

# "Job-training must come"

**STOUFFVILLE** — If there is a problem between the academic qualifications of Ontario secondary school students and university entrance requirements, then it's a problem of co-ordination between the high schools and the universities, according to Whitchurch-Stouffville trustee Harry Bowes.

Bowes said however that high school students are not prepared to cope with university math and science programs. "It's hard to see where the fault lies," he said, but the schools should "try to find out what the universities want."

The former school board chairman said that, in past years, Ontario secondary schools had "stressed language over curriculum." The latter applied to all teachers, not just secondary ones, he said.

In the matter of the Ministry of Education overhauling the system, so that the emphasis is placed on job training, both in the high school and universities, Bowes said it "has to come" because of the importing of so much skilled labor into the country.

He added, however, that he thought "a lot (of people) were going overboard."

Most institutions, such as Stouffville Dist. Secondary and Markham High, are composite schools, with a variety of academic and technical subjects in their courses.

Don Head Secondary School (to whom Bowes recently donated his old Pontiac after 100,000 miles), has three separate sections in its auto mechanics courses, he said.

Some schools also have "linkage programs," he said. These provide a direct link between the schools and the companies at which the subject being taught, is aimed.

Referring to the recent court case in Little Rock, Arkansas, in which a judge outlawed the teaching of "creation science," or the "biblical version of creation," in the schools, Bowes said that such an issue had never come up in Ontario.

"Not even during all those sex-education talks a couple of years ago in York," he added.

## Even in winter Many rare birds

**PICKERING** — On Dec. 26, forty-eight participants in twelve groups, watched their bird lists grow as they travelled 344 miles by car and 61 miles on foot.

Later, a pot-luck supper was enjoyed at the home of Edge and Betty Pegg, R. R. 2, Claremont where a summary of the day's bird count was compiled. Results follow:

- Great Blue Heron - 1; Canada Goose - 1,694; Mallard Ducks - 3,595; Black Ducks - 167; Common Goldeneye - 56; Bufflehead - 56; Old Squaw - 2; Goshawk - 1; Sharp-Shinned Hawk - 1; Red-Tailed Hawk - 47; Rough-Legged Hawk - 2; Marsh Hawk - 2; American Kestrel - 25; Ruffed Grouse - 16; Ring-Necked Pheasant - 9; Glaucous Gull - 6; Herring Gull - 2,692; Ring-Billed Gull - 276; Great Black-Backed Gull - 27; Rock Dove - 303; Mourning Dove - 830; Great Horned Owl - 4; Long-Eared Owl - 4; Common Flicker - 1; Pileated Woodpecker - 2; Hairy Woodpecker - 20; Downy Woodpecker - 64; Red-Bellied Woodpecker - 1; Horned Lark - 15; Blue Jay - 197; Common Crow - 148; Black-Capped Chickadee - 568; White Breasted Nuthatch - 43; Red-Breasted Nuthatch - 2; Brown Creeper - 1; Winter Wren - 1; Robin - 14; Cedar Waxwing - 14; Northern Shrike - 10; Starling - 2,574; House Sparrow - 1,254; Meadowlark - 4; Red-Winged Blackbird - 16; Rusty Blackbird - 1; Common Grackle - 1; Brown-Headed Cowbird - 7; Cardinal - 86; Evening Grosbeak - 191; Pine Grosbeak - 109; Purple Finch - 1; Common Redpoll - 509; Pine Siskin - 126; American Goldfinch - 189; Rufous-Sided Towhee - 1; Dark-Eyed Junco - 178; Tree Sparrow - 458; Field Sparrow - 1; White Throated Sparrow - 9; Swamp Sparrow - 2; Song Sparrow - 34; Snow Bunting - 299; Iceland Gull - 1; Pintail Duck - 1; Harlequin Duck - 1; Mute Swan - 1; Common Yellowthroat - 1; Common Merganser - 63; Red-Breasted Merganser - 6 and Greater Scaup - 41.

## "Girl Next Door" Home life shows



By Jim Thomas  
**STOUFFVILLE** — Sixteen-year-old Denise Williams, 19th Avenue, Markham, has grown up in a devout Christian home — and it shows. She speaks in glowing terms of her church (Wideman Mennonite); her parents (Robert and Cathy Williams); and her family (including two foster sisters and a foster brother).

She's our "Girl Next Door".

Moving 2½ years ago from Wales Avenue, Markham to "a place in the country", has proved satisfying for Denise. Long walks, snowmobile rides and sharing farm chores are things she enjoys. A nanny goat called "Bambi" is her own personal pet.

The Mennonite Youth Fellowship, a young people's group involving four churches, is special to Denise. She also helps out as a teacher in the Sunday School.

Following graduation from Stouffville High, Denise hopes to do volunteer work through the Mennonite Central Committee. Later, she wants to acquire a secretarial position. Her typing speed is already up to 48 words per minute. She's also doing well at shorthand. A favorite teacher at S.D.S.S. is Mr. Roche.

"He cares about his students," she says. "When problems arise, whether academic or personal, he'll take the time to talk things over."

Sixteen-year-old Denise Williams, 19th Avenue, Markham, is a Grade 11 student at Stouffville High. She's a member of the congregation at Wideman Mennonite Church, belongs to the Mennonite Youth Fellowship and teaches a Sunday School class. Her "dream trip" is an expense-paid vacation for her parents to Hawaii. Jim Thomas

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A large family today can be expensive, particularly if they go somewhere there's an admission charge, she says. However, there are many things they can do together that cost almost nothing, she explains.

Asked about a "dream trip," Denise replied: "I'd like to send my parents to Hawaii — it's a place they've always wanted to go."

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