

**"Girl Next Door"**

**Brightens your day**

By JIM THOMAS BALLANTRAE  
Should you visit the Country Stop Restaurant on Hwy. 48 in Ballantrae any weekend, you'll be treated to a smile across the counter that's sure to brighten your day.

It belongs to 17 year old Heather Richards, a resident of Ballantrae and formerly of Stouffville and Agincourt. Heather's been working part-time at the Country Stop since it opened and enjoys it. She's saving up to buy a new Ford Fiesta and is well on her way to covering the entire cost.

Heather's one in a family of five that includes brothers Randy in Holland Landing; Rick at Jackson's Point; Steve at home and one sister, Adrienne, also at home.

A Grade 12 student at Stouffville High, she has her heart set on training for police work following graduation. She admits, however, that her height (5 feet) may go against her. If so, she'll turn to social work instead.

Of all the subjects at S.S.D.S., Heather likes English best. Mr. Englebert is tops in teachers, mainly because "he has more time for you," she says.

Although born in suburbia, Heather has no desire to move back to Metro. "Too crowded," she claims, "I like the wide open spaces". At Ballantrae, she finds room for snowmobiling, cross-country skiing or just taking long walks. Other interests include ice skating, badminton, swimming and horse-shoes. She's also an excellent housekeeper, her mother says, and helped out a great deal when her grandmother was ill.

Heather obviously enjoys challenges. One of these (that few adults can boast about), was to stop smoking. She did, four weeks ago and



Seventeen year old Heather Richards is a Grade 12 student at Stouffville High and a weekend employee at the Country Stop Restaurant in Ballantrae.

hasn't touched a cigarette since. Her secret? Encouragement from boyfriend, Brian Young, himself a non-smoker, Heather admits. Brian's also a student in Grade 12 and lives on Main Street in Stouffville.

Like to meet Heather? Their stop in at the Country Stop. Her smile will make your day.

**A cultural master plan**

STOUFFVILLE — Whitchurch-Stouffville is to have its own Master Plan for Culture and Recreation.

It was back in May that Town Councillors Becky Wedley, Jim Sanders and Bill Kamps were asked to prepare a list of persons willing to accept appointment to a study team that would insure the preparation of such a program.

This has now been accomplished. The names will be placed before a meeting, Dec. 17 and likely finalized at that time. The interim chairman is councillor Sanders.

The move was made necessary when the Provincial Ministry threatened to withhold future Wintario grants. It applies to all municipalities in Ontario whose programs are subsidized in this manner.

Fifty per cent of the study's costs will be assumed by Wintario. Councillor Jim Sanders wholly endorses the idea. "Now is the time for people to get involved," he said. "There are so many directions we can go and there is such a diversified interest in sports at all age levels, just about everybody must be considered".

Asked by The Tribune if he visualizes the construction of a sports complex in Whitchurch-

Stouffville, Jim Sanders admitted he'd like to see one, but added cautiously, "the cost would be a deciding factor".

**Concert**

STOUFFVILLE — Stouffville's town band will present a concert of Christmas music in Latham Hall, Monday, Dec. 17 at 8 p.m.

The program will include many of today's well-known carols. The audience will be invited to participate.

The band leader is David Howard, Stouffville, RR 2.


**Youth Service**

St. James Presbyterian Church will host a Youth Service on Friday, March 7 with young people from the majority of denominations in town taking part. Jim Rehill is hopeful he can have his High School choir in attendance for this special worship.

Music appreciated. Recorded Christmas songs, provided on Saturdays by the Stouffville Sound and Music on Main Street, is appreciated by local shoppers. It helps to put folks "in the spirit" during this busy time of year.

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**Town Library**  
**Good cheer**

It's beginning to look a little like Christmas inside the library. Our "Fuller brush" tree, despite its coniferous shortcomings, is somehow managing to impart the spirit of the season and we're working up to an enthusiastic crescendo over the musical presentation that starts off our Christmas programming, Dec. 15.

It's "Here We Come A-wassailing", featuring Toronto artists Judy Greenhill and Rick Avery who will sing and perform on a variety of instruments to bring festive music from around the world. The hour-long program, which starts at 1:30 p.m., is an ideal way to launch gently into the pre-Christmas tumult.

**FOR THE CHILDREN**  
Another hour-long special follows on the 19th (7:30 p.m.) with four films for children which will showcase that

perennial superstar, Santa Claus. During the school break, a half-hour movie presentation begins at 2:30 p.m. on Dec. 27, 28 and 29. The Thursday film will be preceded, at 1:30 p.m., by an impromptu puppet show featuring puppets made by children who participated in a recent library workshop.

**A FLOAT OF NOTE**  
While on the festive theme, we hope you enjoyed the library float which, by the way, captured an "honourable mention" and a \$15 bonus in the Stouffville parade. A special salute goes to the creative Board members and helpers who put the prize-winner together.

**CARDS AND GIFTS**  
Once again, a final plug for the UNICEF cards and stationery on sale at the library. The selection is impressive and the cause worthwhile.

Would you believe it, two Stouffville Centennial items that were big sellers in 1977 are still available as stocking-stuffers in 1979! The Pictorial History of Stouffville (compiled by Jean Barkey) may be purchased for \$14.95 and the portfolio of 10 neighborhood sketches by local artists, for \$2.50.

**FOLK ART**  
A fascinating display of Canadian folk art, depicting animals, is presently on view in our Latham Gallery. The collection, assiduously gathered during the past twelve years by Ralph and Patricia Price of Old Reach, will excite the eye, lift the spirit and touch the heart. It will be on display until Jan. 2nd, so slip into the Library before then. You'll find our Gallery a relaxing refuge from the holiday hoopla, jingled bells and jangled nerves.

**Dorothy Zajac**  
**Heads Board**

**AURORA** — The usually sedate atmosphere of a York County Board of Education meeting was almost relaxed Monday night as trustees elected their new chairman and vice-chairman for 1980.

King Township trustee Dorothy Zajac was selected to become the board's chairman after being nominated by past chairman Don Cousins and Markham trustee Patti Grand.

She had been challenged for the chair by separate school trustee for Markham and Richmond Hill John Stephen and Vaughan trustee Jim Corcoran.

Mrs. Zajac had served the board as vice-chairman in 1979.

Whitchurch - Stouffville trustee Harry Bowes was elected vice-chairman. He had been nominated by Newmarket trustee Craig Cribar and Richmond Hill trustee Bill Munroe.

Challenging him was separate school trustee Michael Neil.

After the secret ballot were cast, both Mrs. Zajac and Mr. Bowes were declared to have won by a clear majority. The board then agreed to make the decisions unanimous and the ballots were destroyed.

In her acceptance speech Mrs. Zajac challenged the teacher's labor groups to help the board develop a responsible method of negotiating. She pointed

out that hundreds of hours had been spent in labor disputes already, which had left both sides with feelings of anger, frustration and bitterness.

She added that she looked ahead to the 1980s as being a time for co-operation between the trustees, administrative staff and employee groups.

Mrs. Zajac pointed out that schools of today have a diversity of students. All had a rightful place in the community, she said.

She also noted that the board must always be responsive to outside groups but the ultimate decision in many matters was always up to the trustees.

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