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Tribune

Anti-smoking campaign

By Julian O'Loughnan
DON HEAD — On Dec. 1, the students' council of Don Head Secondary School initiated an anti-smoking campaign.

Posters were placed on display and films were shown.

The Physical Education Department completed a survey among students to learn how many smoke and how many do not.

Questioned on the subject were 219 boys and 60 girls.

The survey revealed that the average age of boys who started smoking was between 9 and 10 years and the average amount of money spent per week on cigarettes and tobacco was \$1.66.

Where neither parent smoked, 51% of the boys smoked.

Where both parents smoked, 70% of the boys smoked.

The campaign has already achieved considerable success. Several students and one teacher have quit the habit.



Thirteen year old Denise Kamps, Rupert Avenue, received the Top Color Guard Captain Award in competition attended by the Stouffville 'Centurions' at Sherburne, New York, Dec. 13.

Win calf club awards

DICKSON'S HILL — Marlene and Roger Warnock of Dickson's Hill have climaxed a very successful year with their calf exhibits at both the Royal Winter Fair and Markham Fair.

At the national show in Toronto, they received nine first prize ribbons.

In addition, Roger was the recipient of the Central Ontario Hereford Club Trophy, awarded to the 4-H member showing the champion Hereford Calf at Markham Fair.



Carollers entertain senior residents at Green Gables

Thirty Guides and Rangers from the 1st Stouffville Company, under the leadership of Captain, Mrs. Ivy Sears and Lieutenants, Mrs. Linda McLean and Mrs. Nola Krytow sang Christmas carols for the residents at Green Gables Manor, Bloomington, Dec. 12. The girls arrived at the 'home' on a haywagon driven by Mr. H. B. Sears, Rupert Avenue. The young people later entertained the guests inside with a Christmas program. —Peter Harris

Coffee House Dec. 29

STOUFFVILLE — The Ha' Penny coffee house will re-open Dec. 29 with an enjoyable evening of excellent entertainment beginning at 9 p.m. The location is the basement of Christ Anglican Church, Sunset Boulevard.

The presentation is scheduled between the hours of 11:40 a.m. and 1 p.m.

At the conclusion of the film, the students will be invited to pose questions in a general discussion.

Student discussion on air pollution

STOUFFVILLE — Representatives of Ontario Hydro will visit Stouffville District Secondary School Jan. 8 to show the film 'The Air We Breathe' and discuss the subject of air pollution.

The invitation on behalf of the school has been extended by the vice-principal Ronald Mercer.

Brownie pack enrollment

STOUFFVILLE — The 1st Stouffville Brownie Pack conducted their enrollment Nov. 25. The girls are: Ingrid Assinck, Cathy Barrett, Margaret TeBogt, Kim Cornelius, Martha Harrott, Kelly Glenn, Mary Lang, Sandra Matthews, Susan Smith, Cyndie Statton and Sandra Wylie. Receiving badges for Housekeeping were: Patti Haining, Janice Grove, Valerie Wilson, Cathy Elliott and Linda Taylor. Receiving the Toy-maker's Badge was Sari VanVliet; Collector's Badge, Janice Grove; World Friendship Badge, Janice Grove and Athlete's Badge, Ingrid Huisman. The pack made decorations for senior residents at Green Gables Manor. They were presented Dec. 16.

Museum project - a needed form of education

Dear Sir:

After reading your editorial "An Educational Project" and noting an insight ("a museum as a very real form of education") into our future plans for the Whitechurch Township Museum, you may be interested in knowing some of our proposed programs.

On the night of Oct. 30, I presented the Museum Board (Mr. Henry Nauta, Chairman) with a brief, outlining my views on the museum's functions. To my knowledge, it has accepted these proposals. Here, in part, are some of the proposed programs:

(i) Seminars
(ii) Restorations of antiques
(iii) Making of handicrafts, both pioneer and Indian.

(2) Research our past: working with teachers and students, the museum staff can spearhead local studies, including the history, geography and resources of the community (especially people). Hence, the museum should compile this information, making it available to everyone in the community.

This might be a stepping stone to a comparison study of other Townships, causing various museums to work together for a common cause.

Possible curricula:
(i) Architecture

(ii) Geology
(iii) Urban Geography

To be given during the seminar sessions in the museum.

(3) The building of a longhouse on the premises to contrast the white man's culture with that of the

Indian. To be done by students.

(4) The museum should sponsor archaeological digs, under the guidance of trained archaeologists, involving some of the students of the township.

(5) The need of close

School - pool project

MARKHAM TWP. — Markham Township Council is interested in possible municipal co-operation in the inclusion of a swimming pool in the planned addition to Thornlea Secondary School it was reported at the December 8 meeting of the York County Board of Education.

Ross Jolliffe, chairman of the board's committee on the use of schools, reported that his committee had met with Markham Township Council December 1 and council had asked that the board outline a proposal for them on the project.

The new addition to the school will require a double gymnasium and it has been suggested that instead a single gym and a swimming pool be built. As the school board gets no grant on the construction of swimming pools, however, the board has offered to contribute the site for the pool if money for its construction could be raised by public subscription or by a municipal tax levy.

One member of the board was anxious that the board not appear to be promoting the pool or it will be expected to pay for it.

museum school board communications to develop some of the above suggestions.

In light of the proposed brief, how can a school board charge \$17,000 for a

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SOME THOUGHTS ON CHRISTMAS
The biggest build-up of the year emotionally, commercially and in a religious sense always precedes the holiday we're just getting into — a week when we can all take it easy and rest on the oars a little.
This flowering of goodwill and happiness and charity has an effect on all of us and acts as a pep rally for those ideas that make life worthwhile after all. No matter how many worries we have they get shelved for awhile while we become a little more human.
If proof was needed that Christmas fills a deep human need then observe that this holiday and the thought and spirit associated with it has prevailed for almost two thousand years. That's two thousand times when kindness took a new lease on life.
It's been said before but a re-issue always helps — a little less money spent on expensive gifts and a little more time on trying to do something Christian would help us all. Every minister has some names of people who could use a little cheer right now.
The streets and highways are filled this week with the cars of shoppers and party goers, some of whom have been celebrating. The accident tragedies that happen at Christmas are always the most tragic of the year. Don't let one happen to you.
And incidentally, Merry Christmas.
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