



Four students from Stouffville Dist. Secondary School took part in a four-month visit to Germany in 1974. Last week four German students arrived for a four-month stay in Canada. They will attend SDSS during that time and live with the Canadian students. The project, involving students throughout York County, was the brainchild of

SDSS teacher Siegfried Chowaniec (at left). Students from Germany (front row, left to right) are Elke Eder, Nicole Ruschkaupt, Sabine Wehnert and Werner Marquardt. SDSS students (at rear) are Dagmar Becker, Dorothy Haluszka, Penny Ashbridge and Larry Ertl. — Ted Wilcox

## To attend SDSS this year German students arrive

By TED WILCOX  
STOUFFVILLE — Four students from Germany are attending Stouffville Dist. Secondary Schools and living in local homes as part of an exchange program sponsored by the York County Board of Education.

Their Canadian hosts are four students who returned from Germany on Dec. 20. The German students are to be here until April 26.

The program is designed as an "immersion" experience with the language and culture of another country.

Last week, we spoke with the eight students and Siegfried Chowaniec, who chairs the York program and is head of the Modern department at SDSS.

The Canadians found the schools they attended in Germany quite different from school here.

Dorothy Haluszka mentioned that school there was "more rigid and strict" and there was "a lot more homework."

Schools in Germany are divided between vocational and academic institutions, so the character of the schools is

somewhat different from here. The Canadians were all attending academically oriented schools.

Penny Ashbridge added that in Germany, the administration didn't worry as much whether they were late or absent. Students were more or less on their own.

All the students expressed an appreciation for school hours in Germany. They began at about 7:45 and ended around 12:30.

As for the country in general, Larry Ertl said he thought Germany would be "more

teachers, and the somewhat more relaxed atmosphere here."

Mr. Chowaniec is enthusiastic about the benefits of the program saying that "Overall, we had a very good response. There might be a few who found it difficult to adjust."

In Germany, he explained, some of the 52 York students needed tutors to help them through their German academic work.

The program was arranged through the ministry of education of Baden Wurttemberg in south-west Germany.

### Helmet made difference

## Fall gives Stouffville man mild concussion

STOUFFVILLE — A Stouffville man received a mild concussion Sunday night when he slipped on the ice at Stouffville Arena and bumped his head.

Al Rae, Main St., was taking part in a friendly hockey game between Stouffville and Markham Kinsmen clubs. His skate caught something on the ice and Mr. Rae fell heavily on his head.

He was rushed to Scarborough Centenary Hospital. He was released Monday.

John Brunke, who was refereeing the game said that a protective helmet probably saved Mr. Rae's life.

"If it hadn't been for the helmet it would have been good night," Mr. Brunke said. "There was nothing to break his fall."

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