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Send letters to Santa

Hey kids! Here's your chance to send a letter to Santa and have a reply back long before Christmas.

The Kinsmen float in the Dec. 1 Santa Claus Parade will take the form of a giant mailbox. At the end of the procession, the receptacle will remain at the A & P Plaza until Sat., Dec. 8. Following the parade and during the week, children can leave their letters at this location. Mail will not be accepted while the float is in motion.

The writer's name and address should be printed plainly. No stamps are required.

This is Santa's way of saying thanks for attending the Parade and have a Merry Christmas.



It was father and son night, Friday, when Stouffville Dist. Secondary School held its annual Commencement Exercises. On at least two occasions during the evening, fathers and sons exchanged handshakes on the platform. Here, Fred Roberts (right) is congratulated by John Roberts, Art Director on the staff of S.D.S.S. —Jim Thomas

To hold rabies clinic

STOUFFVILLE — Officials of the York Region Public Health Branch, working in close cooperation with the Stouffville Veterinary Clinic, is holding a low-cost rabies immunization program this Saturday, (Nov. 17), from 1 to 5 p.m.

Similar clinics are being held elsewhere across the region including the Newmarket Fire Hall, 730 Davis Drive.

A nominal fee of five dollars per animal is being charged.

Saturday's rabies immunization service is for dogs and cats only. Each pet should be restrained on a leash or confined to a cage.

During the month of September, there were 26 confirmed cases of rabies in York Region. This compares to four during the same period last year. By the end of September, 64 confirmed cases had been reported compared to 45 as of Sept. 30, 1983.

Teen girl reports attack

WHITCHURCH — Two Uxbridge area men have been arrested after an 18-year-old Toronto woman told police she'd been driven to a remote section of Whitchurch-Stouffville and repeatedly assaulted at knife-point.

The unidentified victim said she was picked up in the city, Oct. 22, held against her will and later threatened with a knife.

On Nov. 6, a 21-year-old suspect was arrested on Main Street, Stouffville. A companion, age 23, was later arrested at his residence.

The pair face charges of sexual assault, gross indecency, forcible confinement and possession of a dangerous weapon.

Detective Rick Metcalfe of York Regional Police is in charge of the case.

Four candidates

WHITCHURCH — Four and possibly five candidates could be seeking the now-vacant Ward 2 position on Whitchurch-Stouffville Council, Dec. 10.

Filing dates are Nov. 15, (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.); Nov. 16, (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) and Nov. 19, (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.).



John Marshall, (left), staff Science teacher, presented son David with his Honors Graduation Diploma. Mr Marshall organized the evening's program and delivered the address to the graduates. More photos on Pages B-3 and B-4. —Jim Thomas

Principal praises "special class"

STOUFFVILLE — John Nikifork paid the highest tribute a principal could bestow on a graduating class when he addressed the students and parents of students attending Commencement Exercises at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School, Friday.

"This is the beginning of a crest of a very large wave," he said, indicating no sign of diminishing academic accomplishment in the year ahead.

He described the Grade 13's of 1983-84 as "a special class with a lot of character."

"I consider it an honor and a privilege to have been associated with you," he said.

He praised what he called "the cosmopolitan flavor" provided S.D.S.S. by students from North Markham.

"We have here," he said, "a unique blend of urban and rural influence."

Mr Nikifork said the academic and athletic excellence established at Stouffville High last year, had carried over into the new term with regional championships in volleyball, cross-country and golf.

Academically, he mentioned specifically, the accomplishments of Karen Harris of Stouffville and Ross Bowser of Markham, describing them as "school leaders".

He also alluded to Grade 12 graduate Jim Ku whose averaged exceeded 97 percent.

Staff teacher John Mar-

shall, in his address to the graduates, urged his student audience to "live lives of integrity and courage."

Too often, he said, the character of a school is based on the misadventures of a few—but not so this year. He praised the accomplishments of the Class of '84 and the example they had set. His address was accorded a standing ovation.

Valedictorian Scott Sutherland accompanied the graduates on a trip down memory lane, recalling many high points in the past five years.

"I want to thank you for being my classmates," he said. "You took chances and accepted challenges. You maintained respect, not only for others, but for yourselves."

Board of Education trustee Harry Bowes described the graduates as "a delightful group of young men and women, prepared for a bright new world."

"Musical selections during the evening were provided by members of the Senior Band under the direction of Peter Samuelson and the School Choir, directed by Jim Rehill.

When Alex Scheel, Head of the Moderns Department, addressed academic award recipients in French, he wasn't booed, he was applauded.

The English-French interlude occurred part way through the program, much to the surprise of staff M.C. Don Hamilton. Mr Scheel also spoke in French as he greeted the students personally.

Some may recall how Blue Jay fans jeered when a portion of the National Anthem was sung in French. The audience reaction here Friday was the exact opposite.

to municipal politics. Mr Robb has contested the Ward 2 seat before and Mr Kamps is a former councillor in Ward 4.

The Ward 2 post was made vacant when Councillor Tom Wood was appointed mayor, succeeding Eldred King, now chairman of the Region of York.

Uxbridge girl Royal showman

A 14-year-old Uxbridge area girl is the 1984 Grand Champion Junior Showman in the draught horse class at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair.

Jennifer Tribbling, a Grade 9 student at Uxbridge Secondary School, won the award in a class that combined top entries from Percheron, Clydesdale and Belgian categories. Nineteen young people participated from all across Canada.

Jennifer is the daughter of Don and Pam Tribbling, R.R. 4, Uxbridge. She's been showing at The Royal for the past five years.

This accomplishment plus the Junior Championship won at the Michigan Great Lakes Draught Horse Show in Detroit, has prompted Jennifer to 'retire'. It's unlikely she'll retire from show participation, however. Her father is known across Canada and the United States for prized Percheron entries under the name of Donamerr Farms Limited of Uxbridge.

Bomb threat

MUSS LAKE — A Musselman's Lake area woman had an unnerving experience, last week, when a male party telephoned around 8:50 a.m., Nov. 6, to say a bomb had been planted in her car.

Mary Jean Sider of Highcrest Road, R.R. 2, Stouffville, notified York Regional Police.

A thorough search of her vehicle revealed nothing.

The incident's still under investigation.

Since events at The Royal are continuing this week, results are incomplete. Several participants from this area are prominent winners including Davidson Bros., Stouffville; Allin Lewis, Stouffville; Betty Reeve, Markham; Douglas Hatch, Markham; Mrs Randy Roy, Markham; Jim and Joan McWilliam, Pickering; Russel Brown, Unionville; Jonathan, Lemon, Stouffville; Mark Hendy, Clarendon; Bruce Jefferson, Stouffville; Jack Wariner, Markham; Bill Weir, Uxbridge; Tom Smith, Clarendon; Horton Tree Farms, Stouffville; Samantha Murray, Markham and Jerry Ackroyd, Pickering.



JENNIFER TRIBBLING

Markham; Ivan, Murray and Marion Norton, Goodwood; Brian Lewis, Markham; Gordon Lewis and Family, Uxbridge; Stephen and Sherry Lewis, Unionville; Don Tribbling, Uxbridge; Bill Hassard, Stouffville; Betty Reeve, Markham; Mrs Randy Roy, Markham; Jim and Joan McWilliam, Pickering; Russel Brown, Unionville; Jonathan, Lemon, Stouffville; Mark Hendy, Clarendon; Bruce Jefferson, Stouffville; Jack Wariner, Markham; Bill Weir, Uxbridge; Tom Smith, Clarendon; Horton Tree Farms, Stouffville; Samantha Murray, Markham and Jerry Ackroyd, Pickering. The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair concludes Nov. 17.

Floral display Town touch

STOUFFVILLE — The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair is as familiar to Bruce and Bunny Burton as to most crop and livestock exhibitors. They've been involved in the floral section of the show 17 years. Their name, (and that of Stouffville), is prominent in the "Christmas Around The World" display, admired by thousands.

Plywood forms for the waterfall were created by A & S Construction. The rocks were obtained from Betz Cut Stone. These were "glued together like a jigsaw puzzle" on wire mesh, using cement and mortar.

Mr and Mrs Burton, with the help of Grant Johnson and staff employee Carol Galea, assembled the display Nov. 4 and had everything in readiness for opening day, Nov. 8.

"It took about a day," Bunny said, "we're really thrilled."

The 1984 Royal Agricultural Winter Fair concludes this Saturday, Nov. 17.

Big Pipe hookup necessary-mayor

STOUFFVILLE — Markham, Richmond Hill, Vaughan, Aurora and Newmarket are all served by a huge sanitary sewer commonly referred to as "The Big Pipe".

Whitchurch-Stouffville is not, nor does the Town contribute anything towards it.

However, Mayor Tom Wood feels hook-up will eventually come.

"If Stouffville is to grow, it has to come," Mayor Wood said. "We can't live without it." He admits the cost would be "in the mil-

lions."

The York-Durham sewer line extends through Markham, crossing the 9th Concession between Hwy. 7 and 14th Avenue.

With completion of the 375-home Dulverton Development and Parkview Village, south of Main Street, the Stouffville sewage plant will be at capacity, Mayor Wood explained.

And even if the capacity was increased, the downstream, could handle no more.

Wood admits pressures from would-be developers

are tremendous. "Right now, all we can say is sorry."

Wood points out that should Stouffville be allowed to hook into "The Big Pipe", future developers will contribute to the cost.

The mayor sees a temporary solution to the problem. A crackdown, he says, is required on home-owners now permitting water runoff into the sewerage system. With every storm, the volume increases tremendously.

If this practice was stopped, Stouffville's sewage capacity could possibly be increased to accommodate 10,000 people rather than 8,500, he concluded.

Action!

STOUFFVILLE — Mayor Tom Wood was pleased with the positive attitude displayed by business owners and tenants at a Chamber of Commerce-sponsored meeting, Oct. 29. He's hopeful this enthusiasm will be followed up by action.

"We have a nucleus of a good downtown," Wood said, "and things are starting to happen. Town council will bend over backwards to help."

Mayor Wood feels the upgrading of Commercial Street will enhance the area. With respect to making the road one-way, Wood said nothing definite had been decided by Council.

"Everyone's gung-ho," Mayor Wood stated, "let's not lose that." He said he hopes the merchants collectively will take the initiative rather than sitting back "to let George do it."



Federal Member lays wreath

York-Peel Member of Parliament Sinclair Stevens, attended the Remembrance Day Service, Sunday, in the Veterans' Memorial Hall, Stouffville, and placed a wreath at the base of the cenotaph. Due to inclement weather, wreath-laying ceremonies at the Town Square were cancelled. —Jim Thomas