

"Girl Next Door"

Assisting others is Arlene's goal

By JIM THOMAS
DICKSON'S HILL — Helping others less fortunate than herself. That's the goal of sixteen year old Arlene Diller, Dickson's Hill.

She's our "Girl Next Door".

Arlene has served as a counsellor at Glenbrook Day Camp on the 7th Concession (McCowan Road) of Markham. Children with learning disabilities are welcomed there and so is Arlene. She has enjoyed the associations and would like to spend more time in this kind of work. She plans to re-join the staff there this summer.

Arlene's an extremely busy girl, in fact, one wonders how she can include so many activities in a normal week.

For example, she's employed part-time at Parkview Home; after school and every other weekend. She plays the flute in the Sr. Band and sings in the Choir.

Church involvement is important, she says, and has been as far back as she can remember. She's a member at Steeles Avenue Mennonite and enjoys the Youth Fellowship gatherings there. She admits the guidance received from her parents and the church have greatly influenced her life.

Arlene and her family moved from Scarborough to Dickson's Hill five years ago. While their present property is somewhat smaller than a 100 acre farm, it's still in the country and that's what counts, she says. The lawn and garden are beautifully maintained.



Sixteen year old Arlene Diller of Dickson's Hill, is a Grade 11 student at Stouffville High. She's a member of the Senior Band and Choir; works part-time at Parkview Home and has served as a

counsellor at Glenbrook Day Camp on McCowan Road. Following graduation, she hopes to assist children with learning disabilities.

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Arlene has four sisters, Phyllis (Mrs. Paul Eyre), Ninth Line North, Stouffville; Linda, Carolyn and Glenna, all at home.

11 "and heading towards Grade 13", she appreciates the size of the enrollment at S.D.S.S., "not too large", she says, "you get to know most of the people". Her toughest subject, she claims, is

Math. Strangely enough, her Math teacher, Miss Davey is tops. "Because of her, I enjoy it," she says. Arlene participates in all the usual sports, including volleyball and softball.

Although she's not planning an extended vacation trip this summer, Arlene's been coast-to-coast in Canada. Some day, she hopes to make it to England.

Responsive audience

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STOUFFVILLE — While difficult numbers done well, may prove challenging to accomplished musicians (and their director), this appreciation of instrumental skills can fall on 'dead' ears when the audience is 'unschooled' at this level of learning.

That is why a band or a choir (and their director), must decide when preparing a program, if they are entertaining themselves or the folks who have come to be entertained.

In our opinion, the listeners are most important, otherwise, a group is performing only for its own enjoyment.

With this thought in mind, Band Director Paul Samuelson and Choir Director Jim Rehill may have wondered at the enthusiastic response accorded the simple songs at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School's Spring Concert, Thursday.

Like "Bandroom Blast" by the Grade 8 band and "Maracas From Caracas" by the Grade 9 band; nothing too difficult, perhaps, but enjoyable.

And the choir number, "You Light Up My Life", a beautiful song, beautifully sung.

The crowd was the largest to attend such a show. The enthusiasm was the kind of encouragement these young musicians need and deserve. The amazing part about the program was talent displayed by the Grade 8 "beginners" and the progress made between the various levels, right on up to the borderline professionals.

The concert contained a touch of nostalgia with the inclusion of "special guest artist", Jeremy Waite, a long-time member of the S.D.S.S. staff. He played the bass viol.

Pauline Powell, band president, praised the director for his perseverance and en-

thusiasm. "He's done a fantastic job," she said. Mr. Samuelson thanked the musicians for their co-operation.

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Dance raises \$500

STOUFFVILLE — Close to \$500 was raised, Friday, at the dance marathon, held in the gymnasium of Stouffville Dist.

Secondary School. Eighteen couples remained 'vertical' through ten hours, beginning at 2 p.m. and ending at mid-

night. The D.J.'s for the event were - Larry Cavanagh, Dan Brooks and Richard Bartley.

At The Library

Model trainman

STOUFFVILLE — We wouldn't doubt that Morley Sproule's favorite song is "I've been working on the railroad". Although he's never guided the Stouffville Steak on its breath-taking run up from the city he has, over the past 31 years, laid down track, constructed rolling stock, propelled several trains simultaneously in different directions and been responsible for the operation of a complete railroad setup. No, he's not CN's most versatile employee - he's a most enthusiastic model railroader.

Murray will be bringing some of his engines and freight cars to the Library, June 7 (1.30 p.m.) when he will discuss his hobby and explain how to construct scenery for a model setup. Mr. Sproule teaches evening classes in model railroading and is well-known in the Metro area for his expertise in this line.

There are several books on railway miniatures in the library circulation as well as an excellent monthly magazine, Model Railroader. Anyone interested in the lore and romance of real-life railways can travel through history with Canadian Pacific via Pierre Berton's absorbing books, National Dream and Last Spike, and perhaps commuters, boxed for loading in the oblong igloo that now serves as our local terminal, might like to resurrect the image of the late lamented Stouffville Station as it appears in

Elizabeth Wilmo's Meet Me at the Station. Guinness, acknowledged purveyor of world records, also keeps track of train trivia in Rail Facts and Figures. Did you know, for instance, the fastest train in

Canada is CN's Rapido and that the longest, heaviest freight on record comprised three diesels front and behind 500 coal cars weighing 42,000 tons. It stretched for about four miles.

Speaking of stretch- ired by the length of our municipality's hyphenated moniker should consider the small railway station in Wales listed by Guinness as the place with the longest name.

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