

# High School integral part of community

STOUFFVILLE — A community school. Principal John Nikifork is anxious that S.D.S.S. mirror this image in Whitchurch-Stouffville. He hopes to accomplish this mainly through the co-operation of the media. Tribune editor Jim Thomas and Sun editor Jim Mason attended a Public Relations Committee meeting at the High School Friday. Mr. Nikifork, several staff teachers and Mancy Pyke, Student Council president and Kelly Cowan, Student Council past-president were also in attendance.

Jane Warren, head of the Art Department, stressed an urgency for the school to adapt and cope with change. Community involvement, she said, is already a part of the S.D.S.S. policy as exemplified through the Hand-In-Hand Program, Co-op Education, the Variety Show, Parents' Night, Open House and a new Parent-Teacher-Student Organization. The High School, she said, is hopeful of expanding on these.

Mr. Nikifork said many parents

aren't aware of changes already implemented in education or planned for the future. "Some tend to think the way it was thirty years ago. We want to bring them up to date."

Mrs. Warren said the trend is towards group discussions rather than the regimented learning process as once was the practise. "We want the students to express themselves," she said.

Kelly Cowan said students should be encouraged to enquire rather than merely accept what's written in a book. Students, she said, have a lot to offer and should be afforded this opportunity.

"We must get away from the teachers doing all the talking and students merely listening passively on the sidelines," Mrs. Warren agreed.

Teacher Nevil Hodgson admitted that, in some cases, secondary schools had not been as 'open' to the public as they should have been. He said in many instances, the media had not been made welcome in the classroom. The Public Relations Committee is hoping to change this attitude, he stated.



**Gino says thank you to his many friends at dinner party**

It was a party to end all parties. The host was Gino Testa, Bethesda Sideroad, Whitchurch-Stouffville. The gathering, Saturday evening, at the Ballantrae Community Centre, was Mr. Testa's way of saying thanks to many people for their co-operation and support in the development of Testa Heights, Uxbridge and a 30-lot estate

subdivision at Queensville. Here Uxbridge Mayor Gerri-Lynn O'Connor and Durham Regional Chairman Gary Herrema return the favor by toasting Mr. Testa's success. Also present was York Regional Chairman Eldred King and Whitchurch-Stouffville Mayor Fran Sainsbury.

—Jim Thomas

## Not fooled

CLAREMONT — High schools aren't fooling the universities by inflating the marks of Grade 13 graduates, says Lyn Craig, trustee for Durham Region Board of Education.

Mrs. Craig says most universities know the schools and the school boards where graduates originate. "They (the universities) are under no illusion," she says.

While departmental exams, both at the Grade 8 and Grade 13 levels might tend to bring out the true academic worth of a student, Mrs. Craig isn't in favor of going this route. She feels there's more to a successful year than a one-shot test where some students tend to fold under pressure.

However, where there is more than one Grade 8 or more than one Grade 13 class in a single school, all should write the same set of exams, she feels. Also, the same sets of exams should be used within a 'family' of schools.

Mrs. Craig suggests there should be a system whereby student comparisons between schools are more equalized. She suspects this isn't the case today as borne out by the fact some high schools have a much higher percentage of Ontario Scholars than others even though their teaching proficiency may be no better.

# Rainbow House a place of healing mind and spirit

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etc. During this time of confusion, she prayed and read her Bible in hopes of maintaining some semblance of sanity. Some months later, she was released from hospital...still very unwell.

Only much later, after painful searching, did she locate a physician who recognized that her illness was not 'all in her head'. Her illness had a physical base and could be remedied, in time, through appropriate diet, vitamins, exercise, and other natural means. Had Rainbow House been in existence at that time, she could have been spared her 'living hell'.

Sound familiar? Almost everyone knows of at least one person who appears to be emotionally unbalanced...for no known reason. Psychiatric care, drug therapy, loving care...NOTHING WORKS! Rainbow House offers HOPE! Let me tell you how the concept of Rainbow House came into being in the first place.

Mr. Sam Innis had been forced to watch helplessly as his wife struggled through her adult life as an undiagnosed schizophrenic. During this difficult time, she was placed on a mega-vitamin programme (as taught by Dr. Abram Hoffer) and it worked!

Nancy Smail, nee Innis, was a product of this home environment. Needless to say, Nancy's past experiences have had a powerful influence upon the orientation of her life.

In 1963, Nancy met Joyce Schneider as they travelled to Beirut, Lebanon to attend the Baptist World Youth Conference. During the years that followed, Joyce experienced growing ill health. After some time, her illness was properly diagnosed as severe hypoglycemia (low blood sugar) which was compounded by multiple allergies.

Nancy and Joyce's paths again merged in 1978, and the vision of Rainbow House entered into the realm of possibility. The Smails, Joyce, and Mr. Innis pooled their financial resources, formed a share corporation, and purchased a home on Highway 2, just west of Whitby. This home was later used by Rainbow Halfway House, a charitable corporation, as a home to minister to the 'wounded'.

In February 1983, the Smail family moved from Toronto in order to begin the work at Rain-

bow House by serving as temporary houseparents. Thus, they were able to establish the work of Rainbow House on solid ground.

From October 1984-May 1985, Pat and Dennis Crilly served as houseparents.

Rainbow House is a rehabilitation center which is governed by a Board of Directors made up of persons from a variety of denominations.

The programme is designed to be long-term, one to two years in duration. Medical testing is required; the doctor's prescribed programme must be followed. House parents will be assisted by live-in counsellors and by volunteers.

Financial backing for the support of staff, rental of facilities, programming, etc. will come partially from fees paid by residents. It will be essential, however, that caring people everywhere show a willingness to 'back the work'; that churches, prayer groups, and individuals view Rainbow House as a Home Mission Project, thus allowing for an 'open door' to wholeness in body, mind, and spirit.

The Rainbow House programme will offer HOPE where there is no hope...an alternate approach to healing.

The house itself will again be available for our use in August 1986. The programme, however, can go forward only if appropriate staff become available by that time.

But, in the midst of all of the uncertainty, we can say with St. Paul, "And I am convinced and sure of this very thing; that He Who began a good work in you will continue until the day of Jesus Christ...developing and bringing it to full completion in you." Phil. 1:6.

Yes, there is help for those labelled as 'psychiatric cases', just ask Jane! Today, she is most happy and thankful to be back at work; to be a contributing member of society once again.

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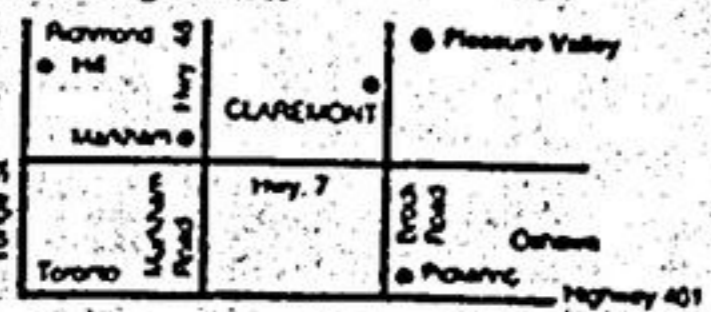
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## Opposed to 'belting kids'

CLAREMONT — In her years as a teacher, Durham Region Board of Education trustee Lyn Craig never strapped a child—but she watched once while someone else did the strapping. "Discipline was never a problem for me," Mrs. Craig told The Tribune in interview Thursday, "the main thing is being consistent."

When teachers are inconsistent, students don't know how far they can go, she explained.

Mrs. Craig admitted she wasn't sure of the Durham policy re corporal punishment at the elementary school level. At one time, it was left to the discretion of the principal, she recalled. "Some say banning the strap is an erosion of authority. There are facts and figures to support both arguments."

Mrs. Craig claims strap or no strap, the chronic troublemaker will continue to cause trouble. "If (the strap) may serve as a deterrent to borderline problem pupils," she said.

The teacher-turned-trustee is strongly opposed to 'belting kids around'. "A teacher should call in the student's parents and hold them responsible instead of foisting the responsibility on the school or on the system," she concluded.