

# A prized pencil

STOUFFVILLE — When does a used lead pencil become important?

When it comes from the president-elect of the United States.

Ten years ago, Grant Davidson, RR 1, Stouffville, set out to earn his Collector's Badge as a member of a Cub Pack in Agincourt. His novel idea was to collect as many second-hand pencils as

possible, across Canada and the U.S.A.

One of the persons to whom he wrote was California Governor Ronald Reagan. Along with a pencil he received the following reply dated Dec. 11, 1970.

Dear Grant: This is just a note to thank you for your letter of Nov. 25. I'm happy to be able to supply you with a lead pencil for your Canadian

Cub Project and hope that it will be acceptable even though it has been used. Best wishes for a happy holiday season. Sincerely, Ronald Reagan, Governor, State of California.

While a decade ago, Grant has preserved that pencil to this day. It's value, however, increased considerably with the election result, Nov. 4.

## Mayor not alarmed

# Plan extended gravel sites

STOUFFVILLE — Despite dire reports circulated by a private organization, claiming the province plans to run roughshod over the countryside in an effort to extricate more gravel, Town Mayor Eldred King says he's not alarmed.

The Foundation for

Aggregate Studies, with headquarters in Toronto, has issued a release stating Queen's Park "has decided to put on its brass knuckles" and bypass the opinions of municipalities opposed to having their lands turned into gravel pits.

Sally Leppard, spokes-

person for the foundation, says there's no need for new licences to be issued until existing pits have been worked out and rehabilitated.

"Aggregate producers are only mining half their licensed acreages now," she said.

She admits the foundation recognizes the need for gravel quarries but would like to see them located in districts other than the Oak Ridge moraine and Niagara Falls. She feels environmental impact studies should be carried out first.

In the foundation's news release, a 'fact sheet' shows 1,237 acres in Whitchurch-Stouffville already being mined for gravel. The government proposal calls for an additional 3,551 acres, most of it extending along both sides of the Bloomington Road from Lincolnville through to Hwy. 404.

Leppard says the government's recent policy directive, favors the \$400 million a year gravel industry over the strong protests of rural municipalities.

The Maple Branch of the Ministry of Natural Resources revealed that just over three million tons of gravel per year had been mined in Whitchurch-Stouffville from 1977 through 1979. The tonnage removed during the current year won't be known until the end of December, the official said.

Mayor King said that while excavations made by gravel producers were not being returned to their original state, most of it could be used as grazing land. The ministry, he explained, charges a percentage fee against the operators. These funds are held back until rehabilitation is completed to government satisfaction, he said.

# Corn ablaze inside dryer

ISLAND LAKE — A blaze inside a corn dryer on the property of Ken Reesor, RR 3, Stouffville, Friday night, caused several thousand dollars damage. However, had it not been for a motorist who spotted the flames and came pounding on the door, it would have been much worse.

While cause of the fire couldn't be determined immediately, the owner believes a piece of foreign material clogged one of two 'tunnels', exposing the corn to extreme heat. There was about thirty tons inside the elevated bin.

The drying operation

continues 24 hours a day, Mr. Reesor explained. It's checked from time to time, just to make sure everything's alright. About a quarter of a million bushels goes through it in a season, he said, some of it his own and some for other growers.

"We were in pretty good shape," he said, "but this will set us back."

Firefighters from Stouffville cut a hole in the base of the bin so the corn could flow out on the ground.

Ken said he still doesn't know the identity of the driver who came to his door. "I sure am grateful," he stated.

# Badly injured

WHITCHURCH — Three people were injured, one seriously, Tuesday afternoon, when a pick-up truck and car collided at the intersection of Bloomington Road and the 5th Concession of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

Admitted to Sunnybrook Hospital was Timothy Harold

Smith, 20 of Camp Borden. Taken by ambulance to York County Hospital, Newmarket was Brenda Lee Boyd, 20, of R. R. 3, Newmarket, and Richard Anwatn, 27, of Richmond Hill.

Police said the Anwatn truck was eastbound on the Bloomington Road and struck the Smith car broadside.



Whitchurch-Stouffville firefighter, Lloyd Jennings, recently received his thirty-year medal at an investiture conducted by the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office in Gravenhurst. Lloyd plans to retire from the local brigade next month. His father, Del Jennings, was village chief many years and his brother-in-law, Walter Smith, presently holds the same position. — Jim Thomas.

## Lloyd Jennings

# Fireman receives thirty year medal

STOUFFVILLE — "Part of the family". That's how Lloyd Jennings of Rose Avenue looks on his role as a firefighter in Whitchurch-Stouffville.

His father, the late Del Jennings, served as brigade chief here and now his brother-in-law, Walter Smith, holds the same position, only full time.

So Lloyd figures he kind of 'inherited' the job, going as far back as July, 1950—thirty years ago. Recently, in honor of this milestone, he was the recipient of a 30-year medal. The investiture was held at Gravenhurst with a representative from the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office making the presentation.

Having reached this plateau, Lloyd feels it's time to step aside and make room for younger men. He plans to retire in December.

"They're eager," he says of new members already helping out. "they pick up things quickly".

The learning experience that's associated with being a fireman is invaluable, he claims. And methods are being improved upon all the time.

It wasn't that long ago that volunteers depended entirely on the wail of the siren. When that

failed, like during Hurricane Hazel, someone would run to the hall and ring the bell, Lloyd recalled. Back in the 50's, when the telephone system was 'local', switchboard operators would take it on themselves to call the firemen's homes. Now, each volunteer has a portable 'beeper' that emits information in advance.

While jumping out of a warm bed on a cold night, and

driving (sometimes in his sock feet) to the station, has its drawbacks, Lloyd admits he'll miss it, certainly the associations. "They're a bunch of great guys," he says. However, since there's no turning back the clock, he tends to take the optimistic approach. "After December, if I hear the siren but don't see any smoke, I'll just roll over and go back to sleep".

## Concert

STOUFFVILLE — Stouffville's Town Band is presenting a Christmas concert, Monday, Dec. 1 in Latcham Hall. Time of the event is 8 p.m.

The 1½ hour program, arranged and directed by David Howard, will include many favorite carols. The audience will be invited to sing along.

The thirty-member band has spent several months preparing for this show. The Hallelujah Chorus will be one of the numbers featured.

## Class of 1980

# "Pivotal point in lives"

## stirring address

STOUFFVILLE — Out of every 500 enrolled in fifth grade at public school, only 51 graduate from high school, Reet Krabi told her audience at S.D.S.S. Commencement Exercises, Friday.

"You," she said, addressing the graduates directly, "have passed into a privileged community of scholars, but more importantly is your passage, in a symbolic way, into adulthood".

Mrs. Krabi refused to differentiate between students entering the work force and those going on into higher education, calling the period "a pivotal point in your lives".

In her address, she touched on the various phases of maturation, describing them as "roads fraught with obstacles and crises". On many occasions, she said, teachers despaired and commiserated with each other in the safety of the staff room.

"But to-night," she continued, "we celebrate a coming-of-age".

Growth, she said, takes place not only through adversity, but through attainment. "This graduating class has excelled both academically and athletically".

"When you have been awarded medals and cups; when you have sent the last pages of the newspaper and Year Book out for printing; when you have taken the final curtain call at the Variety Show, we have puffed up with pride and admiration at your accomplishments".

Mrs. Krabi described the graduates as "visitors" with perceptions already changed by

new circumstances". However, she offered a final word of advice. "We have planted in you, skills of inquiry, individual study and independent learning. Nurture these skills, cultivate them to grow and blossom in the forthcoming years. Do not be content to circle like geese in an

enclosed, cramped pond, never expanding your horizons, but strike out for the river," she urged. Then she concluded by extending to each an invitation to "come home". "You'll be welcome—always," she said.

The master of ceremonies was Student Council President,

Carolina Dervaric. Chris Kamps, a Grade 13 graduate and Ontario Scholar delivered the valedictory address. Music for the occasion was provided by the School Band under the direction of Peter Samuelson and the School Choir, directed by Jim Rehill.



An honor graduation diploma was only one of several presentations made to Grade 13 graduate Nancy Ku at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School's Commencement Exercises, Friday. Congratulating Nancy here is Town trustee, Harry Bowes. — Jim Thomas.

# Collect toys

STOUFFVILLE — The staff at Family Trust, 18 Main Street West, has caught the Christmas spirit.

Branch manager John Ross and his six assistants, Mary-Jean Sider, Edna Luther, Noreen McGuckin, Pauline Mancini, Ron Elliott and Bill Shields are organizing a Toy Drive in town "so that no child will wake up to an empty stocking Christmas morning."

"When you're little and Santa doesn't come, that hurts," reads one of 2,400 cards to be distributed door-to-door within the next few days.

Residents with new or used toys (in good repair), are asked to call the Stouffville Office at 640-2082. Donations will be placed under a lighted tree and later distributed by community groups, service clubs and organizations.

While a first for Stouffville, it's not a first for Family Trust. "Last year, in other areas, it proved a tremendous success," Mr. Ross said. He's confident the support will be equally generous here.

"Family Trust believes this is one way we can show our appreciation to the community," he said.

## High School graduate

# Sits in audience

STOUFFVILLE — Although very much a part of the 1980 honor graduation class, Helen Rea elected to sit in the audience, Friday night. Then, one by one as the young grads, most still in their teens, walked across the stage to receive their diplomas, she slipped out from her seat and came in through the back. She was immediately recognized by many and a loud applause echoed through the auditorium.

Helen Rea's accomplishment is outstanding. Prior to returning to Stouffville High, she had graduated from Toronto Teacher's College and

held the principalship at Vivian Public School. However, it was her wish to illustrate a number of books for elementary use and have them approved by the Ministry of Education. To accomplish this, she required Grade 9, 10, 11 and 13 Art.

Combining homework with school work had its pitfalls but Mrs. Rea persevered. Now, she's in the first of a four year Foundation Studies' Course at Ontario Art College, Toronto.

She told The Tribune she felt it best to sit with her husband rather than with the regular graduates "because that's no

place for old ladies". However, she wasn't about to exclude herself from receiving a certificate. She shared the platform promenade with her son, David, now enrolled in a Bachelor of Science degree course at Nipissing University, North Bay.

"I really appreciate the training I received. I don't know how I'd ever get along without it". It's not unusual, she said, to "beat the books" till three in the morning.

What does Mr. Rea think of all this?

"He led the applause," she replied.