



Unique welcome for Grade 9 students at SDSS

Grade 9 students were welcomed into the fraternity (and sorority) of Stouffville Dist. Secondary School, Friday. While their apparel was somewhat unique, there was nothing fearful concerning the ordeal. Rather, each seemed to enjoy it including (left to right)—Sarah Winger, Newmarket; Paul Sinclair and Lisa Zeck, both of Stouffville.

Board bans strap

School trustees pass motion in 12-6 vote

Use of the strap, as a form of discipline in York Region schools, is now a thing of the past. During Monday night's board meeting, trustees voted 12-6 in favor of banning corporal punishment. The motion, made by Markham Trustee John Myers, amends a board policy on discipline in the schools, deleting the sections on corporal punishment (strapping). In presenting his argument against the strap, Trustee Myers stressed that this form of discipline is outdated, and the argument that it should be kept because it works, is weak. "I'm not saying that it doesn't work. But, because it works doesn't make it right," he said. "It's a punishment of the past." Using the analogy that in some countries shoplifters get their hands cut-off, Trustee Myers pointed out that although a punishment may work, it doesn't neces-

sarily make it the thing to do. Separate school representative Glenn MacAlpine supported the motion to ban the strap, but said he would have preferred to see it die a natural death. He noted that use of the strap was on a definite decline. A staff report, recently submitted to the board, indicated there were 31 strappings in 15 schools, all elementary, last year. This figure is down from the 1981-1982 school year, when there were 42 strappings in 17 schools. Trustee Myers explained that although there were only 31 counts of corporal punishment last year, this figure doesn't include the threats, which he said are just as damaging. "By using this form of discipline, what we're really telling the students is that might is right, and that's not the message we want to leave," said Trustee MacAlpine. In light of a report from the York Region Elementary Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association, requesting that the discipline policy not be changed, Trustee Ken Taylor motioned that the item be deferred until November's meeting of the board. "These are the fellows who know where it's at and we're making a decision against their wishes," he said. "I think we should get a little more input before deciding." The motion to defer lost in a 9-9 vote, with Board Chairman Mike Neill voting to create the tie. Under the board's procedural policy, a tie vote means that a motion is lost. One concern with banning the corporal punishment policy, raised by Markham Trustee Earl Rowe, was that it would be viewed as "too lenient" a move by the board. Trustee Myers agreed, and stressed that it isn't so. "This is not a lessening of discipline in York Region," he said. "It's a strengthening. We do support firm discipline."

Mrs. Harold Tomlinson

Longtime resident dies

STOUFFVILLE—Mrs Harold Tomlinson, the former Alta Tomlinson, was taken Home to be with the Lord, Sept. 15. Born Aug. 8, 1903, she was the daughter of Mr and Mrs William A. Fockler, Lot 14, Conc. 9, Whitchurch Township. Alta was a lifelong member of the Bloomington Christian Associated Gospel Church where she served as deaconess many years. She was a member of the Women's Fellowship Group; the Box and Visitation Committee and the Social Committee. She was also a member of the Stouffville Women's Institute.

Prior to her marriage to Harold Tomlinson, August, 1955, she was employed as a hostess on the staff of Lake View House, Jackson's Point. Her husband was a school teacher and they resided in Weston. On his retirement, they purchased a home in Bloomington where they lived until Harold's death in 1975. For the past eight years, Alta had resided in Testa Villa Apartments, Albert Street South, Stouffville. Surviving are two sisters, Merle McCormack of North Bay; Aleta Leask of Greenbank; one sister-in-law; four nieces and three nephews. Alta's father, Wm. A. Fockler, was well-known in the area. He passed away in May, 1970 in his 101st year. Alta will be sadly missed by her many friends and relatives.

Regional briefs

York Regional council last week approved a job reclassification in its social services department. Following a staff recommendation, council agreed to eliminate the current director of budgets and programs position, and replace it with that of deputy commissioner of social services. The deputy commissioner will handle all the responsibilities entailed in the previous position, and will also look after line control involving all social service branches. **A P P O I N T M E N T S** Regional councillors are unhappy with the means of appointing governors for Seneca College, which has a major campus at King City. Chairman Bob Forhan noted that York Region could formerly appoint three governors, but now can only nominate three. Regional council agreed to seek an explanation of the change. Clarence Jessop, mayor of King Township has been nominated to fill an upcoming vacancy.

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