

Concert hit

Stouffville—It's not hard to see why director David Howard displayed such pride in recalling his Whitechurch-Stouffville Concert Band's showing in the recent 22nd Annual York Region Festival at Newmarket.

The band placed third, but it was only one point behind the second-place finishers; and the winners were termed "the best band in Canada," by the adjudicator, Howard told the large crowd at Stouffville District Secondary School, last week.

Appearing on the program, too, were the Millstream Men of Uxbridge, barbershop chorus.

Throughout the evening, the band showed why their leader should be happy with their work. They sailed through such breezy numbers as Trumpet Filligree, Clarinet Polka and Blaze Away March, as effortlessly as one might whistle the simplest of tunes, while in an expansive mood.

Then, they also moved into more classical realms with "Finlandia," capturing its change of moods, as the winds especially took hold.

In between, soloists George Baxter, with his superb rendition of "Man With a Horn," and Howard, himself, with his mello trombone, stepped out from

the group to give a further indication of its virtuosity.

At the same time, Howard called upon Dr. David E. Williams of People's Church, Toronto, to be guest conductor, and the players quickly responded under his skilled hand.

But the group saved its best for the last, playing the two numbers, "New York, New York," and "Light Cavalry March," that brought on the recent honors at Newmarket.

All sections had a chance to shine in these two offerings and none of them disappointed.

It's one band that obviously has something to blow about.

The Millstream Men of Uxbridge, on the other hand, had much to sing about, and sing they did.

"We sing about love and women, and when we get tired of that, we sing about women and love," co-conductor, David Grant, told the audience.

However, it wasn't all love songs; in fact, they ran the gamut from "Put on an Old Pair of Shoes," to Grace Foote Powell's, "Whitechurch-Stouffville Centennial Song."

It was a generous outpouring by a group of men (22), who obviously like what they're doing, and who do it well.

They provided a perfect complement to the band, maybe next time they'll provide the counterpoint, as well.



Talented musicians

Students of Valley View School, Greenwood, under the direction of Caroline McGregor, presented their annual music night, May 19, before an appreciative audience. Two of the participants in the program were Jennifer Spratley (left), clarinet and Jennifer Alma, flute. Both are students in Grade 8.

—Jim Thomas.

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Piano recital

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Proceeds were directed to the students' scholarship fund. The young pianists, all from the Stouffville Markham area, included: Robin Errington, Joey Falzon, Maureen Slater, Kim Murray, Tamis Gornall, Robert Hughes, Karin Smith, Megan Mariatt, Cynthia Wiens, Eric DeGeer, Tim McMaster, Glen DeGeer, Rod Pratt, Cathy Irwin, Susan Ward and Darren Gornall, Chris Moran, Dana Ayotte, Sharon MacFarlane, Paul King, Kevin Ko, Lisa Bruce, Deborah Marandola, Carolyn McLeod, Heather Sheehy, Patricia Jane White, Gerald and Carolyn O'Grady, Steven Neugebauer, Kenneth MacLennan, Pamela Powell, Karen Joice, Heather Bruce, Bryce Burns, Kathryn Arnold, Helen Prodder, Susan Rainey, Brenda Pugh, Lois Wride, Tara Coulter, Christine Heming, Sheila DaCosta and Patricia Jeans.

Studios represented: Judi Ayotte, Helen Adams, Doris Hunt Bates, Patricia Browne, Dolores Burns, Peggie Clark, Louisa Clarke, Teresa Kusatz, Blanche Ramer, Eileen Wright.

Nature slides highlight lunch

By Jennie Johnson
GLEN MAJOR—Twenty-six ladies attended the Pine Grove Church Women's Auxiliary pot-luck luncheon and meeting at the home of Della Moore. Guests Edgie and Betty Pegg showed beautiful nature slides

taken during a trip to Churchill.
Mr and Mrs Hugh Miller visited recently with Mr and Mrs George Pickett.
Mr and Mrs Jim Jones, Lila Faulkner and Leola Fiss visited with Mr and Mrs Percy Pugh at Havelock, last

week. Percy is recuperating following major surgery and a lengthy stay in hospital.
Mrs Edith Gill, Downview, is spending a few weeks with Mr and Mrs Ossie Gill.
Recent dinner guests with Mrs Neville were Mrs Dampier of Van-

couver and Mrs Ingram of Toronto.
Several ladies enjoyed quilting one afternoon at the home of Sylvia Hingston.
Members of the Johnson families enjoyed dinner on Mother's Day with their mother at Glen Echo Farm.

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