

Memorial to student

STOUFFVILLE — A beautiful gesture that's the feeling expressed by Ron and Marsha Vautier, Cemetery Lane, Stouffville, related to renaming the St. Mark's Joy of Living Award as a memorial to son Lee.

Lee, a graduate of St. Mark's and a student attending Sacred Heart High School, Newmarket, passed away Sept. 7, 1984. He was only fifteen, highly respected by a wide circle of friends.

At Grade 8 graduation ceremonies,

Thursday, the Lee Vautier Memorial Award was presented by Mr Vautier to Alicia Davia, Deborah Place, Stouffville, and Tom Waldherr, R.R. 3, Stouffville.

Other award recipients follow: Academic Proficiency, Vincenza Biadi and Nemo DeFuria; Most Improved Students, Amanda Devlin and Sean Lafferty; Academic-Athletic Awards, Patsy Leitch and Tom Waldherr; French Award, Vincenza Biadi; Amiability and Culture Award, Jackie Cosgrove and Justin Vaz.

School Letters were presented to Vincenza Biadi, Erinn Cooney, Jacqueline Cosgrove, Amanda Devlin, Catherine Irwin, Tom Waldherr and Patricia Leitch. The class valedictorian was Sean Lafferty.

A presentation to the school, on behalf of the "Class of '85" was made by Catherine Irwin.

Twenty-six students received Grade 8 graduation diplomas including Teresa Altomare, Ursula Benders, Vincenza Biadi, Duane Brown, Frank Caramanico, Erinn Cooney, Jacqueline Cosgrove, Alicia Davia, Nemo DeFuria, Amanda Devlin, Jenny Gallo, Laura Gallo, Mark Golob, Martyn Heard, Catherine Irwin, Roland Kasserelli, Sean Lafferty, Patricia Leitch, Daniel Lidster, Heather Moffatt, Margaret Orsi, Paul Passafiume, Grainne Ryan, Tonio Trentadue, Justin Vaz and Thomas Waldherr.



The memory of Lee Vautier will live on at St. Mark's School, Stouffville, through the presentation of an award in his name. First recipients at a Grade 8 graduation ceremony, Thursday, were Alicia Davia, 13, Deborah Place, Stouffville and Tom Waldherr, 14, of R.R. 3, Stouffville. Ron Vautier, Lee's father, Cemetery Lane, Stouffville, made the presentation. —Jim Thomas

Editor's Mail Costs money

Dear Jim:

I was truly distressed by Ron Patrick's letter related to the "Sanders Block", formerly Card's Hardware.

It is most unfortunate that the writer did not attend one of the many meetings or send a letter to Council expressing his concerns at the early stage.

Each phase related to his matter brought different votes by each councillor. The owners invested a great deal of money, then disaster befell. We do not have architectural bylaws as yet, nor a property standards bylaw. We did designate this building under the "Heritage Act". There are no funds available for this, nor for "Convert to Rent" funding. Structurally, it is merely a shell. A check of the wooden frames and sash bears this out.

The owners HAVE followed all the rules related to building codes, minor variances etc. These all take time. Mr Shaw, the architect, has assured us it will resemble the old structure with an old-world appearance. It will be structurally safe and attractive.

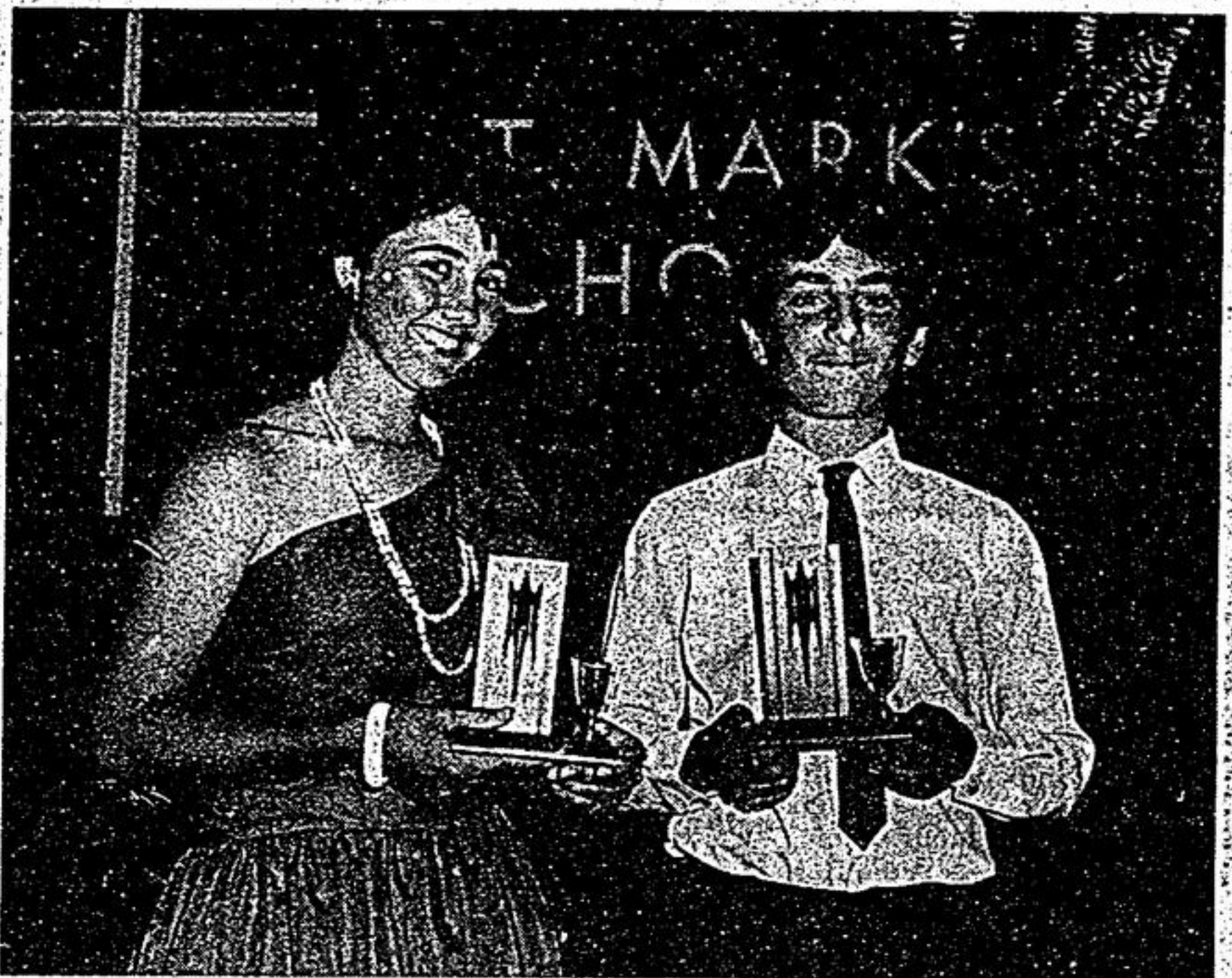
I personally have restored an 1862 home. I am working with the Museum Board to restore the "Historic Brown House". I have been personally involved in the sale and observed the restoration of over 25 older homes in our community during my eleven years in real estate. They are now beautiful and a credit to our Town. Even some new homes were built to resemble a bygone era!

To me, "old is beautiful!" A majority vote of Council is required to change anything. This means four or perhaps more.

I wish Mr Patrick had attended, written or called us during the last year of meetings. I truly appreciate his distress and concern. It is, however, private property. I want it saved as much as he wants it saved.

What is required is more than a quarter of a million dollars over the purchase price! Is there a philanthropist out there somewhere?

Sincerely,
Fran Sainsbury,
Councillor Ward 4,
Town of Whitechurch-Stouffville.



Grade 8 general proficiency awards at St. Mark's Grade 8 graduation, Thursday, were received by Enza Biadi, 14, of R.R. 4, Stouffville and Nemo DeFuria, 13, also of Stouffville, R.R. 4. —Jim Thomas

Editor's Mail

Police-ambulance men saved young boy's life

To The Editor:

On Tuesday, June 26, my seven-year-old grandson was involved in a near-fatal accident in a field at Musselman's Lake.

But thanks to the quick action of the York Regional Police Department and operators of the ambulance service out of Stouffville, a very seriously injured little boy will make it.

I don't believe we, the people, appreciate enough the service provided by these men and women in blue.

It's front page news when they are held in judgement. But rarely a word is said of all the good things they do.

The family and friends of Jesse Gray, Lakeshore Road, wish to say, from the bottom of our hearts, a thank you to all who assisted at the accident scene and on the

trip to hospital that followed. Without their help and God's guiding hand, our hearts would have been broken.

We are proud to live in York Region, home base for the most efficient, compassionate and caring police department in Ontario.

We thank them for their assistance in an extreme emergency. Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,
Marion Gray,
Lakeshore Road,
Musselman's Lake

P.S. - The public should know how quick and efficient was the 'mercy trip' from Musselman's Lake to Newmarket and from Newmarket to Toronto. The end result was indeed a miracle.

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