

Hold recital May 24

STOUFFVILLE — The Dance Centre, Main Street, Stouffville, is holding Recital '85, Fri., May 24 at 7:30 p.m., in Stouffville Dist. Secondary School.

The director is Michele Green.

The Dance Centre's entire enrollment of 115 students will be involved. The age range is four to sixteen.

The dancers will display skills in ballet,

tap and jazz.

Although the colorful program is primarily for family, friends and neighbors of the pupils, mothers and fathers interested in dance lessons for their children, are invited.

Tickets, (\$2 adults and \$1 students and children), will be available at the door or from Dance Centre students.

Farming's 'other side'



Simon Combes from Donnybrook, Australia, was a recent visitor to the farm of Harry and Murray Lewis, R.R. 2, Markham. Host during his stay here was Linda Lewis, Immediate Past President of York Region Jr. Farmers. Simon manages 1,100 acres, raising more than 3,000 sheep

and 140 head of cattle. The tour, sponsored by the Versatile Farm Machinery Company in co-operation with the Jr. Farmers Association and the Federation of Rural Youth, will last two months.

—Jim Thomas

MARKHAM — Donnybrook, Australia and Markham, Ontario, Canada are geographically world's apart. In many respects, they're also world's apart in agriculture.

Twenty-year-old Simon Combes is discovering this during his three-month visit here. Last week, he was the guest of Linda Lewis, daughter of Harry and Esther Lewis, McCowan Road, R.R. 2, Markham. Linda is the Immediate Past President of York Region Jr. Farmers.

Simon describes labor as "intensive" in Ontario. By comparison, he and his grandfather handle a herd of 3,000 sheep, 140 cattle and 1,100 acres. They require hired help only at shearing time.

However, farming practices differ greatly. With no winter in their part of the country, livestock are out all year round. This reduces the work load immeasurably. Also, much of the property is pasture land. "Everything is grass fed," Simon explained.

Wool is a major industry in Australia. Shearing begins in November and lasts about two weeks. Their herd produces about 200 bales, all of which is transported to nearby Perth.

With so many sheep, the lambing season should mean additional work. Not so, says Simon. He checks the flock about twice a week, mainly to ward off foxes that sometimes kill the young.

There are few major problems, he says. Pasture management is of prime importance.

Simon is here under the sponsorship of the Versatile Farm Machinery Company. Trip arrangements were made through the Ontario Jr. Farmers Association. In Australia, the same organization is known as the Federation of Rural Youth.

It's Simon's first visit to Canada. The experience has been very worthwhile, he claims, "but I think I'll appreciate it even more when I arrive home."

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Warns of misinformation

By Brian Kirlik
STOUFFVILLE — Dr. Saul Levine, a noted psychiatrist and newspaper columnist, was at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School, recently to discuss with the students, the various pitfalls of adolescence.

Dr. Levine, one of two doctors that write a nation-wide column entitled Youth Clinic, was asked to speak to the students by McNeil Pharmaceutical (Canada) Limited.

In his first of three lectures, Dr. Levine spoke to students in Grades 9 and 10.

"Your mind is thinking differently than it did three or four years ago," Dr. Levine told the students. "Adolescence is a time of instability."

After all, he continued, "adolescence is if nothing else, a state of change."

Increasing the instability and confusion in teenagers is the fact that "we don't even

know what the world will be like in 10 to 15 years," he said.

In his 90-minute discussion, Dr. Levine touched on some of the recurring themes contained in the letters sent to him by teenagers from around the country.

All of the letters written are either of a social, sexual, parental, psychiatric or drug-related problem, said Dr. Levine.

He also says suicidal thoughts are common among teenagers. And while the suicide attempt rate is higher in girls than it is with boys, the boys have a higher success rate, he said.

As for sex, "we can all learn about the plumbing," said Dr. Levine. The problem, as he sees it, is teenagers are not taught about sexual feelings and fears. Consequently, he predicted that most of the audience was filled with sexual misinformation.

About 10 per cent of Dr. Levine's letters

deal with drugs. "To say (drug addiction) is an adolescent problem is an oversimplification," he said. "Most drug abuse is by adults."

"I've never met a person who's on soft drugs that I couldn't get off." The problem, says Dr. Levine, is when chemical dependency is introduced.

"There's alcohol use, alcohol abuse and alcoholic addiction," he said.

Dr. Levine's second lecture was much more informal with a group of Grade 7 and 8 students.

In the next few years, "you're going to change dramatically," Dr. Levine told the young teenagers.

He also assured the kids that the problems and concern they face are not unique to individuals. "Everyone has, essentially, the same concern and questions," he said.

Later in the day, Dr. Levine also spoke to SDSS's Grade 11, 12 and 13 students.

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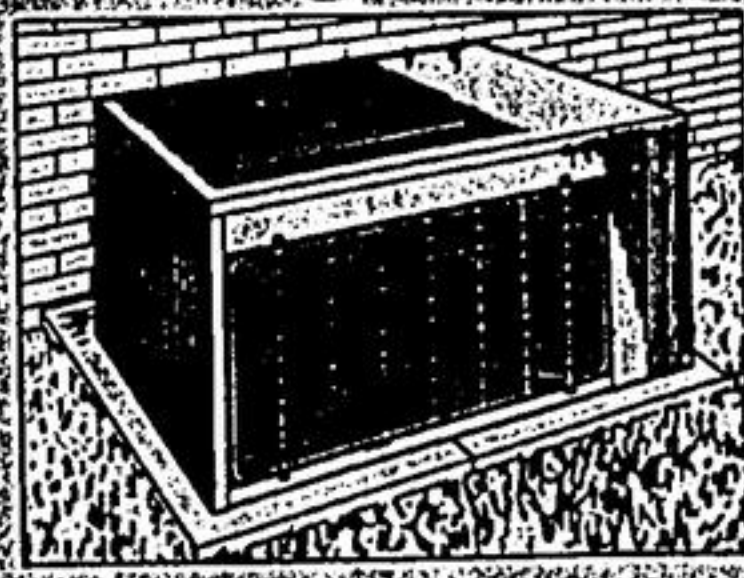
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