

'Open house' program at SDSS prompts praise from parents



There was lots to see and do at the 'Open House', Wednesday, hosted by staff and students of Stouffville Dist. Secondary School. The fashion show, sponsored by the Family Studies Department, attracted a large audience. Models here are Jeannine Gava, (left), and Annika Hannan. For more photos, see Page C-1.

STOUFFVILLE — Stouffville Dist. Secondary School 'let its hair down' Wednesday.

The 'Open House', first in eight years, was a co-operative event with staff and students taking part. The crowd was estimated at close to five hundred.

Adopting the theme of "A Well-Rounded Education", all areas of the school's operation were open to the public.

Vice-principal Rod Leonard, the program's chief organizer, was pleased with the result. He told of receiving phone calls from several parents the next morning. They were impressed, he said.

The fashion show, hosted by the Family Studies Department, 'packed 'em in'. Student models included—Debra Surman, Tracey Breadner, Karren Collins, Jeannine Gava, Annika Hannan, Karen Braun, Mirella Velocci, Kim Gutkind, Barb Dart, Vony Hunter, Claudette Tremblay, Tracey Park, Martin Wells, Sheldon Rennicks and Ross Thompson.

The M.C. was Student Council president Marcy Pyke.

Participating stores included—The Wedding Room, National Gym, The Villager, Josephine's, Ancheril's Fine Shoes and Bunny's Flowers.

Events in the gymnasium included novelty dances, organized by staff Phys. Ed. instructor Dave Connell and selections by the Jr. and Sr. Bands under the direction of Peter Samuelson.

A European cafe with desserts prepared by the students, was set up in the cafeteria and proved very popular.

A multilingual information booth inside the school entrance was staffed by students versed in French and German as well as English. These included—Lori Woolford, Shaheen Doctor, Jennifer Ingraham, Nina Chee, Wendy Kaspick; Christine Pirovalakis, Ted Collins, David Enderwick, Chris Codsell and Samantha Lambersky.

The Memorabilia Room included Year Books and photos dating back to 1951. Former teachers and students took great delight in recalling 'the good old days'. Bill Duxbury, a former principal at S.D.S.S., dropped by to renew acquaintances.

Lucky draws were won by the following: ART SKETCHES BY JOHN ROBERTS—Jean Burdick, Cap Cowan and Marie Peacock. AUTO SHOP KIT—Jim Wagg. DRAFTING KIT—Cap Cowan. BRASS CANDLEHOLDERS—Wm. Enderwick. HAND-CRAFTED CLOCK—Melinda Hodgson, O'Brien Avenue, Stouffville.

The fact so many departments were directly involved, made the 'well-rounded education' theme legitimate. Staff and students went out of their way to be friendly, talking with strangers as well as friends.

One parent described it as "the finest High School event of its kind she'd ever attended."

4-H projects

YORK REGION — The York Region 4-H Clubs are holding two Achievement Days this month. The project is entitled "Milk Makes It".

The first program is Sat., May 10 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Victoria Square Community Centre.

The second is Wed., May 14 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., in the Mount Albert Community Hall.



Multi-lingual students greeted guests as they entered the school, some speaking French, others German and still others, English. Shown here are (left to right) Jennifer Ingraham, Shaheen Doctor and Christine Pirovalakis.



Computers still remain an attraction. Testing her skill at the keyboard is eight-year-old Marianne Horak of Oak Ridges while brother Andrew, nine, looks on. Katherine Horak, their mother, is a teacher on the staff of S.D.S.S.

—Jim Thomas

Gift of sight

Dear Sir:

With Mother's Day just around the corner, your readers may be interested in knowing what I told my children when they asked, "Mum, what can we get you this year?"

I replied: "Children, because of your loving generosity over the years, there's nothing now I really need."

Then I went on to tell them if they really wanted to make me happy, they could do so by making a blind person happy, by giving to that person the free gift of sight.

They could do this by making a donation in my name to my favorite charity, "Operation Eyesight Universal".

Just send my name, my address and \$25 to Operation Eyesight Universal, Post Office Box 123, Station MP, Calgary, Alberta (T2P 2H6). The \$25 will be used to give someone their sight and I will receive a special gift card and a patient identification card showing just who was restored to sight in my name. A receipt for income tax purposes is then sent to the one who made the contribution.

If any of your readers receive such a gift, they may want to do what I do—tape the patient identification card up where they can see it and think how that person must have cried out, "I can see! I can see!"

Your readers will have a wonderful warm feeling, knowing they gave one of the most precious gifts of all—the gift of sight.

Sincerely,
Hilda McCarney

Neighborly Notes

A crystal ball?

BY JIM THOMAS
My thanks to Rev. Chris Sorley of the Bloomington, Christian Gospel Church for bringing in two well-preserved copies of The Daily Mail and Empire dated April 1, 1912. One item caught my eye. It concerned criticism voiced by several speakers at a meeting of the Ontario Educational Association. Inspector J.H. Putman recommended the creation of county school boards and the consolidation of school buildings. This was 74 years ago. One big difference between then and now was the fact that 400 more teachers were required to fill vacancies in Ontario and an increase of 800 graduates was needed annually from training schools. By the way, The Daily Mail and Empire sold for two cents a copy.

New but old

The demolition of the house on Main Street West, Stouffville, (opposite Lloyd Avenue) has not been well received by those people who see beauty in things old. Michael Larkin, creator of the Earl of Whitchurch, a proposed pub restaurant, tells me he had no alternative. The structure (any part of it) was not strong enough to withstand a permanent addition. Mr. Larkin will salvage all the brick and rebuild in the likeness of what was there.

Top priorities

What do shoppers look for in a town? Councillor Margot Marshall recently attended an Ontario Business Improvement Area Association conference in Toronto and came up with the following answers: "as provided by consultant John C. Williams: Customer want—the right store, the right merchandise and the right price, comfort and safety, store selection, convenience in getting there and parking. They look for cleanliness, a friendly staff and

A nice place

I visited The Greens for a first time recently. This recently renovated restaurant in Success Square, Stouffville, (formerly the Monte Cristo) has become one of the town's most popular eating-out spots. I enjoyed everything about it—the atmosphere, the food, the service and the price. It was great also to see Bob Davies headlining the entertainment. Bob will never lose his appeal in Stouffville.

Honored

Bruce Burton of Lemonville, described by MusicMania director Ann Bell as "a very talented gentleman," was honored at the conclusion of this year's show for his co-operation and total commitment to the program. The recognition is deserved. Also honored through the presentation of long service pins were—Lorne and Marion Boudway, and Don Huxtable, (25 years), David and Sandy Stronach and Tom Brillinger, (ten years).

Bumps stay

While the speed bumps at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School may be irritating to some motorists and shorten the life of front-end shock absorbers, they're here to stay, says Principal John Nikiforuk. "Speeding" (if anyone dares) has been greatly reduced, making the area much more safe, Mr. Nikiforuk reports.

Service sign

The new bulletin board outside the Silver Jubilee Club in Stouffville provides an excellent service for Senior and Home Care Association members. Support from the town would erect something similar (only twenty times larger) at a visible location on Main Street.

A keepsake

When something of value is lost it's always good news when it's found and returned to its rightful owner. This week I'm pleased to report the railroad watch found by Ken Phillips of Stouffville and turned in to this Office three weeks ago. It's back where it belongs. It's the property of Roy Rockler of Vivian and a highly prized keepsake. Thanks to Ken's honesty and Mrs. Rockler's check of this column, husband Roy's a very happy man.

Moves up

Congratulations to Don Alansoff, former news editor of our sister newspaper, the Markham Economist and Sun and now editor of the North York Mirror. It's a well-deserved promotion. I wish him every success.

A close call

The wrong place at the right time or the right place at the wrong time. Harold Jarvis of Baker Avenue, Stouffville, isn't quite sure. Last week, while seated in a doctor's office, a part of the light fixture fell from the ceiling and hit him on the head. Despite the severity of the impact, Harold's case wasn't considered an emergency. He was required to wait his turn like all the rest. Although his head was still in one piece, knowing Harold, he undoubtedly gave the physician a piece of his mind!

Plan reunion

Dr. Gerald Graham, graduate of Markham High School and a retired professor from the University of London, (England) hopes to visit his old hometown later this month and renew acquaintances with some of the classmates who will be in the area. Why? He was known to his friends as "The Honorary Doctor" and he's from the University of London, Ontario.



Former student visits her alma mater

It was 19 years ago that Margaret (Aida) Gallamore left Stouffville for British Columbia. She now resides in Victoria, B. C., but recently returned to town to spend a few weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tat Aida,

Ilawthorne Avenue, Stouffville. She also visited her alma mater, Stouffville Dist. Secondary School. Marg was accompanied on the trip east by son Burke, 13, and daughter Melissa, seven.

—Jim Thomas