

Reg and Doris Aselton

Couple honored on anniversary

BALLANTRAE — The Ballantrae Community Centre was the location for a pleasant gathering, Friday evening, a family dinner and 'open house' honoring Reg and Doris Aselton on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Aselton, R.R. 3, Newmarket, have resided for the past twelve years with their daughter and son-in-law, Joan and Jim Doble. Another daughter and son-in-law, Carolyn and Ted Guest live at Lindsay. There are five grandchildren, Danny, Debbie and Larry Guest; Mark and Norman Doble.

Editor's Mail

Aid youth

Dear Sir: Sex education should be available in the schools. This information would supplement that which is given in the home and, in some cases, it would be the only information given. Sex education would help young people understand normal physiological changes being experienced by them. Isn't it better to

provide accurate information in the classroom than wrong information on the street corner?

We should remember that sex education is not only methods of birth control but understanding emotional maturity and expressing feelings in other ways.

John Hall, North Street, Stouffville.

Most of their married life has been spent in East York and Scarborough. They moved to the Ballantrae area in 1968.

Mr. and Mrs. Aselton enjoy the friendships they've made through the Ballantrae Seniors Club and Christ Church Anglican in Stouffville. Doris is an active member of the Ballantrae Ladies Auxiliary. This organization catered to their lovely anniversary banquet.



Mr. and Mrs. Reg Aselton, R.R. 3, Newmarket, were honored at a reception, Friday evening in the Ballantrae Community Centre on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. Jim Thomas

Changes

STOUFFVILLE — Four familiar faces will be missing at St. Mark's School when classes resume in September: Tim Todd, a teacher there six years, has transferred to St. Paul's, Newmarket. Mrs. Darcie Camillieri is going to St. Michael's, Thornhill and librarian, Gloria Kelcher has accepted a position on the staff of Notre Dame, Newmarket.

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Editor's Mail

Pastors praise 'frozen' film

Dear Jim, We have seen the so-called "controversial" film, "Taking Chances," which has been the subject of so many letters, news articles, and editorials in our community. The film itself is one of the best educational aids for the stated purpose that we have seen or used in family life education. It is factual, realistic and tastefully presented in a fashion that readily communicates with its intended audience. It does not in any way encourage or promote sexual activity or promiscuity as some have feared. It recognizes that peer pressure has both positive as well as negative potential and demonstrates how it can be constructively channelled for educative purposes. The film presents legitimate and clear-cut moral questions and options in such a fashion as to enable young people to establish their own value systems. It places a central focus on personal responsibility and the consequences of various choices. It encourages young people to think and make decisions apart from spur-of-the-moment impulses. The film clearly and repeatedly holds up the option of "no" sexual activity as good and acceptable. As a part of an integrated program of family life education and as a resource for parents to enable them to instruct, communicate and reinforce personal and religious moral values the

film has considerable worth.

We must commend with high praise, the manner in which the film was presented Thursday evening. Mrs. Angela Hamlen, R.N., of the York Public Health Unit very carefully and clearly told exactly what the film was-and was not-intended to do. She set the context and the careful restrictions in which it is used. She explained the manner in which the film is presented to high school classes. The film is only presented by professional staff and only with an appropriate introduction and thorough follow-up discussion and explanation. We are satisfied that there has been no exploitation of young people nor has the film been used without the safeguards that she outlined. We note that a well qualified panel of consultants participated in the preparation of this resource. We are satisfied that the film does not contradict or conflict with the commonly accepted Christian moral and ethical values.

Particular emphasis needs to be made of the willingness of the Health Unit to make presentations to parent and community groups and to answer any inquiries the public has. This will enable parents to do more effective teaching of moral sexual information at home. We recognize and support this fundamental responsibility of parents for moral training of youth. We encourage and support

the efforts of conscientious parents to do this and recommend this film as being a valuable resource to parents for this purpose.

In conclusion, we commend The Tribune for its editorial stand on this issue, and for providing, such a generous forum for all concerned to express diverse viewpoints. We support the efforts and position of Trustee Harry Bows in the York County Board of Education to make this valuable educational tool a part of their program in our system. We regret that the Board has frozen the use of this film and urge them to reconsider this decision.

Sincerely,
The Rev. Philip Poole
The Rev. Ted Green
The Rev. John B. Duncan

Presbyterian ceremony

Robert Lewis and Jane Clarke were married, June 7 in a lovely ceremony as reported in The Tribune last week. However, the exchange of vows took place in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Markham and not the Stouffville United Church as reported. The minister was Rev. Allan Embrey of Markham. Robert is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Lewis, Rupert Avenue, Stouffville. Jane is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Clarke, Rougecrest Drive, Markham.

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