

Vocal selections feature high school music night program



Vocal numbers highlighted the second annual Music Night show, presented by students of Stouffville Dist. Secondary School. One of several participants was Anne Duxbury, Grade 12. —Staff Photo



Another soloist was Donna Wright, also of Grade 12. —Staff Photo

By JIM THOMAS
STOUFFVILLE — The lady in a seat next to mine applauded enthusiastically as Grade 12 student, Anne Duxbury concluded her number 'Love Is a Many Splendored Thing'.

The same lady held her ears and closed her eyes as a rock and roll band went through a prolonged instrumental orgasm, punctuated by head-splitting drums and flashing lights.

That, in a nutshell described the show held in the auditorium of Stouffville District Secondary School Friday night. It extended to the sublime and the ridiculous.

The music, with the exception of the 'noise number' at the end was excellent and the audience loved it. Donna Wright, Debbie King, Elaine Borland, Beverley Bell, Linda Sargent, Anne Duxbury and Ted Topping excelled on vocal. Student, Linda Sargent, who does all things well, teamed up with Ruth Parsons in a lovely duet. The mixed choir, under her leadership, was much improved over last year and the boys, although out-numbered ten to one, held their own.

The school orchestra, like the choir, was the best yet, although the drums were too loud. That, in fact, was the program's only problem—it was too loud and too long. Due to 'technical difficulties', the show extended past the hour of 11 p.m. and a few of the patrons with young children were forced to leave before the finish. Several numbers, including the 'noisemakers' at



A mixed choir of thirty voices was led by Linda Sargent, Grade 13. —Staff Photo

the end, could and should have been cut.

More than ever, we are convinced that there is a wealth of talent among student personnel at Stouffville High. We feel that the annual 'music night' show should be a continuing thing but we contend that the program should be limited to only music, comedy without comedians is not funny.

Stouffville audiences are usually quite conservative in both their praise and their applause. Such was not the case Friday. They clapped a lot and even laughed a little. The former was deserved. The latter was not.

We feel that an all-stu-

dent show, to be a 100 percent success, must be arranged to suit not the students, but the customers. And adults of my generation and older, just don't 'dig' noise. Fortunately, the noise was kept to a minimum but even a little was too much.

Unfortunately, in our opinion, too much stage talent was kept hidden under a bushel. Ed Wideman, for example, has possibly the best male voice in the school. He could have sung a solo or, better still, teamed up with Donna Wright in a duet. Beverley Bell was there but where was her accompanist? And what about a few sacred num-

bers? The world, both teen and adult is not totally sold on folk music or rock and roll.

It can be said that the good numbers were so excellent that they more than made up for the bad. Had the bad numbers been withdrawn entirely, the show of 1968 would have sold itself for 1969. If the promoters still insist that 'noise' is music, then they would do their audience a favor by issuing ear plugs with every program.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Barton, Hornepayne, are spending a week with Mrs. A. Barton, Glad Park Avenue.

Daffodil tea

A meeting of the Stouffville Branch of the Canadian Cancer Society was held recently at the home of Mrs. John Badgerow. Plans were made for the annual Daffodil Tea to be held May 2 at the home of Mrs. Arthur Latham. Daffodil Sunday will be March 31. Daffodils have been donated to the United and Anglican churches and it is hoped that other interested people will see that daffodils are placed in their churches to remind congregations that April is the month of Hope.



Ruth Parsons (left) and Linda Sargent blended their voices in a lovely duet.

More phones

STOUFFVILLE — The Bell Telephone Company of Canada enjoyed a record year of growth during 1967, according to figures released this week by district manager, Gordon Wansbrough.

In Stouffville, the number of telephones in service increased by 227 to a total of 3,166. Across the country, 284,000 telephones were added to Bell's switching facilities bringing the number to over five million at the end of the year.



Markham rally

Dr. Robert McClure, a surgeon who retired at the age of 68 after 14 years in charge of a Christian Missionary Society hospital in Ratlan, India, will attend a mass rally in the auditorium of Markham Dist. High School, March 27, at 8 p.m. Dr. McClure also spent 40 years in China and four years treating Arab refugees in the Gaza Strip. On March 24, he will

address a gathering in Trinity United Church, Newmarket, at 7:30 p.m.

Bugle Corps Dance
The Stouffville Drum and Bugle Corps will hold a dance in the Legion Hall March 29 with a live orchestra. The admission is \$3.00 per couple. Tickets are available by phoning 640-2875 or 640-3272.

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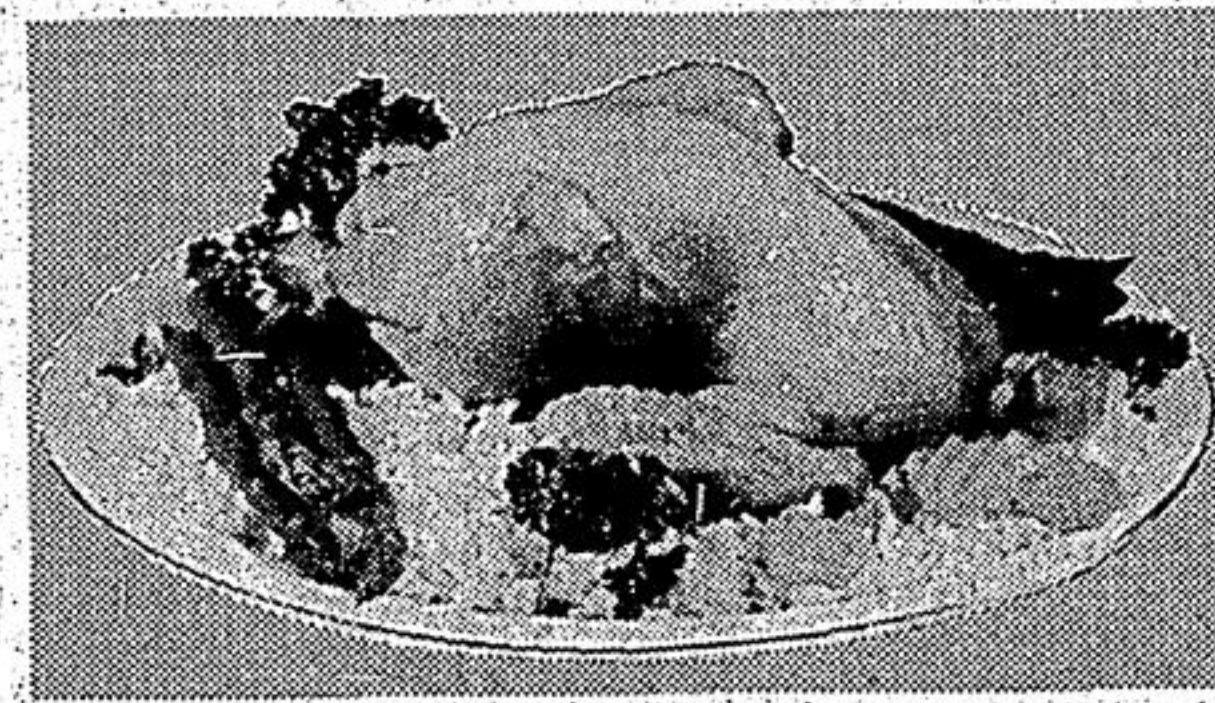
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