

Untold news is often good news

By JOY MORNING, 727-3944

VANDORF — Normally, one would expect to read news in a weekly paper that is no more than one and one-half weeks old. However, at the insistence of the reader, this writer must now delve into that area of events old enough to be stale but not old enough to have acquired the fascinating aura of history. The period under examination extends from the middle of May to the middle of July when Vandorf-area residents were without a social column in any local paper.

Was what was missed of vital importance? Yes. An international polo tournament took place on Sifton's RR 1, Gormley farm, and the annual Ontario Wolf League picnic was cancelled at the Horton Tree Farm because of a powerful U.S. gun lobby. (It seems the famous timber wolves who effectively promote the conservation of themselves as an endangered species could leave the U.S., but would be blocked from returning.) However, what people really want to see are the individual and group achievements from that time frame recorded in print.

Twelve-year-old Adam Joyce of RR 1, Gormley, for instance, was the only child to finish a ten-mile "Run for

Timmy" held just east of Aurora and Newmarket. He did so in less than two hours. It was his neighbors and not Adam nor his family who urged that this item be reported. In fact, Adam insisted that the reason for raising \$35 for crippled children remain his own, but, believe me, it's special, and I invite you to join me in sponsoring Adam's run again next spring.

Young Kim Moulton, also of RR 1, Gormley, won a gold medal and trophy for her tap solo and a silver for her tap trio in the Kiwanis Music Festival in North Bay. As Kim is "just starting to blossom", Sandra Purdy of Sandra Purdy Studio knows Kim will be amongst the registrants to sign up for another season of dance at Victoria Hall, Aurora, 2-7 p.m., Sept. 4.

Meanwhile, Penny Hodges was accumulating a gold, two silver, and two bronze medals in ballet and acrobatic dancing with the Jill Sophie School in Aurora.

Penny was one of 21 girls who created a good deal of excitement around Whitchurch Highlands Public School last June. For the first time, the local school had sent a complete team to the Area II gymnastic championships and captured the primary division title.

Teacher Susan Boyne worked long hours to establish her team's proficiency, and, while the whole team turned in an impressive showing, her top medal winners were: Tara Dow, 2 gold, a silver, one bronze (primary beam, floor, and vault); Penny Hodges, silver and bronze (primary floor and vault); Deena Jones, a silver (primary vault); Patricia Mensen, silver (junior vault); and Lisa Berger, gold (junior vault).

Whitchurch Highlands should also have been spotlighted in June for two very creative shows. The total primary population presented "100 Per Cent Chance of Rain", a musical account of Noah's Ark. Several senior citizens' homes in Aurora and Newmarket were treated to a repeat performance at the school.

Highlands teacher and former professional musician Bob Burrows composed three original songs for the second production, a rock-musical of Peter Pan, written by Grade 8 student Lynn Missingham. As one parent, Susan Peard, commented, "Bob Burrows takes a show into the realm of the professional." Along with his fellow-teachers, John Hopkins and Susan Boyne, Bob used all the grades 5 to 8 students in some aspect of the show, but still inspired the youngsters to present the intricate weaving of story and songs with the flow and gutsy stage presence that marks all Bob Burrows' productions.

This flurry of activity in June had one disadvantage, leader Mary Holder found running the otherwise instructive camping program offered by the Vandorf 4-H club. Mrs. Holder and Claudette Groeneveldt included several Bogartown members as well because Vandorf was one of the few York County clubs (5 out of a possible 17) which conducted the new project. The next course will be one in needlepoint and begins in September. However, both the Pine Orchard and Vandorf clubs are full. A couple of new members will be accepted by Linda Hickson and Marg Toole (895-9580) of the Bogartown club and by Doris Dunn (888-1280) and Hedy Lowe (888-1295) of the Bethesda club.

York County home economist Beverley Brooks at 895-4519 invited new leaders to take the instructor's course which begins Sept. 10 and set up a new group. Any girl who has trouble finding a group that is not full, should also contact Bev at the above number.

The First Vandorf Cub pack returned home from the South Lake Simcoe Cub-oree, May 25-27 at Humber Trails, with these new honors which also went unheralded: the coveted Hathi award for the best ecology project and all-

round camp site, a silver medal for young Peter vanNostrand's design for an ecology-theme badge, and 22 world conservation badges earned by Vandorf boys.

Since its inception in February '75, the Vandorf pack has been one of the most active in the South Lake Simcoe district, thanks to the leadership of Moe DeWitt. As Moe now retires, the parents presented him with a golf cart at the annual father-son barbecue in June. A search for a new leader is now underway. Volunteers should phone Dave Brown at 727-5829.

Editor's Mail

Image has been hurt

Dear Jim:

The threat of yet another secondary school closure leaves me disturbed and disillusioned. Our educational emphasis seems to have undergone a drastic change in the last few years. The Board must worry about budgets. Teacher contract demands appear more incredulous each year. Taxpayers become increasingly hostile at the burden incurred by education. Where does this dilemma leave the student?

I support the Board's decision. We do have a fine staff at Stouffville High. I know they take their responsibilities seriously. Perhaps the time has come for the individual teacher to take up the challenge to regain the respect and support the teaching profession deserves.

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