

Energy and enthusiasm

Variety Night success

By DON BERNARD
If the Variety Night at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School could be summed up succinctly in one phrase, "youthful verve" would describe the show, written, directed and staged by the students.

It was, as always, a mixed bag, a combination of the humorous and the serious. The most enjoyable feature of the evening is usually the music. SDSS abounds in talented musicians and that was certainly evident in the 1975 production.

The beautiful ren-

ditions of "Snow bird" and "The Way We Were" by Becky Herbert formed part of that musical package. Tim Brazier sang a Beatles favorite, "Yesterday", while Dale Grose gave a thoughtful performance of "The Homecoming" on piano.

In the folk idiom, Wanda Kamocki played the guitar and sang the Jewish folk-song, "Toombalilaka", while Trudy Norton provided a classical interlude with "Moonlight Sonata" on piano.

Christid Gloth sang her own hauntingly beautiful song, "Bit-

tersweet Memories". The highlight of the evening was the finale, a tribute to Rock star Elton John, featuring Leigh Farley playing the piano as the star himself.

As always the skits were of uneven quality. Some were very well done, while others failed to have much impact.

Perhaps the most appreciated one was dance number "Yes We Have No Bananas", with dancers dressed in bright costumes to create a feeling of the Stouffville Sales Barn. The dancing was good and the humor resulted from the correctness of the satire.

"The Surgery" with Roger Brndjar as a novice dentist pulling out a tooth of a priest, played by Karl Tranmer was also a hit, mostly for its slapstick situation and the finale when the dentist drags the helpless priest across the stage.

Poor sound effects proved to be a serious problem for those people sitting further back than the first 20 rows or so. Co-hosts, Maryanne Hulshof and Russell Davidson provided lively leadership for the evening.



Becky Herbert, who could be called "Stouffville's songbird," sings the Anne Murray hit "Snowbird" during the Friday performance of SDSS Variety Night. The show, entirely created by the students, earned \$900 for "Christmas Wish" charity and to buy new stage curtains for the high school auditorium.

—Don Bernard

STOUFFVILLE SCENE

What's going on

Skating club party
The Stouffville Figure Skating club is sponsoring an adult skating party at Stouffville Arena, Jan. 24, 1976 at 8 p.m. Music will be provided by the East York Concert Band.

Pen pal needed
Young people in the area seeking a pen pal in Australia could well correspond with 15-year-old Sharon Treadwell of "down under." She would be willing to correspond with a local teenager, male or female. The mailing address is — Sharon Treadwell, Blackheath College, Charter's Towers, North Queensland, Australia.

Candlelight service
Christ Church Anglican (Sun. at Blvd.) will hold its Candlelight service Christmas Eve beginning at 9:30 p.m. There will be Carol singing the half-hour prior to the service.

Lorne J. Johnson
Former area resident, who farmed in the Claremont area for 25 years died Dec. 8 in his 68th year. He farmed, then retired to Boyer St., Stouffville. He was living in Palmerston at the time of his death. Besides his wife Minnie, he leaves behind sons — and daughters — Murray of Moorefield; John of Fordwich; Ruth (Mrs. Willard Moyer) Dickson Hill; Helen (Mrs. Philip Sargeant) of Palmerston. He is also survived by a sister, Lorna (Mrs. Crosby-Sampson) of Woodville and a brother, Rev. Gordon Johnson of Blenheim. Interment was in Palmerston Cemetery.

Word from the north
Mr. and Mrs. Rae Holden received a welcome phone call from their son Ross and family from Clinton Creek, Yukon Territories. He reported temperatures as low as 70 below zero. Sunday it was a mild 30 degrees. Ross sends Christmas greetings to friends and relatives.

Christmas trees etc.
Cut your own Christmas tree farms have become very popular the last few years and Sunday afternoon was a busy day for local tree farmers. The traffic was especially heavy on Highway 48 with trees stuffed into trucks, on roof-racks (and even stuck through the back windows) of cars heading south. One observer counted 105 tree-bearing cars southbound on Highway 48 in a 10-minute period.

Shetland sheep dog
A shy dog has the same problems associated with a shy person, it seems. Daphne Allen owns a five-month-old Shetland Sheep Dog that has been shy from birth. She would like to find a quiet home for the dog, preferably with an older couple. She is willing to give the purebred dog away free to the right people, who can give it the love and attention it needs. Call 294-3601.

Turkey supper
The young people's group treated the members of the church to a turkey supper, Saturday evening. They also entertained with a delightful program.

Sacred music presented
There will be a program of sacred music at the evening service of Ringwood Christian Church this coming Sunday, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Christmas decorations
Some of the great pleasures of the holiday season are the brightly lighted houses in Stouffville. Main St. features delightful Christmas decoration supplied by the local merchants, with Christmas music warming the cold December air. One could hardly miss the Christmas season in Stouffville.

Garbage fire
Fire fighters quickly extinguished a blaze in the garbage bin at Testa, Villa apartments, Monday evening. Fire Chief Walt Smith said that one of the tenants likely threw something hot down the garbage chute. The fire was confined to the fireproof garbage room in the Albert St., south building.

Open for Christmas
Most local merchants are open until 9 p.m. during the few remaining shopping days until Christmas, to give last minute shoppers a chance to complete their shopping.

Winners chosen in lucky draw

STOUFFVILLE — Mrs. Francis Heikens, Rupert Ave., is the \$100 winner in "The Tribune's" "Recognize the Merchant" contest. The draw was held Friday, Dec. 12.

Second prize of \$75 goes to Mrs. Pat Metherall of Goodwood; while third prize of \$50 was won by Aimee Johnston of Second St., Stouffville.

Frank Proctor, CFGM disc jockey, made the draw.

Cinderella at Herongate

PICKERING — The musical version of Cinderella, produced by the Company and directed by Joni Clavir-Copus, is delighting audiences of all ages at Herongate Barn Theatre, in Pickering.

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