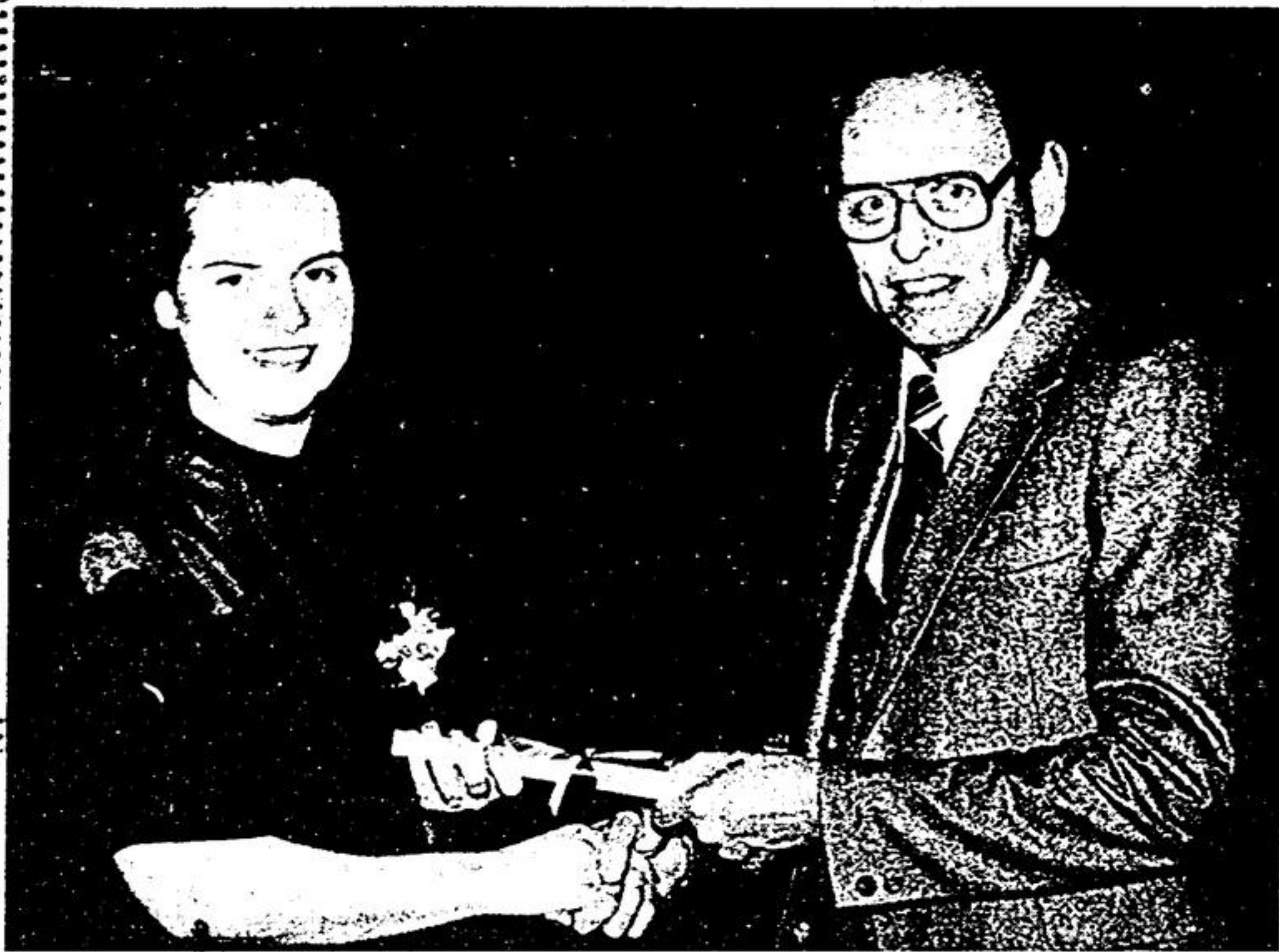


M.D.H.S. celebrates commencement



Synthia Sheridan, of Main St. Stouffville, receives her Secondary School Honour Graduation Diploma from Principal W.E. Duxbury at Markham District High School's annual Commencement Exercises held Friday night. Synthia was also awarded an Ontario Scholarship. — Greg Coates



Stewart Wallace, the Grade 13 valedictorian at M.D.H.S., plays a tune called "High School Days" to end his address to the large crowd attending the commencement exercises. — Greg Coates

MARKHAM — "You have greater possibilities than any group of young people that ever lived. Sure you will be confronted with greater obstacles and greater challenges — inflation, drugs and unemployment but you also have greater opportunities for accomplishing what now seems impossible. You have no control over the past, but you have significant control over the future."

These words were contained in an address to the graduates of Markham Dist. High School by Principal Wm. E. Duxbury at Commencement Exercises Friday night.

He also urged the graduates to have faith in themselves; to set their goals high as they venture forth on their journey through life. "You will gain satisfaction, happiness, and pride in your accomplishments, only if you are satisfied with your accomplishments. Whether or not you are satisfied, will depend to a great extent on how you plan the rest of your journey."

The principal added his congratulations to "The Class of '81" and wished them success in whatever careers they undertake.

During the evening, awards were presented to many students. The most coveted, The A.J.H. Eckhardt Trophy for general proficiency in Grade 13, was presented to 19 year old Nancy Walker of Markham. She is majoring in Mathematics at Waterloo.

The G.W. Wilson Proficiency Cup was awarded to 19 year old Bill Quinn also of Markham. Bill is now enrolled in Social Sciences at Western.

On a local note, Synthia Sheridan, Main Street, Stouffville, was awarded an Ontario Scholarship along with her Secondary School Honour Graduation Diploma. Synthia now attends the University of Toronto in a General Arts Course before going into Law.

The Grade 13 valedictorian was Stewart Wallace. It was a moving speech.

"High School was a time to grow and hopefully mature," said Stewart. "What will we miss the most? Probably each other," he replied. "I now attend U. of T. and when I look down the halls I no longer see those familiar faces."

He ended his address on a unique note, playing a song on the guitar, composed by him and his brother entitled "High School Days. It seems like yesterday, we were here to stay, but now only the memories linger on."



Nancy Walker, 19, was awarded the coveted A.J.H. Eckhardt Trophy for general proficiency in Grade 13, at commencement exercises held at M.D.H.S. She now attends Waterloo and is studying Mathematics. — Greg Coates

No involvement

STOUFFVILLE — Members of the Concerned Citizens' Committee of Stouffville were not involved in any way with the unidentified people who plagued an area resident concerning her well water supply, Fran Sutton of Stouffville informed The Tribune.

Mrs. Sutton made this clear following a story last week in which Mrs. Jean Coughlan complained that on several occasions, visitors to her home advised her not to drink the water and not even to cook with it. Someone, she said, even brought along a container of refrigerated water for her use.

While there was no mention of the Committee in the item, Mrs. Sutton suggested many would likely conclude "it was one of us".

Mrs. Coughlan, a resident a mile west of Hwy. 48 near York Sanitation's landfill site, said she had been confused and upset by the visits. The quality of the water in her well had been both okayed and rejected, she said, making it difficult to know who to believe.

Mrs. Sutton said any visits made by the Citizens' Committee were arranged by appointment. The others, she explained, must have gone on their own.

The Committee has been fighting for months now, to have the garbage site closed. In this connection, they've been doing independent testing of wells in the vicinity. According to Mrs. Sutton, the Coughlan well showed 31.4 parts per billion of organic chemicals. Private testers, she said, had explained that "there was no cause for panic but cause for concern".

Mrs. Coughlan, she said, had been advised to obtain a charcoal filter for her tap "for extra peace of mind".

Mrs. Sutton told The Tribune that she herself does not drink Stouffville water but at the same time doesn't feel the town is getting consistent levels of contamination that she believes is occurring closer to the site.

So far, the private laboratory in the United States that's doing the independent testing, has remained unidentified. "I don't think they'd appreciate a lot of phone calls," she said, "it would interfere with their work".

As for the Coughlan well, Mrs. Sutton said one of the testers had told her he wasn't in a position to offer an opinion other than "there's no guarantee the water is safe".

Editors Mail

Venturers keep busy

Mr. Editor:
We have followed the controversy in your newspaper on the subject of teenagers in Stouffville having nothing to do. We tend to disagree because, for the last three years, we

have operated the 1st Ballantrae Venturer Company.

We represent 14 to 17 year olds in the Scout organization.

Each Venturer company is run by its own members under an adult advisor and establishes its own unique program of activities. We have planned and executed many interesting projects including trips to Alberta, Manitoba, Moosanee and Algonquin Park. We

receive help from the parents' committee of Scouts but our primary source of money is our own fund-raising activities.

One of these is our paper drives. The last one, Oct. 24, resulted in tremendous support from Ballantrae, Musselman's Lake, Preston Lake and surrounding rural communities. The next collection is in January.

In the near future, we will be undertaking other endeavors so as to

maintain this high level of programs. We fill a small niche in the social and recreation programs of the Town which, according to your newspaper, has been sadly neglected. And we don't chew into the tax dollars.

Sincerely,
EXECUTIVE, 1st
Ballantrae Venturer
Company.

Editors Mail Thank you

Dear Mr. Thomas,
On behalf of Latcham Gallery, I would like to thank you for your excellent coverage of our Forty-Mile Juried Art Show of drawings, **Tennis Club dance**

The Ballantrae Tennis Club is holding a fall dance this Saturday (Nov. 14) in the Community Centre beginning at 8:30 p.m. Tickets (\$15 a couple including buffet) are available by calling 640-4758.

paintings and sculpture which is now being exhibited until November 15, 1981.

Our exhibit was very well received by our community and approximately one hundred artists residing within forty miles of Stouffville's Latcham Gallery participated by submitting their work to be juried.

I want to add a special note of appreciation to Jim Irving for covering our opening show on Sunday, October 18. The Tribune's interest and support is very gratifying.

Sincerely,
Lynda Hayward-Baird,
Project Co-ordinator,
The Latcham Gallery
Art Committee.

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In volleyball finals

By EVELYN MILSTED GORMLEY — David Wright, a member of the Stouffville Dist. Secondary School volleyball team and David Elliott, a player with the S.D.S.S. Midget volleyball team, travelled to Collingwood, Tuesday, to compete in the Georgian Bay Finals.

Donna Doner, nurse-in-training at Woodstock, underwent emergency surgery Thursday night.

Mrs. Louisa Rye of Toronto spent several days with Mrs. Beulah Jones.

The Sr. Sewing Circle Ladies met Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Edna Baker in Vaughan.

Special services for the strengthening of spiritual life at the Oak Ridges Brethren in Christ Church will be held Nov. 15 to 22. Sunday worship is at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Week night services commence at 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker is Rev. Lorne Lichty of Montgomery, Pennsylvania.

The annual turkey supper at Victoria Square United Church proved very successful with over 640 in attendance. Net proceeds were almost \$2,800.

The U.C.W. of Victoria Square Church is endeavoring to raise money to buy a new organ. Their first fund-raising project is a card party on Friday, Nov. 13 in the Victoria Square Community Centre.

The United Churches of Markham, Unionville, and Brown's Corners are co-operating to produce a program "Exploring Basic Christian Belief" including presentations and discussion on the Bible, The Church, God, Jesus Christ and the Christian Life. The first group will be held on Thursday evening (tonight) Nov. 12 at 8 p.m. at St. Andrews United Church, Markham with Rev. David McKane from the Central United Church, Unionville in charge of the first session. The second will be held at 8 p.m., Thurs., Nov. 19 at Brown's Corners United Church.

The Young People's of the Gormley Missionary Church will meet on Friday night at the Whitchurch-Highlands School

Help!

The Stouffville Family Life Centre is looking for an office receptionist. Someone is needed during the office hours (Tuesdays from around 10 a.m. till 5 p.m.) to answer the phone, make appointments for the counsellor and some secretarial type work. It may not seem glamorous, but such a position is vital to the running of the Centre. An honorarium will be provided. If you feel you could contribute to the community in this way, please phone the Stouffville Family Life Centre at 640-2123 (on Tuesday if possible).

gymnasium.
Rev. Eddy Jones is coming to the Missionary Church for a special week-end of meetings Nov. 20 to 22.

OUR COUPON APPEARING IN THE "CHRISTMAS BONUS COUPONS BOOK" Received in the mail week of Nov. 2-7 IS INCORRECT. IT SHOULD READ:

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