

"Girl Next Door"

Sunshine in her smile



By JIM THOMAS
STOUFFVILLE — Some young people have facial features that exude great joy. They're a pleasure to know or get to know.

Eighteen year old Sharene Risk is such a person. Her presence in any company is like sunshine after a storm. She's our "Girl Next Door".

One in a family of five boys and two girls, Sharene grew up on 17th Avenue, Markham, attending Dickson's Hill Public School and Markham High.

Two years ago, she moved to Stouffville. About the same time, she applied for a position in the team mission work, carried on by Emmanuel International, Stouffville, R.R. 4.

She was accepted and is presently employed in the office there.

The contributions of Emmanuel International, both overseas and at home, are stories in themselves. At the present time, the organization has close to 35 youth workers located in several countries where assistance is badly needed.

On the "home front", Emmanuel International spreads the Christian ministry through gospel music. Sharene is a member of that choir.

"It's very rewarding," she says.

While many people are important in her life, Sharene leaves no doubt as to No. 1. "My mother," she replied, "we're very close".

Eighteen year old Sharene Risk, formerly of 17th Avenue, Markham, and now living in Stouffville, is an employee on the staff of Emmanuel International, Stouffville, R.R. 4. Sharene plays the guitar, sings in the Emmanuel Choir and enjoys most sports. She expresses great respect for the team ministry of Emmanuel and its director George Middleton. Sharene and the Emmanuel chorus will be singing at St. James Presbyterian Church, Friday night.

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Students go full circle



The gymnasium at Stouffville High was transformed into a giant square dance stage, last week, a Phys. Ed. extension program. Here, in a change of pace, staff teacher Jim Rehill does the pat-a-cake polka with student Shelley Brown, Grade 13.

STOUFFVILLE — If parents had dropped in at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School, Friday afternoon, they'd never have believed their eyes — their sons and daughters square dancing — and enjoying it.

The Phys. Ed. extension program, extending over several weeks, concluded with a competition involving 135 entries.

Junior winners were Karen Harris, Margie Griffiths, Cheryl Simpson, Kathy Knabb, Steve King, Nigel Palmer, Jeroen

Verhoog and Doug Smarthaite.

Senior winners were Kleanley Young, Sae Armstrong, Sharon Dykstra, Lisa Pugh, Kevin S. Smith, Mark Zane, Tony Defuria and Rafael Hurtado.

Many of the students were appropriately attired — cowboy hats and boots, western ties, shirts and jeans; full skirts and colorful blouses.

"You're magnificent," commented Phys. Ed. instructor Jim Rehill, at the conclusion of the contest, "even better than your parents".

The professional "caller" during a portion of the afternoon was 73 year old Alex Mulligan of King City.

"It's coming back," he said in reference to square dancing among young people. A former school teacher himself, he's been retired from the profession since 1973.

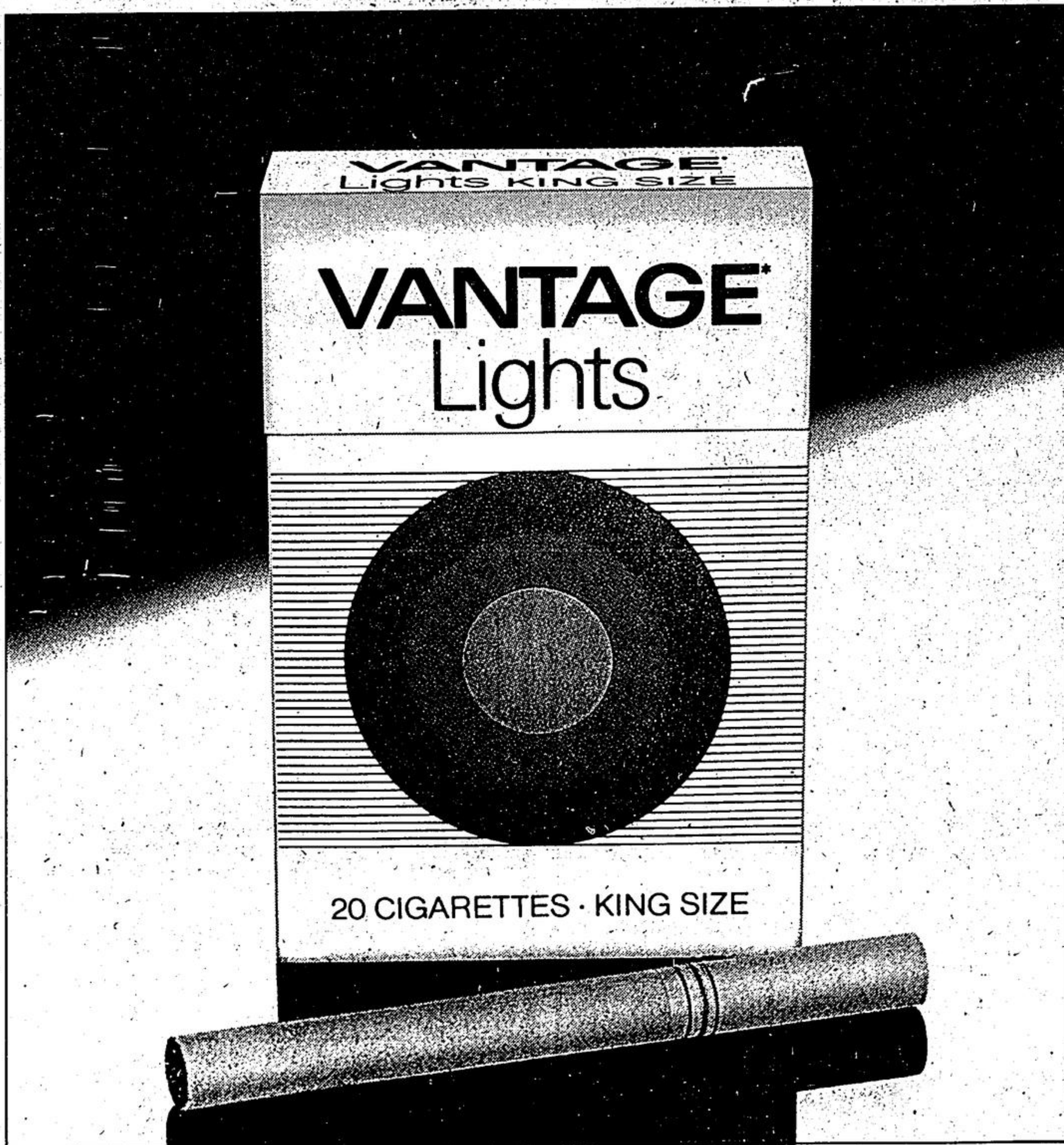
"I always enjoy returning to Stouffville," he said.

"The kids really like it. It's good, clean, wholesome entertainment, and good exercise too," he said.

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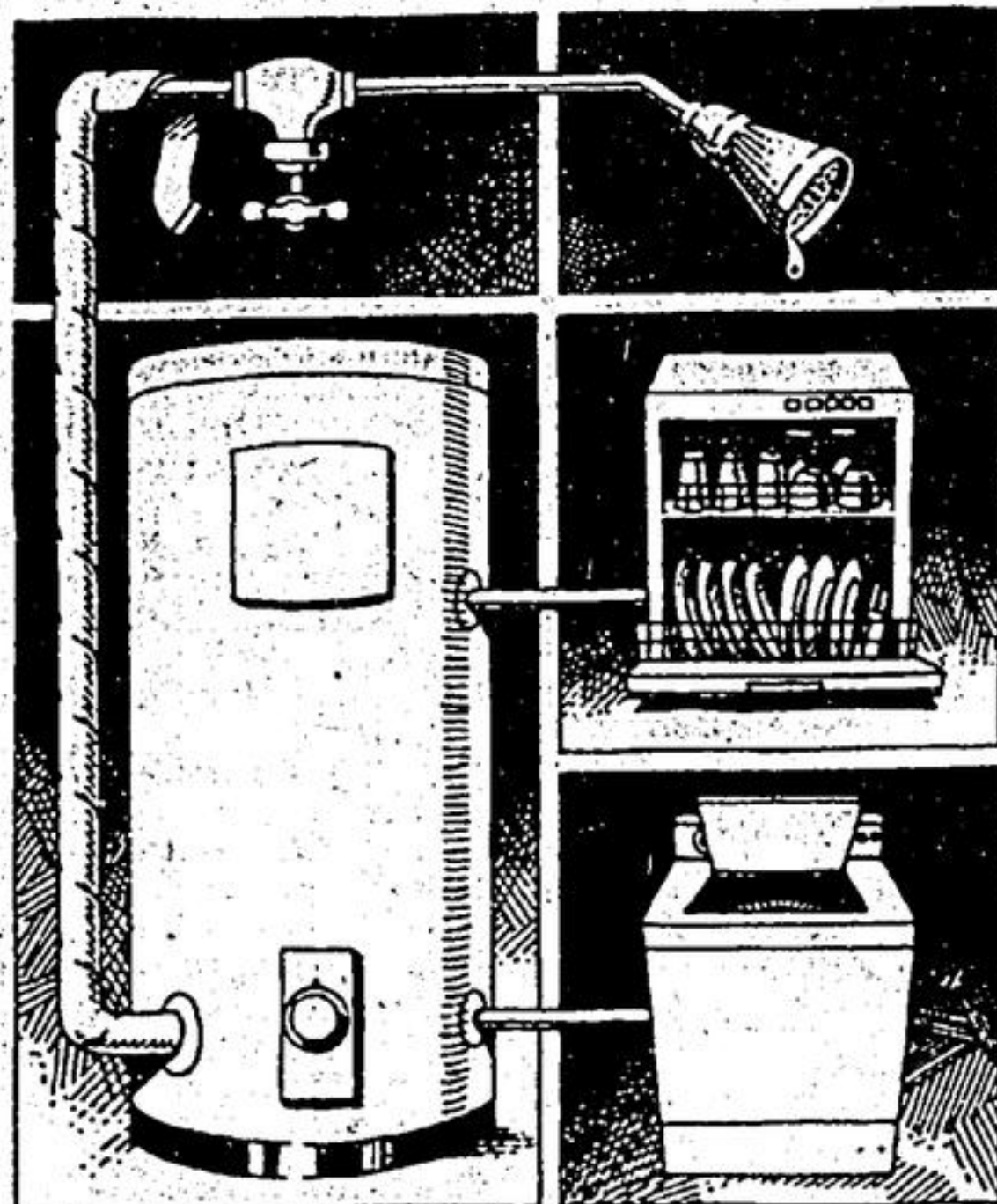
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