Pair sentenced to reformatory

STOUFFVILLE — While awaiting sentence in prison, 18-year-old Glenn MacLean figured out the return on the $60 he and his friend, Douglas Oldham, netted in the robbery of a Stouffville variety store, Feb. 8.

If sentenced to five years in penitentiary, as the Crown requested, MacLean estimated each day would be worth less than two cents — and the crime wasn't worth it.

"It's the waste and stupidity he sees as well as the remorse," defence lawyer Charles Barbydt told Provincial Court Judge Bernard Kelly in Newmarket Court, Friday. "For some reason he did this; he doesn't want to do it again.

MacLean and Oldham, 19, were each sentenced to two years less a day for robbing the Success Smoke and Variety Store at Main and Stouffer Streets. The men were masked and carried a sawed-off .22 calibre rifle and a high-powered pellet gun.

Looking pale and younger than his years, MacLean sat in the prisoner's box while the judge explained the importance of keeping youthful first offenders out of penitentiary and rehabilitating them as quickly as possible.

Bearded and wearing a beige sport coat, Oldham sat beside the co-accused.

"Mr. Oldham was not the motivating force in this incident," said his lawyer Christopher Hicks. "He's a follower, not a leader — that's one of his faults according to his friends and family."

Mr. MacLean had been working for Sturdi-Bilt Wood Products Ltd. But he'd missed several days because of illness in December. And when he moved out of his parents' home, he came in late several times because his mother was no longer around to wake him up.

On Feb. 8, MacLean's car wouldn't start and when he called in, his employer told him not to come back.

After he was fired, MacLean hung around an arcade with other young men of questionable character and started drinking, Barbydt told the court. Later in the day, he and Oldham drove by the Success Variety Store, then entered and demanded money from James Cepecauer, behind the counter.

"Committing the crime was extradinarily out of character for the young man who comes from a good background with a supportive family and has a good school record," Barbydt said.

In passing sentence, Judge Kelly said the issue was whether or not the men should go to penitentiary.

The offence was very serious, he said. "If the young man (Mr. Cepecaur) hadn't remained calm, or if another customer had walked in — it's frightening to think what could have happened."

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Education hits 1985 election spotlight here

STOUFFVILLE — Anticipation of Daphne Goldman's long-awaited move into the political arena is over. Mrs Goldman, mother of four, announced this week her intention to seek the Board of Education post in the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

The seat is currently held by Harry Bowes. Election date is Nov. 12.

Mrs Goldman, a resident on Elm Road, Stouffville, for the past 17 years, shuns the bureaucracy of education. Rather, she hopes to continue her involvement in the workings of the classroom, an area, she feels, is ignored by many trustees today.

Daphne Goldman admits education "has come a long way" in recent years. Still, she's concerned why so many parents are opting for alternate programs. She uses the Stouffville Christian School as an example. "There has to be a reason," she insists.

She voices other concerns: (1). A breakdown in communication between parents and teachers, especially at the secondary school level. (2). Inadequate use by the community of secondary school facilities. (3). Unfair treatment of students not located in the Yonge Street corridor. (4). Re-organization of Home and School and Parent-Teacher organizations. (5). Retention of Grade 8 students in an elementary environment regardless of declines in high school enrolments. (6). Improved Guidance Departments at both elementary and secondary levels.

DAPHNE GOLDMAN

Mrs Goldman becomes incensed at seeing teachers "in a foot race with students to the parking lot", when school is dismissed. At the same time, she feels those teachers "who give double time and a half", should be rewarded.

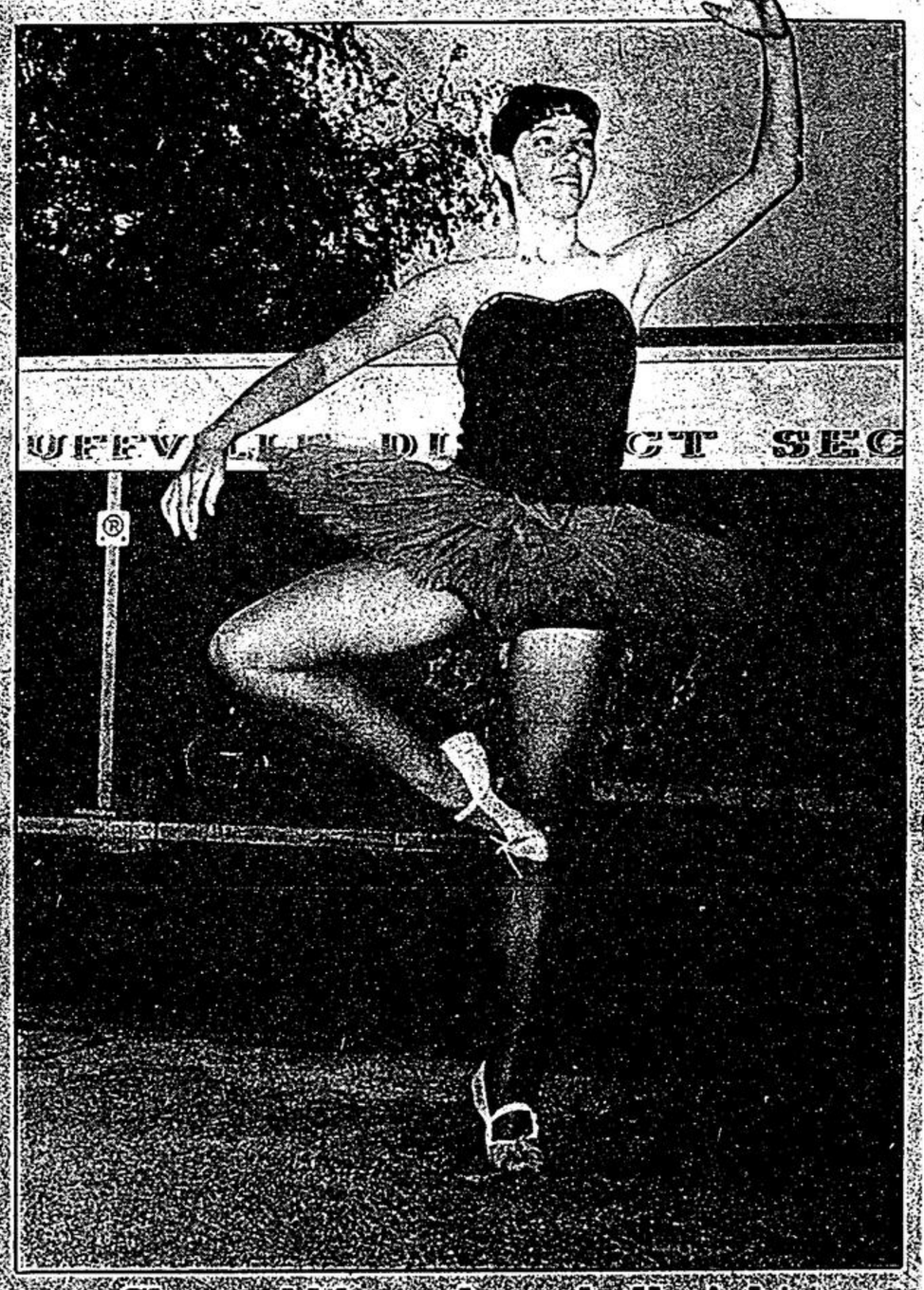
Mrs Goldman sees benefits in a rotation system for teachers, instead of some staying in the same schools until retirement.

Would hers be a voice in the wilderness?

Mrs Goldman doesn't think so. "One voice can make a difference," she says. She insists, however, that the classroom rather than the board room "is where the action is."

Communication, she contends, is vital. "A son or daughter doesn't stop being your child, the day he or she goes off to high school," she states.

Yes Daphne Goldman wants to win. Regardless, she hopes to introduce issues during the campaign that will stimulate discussion and cause people to think.



She could have danced all night

Fourteen-year-old Michele Bower, Booth Drive, Stouffville, exemplified all that's beautiful in ballet during her solo number at "Recital '85", Friday, held in the auditorium of Stouffville Dist. Secondary School. The concert was presented by The DanceCentre, Main Street, Stouffville.

Cranston culture

STOUFFVILLE — Everyone's heard of Toller Cranston, the skater. Beginning June 6 and continuing through July 6, visitors to Stouffville's Latcham Gallery will see Toller Cranston, the artist.

For a first time, Toller's paintings will be on display along with his personal furnishings — sofas, oriental carpets, filigree lamps, strawberry cushions, a Venetian glass cabinet, a fluted-glass fountain and the largest soapstone sculpture in the world.

Mr Cranston will attend the show's official opening, Thurs., June 6 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Latcham Gallery is located in the Public Library, 65 Main Street West.

Expand

STOUFFVILLE — The first family moved into Revenue Properties' Westfield Estates this week.

By the end of the summer, fifty families will be located here, Peter Alexander, executive vice-president told The Tribune.

The 100-acre estate development is located on the north-east corner of Hwy. 47, (Tenth Line), and Main Street.

Fifty of the 93 homes have been pre-sold, Alexander said. "Some want to wait and see the finished product," he explained.

The company executive said Revenue Properties is considering other similar projects, all in Whitchurch-Stouffville.

Fun day

STOUFFVILLE — Weather permitting, Saturday's sure to be a busy day in the Stouffville Park.

Two events are planned. One is the annual Spring Fair, sponsored by the Stouffville Christian School. It begins at 9 a.m. and continues through until seven.

The other is a Giant Antique Auction sponsored by board members and volunteers of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum. It starts at ten and continues through until four.

The Spring Fair features many activities including a slo-pitch tournament beginning Friday at six; craft and display tables; children's games; pony rides; a petting zoo; a dunk tank; home-baking and an auction sale.

A feature of the auction will be three classic cars and a pick-up truck owned by Denny Alsop of Stouffville. These will go on the 'block' at 12 noon.

A pig roast is planned for the evening, starting at 5 p.m. The cost is $6 per person or $20 per family.

'Dressed' in medals

STOUFFVILLE — Sixteen-year-old Tracey Garbutt, Manitoba Street, Stouffville, was 'dressed' in ribbons on her return from the Regional 6 Qualifying Meet of the Ontario Special Olympics, Saturday.

Tracey won or placed in nine individual events.

Competitions were held at Twin Lakes Secondary School, Orillia.

Tracey was successful in the following: 100 meters, (1st); 200 meters, (1st); 400 meters, (1st); standing long jump, (1st); 50 meters, (2nd); high jump, (2nd); running long jump, (2nd); relay, (2nd); softball throw, (3rd).

Site of the next meet is Windsor.

Four H.S. teachers

Honored by board

STOUFFVILLE — Two teachers on the staff of Stouffville Dist. Secondary School were among four people honored at a York Region Board of Education meeting, Monday.

Nevil Hodgson, O'Brien Avenue, Stouffville and Jim Rehill, Manitoba Street, Stouffville, were presented with "Certificates of Merit for Outstanding Service."

Similarly honored were vice-principal Dean Bodkin, a teacher in York Region since 1970, and Astrid Roberts, vice-principal of Stuart Scott Public School, Newmarket, since 1983.

Mr Hodgson is head of the English Department at S.D.S.S. In addition to creating and implementing a variety of teaching strategies that stress student-centred learning, he has provided strong leadership and direction to his colleagues in the revision of English courses at all grade levels to meet regional and Ministry requirements, an explanatory statement said.

"Mr Hodgson's performance, (in the classroom), was one of the best I've ever seen," commented a Ministry official following a visit to the school.

"He is held in high regard by his students, colleagues and supervisory staff, and merits the reference of being a sincere, dedicated, high-calibre professional," the statement concluded.

Accompanying Mr Rehill's citation was the following tribute: "His creative energies have produced a multitude of truly innovative learning opportunities that both challenge his students and motivate them to perform beyond their own expectations."

Jim Rehill teaches English and Phys. Ed. at S.D.S.S. He's been a coach many years; directs the school choir; assists with the annual Variety Show and co-ordinates many community projects including the well-known Hand in Hand program involving students and senior citizens.

He was Whitchurch-Stouffville's "Citizen of the Year" in 1980.

Said Principal John Nikiforkiw: "Without Jim, Stouffville Dist. Secondary School would be a lesser place."

Concert

STOUFFVILLE — Stouffville Dist. Secondary School's 25-voice mixed choir, under the direction of Jim Rehill, will hold its fifth annual spring concert, Monday, June 3 at Christ Church (Anglican), Sunset Boulevard, Stouffville.

The program, starting at 8 p.m., will feature vocal solos by Donna Vanderbent, Shannon Clarke, Wendy Williams, Kary Bates and Jean Hammond along with instrumental numbers by Jonathon Clarke and Robyn Hamilton.

Choir accompaniment will be provided by pianist Jean Hammond and organist David Cadogan. Admission is two dollars.

Host church dedication

STOUFFVILLE — Sunday is an occasion the pastors and members in the congregation of Stouffville Pentecostal Church have been waiting for — the official opening and dedication of their beautiful new addition.

Months of anticipation will culminate in a day of celebration with morning worship at 11 a.m.; the dedication at 3 p.m.; an open house at 4:30 p.m.; and a sacred music service at 6 p.m.

The church location is 460 Main Street East.

Rev. David Mainse of 100 Huntley Street, will attend the dedication with special music by soloist Norma Jean Mainse and the Pentecostal Church choir.

Rev. James Weller, Supt. of the Eastern Ontario & Quebec District Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, will bring the message in the morning. The evening worship will feature The Lorne Matthews Family, known across Canada and the United States.

The open house at 4:30 p.m., will enable visitors to tour the new facility and enjoy a time of fellowship and refreshments.

For a complete timetable of events, see the advertisement on Page A-7.

He flies through the air...

Students of Summitview Public School had an opportunity to display their athletic skills, Thursday, at an all-day track and field meet. Here, Clint Nichols, a senior entry, clears the high jump bar with ease. Area 2 competition is June 6 and 7 at Williams Secondary School, Aurora. —Jim Thomas

Await nominees