

"Kids too rowdy"

Dances cancelled

STOUFFVILLE — Weekly dances, held Friday evenings at Summitview School, have been cancelled.

The decision, announced this week by chief organizer Darlene Brown, followed a hastily-called executive meeting, Sunday.

MANY PROBLEMS

Mrs. Brown said the chaperones were experiencing

more and more problems. The "last straw", she said was when someone, for no apparent reason, entered a change room and tore a boy's jacket completely in half.

REALLY SAD

"That finished it. Things were getting too rowdy. We had to clamp down. It's really sad".

Mrs. Brown said that in recent weeks, some of the young people had shown a total

disregard for personal or school property. "It was like someone unlocked the main gate at the zoo," she stated.

MEAN BUSINESS

What bothers her most, she said, is the fact so many good kids will be penalized because of the actions of a few. "But we have to show them we mean business".

The cancellations are "till further notice".

Pup saved

STOUFFVILLE — On Saturday, a motorist hit a German Shepherd pup, near 18th Avenue and the 10th Concession of Markham. He stopped, took a look, then drove on, leaving it to die in the ditch.

But not two local residents, Karen McEwan and her neighbor, Lorraine Gagnon, RR 1, Stouffville. They took the dog to the Stouffville Veterinary Clinic for treatment then to Ryan's Animal Control Centre on the Stouffville-Gormley Road.

Mrs. McEwan feels the owner may be looking for the pup, not knowing it was injured. The number at Ryan's Canine Control is 887-5012.

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Aftermath of rally

P.S. teachers stage mass protest march

YORK REGION — Brandishing umbrellas and carrying letters in brown paper bags, more than 800 elementary teachers marched in protest on the Board of Education's administrative offices, Monday, following a mass rally at Aurora High School.

Their message — "a speedy conclusion to negotiations with a fair and reasonable settlement". The teachers have been without a collective

agreement since Sept. 1, 1979. Negotiations on the 1979-80 agreement began in February '79—fourteen months ago.

Joan Johnston of Stouffville, a staff member at Devins Drive Public School, Aurora, told The Tribune that in her eight years of teaching in York County, it's the first time she's witnessed such a thing. She, like the others, has been without a contract since last September.

However, the teachers are

upset over more than salaries. Class sizes and split grades are of equal concern.

Joan explained that she has a Grade 1-2 class with 30 children. "Who's going to suffer in the long run?" she asked.

A spokesperson for the York County Elementary Teachers' Federation pointed to the fact additional programs, including French, had been made compulsory within the elementary system. There's no objection to

this. What so many teachers find irritating, she said, is the Board's determination not to provide adequate additional staff; larger classes for regular pupils; a heavier workload and "the unwillingness of trustees to listen to reasonable proposals and take appropriate action".

On the question of salaries, the teachers are not looking for confrontation, the spokesperson said, but neither are they prepared to mutely acquiesce in a settlement that clearly rates them as "second class".

Elementary teachers, she noted, have been traditionally low-key, restrained and reasonable. Many now feel this policy is getting them nowhere. "They are highly qualified, competent and committed to their pupils, to quality education and to their professional duty. Their objective is to obtain a speedy, fair and reasonable settlement through negotiations with their own trustees," the official concluded.

Plan "study session"

STOUFFVILLE — If Queen's Park agrees to legislate Sudbury's high school teachers back to work, the majority of staff at S.D.S.S. (and perhaps elsewhere in Ontario), will engage in a half-day "Study Session".

Lin Jones, a member of the federation's provincial executive, said the issue had been placed before teachers

here and the majority voiced support. All but four or five attended, he stated.

Mr. Jones said that when the government steps in, it automatically takes the pressure off the Board so trustees sit back and do nothing.

It's not unusual, he said, for Boards to string teachers along for twenty months and

sometimes longer, without an agreement. "When this happens, the process isn't working".

Lin Jones admitted the "study session" could be regarded as a breach of contract and result in a half-day's loss of pay. Teachers, he said, must look beyond this and consider the matter in broader terms.

Orchard Park

Choir — No. 1

STOUFFVILLE — The 104-voice Orchard Park choir, has brought additional honor to the school and Whitchurch-Stouffville.

The boys and girls, directed by staff teacher Ron Robbins and assisted by Barbara Wideman and Doreen Brown, placed 1st, Monday, in the 20th annual music festival sponsored by the Newmarket Lions Club. They scored an 88 per cent.

The students, from Grades 5, 6 and 7, practiced several weeks in advance of the competition, a dedication that resulted in high praise from the adjudicator. Accompanist for the choir was Judy Sutherland.

"We're very proud of them", Principal John Hincks told The Tribune. An engraved plaque, denoting the accomplishment, will be placed in the hallway of the school.

Drug use-abuse

STOUFFVILLE — Use of drugs among adolescents, will be the subject of a public meeting, Thursday, (to-night), at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School.

Speakers will include a representative of York County Board of Education; the Addiction Research Foundation; the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the Council on Drug Abuse.

Questions will be welcomed from the audience, with Councillor Bill Kamps, the meeting's chairman.

Mervyn Witherow, Principal of S.D.S.S., told The Tribune that the decision to bring the drug issue out into the open followed discussions with parents of Summitview, Orchard Park and Ballantrae students, most of whom will be attending Stouffville High in September.

Time of the meeting is 7:30 p.m.

Councillor in hospital

MARKHAM — Ward 4 councillor Arthur 'Bud' Bonner, Gladiator Road, is in Scarborough General Hospital, after suffering a heart attack last week. His condition has improved to the extent he's now out of intensive care.

Councillor Bonner is an employee of North York Hydro. He's been active in many areas of community affairs.



Student's literary entry wins provincial honors

Rae McFadden of the Stouffville Legion, presents plaques to Jim Ku (right) and Ganesh Persaud, recognizing the excellence of their

entries in a recent Literary Contest. Jim also won at the provincial level.

— JoAnn Thompson



Dancers Al Whittaker and Margo Nagy were members of this year's Music Mania cast that played to standing room only audiences, three nights last week. It was the show's twentieth

anniversary, just over and already there's talk of plans for next year. For more pictures, see pages 13 and 16.

— Jim Thomas

Music Mania '80

Standing ovations accorded all shows

By Jim Thomas
STOUFFVILLE — See you next year — four oft-repeated words as Music Mania members 'broke ranks' Sunday morning and headed for home.

Satisfied? Jubilant might best describe the atmosphere that prevailed up and down the halls, in the dressing rooms and on stage following Saturday's show. It was the same Thursday and again on Friday, standing ovations all three nights, each one earned.

For director, Daphne Goldman, it was a dream come true. "For nine years I've been waiting in the wings, hoping someone would ask. When someone did, I jumped at the chance," she said. She praised the participants for co-operating so completely, mentioning specifically, Elva Newmarch, the producer; Lorne Boadway (music); Suzanne Wallis (script); Kay Marshall (costumes); Marj Bowes (make-up); Bruce Burton (sets); Bob Lewis (stage); Lovanna Sanders (publicity); Jim Nevins (band); Joyce Miles (pianist); Pirkko Eagar (dancers) and others in equally important roles.

"New people bring new ideas," she said, "seniors bring experience". "I loved the show, I loved everyone in it. I hope no one quits".

Lorne Boadway, described by the director as the show's "Music Man", said he con-

sidered it an honor to be a part of the chorus. Then he echoed Daphne's claim that new faces keep Music Mania going.

The strength of this year's 20th anniversary show was in the music. The choice of songs was excellent, and all were excellently done. The "freedom" number was electrifying in its intensity, highlighting the vocal talents of Barbara Sibbick, Ann Bell and Mike Follett. And the dancers, magnificent, prompting complimentary whistles from all corners of the auditorium.

As for the skits, two were particularly comical — the Briarbusch Hospital 'scene' with Don Petrie, John Foulds and

Frank Mellon and "Mania At The Nursing Home" with Mary Harris, Don Huxtable and Lorne Boadway.

The nostalgia touch (for those whose memories go back that far), was provided by Ted Topping, Wilf Morley, Lorne Boadway, Don Huxtable and Jim Rehill in the segment "Minstrel Roots". They recaptured the humor of the early 60's when Minstrel Mania was the theme.

The choir's rendition of Halleluja brought the program to a fitting conclusion.

It was Producer Elva Newmarch who, in a few words, really said it all: "I hope you'll have a tremendous 21st year".

Survey reveals

Teen unrest

STOUFFVILLE — The Stouffville Family Life Centre is interested in sponsoring a program of organized activities for teenagers in town. To look into the feasibility of implementing this plan, Jacqui Morrison, a staff teacher at S.D.S.S., has gathered together a committee of students from Grades 8 through 12.

This group completed a survey among all young people at Stouffville High. Of the 550 who responded, 95 per cent indicated a need for planned

activities for teens here. Mentioned specifically were movies, roller-skating, dances and sports. Forty per cent wanted greater use made of school facilities. Sixty per cent favored some other location such as Latcham Hall or the Arena.

Now that a definite need has been determined, the committee plans to approach Council in an attempt to gain support from the community. If such is indicated, the first activity will be arranged for the month of June.

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