



Eighteen year old Joanne Van der Burgt is a Grade 13 student at St. Robert's High School, Thornhill. She's also a part-time manager at McDonald's in Richmond Hill. Joanne resides on the 6th concession of Whitchurch-Stouffville, north of the Bloomington Road. —Jim Thomas.

"Girl Next Door"

Student 'pioneer'

By JIM THOMAS WHITCHURCH — On Sunday, eighteen year old Joanne Van der Burgt, Sixth Line, Whitchurch-Stouffville, received her Grade 12 diploma from St. Robert's High School, Leslie Street, Thornhill. The ceremony was something of a milestone for Joanne and her classmates. For they are 'pioneer' students at St. Robert's, members of the first Grade 9 when the school opened five years ago. Joanne's our "Girl Next Door". St. Robert's gets a an 'A-plus' rating from Joanne in every department, even to the wearing of uniforms. "It's one of the

regulations," she says, and a good one she feels. Every so often, the Student Council authorizes a "Civics Day" in which everyone, girls and boys, can wear clothes of their own choosing, she explained. Due to the fact she's in Grade 13, Joanne has cut back somewhat on extra-curricular activities. However, she still retains her connection with the Year Book Committee. Previously, she served on the school's newspaper staff and the Council. Following graduation, she hopes to go on to Ryerson and take a course in

Hospitality and Tourism Management. The family farm, north of the Bloomington Road, is one of the best maintained in the area. And each does his (and her) share including Maria, 21; Laura, 17; Theo, 15; Philip, 10; Andy, nine and of course, Joanne. When time permits, she enjoys needlepoint, horseback riding, swimming and downhill skiing. Part of Joanne's busy routine is a managerial position at McDonald's in Richmond Hill. She spends from 20 to 24 hours a week there and hopes to continue until she goes to college.

Joanne's travelled considerably, including a family trip three years ago that took them to such places as Holland, Belgium, France, Germany and Switzerland. She's been through much of the United States but wants to see more of Canada, particularly the West. While her parents are natives of Boxmeer, Holland and fluent in Dutch, the language hasn't rubbed off on Joanne. "I can understand it," she says, "but I can't speak it".

"Wine and White"
New health club

By TIM HUMPHRIES Several health-conscious teachers and students at Stouffville High, including French-Math instructress, Miss Davey, have organized a club dedicated to the improvement of the human physique. Every Tuesday and Thursday at 8:15 a.m., these ambitious people sweat it out doing push-ups, sit-ups and other strenuous body-building exercises. However, Mr. Connell stresses the fact that one does only what one can do. In other words, no one is pushed past his (her) limit of endurance.

Green hair! On Oct. 28, students at S.D.S.S. celebrated Hallowe'en and, at the same time, displayed their school spirit by wearing orange and black. The more courageous ones came in costume. The results in many instances, were interesting. However, one participant, Rhonda Jordan out-did everyone. Rhonda not only wore a glittering outfit but dyed her hair green! Her prize was \$2.50 off the cost of a

ticket to Friday's dance featuring the Max Webster band.

Defeat Satton The junior soccer team ended their season with a 3-0 victory over Satton. Chris Johns scored two goals and

Claude Maillet, one. The club's record for the year was two wins, a tie and three losses.

Place second At the York County Volleyball Championships, Oct. 24 and 25, the juniors, led by Doug

Davidson, Mike Rehill and Andy Redshaw, placed second in their pool, winning five games and losing three. The calibre of play was outstanding. All members of the team are to be congratulated.

Ballantrae School

Student seminar

BALLANTRAE — Oct. 24 was a 'learning experience' for students of Ballantrae Public School.

A day-long workshop was organized to mark the "International Year of the Child". The seminar included a variety of subjects, from director Ed Meade of the Markham Family Life Centre to Ron Harrington, a private detective.

Mr. Harrington concentrated on the problems of shop-lifting and the penalties that can result. Without excusing the culprit, he pointed out that most self-help stores create a condition where

'taking without paying' is made easy.

Constable Fred Tufnel of the York Regional Police Department held the attention of his young audience and prompted many questions like: Do they still serve bread and water in jail? Will they ever bring back capital punishment and why was capital punishment abolished?

Dr. John Denison of Mount Albert, a trustee with the York County Board of Education, presented an interesting lecture on the use and abuse of drugs and their effect on today's society. The workshop proved

interesting, both for students and speakers. Its success was measured by the attention accorded the comments of each guest.

Grade 12 St. Robert's grads

Joanne Van der Burgt, RR 4, Stouffville and Philip Conway, Hwy. 47, were the recipients of Grade 12 diplomas, Sunday, when St. Robert's High School, Thornhill, held its Graduation Exercises.

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Must bundle up

STOUFFVILLE — Word from York County Board of Education to students this winter is 'bundle up'. Not just while going to and from school but in school. The trustees are supporting a two-way conservation program that should, they hope, save both energy and money. The target is a decrease in energy consumption by ten percent. And with utility costs increasing by more than ten percent, there's a concern for expenses too. In 1978, the Board spent over two million dollars on utilities alone. To accomplish their goals, thermostats will be kept at 68 degrees fahrenheit during regular school hours and 60 degrees fahrenheit between 6 p.m. and 8 a.m. Recommended dress is a cardigan with slacks and pantsuits for girls. As an indication of high energy use across the County, Earl Evans, Information Officer, noted that in one year, schools use 155 million cubic feet of natural gas; 1.5 million gallons of oil and 36 million kilowatt hours of electricity. The current conservation program will be a "learn by doing" process — learn about conservation by practising it. The Board hopes the campaign will also rub off on parents so something similar can be carried on in the home.

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