

Students receive awards at S.D.S.S. graduation night

Linda Sargent night

STOUFFVILLE — Principal W. E. Duxbury referred to the Graduation Exercises of Stouffville Dist. High School, Friday, as 'Linda Sargent Night'. It surely was.

The Ontario Scholar with an average of 91% received no less than nine individual awards in addition to her Secondary School Honor Graduation Diploma. She also delivered the valedictory address.

The guest speaker for the evening was Dean W. B. Stoddart of Seneca College. Principal Duxbury and Board Chairman Gordon Rateliff also addressed the gathering.

It marked the final appearance of the district board on a Commencement platform. The new County system will assume office, Jan. 1. One member will represent both Stouffville and Whitchurch.



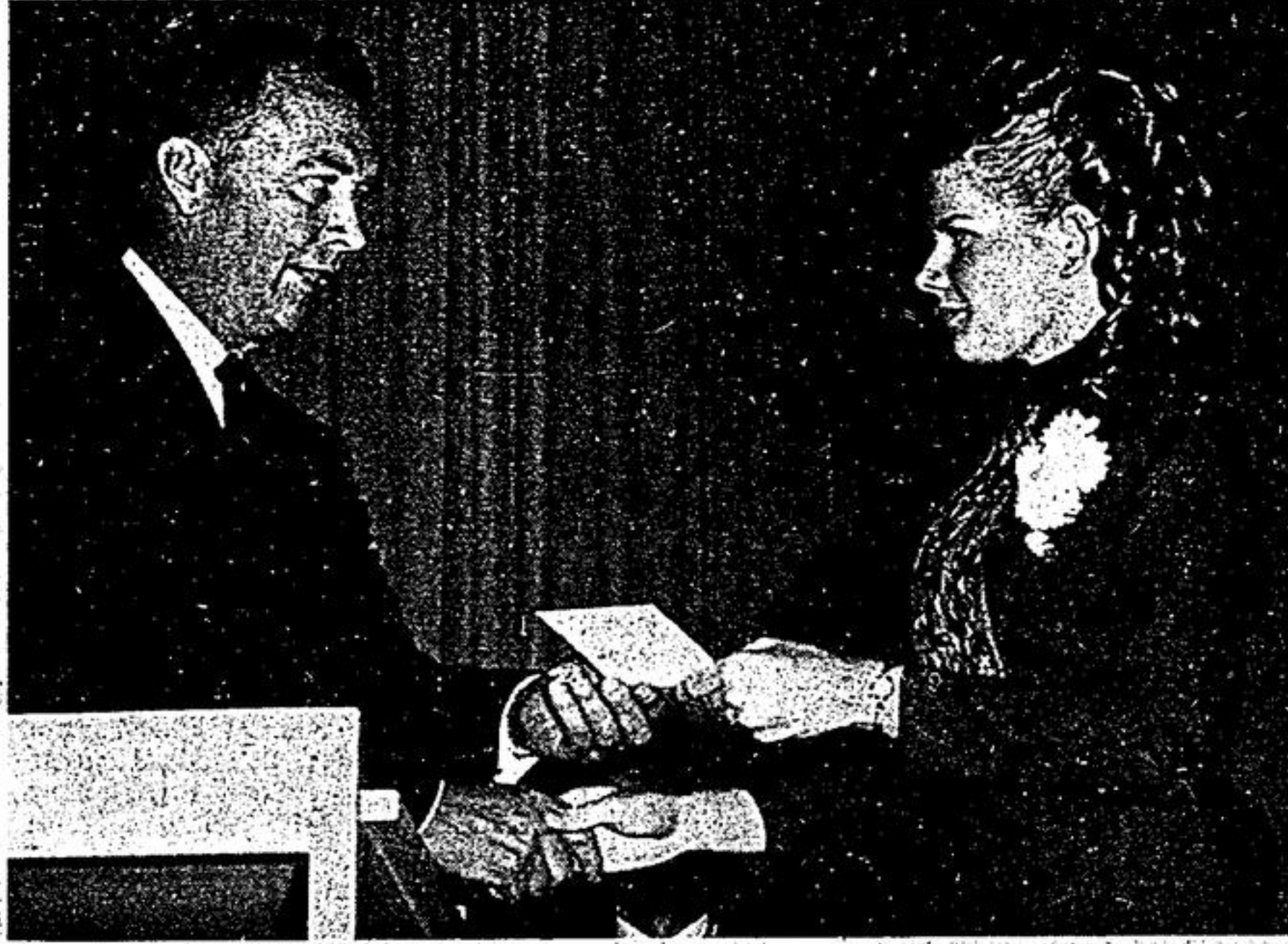
Graduation exercises of Stouffville Dist. Secondary School were held Friday evening. Student recipients of General Proficiency awards are Derek Gresham (left) and Stewart Smith. Making the presentation is Mr. K. N. Wagg. —Staff Photo



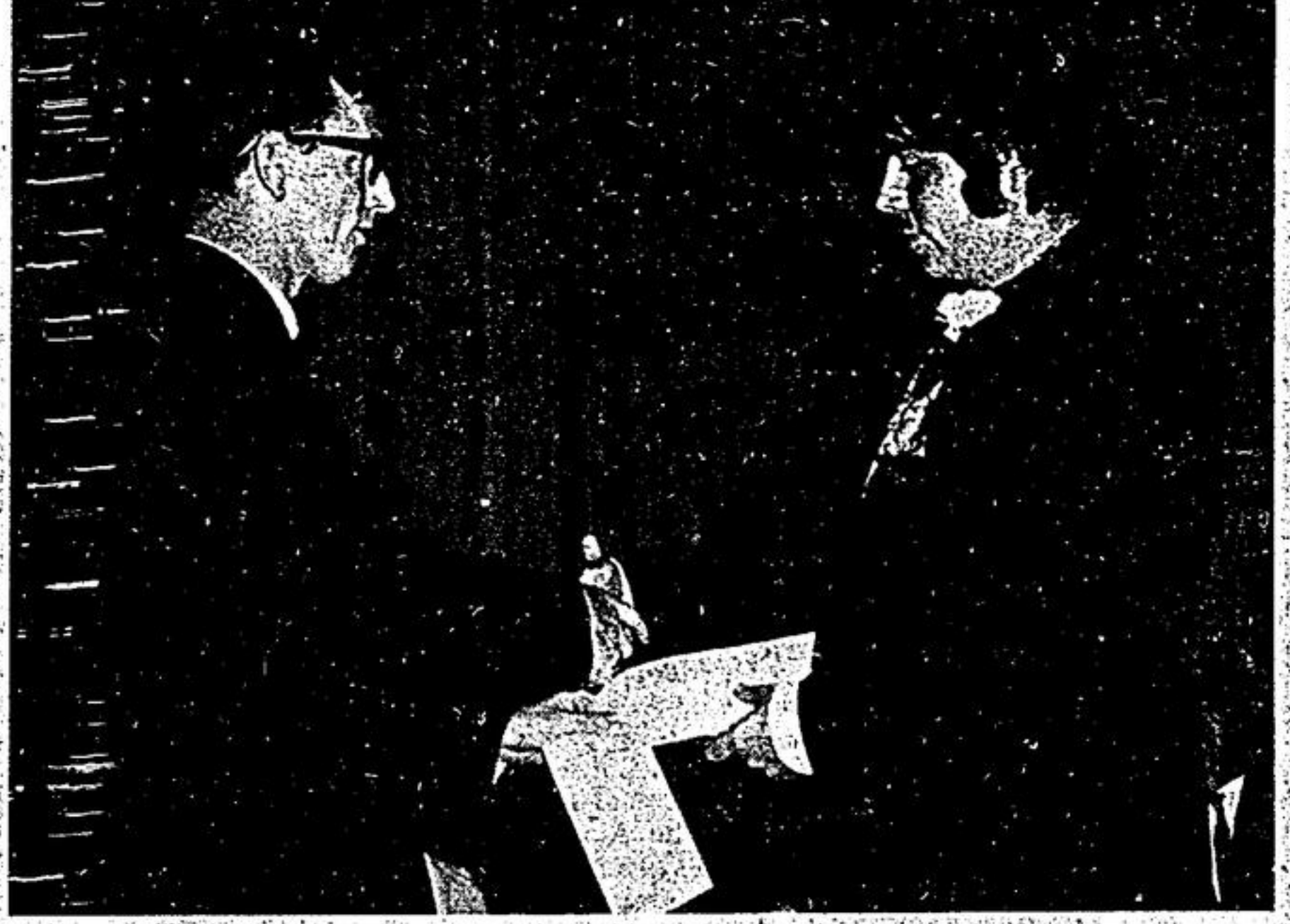
It was unique that two members of one family should receive \$25 English bursaries from Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Button. Mrs. Button makes the presentation to Jane and Peter Sanderson, Victoria Street, Stouffville. —Staff Photo



Councillor Robert Lewis presents the Township of Whitchurch \$50 bursary to student graduate Garfield Smith. —Staff Photo



Reeve Stewart Rumble presents the Township of Markham \$50 bursary to Judith Reesor. —Staff Photo



Raymond Rioux receives the Stouffville Machine and Tool Works Limited \$100 bursary from Charles E. Jackson. —Staff Photo



Linda Sargent (right) receives the Stouffville Kinette \$100 bursary from executive member Mrs. Ross Hetherington. —Staff Photo



The Hendricks Commercial Proficiency Award is presented by Mr. Hendricks to Susan Schell. —Staff Photo



Susan Sherwood receives the Grade 13 History Award from staff teacher Mr. G. R. Harding. —Staff Photo



Mr. M. F. Dart of Chesebrough-Ponds (Canada) Limited presents a \$100 bursary to graduate Vernice Hoover. —Staff Photo



Valedictorian, Linda Sargent, receives the Stouffer family valedictory award from Mr. Reg Stouffer. —Staff Photo



Student council president Peter Sanderson receives award from representative of the class of '52, Mrs. Helen Clark. —Staff Photo

Ontario Police commission favors unification of forces

MARKHAM TWP. — Members of the Ontario Police Commission warned representatives of the Southern Six when they met Nov. 6 at Buttonville that unless municipalities in the southern portion of York County unify their police forces immediately, crime could get out of bounds. The area's proximity to Metro demands surveillance of criminal elements, it was stressed. Present at the meeting with Police Commission

officials were Council members from Markham and Vaughan Township, Markham Village, Stouffville and the Village of Woodbridge. Richmond Hill was invited but did not send representation. A Police Commission representative said he had spoken with Mayor Tom Broadhurst who indicated his town would "go along on an all or nothing basis," but would stay with their own force until that time.

Representatives from the Ontario Police Commission included the chairman, R. P. Milligan, O.C. Magistrate Thomas Graham, Major H. A. Sparling and advisors F. J. Taylor and F. E. Davies who, at the request of Markham Twp. compiled a study on the feasibility of the amalgamation of the police forces of the Townships of Markham and Vaughan, Village of Markham, Village of Stouffville, Village of

Woodbridge and the Town of Richmond Hill in the County of York. F. J. Taylor presented the report, pointing out the advantages of unification — duplication would be eliminated by a centralized communications system and traffic control, tightened efficiency in personnel, where a larger force would permit in-service training, release men for active duty who are presently tied up with court work and reduce clerical

work. There would be less confusion over boundaries and less accommodation would be required. Above all, Commission members advised the municipalities to unify their forces "in order that they will be prepared for future development and more able to cope with the increase in crime invading the area from Metropolitan Toronto. "When countries are fighting a unified cause

they must have a unified command to meet the need," urged Mr. Milligan. "So, in order to meet the rising crime rate, we must have a unified police force." There was a reminder that with Markham Village to become a town in January, 1969, and with population expanding so rapidly in the ring of municipalities on Metro's northern border that unless there is immediate unification, one or more mun-

icipalities may find it necessary to provide new police accommodation which would not be in the best interests of future development. Mr. Taylor said if unification of forces is undertaken, members of the various forces involved should be well informed, and kept informed. He said salary schedules and fringe benefits should receive careful attention — "esprit de corps is most important in a

new organization," he said, adding, "We are speaking of people being unified and working together." With a central records system, Mr. Taylor said the area force would be informed of any criminal element living or moving into the area, without having to make several phone calls for information, and there would be an improved detective service. Mr. Milligan pointed out that in an emergency time

is of the essence, and only a year ago, during a scuffle with the Satan's Choice motorcycle gang, a very large force was required. He said that where it took several hours to assemble the hundred to hundred and fifty officers at that time, unification would permit much faster action. The Commission believes that with unification, the present staff of 83 men would be sufficient under increased population.