



**Painting will hang at Goodwood Public School**

Staff colleagues, parents and students remembered the late Ruth Davidson during Thursday's special program at Goodwood Public School. Uxbridge public school trustee Heather Beveridge (left) took part in the ceremony, presenting a

painting on behalf of the Durham Board of Education. Mrs. Davidson's husband, Jack, helps hang the print in the school's foyer, where it'll remain as a memorial to the respected classroom assistant. —Chris Shanahan



**Award established in Ruth Davidson's memory**

Ruth Davidson was involved with Goodwood Public School's special education program for over 10 years, until her death from cancer in July. On Thursday, a Ruth Davidson Achievement Award was established by staff colleagues to recognize the year's top student in that class. Teacher Lori Briggs (second from right) presents the plaque to (left to right): Mrs. Davidson's daughter Mary (Will), son John and other daughter, Jane. —Chris Shanahan

On behalf of the Board, she presented a limited edition print of a painting by acclaimed Uxbridge-based artist Walter Campbell. The attractive portrait of the historic Quaker Hill Coach House will hang in the school's front foyer.

**Late Ruth Davidson**

**Beloved teacher honored**

GOODWOOD — "She cared about people." With those few words, public school trustee Heather Beveridge said alot about the spirit and dedication of the late Ruth Davidson.

The remarks came Thursday during a special program of remembrance at Goodwood Public School, where Mrs. Davidson taught for 10 years until her death from cancer on July 28. She was 57.

Mrs. Davidson was highly regarded by fellow teachers and students during her time as a classroom assistant in the school's special education program.

Trustee Beveridge spoke of how caring people like the late Mrs. Davidson help keep the Durham Board of Education from becoming an impersonal bureaucratic machine.

Also in attendance at the memorial program, held in the school auditorium during Meet the Teacher night, were Bruce Mather, Durham Region's director of education, area superintendent Bill Fairburn and Bob Martin, superintendent of special education.

Mrs. Davidson's husband, Jack, thanked the assembled Board representatives, school staff, parents and students for their "warmth and respect."

Staff members have established a Ruth Davidson Achievement Award to be presented each year to the highest achiever in the special education program.

The junior choir, under the direction of Lori Briggs, provided music for the service. Stephanie Dempster accompanied on the piano.

Mrs. Davidson, who resided with her family on Conc. 6, Uxbridge Township, began her teaching career as a parent helper in her son John's class in September of 1974.

**Meetings study bible**

By Marjorie Woodland  
FOURTH LINE — Pastor Gary Manzo is back at Goodwood Baptist Church after a stay in his hometown of Detroit. There was also a musical treat at the morning worship service as a performance was given by a group of young people from Manitoba and Vancouver. The Wednesday evening Bible Studies are to be a series beginning in the book of Genesis. Everyone is invited to attend the meetings, which are held at 7:30 p.m. in the Baptist Church.

Gordon and Mae Jones of Haliburton have been visiting family and friends here for a few days. They attended the a.m. church service on Sunday.

Mrs. Irene Alderson of Parkview and daughter, Earla Wilson of Whitby visited their former Fourth Line neighbors Wednesday. Irene is able to enjoy a few more outings of late. It was nice to have a visit with them.

There was excellent attendance at the International Plowing Match held Sept. 17 to 21 near St. Thomas. The warm, sunny days no doubt contributed to its success.

Markham Fair will be the next major event for this area and members are busy preparing their exhibits. Singer Tommy Hunter is sure to be a first-rate drawing card.

Sorry to report that Mr. Cyril Ball's condition has worsened. Cyril has been a patient in hospital at Newmarket for several years as the result of a stroke.

The leaves are beginning to take on some brilliant color and the calendar says autumn is here. These lines from far-away school days keep running through my head:

The golden rod is yellow  
The corn is turning brown  
The trees in apple orchard  
With fruit are bending down  
I have forgotten the rest. We have no apple trees but certainly no shortage of golden rod to bring these lines to mind.

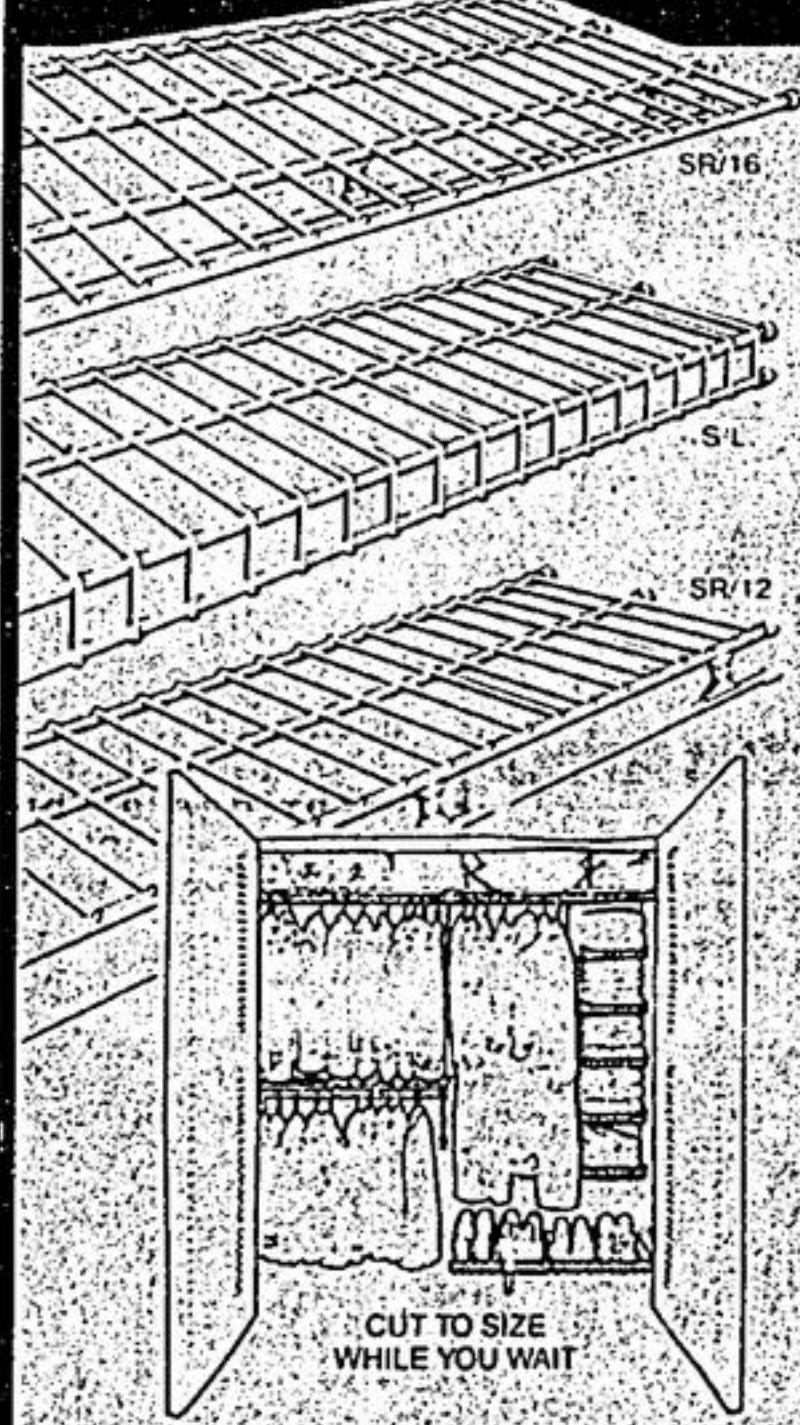
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