

"Girl Next Door"

# An A-pluss teacher

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STOUFFVILLE

A real "pluss" for Summitview Public School. She's Patty Pluss, a new teacher on staff whose energies and enthusiasm personifies her name. Just ask her pupils.

A native of Sault Ste. Marie, Patty loves Stouffville and her school. "I'm the luckiest girl in the world," she says.

Following graduation from White Pines Collegiate and Vocational School, Algoma University and North Bay Teachers College, she recalls the hours, days and weeks spent searching for a position. By coincidence, at the same time, Lorne Boadway was doing some searching too — for a French teacher. He was put in touch with Patty through the York County Board and they quickly came to terms. She's our "Girl Next Door."

Her father being a high school teacher, Patty has "grown up in the profession". However, she came by her proficiency in French "the hard way", even though her mother can speak the language fluently.

"My father spoke Italian; my mother spoke French, but all I ever heard was English," she recalls with a smile, "and I didn't have Sesame Street to help me either". She remembers her involvement in an exchange trip to Montreal and how much she gained from it.

The past few months have been pretty hectic for Patty and her husband, settling into a new apartment in a new area. However, the location is central enough that both can reach their respective positions in about twenty minutes. He's a constable with the Metro Toronto Police Department.



Patty Pluss is a new teacher on staff at Summitview Public School, Stouffville. Formerly of Sault Ste. Marie, she now lives in Scarborough. She describes herself as "the luckiest girl in the world" — Jim Thomas.

"It's wonderful how everything has worked out for us anyway," says Patty, "things couldn't be better."

In reference to distances, Patty talks about driving to Sault Ste. Marie like most people think of travelling to Markham. "Four hundred miles, that's nothing," she says. She gets home often to see her parents and one sister at the Sault. Another sister is in London, Ont., and two brothers are enrolled at

Dental College, Toronto. Patty feels she's experiencing the best of two worlds — an appreciated privacy where she lives and a "togetherness" where she works. "Others on staff here are just great — the most positive people I've ever seen, and Mr. Boadway, fantastic," she says. She enjoys the associations established through the Parent-Teacher organization at Summitview but wishes more mothers and

fathers would drop in and "see the children in action".

With close to 200 boys and girls "under her wing", she readily admits it's been difficult learning each by name in so short a time.

While teaching French will always be No. 1, Patty's not content to rest on her laurels. She hopes to take a French immersion course this summer and (in her spare time), begin studying Law.

# Champions once again

The Stouffville Spartans are champions again! On Nov. 13, the senior volleyball team travelled to St. Roberts School to compete in the Georgia Bay Finals. The team played 10 games and won nine. Through the day Stouffville played against a team from Midland, St. Roberts, Almaguin District and Banting Memorial, who in previous years defeated SDSS. Stouffville played Banting Memorial in the finals and came out victorious 15-10. It's been three years since SDSS has won the Georgia Bays. Congratulations to team members, and Coach, Mr. Rehill, and

heard through the school, Friday. The Spartans now advance to the All-Ontario Championships at Seneca College, Friday.

Last week, the Junior Girls' basketball team played their quarter-final play-off opener against Huron Heights. The team managed a slim one-point victory. The girls now advance to the York County semi-finals.

Also, last week the Grade eights at SDSS began their volleyball season. The teams are practicing for their first tournament in a few weeks time.

Friday, Nov. 14 was Commencement Night at SDSS. Students returned to receive their diplomas and various awards. A number of teachers that left the school also returned to see the graduates. Student's Council president Carolina Devaric M.C'd the evening's program. Mrs. Krabi presented the address to the graduates and Chris Kamps was the valedictorian. The evening was exciting and special to all who attended.

Window broken

Two Stouffville teens, involved in a shoving spree that smashed the front window at the Pinball Arcade on Main Street, Saturday night, have been charged with mischief to private property.

Farm accident

An 18 year old worker at Hill 'n Dale Farms, R.R. 1, Gormley, had a section of one finger severed, last week, in the drive chain of a hay elevator. Annette Verhagen was admitted to York County Hospital at Newmarket for surgery.

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STOUFFVILLE — Principal Michael Muir of Stouffville Dist. Secor-

To Hawaii Mr. and Mrs. Jim Rennie, Rupert Avenue, Stouffville, recently returned from a two-week holiday in Hawaii. The occasion for the trip was their 25th wedding anniversary.

Auto break-in A car belonging to Chris Burton, conc. 7, Whitchurch-Stouffville, was entered while parked on Heritage Road in Markham. Stolen were pieces of stereo equipment, 24 cassette tapes and a pocketwatch, valued in total at \$800.

dary School won't be surprised if departmental examinations are returned at the Grade 13 level — in English and Mathematics.

Principal Muir said one-third of final year subjects are now compulsory a change in policy for the first time in a decade ago when "free choice" was the trend.

"We've returned to the same place but at a broader level. Students today know a lot more," the principal stated. Mr. Muir feels there's nothing wrong with being innovative "as long as things aren't allowed to go too far. We've moved back a couple of steps," he said.

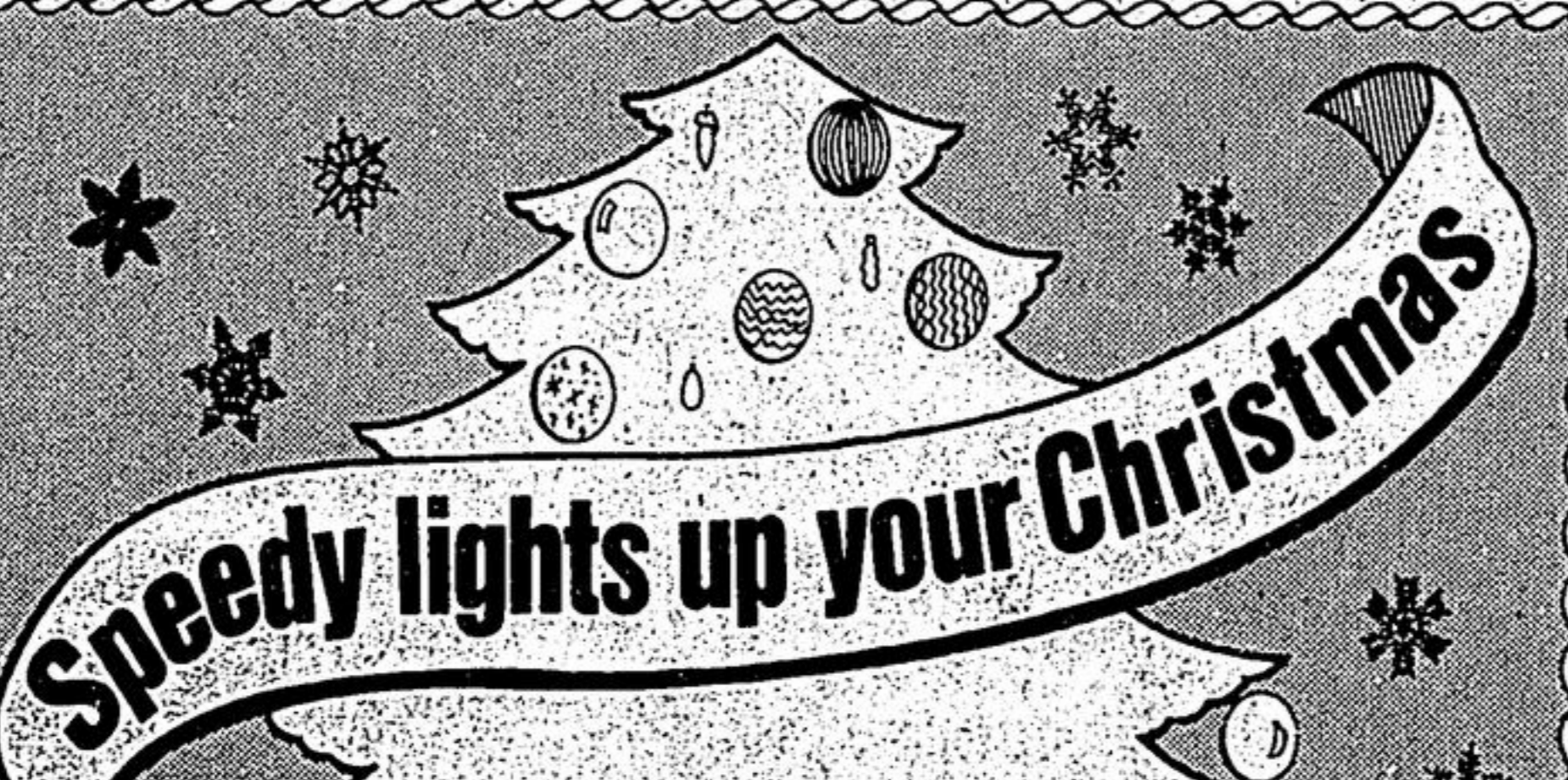
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