

"Girl Next Door"

Stouffville is 'home' for U.S. college girl

By Jim Thomas
STOUFFVILLE — If there was a red carpet long enough to stretch from Hawthorne Avenue to Main Street, Ed and Ruth Herbert would have rolled it out on Friday.

That's how pleased they were to welcome home daughter Esther, from Bethany Nazarene College, Bethany, Oklahoma.

Unfortunately, her stay here will be short. She returns to Bethany, March 31 to complete her final year.

Esther's our "Girl Next Door." Although she's adjusted well to customs south of the border, (even to an Oklahoma accent), Stouffville's still "home". She returns as often as possible, a distance of about 1,500 miles.

Esther acquired her early education at Summitview School and then Stouffville High. Her Grade 13 standing allowed her to take a four-year psychology degree course in three years at Bethany. She began as a sophomore.

Following graduation, (May 19), Esther hopes to enroll at Oklahoma State University and obtain her M.A. degree.

With respect to Bethany Nazarene College, Esther says she's following a family trend. Brother David and sister Rebecca both attended there. Rebecca's in Stouffville, David's in Dallas, Texas and another brother, Tim, lives at Acton.

Although away from Stouffville only three years, Esther notices changes every time she returns. She's happy to see a few familiar faces, however, particularly those of her two closest friends, Margaret (Roberts) Drudge and Heather Raymer. She hopes to see a few of her former teachers before returning.

Esther retains fond memories of S.D.S.S., especially her year in Grade 12 when she attended a two-week Athletic Leadership Camp at Lake Couchiching. Tennis and downhill skiing are favorite sports. While most folks here have been looking forward to spring, Esther's hoping there's sufficient snow for a few trips down the slopes.

Bethany, Oklahoma is a town of about 13,000 people. Nazarene College has a co-ed enrollment of around 1,200. While college rules and regulations are strict, they're fair, Esther says. She's looking forward to graduation, yet will miss the association with friends she's come to know over the past three years. Both her mother and father are planning to attend the ceremony.

Even since her last time home, Esther notices changes in Stouffville. However, one thing hasn't changed—the friendliness of the town. On Saturday, Lloyd Britton's sign on Main Street West read: "Welcome Home Esther From Oklahoma." It's nice to be remembered.



Graduate of Stouffville High

For 21-year-old Esther Herbert, Stouffville is still "home" although she's spent most of the past three years in Bethany, Oklahoma. Esther is in her final year at Bethany Nazarene College and will graduate May 19. Her parents are Ed and Ruth Herbert, Hawthorne Avenue.

—Jim Thomas

Says town 'people poor'

Dear Editor:
 Through The Tribune, I wish to commend our Town Council for setting its sights on population figures of twelve and fifteen thousand people with respect to water and sewerage services.
 While this may be a sizeable increase over what we now have, it's still relatively small, as compared to Richmond Hill, Aurora and Newmarket.
 Stouffville, I feel, is "people poor". We don't have

the numbers to warrant the services we deserve and by this I mean, an indoor pool, fitness centre, movie theatre and so on.
 The majority of council members seem to understand our predicament and are willing to correct the problem by welcoming more people in.

Frank Davis,
 Stouffer Street,
 Stouffville

Wants rental rates reduced

BALLANTRAE — Rental rates charged for use of the Ballantrae Community Centre, are out of line, Ward 2 Councillor Ron Robb told The Tribune.
 Councillor Robb, a member of the Community Centre board, said a decrease was being considered to bring the price more in line with what's charged elsewhere.
 "I want it to be a Centre for the people," Robb said.

It's one of the nicest in Town and should be better used. Many organizations are holding activities at other locations because of the cost, he stated.
 Councillor Robb, a strong supporter of a Youth Club at Ballantrae-Musselman's Lake, said all rental charges had been waived for the group's first dance, March 15. The age range is 11 to 16 years. However, an auxiliary club for boys and girls six to eleven years is being considered.



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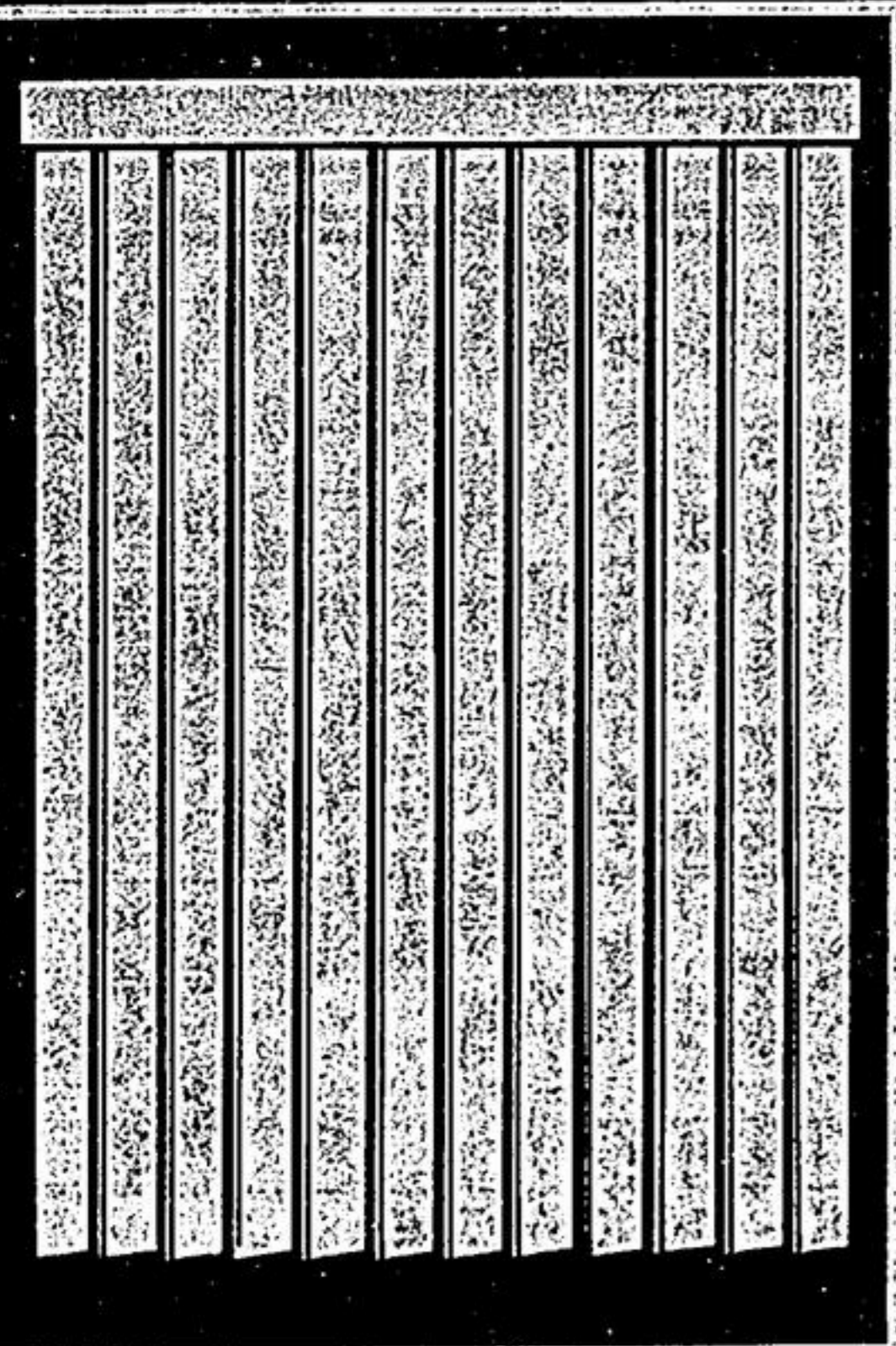
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