

Mourn young man's death



STEPHEN HOWARD

STOUFFVILLE — "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times. It was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness. It was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity. It was the season of light, it was the season of darkness. It was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair. We had everything before us, we had nothing before us. We were going direct to Heaven, we were going direct the other way." These words, taken from chapter 1 of 'A Tale of Two Cities', were used by Rev. Craig Pitts to introduce his message

at the funeral service for Robert Stephen Howard, Wednesday, in the Stouffville Pentecostal Church.

Stephen, 21, of Bethesda Road, R.R. 2, Stouffville, died April 27 in Wellesley Hospital, Toronto, the result of self-inflicted burns suffered a few hours previous.

Rev. Pitts entitled his remarks 'The Tale of Two Steves.' He described the morning of April 27, 1986, as "the awesome final chapter."

"We are not here to sit in judgment," said pastor Pitts, his voice breaking with emotion,

"his was a life filled with heart-wrenching conflicts."

Rev. Pitts mentioned all the good things Stephen had going for him—a devoted family, an active youth group and a concerned church. "Many like Steve are caught in the dreadful pull between what is right and what is wrong," he said.

The minister told of Stephen's musical talents and how he loved to play the drums. He recalled his trip to Germany with the Word of Life Youth Missionary Team. "The Jesus side of his life was the happy, bright

side. But the devil used him like a yo-yo and set him up for destruction."

Stephen Howard attended morning service on the Sunday he died. He asked to be taken home early. Later, his family learned of the tragedy. "It was the worst of times," said pastor Pitts, "the winter of despair."

Looking out over a closed, flower-banked casket into a sanctuary filled with overflowing, Rev. Pitts spoke of the closeness of those associated with Stephen's parents, David and Gail and sister Cheryl.

"We are a family in this church," he said, "and Stephen was one of ours; he was very precious to us." He condemned the wholesale distribution of drugs and alcohol. "Alcohol firms are using you as pawns," he said, speaking directly to the many young people in the congregation. For a first time at a funeral service, the pastor asked for a response from the audience. Several stood, their heads bowed.

"If Stephen is looking down through a crack in the clouds, I'm sure he will approve," he said.

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Victoria Wood development has 39 homes

STOUFFVILLE — Prices start at \$132,500 and range up to \$174,000 in Victoria Wood's new residential subdivision located south of Sunset Boulevard.

Construction has begun on the builder's Stouffville Collection, described as a "private enclave of 39 distinctive residences."

About half the houses are pre-sold with the first several expected to be ready for occupancy near the end of November.

Sales representatives Bev Gerard and Samantha Haick are staffing the development's Ringwood sales pavilion at the southeast corner of Hwy's 47 and 48.

Office hours are Monday to Thursday, 1 to 8 p.m.; Friday, 1 to

6 p.m.; and Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Victoria Wood president Gerald Armstrong will take part in a grand opening today.

The subdivision features a total of eight models, including the three or four bedroom York at the lower end of the price scale and the highest-priced Laurier.

Other models are: The York

(\$138,500); The Coronation (\$141,500); The Acadian (\$151,000); The Victoria (\$155,700); The Colonial (\$148,400); and The Yorkshire (\$167,500). Lots are sized at 45, 50 or 60 feet.

"The Stouffville Collection, a 39-home project, continues the firm's commitment to fine residential development," according to a press release.

Victoria Wood Development Corporation Inc. was established in 1983 and took its name from the location of its offices at Victoria Park and Woodbine Avenues.

During its 20-year history, the builder/developer has constructed houses in Metropolitan Toronto, Aurora, Barrie, Brampton, Oshawa and Milton, as well as in Quebec.

The firm, affiliated with internationally-known Kaufman and Broad Inc., purchases land which it then develops for its own use or sells to other builders.

Aside from building more than 400 houses each year, Victoria Wood is involved with a variety of other projects. A past development was Main Square, a Toronto shopping and apartment centre.

In 1983, the builder's warranty record was recognized by the New Home Warranty Program.

For more information on the Stouffville Collection contact 640-7010.

STOUFFVILLE COLLECTION
 A PRIVATE ENCLAVE OF 39 DISTINCTIVE RESIDENCES.
 VISIT OUR SALES OFFICE AT THE CORNER OF HWY'S 47 & 48
 Victoria Wood

Construction of services has already started at the site of a 39-home development by Victoria Wood called the "Stouffville Collection". The location is south of Sunset Boulevard. Eight types of houses will be offered for sale with prices ranging from \$133,500 to \$172,500. —Chris Shanahan

Stealing a problem

STOUFFVILLE — A sign in the window of the Success Square Becker's Store, limiting the number of student customers at any one time is an attempt by the manager to reduce shoplifting, The Tribune's been told.

This week, a letter to the Editor complains the notice, prohibiting no more than three students inside at once, discriminates against children and teens.

Stouffville's Tricia Rock writes: "This store's method of attempting to eliminate an age-old problem called loitering makes me angry and ashamed on behalf of adults."

But store manager Steve Nettleton explained the sign was posted after he noticed losses that could be attributed to shoplifting.

"When you're operating a store alone, you can't handle seven or eight kids at a time," he said.

Mr. Nettleton said limiting the number of young customers is "a common practice with convenience stores, especially during the summer."

He said the letter surprises him because response from adults has been positive.

"They like coming into the store without having to fight their way through a wave of kids."

The manager says he's explained the new rule to students and doesn't think it's turned any of them away.

STOUFFVILLE — A shivering contingent of students, all members of the 'Rebel Brigade', a band from Boone County High School, Florence, Kentucky, returned to Stouffville from Wonderland, Saturday, asking themselves if Canadians live in igloos.

"Eskimos sure wouldn't look out of place," said 15-year-old Michelle Linahan, a member of the marching band's color guard.

"Wonderland was nice but the

Catholic School Board Concerned

YORK REGION — The York Region Separate School Board "has serious concerns" regarding a proposal that, if approved, will give all students equal access to Catholic high schools.

This is one of several recommendations. "The concept could erode the quality of Catholic education in York Region," says Board Chairman Celeste Pellicione, "we must maintain the Catholicity of our school system."

"Although we are keeping the larger provincial picture in mind, the Board is independent from the other Secondary School Boards. We must act on behalf of the Catholic rate-payers in York Region," the chairman continued.

John Cappelletti, Information Officer for the Separate School Board, admits to serious concerns but says board members are shying away from specific criticisms.

"They don't feel it appropriate to get into the particular amendments, given the volatility of the general proposals," he explained.

The Board has planned a public information seminar on Monday, May 12 to discuss the proposals with the community.

The location is Saint Anne Catholic School, 105 Don Head Village Blvd., Richmond Hill at 7:30 p.m.

Village residents moving in

STOUFFVILLE — There's life at Parkview Village.

As more and more tenants take up residence in the 124-apartment seniors' complex west of the Ninth Line, more and more activity is visible within the building.

Even at night, lights flicker from the four-storey structure, making it "come alive" during late-evening hours.

While construction work is not yet complete, the move-in has gone quite smoothly, Housing Manager Sheila Jones told The Tribune. The following took up residence during the week of April 30 to May 7:

Mrs. Luella Lofthouse and Marjorie Heise of Nanticoke, Ont.; Margaret Stouffer, Woodville; Mr. and Mrs. Allan Meyer, Stouffville; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Nigh, Stouffville; Mrs. Josina Zeck, Stouffville; Charles Dennie, Stouffville; Mr. and Mrs. Sid Cook, Scarborough; Mabel Williamson, Toronto; Harold and Verna Heise, Richmond Hill; Mr. and Mrs. Norm Fockler, Ringwood; Alma Burkholder, Stouffville; Mr. and Mrs. John Hall, Hagersville; Hilda Wright, Stouffville; Mildred Byer, Markham and Catharine Dymond, Stouffville.

Parkview Village is expected to be fully occupied by the third week in June, Administrator J.M. Nighswander said.



WALTER SMITH

To honor fire chief

STOUFFVILLE — Town Fire Chief Walt Smith will retire this fall.

As first a brigade volunteer and later chief, he has served this community 40 years.

On Sat., May 31, Chief Smith will be honored at a gala evening sponsored by the Kinsmen Club at the Stouffville Legion Hall, Ninth Line North.

Cocktails are at six, followed by a dinner and dance at seven.

Tickets, (\$25 per person), are available from all club members or by contacting Dan MacLaren, 640-6652, (evenings); 475-1892, (days); or Gerard Windle, 640-7395, (evenings).

High School support
 A student-teacher-parent organization has been established at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School. Its purpose is to encourage interested people to make recommendations about educational programs concerning...
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 Contact: Mrs. Nikifork, 640-7010



The 75-member band from Boone County High School, Florence, Kentucky, were visitors in Stouffville on the weekend and participated in a concert at S.D.S.S. Saturday. At the program's conclusion, Ged Stonehouse, past-president of the Chamber of Commerce presented each of the guests with a "welcome" ribbon including 15-year-old Michelle Linahan of Florence.

—Jim Thomas

Band guests praised

weather was cold," agreed Gina Ryan, also 15.

It was 89 degrees (F) when the Boone County H.S. instrumentalists set out on their 12-hour, non-stop trip to Stouffville. On their arrival here, it was snowing.

Whatever the temperature outside, all was warm and friendly inside as hosts and guests performed at an informal concert in the cafeteria of Stouffville Dist. Secondary School.

At the program's conclusion, the audience accorded both bands a standing ovation.

Dennis Akers, director of the Boone County Band admitted to

"a great deal of apprehension" on their arrival. "Once we got beyond the language barrier, everything was fine," he joked.

Peter Samuelson, S.D.S.S. band director, described the visitors as "super friendly people." "I've never seen a more compatible group," he said.

The Florence Jazz Band, directed by Grade 12 students Sarah Randall and Rona Hall, had the cafeteria vibrating with percussion intensity. The audience loved it.

Retires
 Eric Knabe, Head of the Technical Department at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School, is retiring at the conclusion of the June term.
 The announcement was made official by Principal John Nikifork Monday.
 Mr. Knabe joined the S.D.S.S. staff in 1966. He's held the position of Technical Director since that time. Previously, he served in Scarborough five years, and Pembroke three years.
 He's an outstanding educator, Mr. Nikifork said. In many schools across York Region, Technical Departments have decreased in enrollment, but not at Stouffville, the principal explained. This has been due, he said, to Mr. Knabe's dedication and hard work.
 In addition to departmental duties, Mr. Nikifork said, Mr. Knabe has assisted in the areas of attendance and discipline, guidance and co-op education. He'll be sorely missed by the school.



Practice makes perfect

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Art Class that meets every Wednesday at the Silver Jubilee Club, held its annual exhibition of paintings Saturday afternoon. One of the members is Kathleen May of R.R. 1, Goodwood. Photos of two other participants are published elsewhere in this issue.

—Jim Thomas