

## Parents vent frustrations

STOUFFVILLE — Feelings of frustration, disappointment, even anger, permeated the auditorium of Stouffville Dist. Secondary School, Thursday. A cross-section of close to 200 parents, present at a Drug Abuse Seminar, said they felt "betrayed" by the fact very little of a specific nature was revealed concerning drug problems and solutions in Stouffville.

"The whole thing left me cold," said one mother, "it's high time we came to grips with the problem here. The information, she said, while very complete, was pretty much a rehash of what she already knew: "I know the cause," she said, "it's the cure I'm interested in".

Others contacted by The Tribune said much the same. "Stouffville's my concern, not

schools elsewhere in York County or Ontario," said a father of a boy in Grade 10.

Mervyn Witherow, Principal at S.D.S.S., admitted to a difficulty in diagnosing the cause of a student's condition when it's not alcohol related. He stated, however, that over a ten year period, he could count on one hand the number of times he'd seen a student "out of control". His first concern, he said, is for the individual. An attempt is then made to contact a parent or guardian. As to laying charges, the principal said he would call police only if evidence of drug-use or possession is apparent. Suspicion isn't enough, he stated.

One speaker challenged the principal to keep a tighter rein on students, particularly in allowing them to congregate on Edward Street, across from the school. "It's good to feel we as parents have the support of a system that's going to protect our children as much as possible," she said.

Mr. Witherow replied that moving the students off public property and into the school might reduce the problem but not necessarily solve it. "If they want it, they'll find ways," he said.

The principal praised those members of the panel who had spent an entire day in the school, talking to students and staff. He agreed that inter-action between the staff and parents is important and expressed the hope it would continue.

### "Messing up lives"

## Claim booze main problem

STOUFFVILLE — A drunk is supposed to be funny. People laugh at him staggering down the street. He's the comedian on T.V. But there's nothing funny about him. The drunk is dangerous to you and to himself.

Norman Panzica, a senior consultant to council on drug abuse, stressed this point, during an hour-long discussion with Grade 6 and 7 students from Summitview and Orchard Park Schools, Friday.

"Booze is messing up more kids than any two drugs," he stated. The lowering of the drinking age was a "lousy

idea", he said. A lot of young folks died because of it.

People, he said, drink to access because they're not afraid of alcohol. "It's the thing you're not afraid of that can hurt you the most".

He warned his audience against being "one of the crowd". Don't be someone who can't think for himself, he said.

"You're told on television to put a chemical into your body. What does he care? He doesn't know you," he said.

Panzica stressed one point emphatically—the only way you can ever get hooked on drugs is by trying it once.

### Peer pressure

## Prompts drug use

STOUFFVILLE — Peer pressure prompts many young people to turn to drugs, Frank Fallon, a community consultant with the Addiction Research Foundation told a public meeting in the High School, Thursday night. "Most will try it at least once, usually in the company of friends."

"And ninety-five per cent will turn out all right," added Dr. John Denison, York County Board of Education.

Other reasons behind experimentation in drugs were listed by Fallon as: Curiosity, boredom, rejection of parental values and "for thrills".

"As drug use continues, he explained, larger quantities are required to get the same effect.

Dr. Denison described drug use as "a universal problem". He said it is a matter of concern, not only for all schools but for all communities. He described the situation at Stouffville High as "no better or no worse than any other".

Kelly Park, a former student at S.D.S.S., said many of Stouffville's drug-users are younger than average. He

noted, however, that few were inclined to get into the "heavy" stuff.

Norman Panzica, a senior consultant with the Council on Drug Abuse, advised a hard-line approach. "Why did you let me," he said, "is the worst charge a boy (or girl) can lay against his (or her) parents.

"Let him know where you stand," agreed Dr. Denison.

Mr. Panzica suggested straight-forwardly that "many

parents are good listeners who don't hear anything".

"Drugs weren't a problem when you were in school," said Dr. Denison, "this is a different society. Drugs are a part of their world and you must learn to live in that world". As to the legalization of marijuana, he described such a move as "the height of insanity".

Town councillor Bill Kamps was panel moderator.

## Reduce municipal site

MARKHAM — The Town of Markham will "protect" only twenty-five of its eighty-two acres on the site of its proposed municipal complex at Warden Avenue and No. 7 Highway.

The decision, concluded in committee, will be re-opened for discussion at a meeting, May 13, regional councillor Ron Moran told The Tribune.

Mr. Moran says he's opposed to the move, calling it "short-sighted". He also sees

seventy thousand dollars spent on a "master plan" for the property "gone down the drain".

It was his contention that the site should be a "people place" rather than a facility open only from nine to five. This, he said, could still occur, depending on what happens to the property that's sold off.

The regional councillor claims the twenty-five acres will accommodate the new

municipal building and allow for expansion. He feels, however, "that when you're spending this kind of money, you want to do it right".

Mr. Moran, chairman of the administration committee, says his argument was supported by Mayor Roman and Councillor Ron Femson.

The 82 acres, he noted, was purchased by the Town from the Ministry of Transportation and Communication for \$1,530,000.

## Arson charge

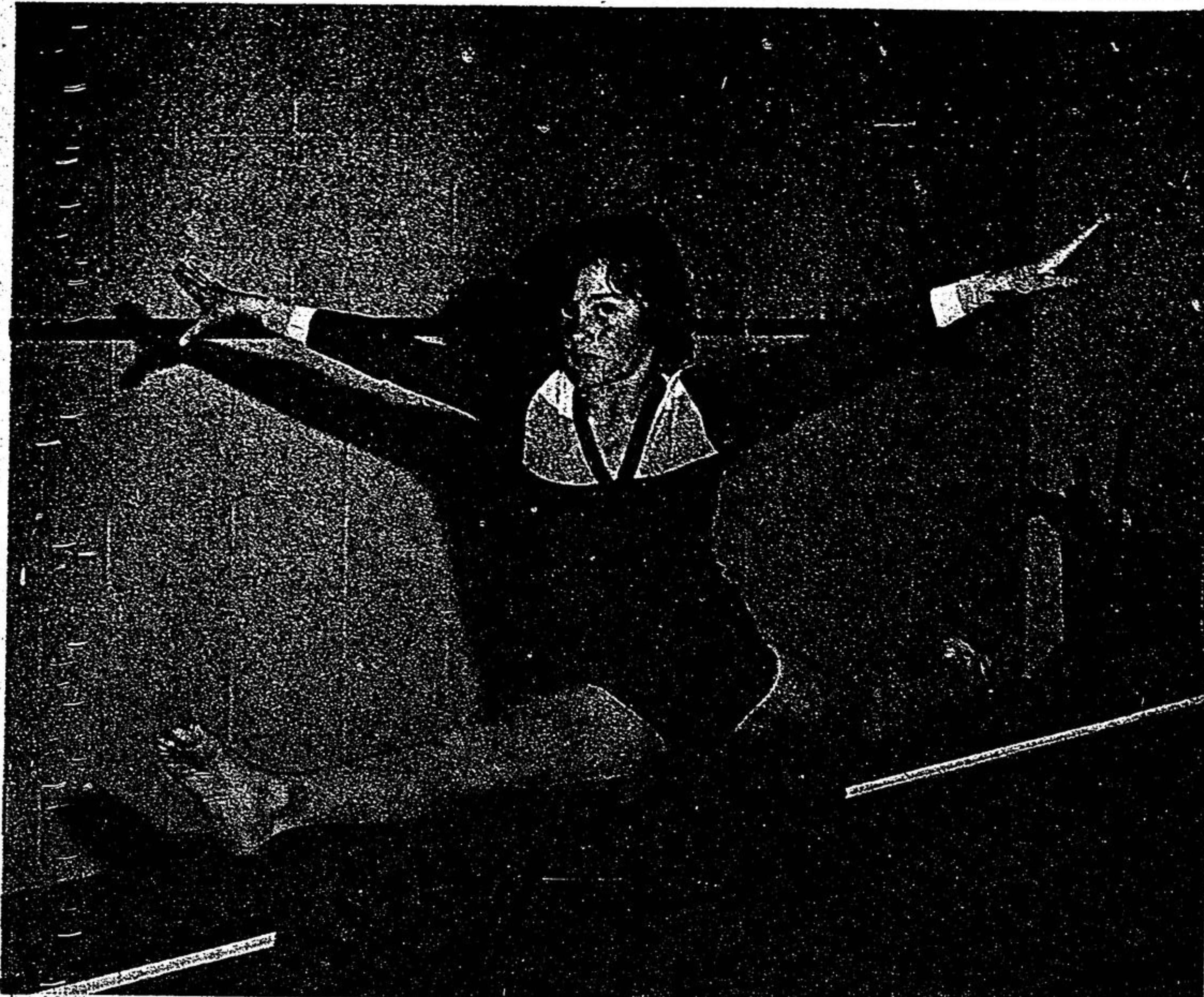
MARKHAM — In September of last year, a company operating under the name of Metro Jewellery Limited, 315 Steelcase Road, was heavily damaged in an explosion and fire.

Three firefighters were injured in the blast. One of them, Gary Cyr, 23, of Unionville, suffered second degree burns to his head. Damage was estimated at \$140,000.

On Feb. 12, the owner, Surjit Singh Kanda, 47, of 28

Sherwood Forest Drive, Markham, filed a proof of loss report, listing damages at \$326,551.00. On April 28, police laid charges of arson and attempted fraud against him. Kanda was ordered to appear in court May 1.

Despite the intensity of the explosion, a number of valuable metals and gems were saved. There were four 40-pound propane tanks inside the building. One was leaking and caught fire, but none exploded.



On May 13, Summitview and Orchard Park Schools will send twenty-eight gymnasts to an Area 2 meet at York University, Steeles Avenue West. One of the participants is twelve year old

Leanne Mumford, Main Street East, a student in Grade 6 at Summitview. Another member of the Summitview gymnast team is pictured on Page 8. —Jim Thomas.

### School gymnasts

## Test skills

STOUFFVILLE — Twenty-eight talented gymnasts from Stouffville's Summitview and Orchard Park schools, will put their skills to the test when they participate in an Area 2 meet, May 13 at the York University sports complex, Steeles Avenue.

The Summitview team will include Maureen Ferguson, Lisa Boyd, Heather Johannessen, Barbie Gourley, Heather Glenn, Krista MacFarlane, Julia Glick, Leanne Mumford, Leanna Grabish and Laura Campbell.

Entries from Orchard Park are Jennifer Tosney, Laura Baatz, Anne Christie, Dorothy Eidt, Diane Eidt, Mary Sled, Rebecca Ness, Kelly Dobson, Susan Murphy, Robyn Grove, Brenda Hachey, Tracy Emery, Norma Sayers, Daphne Gibson, Debbie Mosel, Leslie Stronach, Elizabeth Sled and Charmaine Lintner.

Summitview's gymnastic coach is Bernie Mumford. Ron Robbins is the coach at Orchard

Park. Mrs. Mumford has had valued assistance from three other staff teachers - Ted Shepherd, Trudy Cadieux and Jim Fletcher as well as two volunteers from the high school, Ellen Dowswell and Jane Huxtable.

Several girls are entered in three events which include the beam, the floor and the vault. By competition time, most will have put in close to ninety hours of practice time.

### Soon

### our own

## Town flag

STOUFFVILLE - Whitchurch-Stouffville will soon have its very own flag. Delivery is expected June 1, Ged Stonehouse, Chamber of Commerce president told The Tribune.

Work on this project, extending over several months, has been in charge of Councillors June Button and Jim Sanders.

The background is yellow with blue bars and a blue crest. The Chamber will make the flags available to Town businessmen and residents at the following prices. A Canadian flag and a Town flag together will cost \$18.25. A Town flag alone will be \$12.00 and a Canadian flag alone will be \$7.50.

## Announce sale of vet clinic

STOUFFVILLE - The Stouffville Veterinary Clinic has been sold.

Drs. Dennis and Terry O'Connor announced this week the sale of the building and business to their small animal associates, Dr. Garry Gall and Dr. Anthony Sekeres.

The O'Connors have purchased a property on the corner of Hwy. 48 and the Bethesda

Road. There, they will erect an office for the practice of large animal medicine. However, they will continue to work out of the Stouffville Clinic for the next few months.

It was back in 1957 that Dr. Dennis O'Connor joined Dr. Ron Smith in practice here. Dr. Terry O'Connor entered the partnership in 1959. They built the present Clinic on the south side of Main Street West in 1972.

## Long distance call to Town museum

STOUFFVILLE - Would you believe? There's no Stouffville phone listing for the Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum.

Yes, the building's located in Town, on Woodbine Avenue at Vandorf, but contact via Ma Bell results in only a "sorry, sir,

but we have no such number". So what's one supposed to do, send up smoke signals?

The answer is yes, unless you're willing to pay long-distance charges and call Aurora. The number (if anyone's interested) is 727-8954.



With cheerleaders like these Summitview teams can't lose

With cheerleaders like this, Summitview School can't lose. These vivacious girls, both Kindergarten pupils, concluded a colorful assembly program, Thursday morning. The five year olds

are Kathleen Miko (left) of Manitoba Street and Linda Lattner, North Street.

—Jim Thomas.

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