

Two schools honor principal two scholarships in his name

STOUFFVILLE — Thirty-five years spent in four schools. For William E. (Bill) Duxbury, a lifetime of memories was packaged into a memorable two-hour retirement gathering held at Spring Lakes Golf and Country Club, Wednesday night.

For Principal Duxbury, the end of June marks the conclusion of a chapter in a challenging and rewarding administrative career that put him in close touch with hundreds of teachers and thousands of students.

Two of those students, George Tresidder and Kim Rattray, attended Wednesday's event and honored their principal with a \$1,000 Markham Dist. High School Scholarship established in his name. They are the president and vice-president respectively of the M.D.H.S. Students' Council. An additional \$1,000 Scholarship was presented by staff teacher Ralph Pyle on behalf of "your friends in York Region". The interest from both will be awarded annually to deserving students at Commencement Exercises in the fall.

Mr Duxbury was also presented with a router for his basement workshop.

During the evening, many long-time friends and associates paid tribute to Bill Duxbury's professional dedication including his first principal, Alvin Fawcett of Caledonia and former staff teacher Jack Hutton. Others to address the assembly included Regional Superintendents Kenneth McDonald and Dr. Peter Ross; Stouffville staff members John Marshall and Jim Rehill; former S.D.S.S. vice-principal Ron Mercer and several from the Markham staff. Robt. Cressman, Director of Education for the Region of York attended the ceremony and was formally introduced.

The committee, in extending formal invitations, included members of the Stouffville Board when Bill Duxbury first came to Stouffville—Merlyn Baker, Gordon Ratcliff, June Button and Harry Schell. Staff teacher Bob Hammond, now retired, was also present along with Jerry Waite, to retire the end of June.

Howard Christie, the Master of Ceremonies, described Mr Duxbury as "always approachable and understanding". "Never once have I ever heard anyone speak of you in unkind terms," he said. "Thousands of young people have counted it a privilege to know you," he concluded, "you've done a remarkable job".

In reply, the honored guest expressed appreciation to the committee for extend-



William (Bill) Duxbury, (right), principal of Markham Dist. High School, was honored at a retirement banquet, June 1, at Spring Lakes Golf and Country Club.



Ron Mercer, (left), former vice-principal at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School and long-time friend of Bill and Marj. Duxbury, attended the ceremony, Wednesday, and addressed the audience of close to three hundred.

—Jim Thomas

ing invitations to all members of his family—his mother, Stella Duxbury of Jarvis; his brother, Donald, also of Jarvis; his three daughters, Anne (Mrs Jim Payne) of Bloomington; Lynne (Mrs Malcolm Smith) of Don Mills; Elaine (Mrs Hand Reichenbach) of Guelph and his one son, Bob, of Don Mills.

Mr Duxbury expressed the pride that accompanies the receipt of two scholarships in his name. "This is an occasion I'll remember the rest of my life," he said. Wife Marj also voiced her personal thanks. However, it was Linda Early, Head Secretary at Markham Dist. High School who summed up everyone's feelings. "We'll miss you terribly," she said.

Two scholarships were established in his name, one from "his friends in York Region", presented here by Ralph Pyle of the Markham staff.

Fears holocaust

Dear Editor:

I would be pleased if you would afford me the space in your paper to reply to Mr. Garry Herrema's letter of support of your recent editorial comment regarding an anti cruise missile meeting sponsored by the N.D.P. and held in Uxbridge.

The N.D.P. is proud to be classed as a lone in this matter of the international nuclear arms situation and does support organizations promoting peace. It was a meeting of such an organization that the N.D.P. sponsored in Uxbridge and because the speaker presented the nuclear arms acceleration situation as supposedly perceived from an ordinary Russian's point of view does not mean that the N.D.P. condones or sponsors a communist form of government. To consider an adversary's point of view is one of the first and most important steps of any process of compromise. The N.D.P. is as opposed to communism as is Mr. Herrema and the person who wrote the editorial in this paper. Insinuating a link between communism and the N.D.P. smacks very strongly of McCarthyism and it is regrettable that the chairman of the Durham Regional Government would support such an insinuation.

The N.D.P. believes that the escalation of arms be they tomahawks, neutron bombs or guided missiles by two adversaries will inevitably lead to war. President Reagan's hawkish position of negotiation

of arms reduction from a position of strength is nothing but intimidation and can be compared to the thinking of two little boys when one says to the other; "Say uncle or I'll beat you up."

The N.D.P. believes that a negotiated balance, and I stress the word balanced, reduction of nuclear armaments is desirable and achievable. Acceleration will lead to nuclear holocaust; deceleration will lead to peace.

The N.D.P. believes that the abolition of the threat of a nuclear holocaust is more

important than partisan party politics and urges people of any political persuasion to join the peace movement and help persuade the decision makers of all political parties to appose the escalation of nuclear arms manufacture and work for the deceleration of such wasteful and destructive policies.

Sincerely,

Roy Grierson,
Durham York,
N.D.P. Riding Association.

Teacher Jerry Waite

School's out

By Jim Thomas

STOUFFVILLE — Back in 1953, when the Stouffville Board added a teacher to its High School staff, that was news.

In 1983, when a teacher from that era enters into retirement, it's also news. Jerry Waite, an instructor 34 years, thirty-one of which have been spent at S.D.S.S., qualifies for this kind of attention. He's what some respectfully refer to as a member of "the old guard" at Stouffville High. Their numbers are few.

The fall term of '53 had actually begun when Jerry saw an advertisement (yes, they used to advertise for teachers back then), in The Tribune. He applied and was hired with little hesitation. George Pearce was the principal. Don Chadwick was chairman of the board.

Because his father was a bank manager, the family had moved around quite a bit, Jerry recalled. This made "pulling up stakes" no traumatic experience. He was used to it. However, once he established "roots" in Stouffville, he agreed it was a good place to stay. Previously, he had taught at Espanola and for a year in a boys' school at Harrow near London, England. Before this, he had served as a navigator in the R.C.A.F., joining the airforce at age seventeen.

While modest concerning his musical abilities, Jerry is recognized as an exceptional musician, skilled on the piano, the trumpet, the trombone and of course, the bass viol. He was the leader of the school band during those formative years. He also was ready and willing to help out when needed in productions of Music Mania.

Those who know Jerry best, will honestly admit he's one of the most personable teachers ever to serve on the S.D.S.S. staff.

He waves and yells hello to friends half a block away.

"I always enjoyed walking to work," he says, "that's when you meet others doing the same. It's nice living in a community where you can still call most folks by their first names".

Too many teachers, he claims, don't get involved in the town where they teach. This, he says, is wrong. The students, he feels, should see "the other side" of their teachers, and the teachers should see "the other side" of their students. "I never believed in bundling myself up inside an iron cocoon."

Jerry has always been an avid outdoorsman. Sailing, canoeing and hiking have always been (and still are) favorite hobbies. The family has a cottage on an island near Parry Sound and a 50-acre property south of Coldwater where Jerry's currently refurbishing an old log cabin. He and wife Anita also own a lovely home on Sunset Boulevard in Stouffville.

Jerry Waite has served under six principals here. One of these, Bill Duxbury, he describes as "a good blend of everything". Geography has always been his main subject. On occasions, however, he also taught History and French.

How does he feel about walking out the door for a last time? He doesn't—at least not now. "I'll probably feel it more next September," he says. He aptly refers to it as "bitter sweet". At the same time, he claims some teachers "hang on too long". By taking an early retirement, younger teachers with innovative ideas are allowed to step in. "This is good," he says. It's also good that Jerry Waite chose Stouffville as his teaching "home". He'll be missed.

Thank you

Dear Jim:

On behalf of the Stouffville Branch of the Canadian Cancer Society, we wish to extend our thanks to all those persons who volunteered as captains and canvassers for our 1983 fund raising campaign.

With their assistance and continuing dedication we are pleased to report total receipts of \$12,965, and increase of over \$2,000 from 1982. We appreciate the generous support received from both the commercial and residential sectors and offer a special thank you to the town of Whitchurch-Stouffville for their cheque of \$562.85. This money represented a 50 per cent share of funds raised in a swim-a-thon at Stouffville Pool in August 1982.

We appreciate the publicity which you, Jim, and the Tribune staff have given to us, not only for this April campaign, but throughout the year. Also, a special thank you is extended to all stores and offices who displayed our posters.

Sincerely,

Sally Sandiford-Campaign,
Jane Graham-Publicity.

Show was success

Dear Jim:

On behalf of The Canadian National Institute for the Blind, I wish to express our appreciation to The Tribune for publicizing our Country Roads Benefit Show, May 15.

The event proved very successful and we appreciate the part you played in this success.

We thank you for your interest and support of community agencies such as the CNIB.

Sincerely,

W.J. Brown,
District Administrator,
York-Durham Office.



A special cake for special people

When Santa Claus and Mrs Claus celebrate birthdays, the occasion warrants a special cake. Gerhard Hartung of Stouffville Bakery was equal to the challenge. This "creation" held a prominent place

at a party in the Arena, Saturday afternoon. All gifts will be re-wrapped and presented to senior citizens in the area next Christmas.

—Audrey Green



With the conclusion of the June term, Jerry Waite will say farewell to members of staff and students at Stouffville High. He's spent 33 years in

the teaching profession, thirty at S.D.S.S.

—Jim Thomas