

### "Girl Next Door"

## A super pitcher

By Jim Thomas  
STOUFFVILLE — Sixteen year old Darlene Wagg calls herself "one of the boys" when her brothers are around. As a fastball pitcher, she'd put many a boy batter to shame. This season, she helped take Stouffville's Midget team to the playoff semi-finals before losing out to Willowdale.

Fastball's her favorite sport, she says, but she also enjoys swimming, water and downhill skiing, basketball, volleyball and hockey, but only as a spectator. Her boyfriend, Kelly Burrows of R.R. 1, Unionville, will be playing Jr. "C" here this winter.

Born in Stouffville, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Wagg, Church Street North, she has three brothers, Doug, now married, Dan and Don, still at home. She's our "Girl Next Door".

During the summer, Darlene was employed at TeeVee Records on Bullock Drive, Markham, and she enjoyed the work so much, she may make it a career. She'll decide on that at the end of Grade 12. Typing and physical education are her favorite subjects.

While not opposed to a position in Toronto, Darlene says she's had great fun at a camp near Wilberforce, Ont., for the past five years. There's everything to do there, she claims, even though it's a small community. "Blink and you're through it," she says.

Darlene retains fond memories of her days at Summitview. She played in Mr. Boadway's ukelele band, designed and worked on the school's huge totem pole and won the Sr. "A" track and field championship. She remembers especially phys. ed. instructor, Mr. Fletcher. "He took a personal interest in his students," she recalls. Darlene was af-



Sixteen year old Darlene Wagg, Church Street North, Stouffville, is a superb fastball pitcher, leading the Midget team to the playoff semi-finals this season. Other interests include - swimming, water-skiing, downhill skiing, basketball, volleyball and cheering on the local Jr. "C" hockey club. Jim Thomas

firmative in her response to the question, "do blondes have more fun". She admits to being on the receiving end of an occasional whistle when walking down the street.

### "Wine and White"

## Teens aid teens

By Tim Humphries  
One of the main features of last week was the initiation of the Youth Advocacy Programme, created to help young people known as 'protoges' who have mental, physical or social problems. A responsible and mature volunteer teenager, known as an 'advocate' is paired with and assists a protoge. Group training lessons are held twice a month so that the advocate learns the communication skills that are necessary in this helping relationship. This

programme is especially good for any students who are planning to enter careers such as social work or child care. On Sept. 27, Pat Bourke and Mario Bartoletti, consultants for the Youth Advocacy Programme, made a presentation to interested students.

Also of wide interest is Driver Education. A meeting was held on the 27th, and was met with over-whelming response. The course includes at least eighteen hours of instruction behind the wheel and twenty-five

hours of class instruction, all for a lump fee of \$85. One class of three hours is held each week, on Monday for half the participants, and Wednesday for the other half. At the end of eight weeks they are tested. If they pass, they will receive their licence and a certificate that enables them to pay lower insurance fees.

On Sept. 25, the Senior Frisbee Golf Tournament was held, the grade 13's winning easily. In second place

was 11N-1, and 12N-2 came in third. Of course, everyone had a great time.

Cross-country has also started in the school. An introductory meet was held at Vivian Forest on the 26th.

The Midget Soccer team lost their first game of the season, against Dr. G.W. Williams on the 20th. The score was 3-1. Royals star Howard Parent scored our only goal in a good try by the Spartans.

In Junior Girls' basketball, the good shooting of Carrie Burd along with strong performances by Karen Brodie, Janette Cooper and Darlene Schellander allowed them to come up with a 13-7 win in their first game of the season.

At the York County High School Golf Tournament, our boys' team, represented by Dave Raymer, Paul Barry, Kevin and Keith McGuckin, placed 3rd out of nine boys' teams with a score of 344. Markham scoring 1st with a score of 340. Our girls' team, represented by Donna Bangay, Jackie Armet, Laurie Sidworth and Leslie Young placed 2nd, Jackie Armet placing 2nd in the individual competition. Dave Raymer, who last year scored a hole-in-one, came in 1st in individual boys' competition.

### Tom Thompson

## Loves all life

MARKHAM — Everything in nature has a purpose, Tom Thompson, Director of the Metro Zoo told the annual meeting of the Markham Unit, Canadian Cancer Society, Sept. 19. Trouble is, he said, most people don't appreciate it.

The speaker pointed to the changing seasons, the trees, the flowers, the birds, the animals and the insects, calling them "beautiful". The problem, he said, is that we fail to recognize this

beauty until it's too late. Mr. Thompson predicted that within fifty years, zoos will be the last bastions for certain species.

"The people in Siberia don't like the Siberian Tiger. We, here in Ontario, don't like the Red Fox," he explained. He noted that in Kenya, for example, herds of elephants had been driven into such small areas, they've eaten themselves out of existence.

"It bothers me that so many people don't recognize the benefits of

growing and living things. Life depends on life and life depends on death," he stated.

Tom Thompson noted that we here in Canada should be particularly thankful "because every day is different". He described the climate changes as "magnificent - nature speaking its strongest language."

The speaker urged his audience to take the time and visit the Zoo. "Be my guest," he said. "And don't kill that spider in your bedroom. I don't ask you to love it; only to understand it."

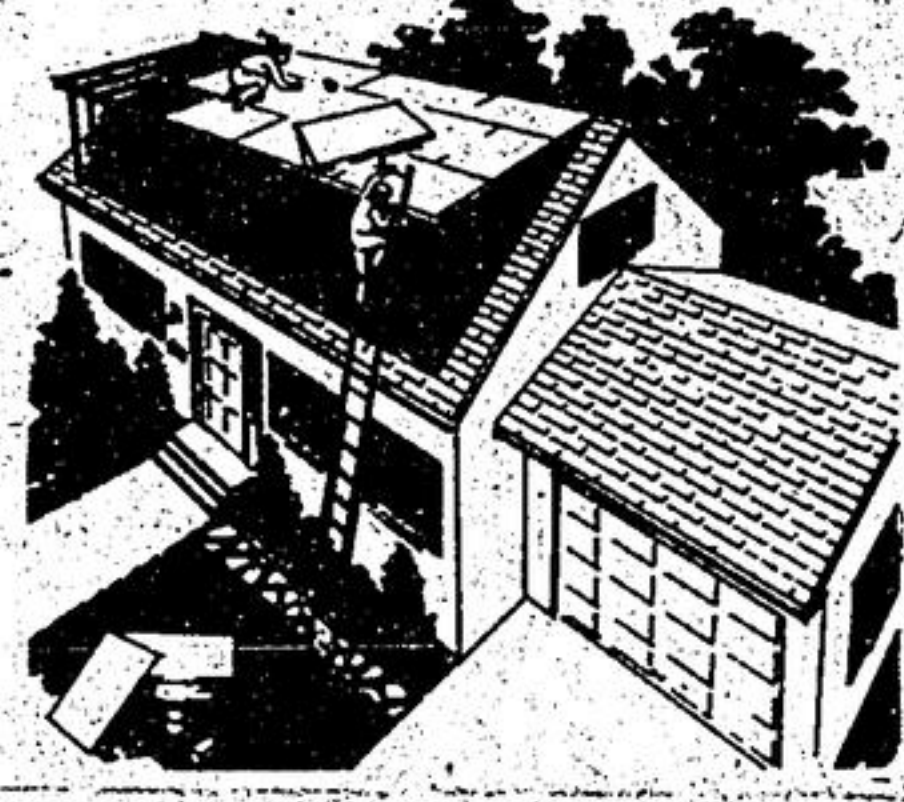
### Soccer dance

A dance, marking the conclusion of the Whitchurch - Stouffville soccer season, will be held on Fri., Oct. 19 at the Ballantrae Community Centre. For tickets (\$7.50 a couple), call 640-5686.

**Rummage Sale**  
On Saturday, Oct. 13, the staff and students of Summitview Public School will hold their annual rummage sale from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

**Music Mania Meeting**  
A meeting to make plans for Music Mania 1980, will be held on Wed., Oct. 10 at 8 p.m., in the Davis Room of the Stouffville United Church. Interested persons are requested to attend.

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## Urges action

The President of the Ontario Public School Men Teachers' Federation has called on the Minister of Education to stop analyzing all the suggestions about declining enrolment and start doing something about the problem.

George Meek, speaking at the Federation's Annual Assembly, said he was "hard pressed" to see anything the government has done to help school boards and teachers meet the impact of declining enrolment, particularly at the elementary level.

"As a matter of fact the provincial government's deteriorating funding practices have complicated the matter," Meek said.

Meek said educational funding should return to being a number one government priority with at least 61.5 cents on the dollar, rather than approximately 50 cents currently being allocated to public education.

"Complicating this is the insistence of many boards to further penalize elementary students by spending below the per pupil grants, often by as much as \$200 a student."

Meek also slammed the Peel and Brant Boards of Education where elementary salary negotiations have collapsed. He said teachers are being treated like "second class" citizens

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