



Uxbridge lady is Stouffville's TOPS queen

TOPS member Ethel West of Uxbridge became the new 1980 queen during Inspiration Night, March 24 at Memorial Christian Church. Here, she is congratulated by leader Debble Wilson.

Ethel lost a total of 21½ pounds in about three months to acquire her goal of 115 pounds. She's never missed a TOPS meeting—and she's never felt better.
JoAnn Thompson

Farmed at Mongolia

STOUFFVILLE — Service was held from O'Neill's Funeral Chapel, Stouffville, April 7 for Bert Williams, following his passing, two days previous, at his residence on South Street.

Born in Toronto, Oct. 25, 1897, the late Mr. Williams attended Eglinton Avenue Public School before his parents, Arthur and Jessie Williams moved to a farm near Mongolia in 1910.

In 1926, he married Dorothy Marshman of Atha who survives along with two sons, Jack and

Walter of Stouffville and three daughters, Ella (Mrs. Jack McGrath) of Ringwood, Margaret (Mrs. Ron Buker) of Whitby and Carole (Mrs. Don Shank) of Markham. One sister, Ella (Mrs. Clifford Woodcock) resides in Toronto.

The deceased enjoyed farming and gardening. During earlier years, he'd been a member of the Orange Lodge in Toronto.

Rev. Don Pugh along with Rev. Bill Yuille conducted the service with interment, Stouffville Cemetery.

Career in nursing

After four years of declining health and much suffering, Coral May Brodie passed away Sun., March 30th, in Toronto General Hospital. She was the oldest daughter of George A. and Kate Terry Brodie, who formerly lived on the original Brodie homestead on the fifth concession of Whit church, a short distance north of the Stouffville-Gormley townline. She was in her 84th year. Coral attended Bethesda Public School when Mr. Isaac Pike was the popular teacher. She later attended Pickering College in Newmarket, and then graduated in Nursing from Toronto General Hospital.

For years she worked in China, helping train native girls as nurses in a University hospital. She was supported by Bloor St. United Church in Toronto. After some years she was forced to return to Canada because

of ill-health. She is survived by 3 sisters, Jessie B. Brodie and Lillian T. Brodie of Toronto, and Violet (also a graduate of Toronto General Hospital, now Mrs. Dr. Arthur James of Seattle). Also surviving is one brother, J. Arthur Brodie of Toronto. Two brothers predeceased her—Alexander, an Army officer of World War I, and Charles M., an Air Force officer of World War 2.

The deceased was unmarried. She was a lifelong friend of Dr. and Mrs. Robert McClure, the famous missionary couple. She was a retiring person but very friendly and with a great sense of humour.

A private funeral service was held from Trull Funeral Home in Toronto. She was a patient for some time in Leisure World Nursing Home on St. George St. and briefly in the Toronto General Hospital.



Provincial Honors

York South Homemaking Clubs held their Spring Achievement Day in the Victoria Square Community Centre, Saturday. Several diplomas were presented to deserving members by Home Economist Beverley Brook of Newmarket. Recipient of her Provincial Honors Certificate was Carolyn Shaw (right), R.R. 2, Markham. Jim Thomas

Green Gables Home

Thanks

Dear Mr. Thomas: We the residents of Green Gables Home at Bloomington, wish to thank the ladies who so kindly gave of their time to help celebrate March birthdays for

senior citizens here—Percy Hart, George Styles, Mrs. Fryer and Mrs. Tyrell. We are indeed grateful.

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Precedent-setting case

Wife shares stock

The estranged wife of a former Stouffville man has been awarded 50 per cent of her husband's stock in a precedent-setting decision handed

down by a judge of the Ontario Supreme Court. The order, a first of its kind in the province, relates to one, Barbara Leatherdale and her

husband, Douglas, one-time residents on Duchess Street in Stouffville. Justice John Holland based his award on Mrs.

Leatherdale's contribution to the marriage as a housewife, mother and wage-earner. The couple has one child.

The judge claimed Mrs. Leatherdale had assisted in management of the house, care of the boy, and had pooled a portion of her earnings during the time she worked as a bank employee.

He awarded her a \$20,000 share of Bell Canada stocks held by her husband. They had been purchased in his name from payroll deductions as a Bell Canada employee.

"I attach no significance to the fact that the shares are in the husband's name alone. His financial ability to acquire the shares was assisted by the wife's efforts inside and outside the home," Mr. Justice Holland noted in his decision. He described it as "fair and equitable."

Douglas and Barbara Leatherdale separated in 1978 after nineteen years of marriage. It is understood that Mr. Leatherdale plans to appeal.

Capital gains tax 'unfair'

Dear Editor: In 1921, income tax was introduced. It was supposed to be only temporary. Look where we are today.

More recently, sales tax was also introduced. It also was to be only temporary. Horse feathers!

Next we have capital gains tax, a discriminatory edict aimed mostly at the farmer.

But you may be the next victim.

A man's home is supposed to be his castle. I say it's immoral to take away a person's home, then tax him for the privilege.

I urge you to request the Revenue Minister, William Rompkey to have legislation passed that will correct this faulty law. Write your M.P. before it's too late. No postage is required.

The Revenue Ministry has immense power at its disposal. We are given an appraisal and later an assessment that we can't refuse. You're guilty—prove yourself innocent. So far I've written 38 letters, without a single reply. We're surely standing in "Red Square".

If you feel you too have been wrongly treated, write me and I'll have my M.P. take your letter to Ottawa.

Sincerely,
Frank Calderose,
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Comments made outside meeting

Recent media coverage of a motion with regard to teacher bargaining which was passed at the Annual Meeting of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation has brought that motion into public debate.

That coverage centered mainly on one or more comments made outside the meeting, has affected public perception of the intent of OSSTF to deal with a growing problem for Ontario's 35,000 secondary school teachers—negotiating collective agreements with 79 school boards across the province.

In the majority of collective agreements settlements are reached through a bargaining process defined in provincial legislation. However, in areas of the province which have experienced strikes and lockouts, some school

boards have taken note of the fact teachers spend considerable time and effort in quickly restoring normal operations after strikes have been concluded. It's to the teachers' credit and a reflection of their professional integrity that they do so.

The difficulty for teachers is that by minimizing the negative aspect of strikes for the good of their students, they may well be encouraging trustees to create strike situations. To put it another way, because trustees do not see strikes as having a serious effect on their system, they seem, in some cases, to be engineering confrontation with their employee groups in order to gain an advantage at the bargaining table.

If that is the case (and the point can be argued in many areas where bargaining is now

in a crisis situation), then that situation must be stopped.

That is the concern raised by teachers last week and that is the reason why teachers are prepared to consider strong and unusual action to draw public attention to an inequity in collective bargaining between teachers and trustees.

There is legislation, which provides for the orderly development of negotiations even if that development involves sanctions by either side. However, that legislation is predicated upon the serious intent of teachers and trustees to bargain in good faith and avoid confrontation wherever and whenever possible. If either of the parties subverts that intent, prolonged strikes which have negative effects on students, result.

Sincerely
Margaret Wilson
President



This season's top scorer in the Girl's hockey league is Julie Thompson of the L and M Gardens senior team. Julie amassed a total of 60 points this season with an impressive record of 45 goals and 15 assists.
Jim Holt

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