



Seventeen-year-old Cheryl Simpson of Ballantrae, recently passed her Gold Figure Test, only the fifteenth member of the Unionville Figure Skating Club and only the second from Stouffville, to reach this plateau. Cheryl is a Grade 13 student at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School.

Cheryl Simpson

Cuts figure of gold

BALLANTRAE — Ballantrae's Cheryl Simpson has accomplished something that's considered a rarity in local figure skating circles.

The talented 17-year-old Grade 13 student at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School, recently passed her gold figure test and became only the 15th member of the Unionville Club to attain this distinction.

Just reaching the eighth figure is an accomplishment in itself, skaters agree—passing it is something else. It has to be perfect.

"It requires a lot of work," says Cheryl, with practices beginning last October.

To attain an eighth figure and pass the gold test, a skater must complete 10 elements. Each element is marked out of six and a passing mark for the figure is 47 out of 60, or a 4.7 average per element.

"I'm really pleased—it's all behind me now," said Cheryl. "I want to teach and I want my standards to be as high as possible. Once you obtain your golds (figures, free-style and dances), you have a better understanding of what skating's all about. It makes it easier to relate the skills to your pupils. You have to train yourself to do the best you possibly can."

Having previously passed her free-style gold, Cheryl is now moving towards her dance gold. She plans to take her final tests this winter. She thought it would be easier to obtain her dances, than it was to pass her eighth figure.

"It (the eighth figure) was very difficult, but I really enjoyed doing it," she concluded. "I like to make myself work hard. It became my goal and I knew I wouldn't stop until I passed. It gave me a great deal of satisfaction."

Editor's Mail

Gulls well fed

Dear Mr Thomas: With respect to the deaths of many seagulls at Musselman's Lake, I noted with interest in one media (not The Tribune) that a government official claimed the birds were "starving". If this conclusion is correct, then the gulls I observed were the fattest "starved" specimens I've ever seen.

Sincerely,
Gordon Singleton,
Musselman's Lake.

Night School

Registration

STOUFFVILLE — Sept. 14, (tonight), is supposed to be the final registration date for Adult Evening Classes at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School. However, persons anxious to participate, but unable to meet this deadline, still have a week to do so, supervisor Wayne Nugent told The Tribune.

All one must do is call the High School at 640-1433, Monday through Friday after 7 p.m., Mr Nugent said.

The registration hours to-night are 6:30 to 9 p.m.

More than 1,000 are expected to enrol in the more than 40 courses being offered this year including everything from Dog Obedience to Self-Defense for Women.

Classic car choices

VANDORF — Marty Van Bakel's 1951 Chevrolet Bel-Air attracted many admiring glances at the Antique and Classic Car Show, Aug. 14, held on the grounds of the Whitechurch-Stouffville Museum.

It was the runner-up in the People's Choice division. Mr Van Bakel resides at R.R. 4, Stouffville.

Voted Best of Show by visitors was Tom Webster's 1934 Ford Cabriolet. The owner lives on Chipstead Road, Don Mills.

The Drivers' Choice was a 1941 Cadillac owned by Gerry Verdoold of Dalton Road, Sutton West. The runner-up was a 1917 Model "T" Ford Delivery, owned by Herb Tustin of Steeles Avenue East, R.R. 1, Milliken.

Winner of a lovely quilt in the day's lucky draw was Lloyd Jennings, Rose Avenue, Stouffville.

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