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"The Girl Next Door"

Plays the piano

By Jim Thomas
WHITCHURCH — For 18 year old Christine Christensen, the piano is a close companion and music a likely career. She's presently working on her Grade 10. Her teacher is May Patterson of Newmarket. Christine has won many awards in competition at the Newmarket Music Festival, including a first and a third last spring. Following graduation from Stouffville Dist. Secondary School in June, she plans to go on to university and major in music. She's our "Girl Next Door". Christine's a country girl, living close to the

Vivian Forest area on the 7th concession. She has three brothers, Michael, 16; Freddie, 5 and Andrew, 3. While piano is her "first love" (she has a class of five pupils), other interests include — jogging, swimming, tennis and downhill skiing. She played the saxophone, while a member of the school's Jr. Band and is a participant in the annual Variety Show. Involvement in extra-curricular activities at S.D.S.S., is somewhat curtailed due to the fact she travels by bus. She has her licence, however, and on occasions takes the car. Christine, her

parents and brothers have enjoyed many long distance camping trips, including visits to California, Florida, British Columbia and Prince Edward Island. Christine admits she has her mother to thank for the progress she's made at piano. "She encouraged me to keep practicing and I appreciate it now," she said.

Jogging is just as enjoyable, she claims. She thinks nothing of running more than a mile to visit her closest friend, Gail Johnston; then running back home again. Living in the country presents some problems, Christine says, but the benefits far outweigh the disadvantages.

"Wine and White"

SDSS students back in shape

By Mary-Jo Sutherland
Jog (huff); knees-up (puff)! Yes, the students at S.D.S.S. are busy getting into shape — whether it be on the cross-country course during gym class, or on the basketball courts after school! It even takes a bit of practice to get used to the classroom scene once again. Already, the fall teams, clubs and committees are well under way, hoping to make the 78-79 school year a success.

A new athletic program has been introduced this season and is simply called "Run For Fun". Its purpose is to improve overall health and to have fun at the same time! Any student can join and try to gain some ground on their physical fitness on one of four courses or one of their own design. The mileage of each member will be recorded and, when the year comes to a close, prizes will be awarded to those who successfully completed a certain number of miles. 100 miles earn you a certificate, 300 miles a T-shirt; and 500 miles a plaque.

As well, the traditional sports teams are busy getting their strategies planned for upcoming games. The Jr. Boys' Soccer team, coached by Mr. Hodgson, lost their opening game of the season 4-0, to a very experienced Aurora Squad. Better luck next time, guys. Last Thursday, the Sr. Girls' Basketball team coached by Mr. Piette, travelled to Markham to take part in an exhibition tournament. The girls made a great showing, winning two out of three games. As a result of their fine teamwork and ball-handling skills, they returned to S.D.S.S. as the winners of the consolation prize.

With the future in mind, the Variety Show has already begun its search for new talent and the Yearbook staff, under the administration of Kevin Widdifield, has started to make preparations for a complete book of this year's happy ventures!

Speaking of Monday morning blabs, everyone was required to wear a hat. On Tuesday, a tie or scarf was to be worn (anywhere: around your head, through belt loops or simply around your neck.) As a tribute to the past, Wednesday was proclaimed 50's Day.

Portables - busing are "a way of life"

STOUFFVILLE — Portables and busing are a way of life, says school trustee, Harry Bowes, and most parents seem prepared to live with it.

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Board member was commenting on the 'temporary' ac-

commodation at Summitview where four such classrooms are located.

Rather than an extension of the busing system, Mr. Bowes feels additional portables are preferred.

As for Grade 8 students attending at Stouffville Dist.

Secondary School, Harry Bowes would like this changed.

"The disadvantages outweigh the advantages," he said. The only solution is a new school in the Dulverton development, but that could be five to six years into the future, he noted.

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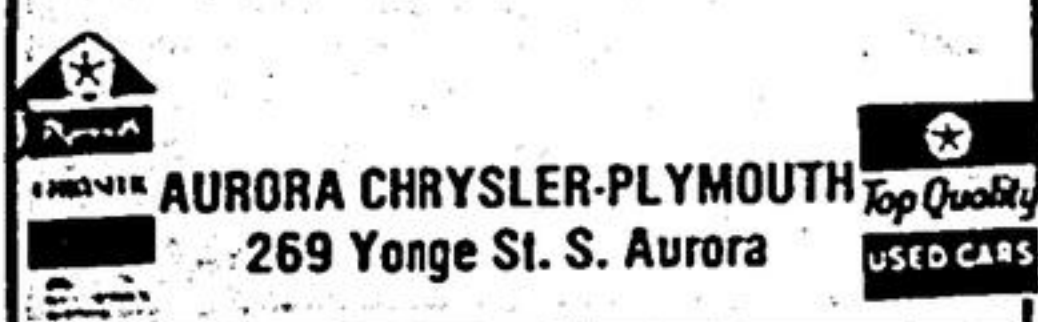
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