



Regional oratorical finals
Luz Meyer, a student at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School, has advanced to the regional oratorical finals to be held in Clarendon April 5. Luz tried for first in local competition, March 8. Annie Christie was the other winner. Mike Anderson was top boy. —Jim Holt.

High calibre
Dear Mr. Thomas:
It's indeed an honor for this community (and the province), to be represented at the National 4-H Conference by a person of Nancy Darling's calibre.
Nancy's an outstanding girl who will do her school, her town and her province proud in whatever venture she undertakes.
Although I don't know her personally (I'm of another generation), everything I've heard has been very complimentary. Undoubtedly her parents deserve some credit.
Opportunities like this knock but once. I'm sure Nancy will take full advantage of it. Further, I feel she's representative of the majority of young people in our area.
Sincerely,
Agnes Hill,
Stouffville.

EDITOR'S MAIL
Thanks to story
New lease on life
Dear Jim:
Learning the academic accomplishments of Shirley Middleton (Rowe) of Goodwood, has made my week.
I have long considered returning to high school, but was really afraid I'd make a fool of myself among kids half my age.
Like so many teens back in the 50's, I quit school without receiving the necessary credits that would lead to a decent job. I thought I had it made with a husband, a couple of kids, a dog and a cat. How things can change!
Now, when I need to work, I lack the qualifications to do the work I want. Shirley's experience (and your story) have given me new hope. Nothing's impossible.
This September, I too am going back to school. I'm not sure where but somewhere. If Shirley can do it, so can I; at least I intend to try. Thanks Jim (and Shirley) for giving me a new lease on life.
Sincerely,
Susan Oliver,
Uxbridge, RR 2.

Follow her lead
Dear Mr. Thomas:
After reading the story on Shirley Middleton (Rowe) and her decision (after more than 20 years) to return to school, I felt I knew her personally. It was that kind of write-up—very personal.
Also, her determination to upgrade her education, touched a nerve with many of us. I'm sure I know it did me. It's something I've been thinking about for quite awhile.
It's people like Shirley who give new meaning to the adage "you're never too old to learn".
She's to be congratulated, and others too who follow her lead. Come September, I hope I'm one.
Sincerely,
Shirley Kremer,
RR 3,
Uxbridge.

'Super' student
Dear Mr. Thomas:
Please don't print my name. I'd die if others found out. Anyway, you know me well.
I'm writing about Mrs. Rowe, the lady from Goodwood who's at our school. If she thinks we're "super", the compliment is returned tenfold. We think she's super too.
Having a mother as a student here gives Stouffville High a new image—narrows the generation gap if you know what I mean. Mrs. Rowe, while older than the rest of us, is really no different. It's her attitude that counts. She thinks young.
Me and my friends feel very much at ease in her presence and I'm glad she feels the same. I'll feel honored to share the graduation platform with her next November.
P.S. - No boy ever whistles at me in the hall.
Sincerely,
Student at S.D.S.S.

Was annoyed with story
Dear Mr. Thomas,
I read, with some annoyance, your article "Committee sacks vocal members" which appeared in the March 10/82 issue.
Fran Sutton, the "official spokesperson" for the Concerned Citizens' Committee, and a relative newcomer to the area, may not be aware of it, but the contribution of the "sacked" persons, and in particular Fran Sainsbury, toward the cause to which Mrs. Sutton so vocally involves herself, goes back a long way.
I am very surprised that you, Mr. Thomas, knowing as you do of the past efforts of these individuals, would print such a drive.
The citizens of Whitchurch-Stouffville, of which I am no longer one, owe Fran Sainsbury and Elaine Fritz a tremendous debt of gratitude.
D.B. Chant,
RR 1,
Goodwood.

Showed courage
Dear Mr. Thomas:
May I respond to the "Council Comments" by Jim Sanders, entitled "Plebiscite" appearing in The Tribune on March 10, 1982.
I wish first of all to thank Mr. Sanders for his courage and clarity in pointing out the folly and universal threat to humanity of the nuclear arms race. His advocacy of nuclear disarmament is a refreshingly sane position in a world gone insane with the desire for proliferation of arms and nuclear weaponry.
Personally I am in total agreement with the many people in our world who are beginning to understand with increasing clarity that peace is very rarely, if ever, achieved by frantic and almost uncontrolled preparation for war. Also, the totally incredible and innumerable amounts of money spent on armaments at the expense of national and international programs to alleviate poverty and promote justice, must surely be one of the most immoral acts of our time.
Every day we teeter on the brink of annihilation through nuclear holocaust, but too many of us are doing little or nothing about it, partly because we tend to think there is nothing we can do.
Mr. Sanders has made a constructive suggestion when he favors having the issue placed on the ballot at the next municipal election. Perhaps such a move, small though it may be in the context of the problem, could be the first ripple in a mighty wave of demands for the control and reduction of arms.
May I write one more thing? It seems to me the churches should be in the vanguard of those who promote peace and world disarmament. To stand in silence as we too often do, in a world obsessed with creating the tools with the potential for the annihilation of all mankind, is a sign of consent, a sign we are in favor of mass murder on an unprecedented scale.
To verbalize with fervor the love and peace of the Gospel, but at the same time give our passive consent to the production of armaments designed solely to kill people with unprecedented efficiency, must surely be one of the greatest inconsistencies of the Christian church.
I count it a privilege to support Mr. Sander's proposal, and to go on record as being unequivocally in favor of nuclear disarmament.
Sincerely,
J.M. Nighswander,
RR 3,
Stouffville.

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Late Phyllis Freeman
Friends pay respects
MARKHAM — The many friends that visited the Ogden Funeral Home, Thursday and attended the service, Friday, showed the love and respect held for Phyllis Freeman, a resident of Agincourt and more recently of Markham.
Mrs. Freeman, wife of the late L. Milne Freeman, Q.C., died March 16 in North York General Hospital following an illness of about three weeks. She was 63.
Born at Milliken, daughter of Dorothy and the late Charles Tapscott, she later moved with her parents to a farm on Tapscott Road near Brown's Corners in Scarborough.
She was a kind and generous person who took great pride in the success of her family, Peter, now living in Victoria, British Columbia and Adele (Mrs. Geoffrey Kettle) of Leaside. She is survived also by her mother, Mrs. Dorothy Tapscott in Markham and three brothers, Norman of Epsom; Maurice of Markham and Howard, R.R. 2, Clarendon.
Mrs. Freeman was a member at Knox Presbyterian Church, Agincourt and attended service there even after moving to Markham. She and her husband enjoyed a close association with the Agincourt Lawn Bowling Club. Mr. Freeman died in 1976.
Dr. Carter of Knox Church conducted the service, Friday, assisted by the congregation's associate pastor, Rev. Patricia Strung. Spring interment will be made at Elmwood Cemetery.

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Area oratorical
STOUFFVILLE — The York Region Area 2 public speaking competition will be held March 31 at Summitview School, Stouffville.
The contest is divided into two categories, junior entries at 10 a.m. and intermediate at 1:30 p.m. Judges are Rosemary Vidja, Norma Card and Ged Stonehouse; Sheila McLeod, Heather Campbell and Rev. Ted Green.
Winners will advance to regional competition, Tues., April 6.
Participants on Wednesday are: JUNIOR - Janet Prince (Ballantrae); Shaheen Doctor (Dickson's Hill); Tanya Marsh (Lake Wilcox); Jason Brock (Summitview); Tanis Gornall (Whitchurch-Highlands) and Andrea Matthew (Wells Street, Aurora).
INTERMEDIATE - John Bellerby (Ballantrae); Sharon Moyer (Dickson's Hill); Cameron Blair (Lake Wilcox); Jeremy Gallop (Summitview) and Jody Romanovitch (Whitchurch-Highlands).
At the regional level, the junior contest is at Crosby Heights School, Richmond Hill and the intermediate at Willowbrook School, Thornhill.

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"Terrible sight"
Dog skinned
UXBRIDGE — The remains of a skinned dog has been found in a ditch on the Uxbridge-Whitchurch townline, south of Island Lake.
A passing motorist saw the dead animal, Monday afternoon, and requested The Tribune call a municipal official and have it removed.
Describing it as "a terrible sight", he suggested it could be someone's pet.
The dog had been skinned from head to tail with only the paws intact. It could have been deposited there several months ago and remained hidden under the snow, the caller said.

Seek pet
GLASGOW — It was back on March 11 that "George", a nine year old St. Bernard, accompanied his master, Fred Hobbs to the barn. That was two weeks ago and he hasn't been seen since.
"We've looked everywhere," his owner told The Tribune. He's offering a \$25 reward for information leading to his safe return.
The dog was not one to roam, Mr. Hobbs said, in fact he never left the property. The family resides on the Webb Sideroad, east of Glasgow in Uxbridge Township. Anyone seeing "George" is asked to call 640-1509.

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