saigon by July, 1968."

An invitation is extended to everyone to attend this great missionary service. Special music will be provided by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ohlman.

Mr. Ohlman is Director of the Willow Springs Bible Camp of the Canadian Sunday School Mission, R.R. 4, Stouffville.



Mrs. George Irwin

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Green lights for autos

ONTARIO COUNTY — William Newman, Conservative member for Ontario South, introduced a bill in the Legislature Wednesday that calls for green lights at the rear of cars and trucks and for compulsory wearing of safety helmets by motorcyclists.

The bill would amend the Highway Traffic Act by adding two sections to it: "No person shall sell, offer or expose for sale a new motor vehicle manufactured after Jan. 1, 1970, other than a motorcycle, unless there is affixed to each side of the rear thereof, in a conspicuous position, a lamp, which when lighted, shall display a green light only, which shall be clearly visible at a distance of at least 500 feet from the rear of the vehicle and, when a stop

lamp is incorporated with such, it shall, when actuated upon the application of the service or foot brake, emit a red light.

"No person shall ride on a motorcycle unless he is properly wearing a safety helmet that complies with the regulations."

The Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council may make regulations prescribing the standards and specifications of safety helmets that shall be worn by persons riding on motorcycles.

As a private member's bill, Mr. Newman's bill will be debated during the private members' hour, held weekly. Each such bill is given routine first reading, but is generally talked out at the next stage.

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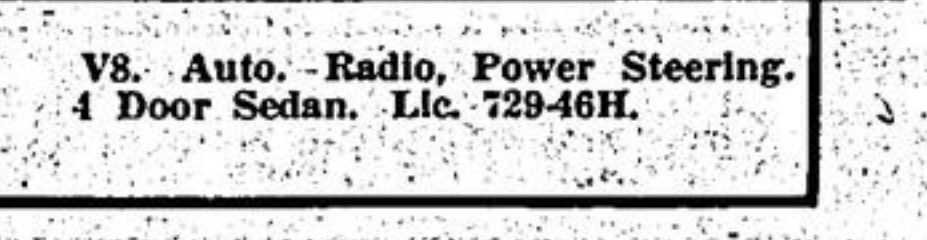


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