

**"Girl Next Door"**

**A busy summer ahead**

**Wedding and a reunion**

By Jim Thomas

**STOUFFVILLE** — Seventeen year old Mary Parsons is looking forward to an exciting summer. First, there's a wedding. Brother Bill and his fiancée, Betty Brown, will be married Aug. 30 at Bill's parents' home on Ninth Line South. Mary's a bridesmaid. Next, a family reunion's planned, with folks coming from all across the country. Added to all this will be Grade 12 graduation in June; admission to a community college in September and part-time employment at Bruce's Mill Conservation Area.

**BORN HERE**

Mary's eyes sparkle just thinking about it. She's our "Girl Next Door."

Born here, Mary's one of five in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Parsons, Stouffville. She has one sister, Ruth (Mrs. Mark Whitham), London, Ont., and three brothers, Bill, David and Jason.

**QUIET PERSON**

Mary admits she's a quiet person, yet she feels people should be honest; if they have something to say, then say it. In this regard, she feels the Town lacks certain services that, if available, would make it a better community. One is a Y.W.C.A. and a Y.M.C.A. Another is a theatre. At High School, she feels the smoking ban's too rigidly enforced. In fact, she feels a "smoking area" should be established for students somewhere on the property.

**LIKES EUCHRE**

Mary's interests include crocheting, swimming and playing euchre. She refers to herself as a "euchre nut." Sometime in the future, she'd like to take up cross-country skiing.

**CLOWNS AROUND**

An unusual hobby is playing the part of a clown in programs sponsored by the Newmarket Legion. Mary and her boyfriend, Brian



Seventeen year old Mary Parsons, Ninth Line South, Stouffville, is a Grade 12 student at S.D.S.S. Interests include - crocheting,

swimming and euchre. Following graduation, she plans to take a secretarial course at a community college. Jim Thomas

Blight, enjoy "making people laugh," particularly children.

Her father's involvement in politics has "rubbed off," Mary says, in that they "often" sit around and talk about subjects of a political nature. "I guess I've grown up with it," she says.

Five years ago, she and her father travelled to Newfoundland and visited the community where her dad lived as a boy. They also passed through her mother's home province of New Brunswick.

"I'd like to go back," she says.

**LOVES ANIMALS**

Mary loves animals, particularly dogs. The family has two but she'd add to that number if she could. "I'd like to take home every stray I find," she admits.

Mary speaks affectionately of her sister Ruth, claiming they've always been very close. In miles, they'll soon be closer, than before because Ruth, Mark and family are planning to take up residence at Burlington.

**YOUTH**

**Underage voters look at leaders**

**STOUFFVILLE** — In recent weeks, The Tribune has conducted two "people polls" in connection with the Feb. 18 federal election.

The first was related to 'veteran' voters. The second involved mainly young people, some preparing to cast ballots for a first time.

This time, reporter Lyne Couturier talked to "voters of the future", students in Grades 8 to 11, at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School.

Here are a few reactions: Stacey Lintner, Grade 9: "It would be hard for me to decide, but I think I'd probably vote Liberal."

Jim Vaughan, Grade 9: "I'm not really looking forward to the chance, but if I could, I'd probably vote Conservative."

Sharon Dykstra, Grade 11: "From what I've been able to learn at school, I'd vote for Mr. Trudeau because I know what he's done."

Steven King, Grade 9: "Yes, I'm interested in the upcoming

federal election and if I could vote, I'd choose the Conservatives."

Christine Goad, Grade 9: "I've talked about the election with my parents, but I'm still undecided on who I'd vote for."

Cathy Knabb, Grade 9: "I'm really concerned about what's going on, but I haven't made up my mind as to who I'd support."

Dave Helliwell, Grade 11: I'd vote for Mr. Broadbent. Both Trudeau and Clark have had a chance and neither is any good."

Tammy Duke, Grade 8: "I'm not really interested in the election but if I could vote, I'd favor Mr. Trudeau."

Jackie Chong, Grade 9: "I'm looking forward to a chance to vote but I really don't know much about this election."

Raffaella Degli-angeli, Grade 9: "If I could vote, I'd probably support the Liberals."

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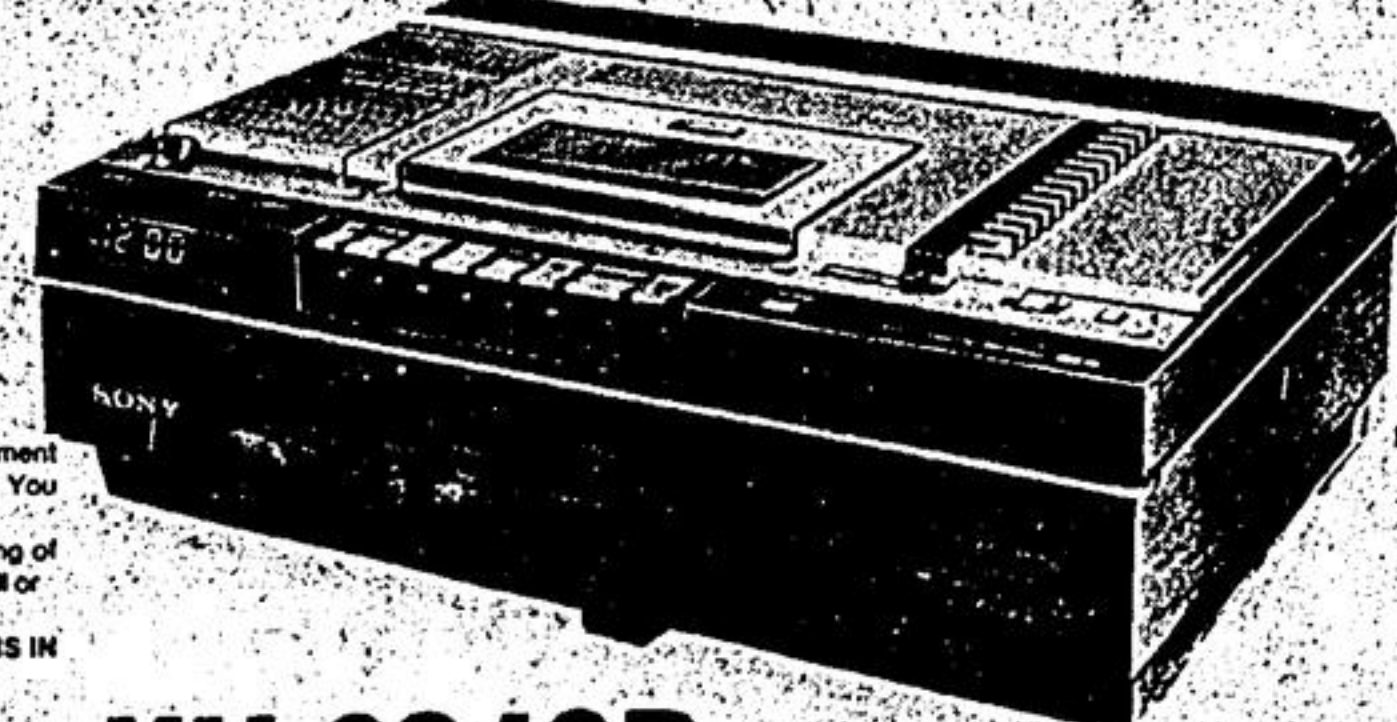
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