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H.S. TEACHERS ARE TOPS

By JIM THOMAS
STOUFFVILLE — Teachers on the staff of Stouffville Dist. Secondary School will enjoy their summer vacations even more this year after receiving a resounding vote of confidence from a cross-section of students.
Competency of teachers ranked No. 3 in 'Student Likes' according to replies to a recent questionnaire. No. 1 was the school's timetable and No. 2 was the size of the school.
Under the category 'suggested improvements', students requested more dances, (No. 1), and more activities, (No. 2).

Principal John Nikifork went over the responses point by point at three student assemblies, Thursday.
"My door and Mr Leonard's door, (vice-principal), are always open," he told his audience, "we're anxious to listen and we'll make changes for your betterment."
The list of 'Student Likes' follows: (1) The Timetable. (2) Small Size of School. (3) Competency of Teachers. (4) Type and Variety of Activities. (5) School Atmosphere. (6) Sports. (7) Spirit Days. (8) Dances. (9) Technical Shops. (10) Common Lunch.

The list of 'Suggested Improvements' follows: (1) More Dances. (2) More Activities. (3) Radios at Lunch. (4) More Teams. (5) Relocate Smoking Area. (6) Too Strict. (7) New Vice-Principal. (8) Larger Cafeteria. (9) More Options. (10) Ban Smoking. (11) More Lunch Time Activities.
Principal Nikifork described the students as "terrific". "We want to make this the best school we can."
Mr Nikifork said S.D.S.S. has more activities for its size than any other high school in York Region. He noted, however, that some students "are spreading themselves too thin". He urged them to establish priorities.
With respect to use of radios during the lunch period, Principal Nikifork said this had been tried elsewhere and hadn't worked. "We need a noise pollution-free atmosphere," he said.
With regard to being too strict, Mr Nikifork said he and vice-principal Leonard "are trying to strike a happy medium". He was critical of smoking in girls washrooms and condemned what he described as "too much amorous behavior" in the halls. "There are proper locations and proper times for this," he said.
Mr Nikifork said the present Prefect System will be reorganized. More stress will be placed on leadership and service, he said, and less on a policing role.
He supported the speed bumps on the private exit-entrance, west of the school. "The people who are complaining are the ones who drive too fast," he said. "The

speed bumps are staying, the road has never been safer."
Mr Nikifork said several students stressed the need for a running track. The cost, he said, (\$250,000), is not a priority item with the Board.
With respect to a 'double standard', different rules applying to teachers and to students, Principal Nikifork urged co-operation. He said some students had complained about being denied extra help. "If this happens, I want to know about it," he stated firmly. He promised a permanent suggestion box.
He praised the students' attendance record, calling it "excellent".
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High marks

WHITCHURCH — Julie Roy, Ninth Line North, R.R. 2, Stouffville, has been judged the sixth top competitor in the nation by the American Quarter Horse Association.
News of the accomplishment, received only recently, came as a complete surprise. "I couldn't believe it," Julie told The Tribune. "I called down to headquarters in Amarillo, Texas just to make sure."
Officials there verified her standing.
Because the riding season in Ontario is so short, (May to October), chance of placing in North America's top ten is very unlikely, Julie said. Hers was the only Canadian horse in that division.
All of Julie's points were collected aboard "Musical Reylene", a beautiful six-year-old Quarter Horse mare. Although a horse-lover since age nine, Julie's been riding competitively less than four years.
The placing goes on the horse's record and increases her value considerably, Julie explained. Julie will receive a letter of recognition and a certificate.
Julie now needs only eight more halter points to obtain her Amateur Championship. She plans to enter the prestigious Quarter Horse Congress in Ohio this fall.

Premier's coming to Town festival

Will attend June 25

STOUFFVILLE — The premier's coming.
Yes, David Peterson has given assurance through York North Riding M.P.P. Greg Sorbara that he'll kick off the Town's Strawberry Festival, June 25.
Mr Peterson's hour of arrival isn't certain. However, he's expected some time on the Wednesday evening during the Lions-sponsored beef barbeque and a concert hosted by the Whitchurch-Stouffville Band.
Premier Peterson's return to Stouffville relates to a remark he made last September while attending ceremonies for the opening of the new Rec Centre. At that time he said he hoped to come back at some point during the Festival.
Jim Kidd, Festival chairman, revealed the good news at a com-



DAVID PETERSON
mittee meeting, Thursday. Verification, in writing, is expected shortly.
The Festival, including Canada Day celebrations, extends from June 25 through July 1.

Some of the week's highlights follow:
Miss Whitchurch-Stouffville Pageant, Thurs., June 26.
Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament; Choral Entertainment and a Kinsmen Club Dance at the Rec. Centre, Fri., June 27.
On Saturday, June 28, a Baby Contest will be hosted by the Progress Club. Other competitions will include: Pie-Baking; Pie-Eating; a Bed Race and a Pet Show. A Street Dance will be held on Park Drive near the old arena.
An open-air church service is planned for Sunday, June 29 with Rev. Chris Sorley the speaker. This will be followed by a Strawberry Social; Music in the Park and a Car Rally.
July 1, (Canada Day), will feature a Main Street Parade; a Bike Decorating Contest; a Big Wheel Competition; Donkey Baseball; Live Theatre and Fireworks.
A 32-team Slo-Pitch Tournament will begin on the Friday evening and conclude Sunday afternoon.

Fire destroys home

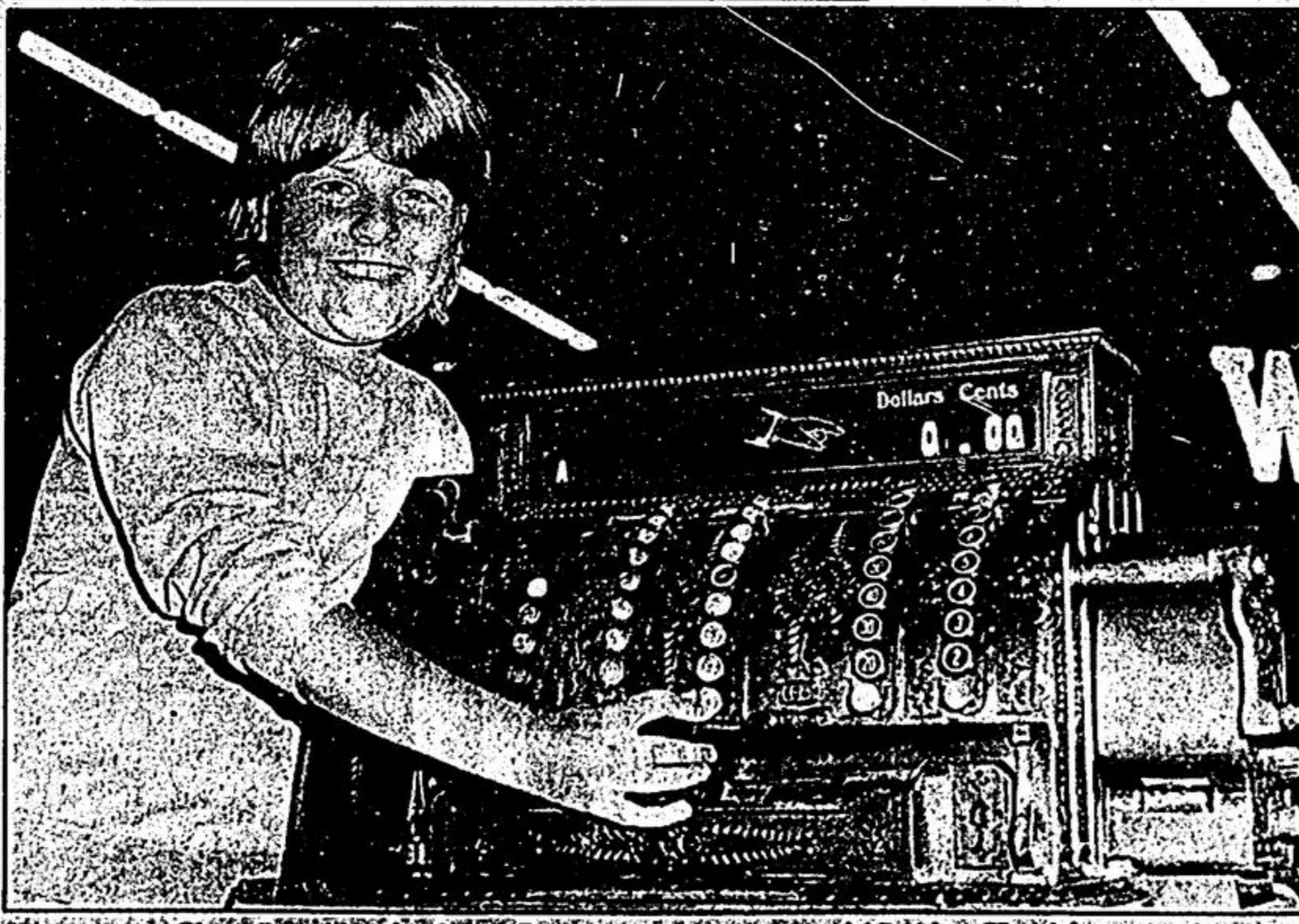
WHITCHURCH — A single-storey house located on the former Harvey Wideman farm, Conc. 5, Whitchurch-Stouffville, was destroyed by fire, Monday, despite valiant efforts by volunteers from three departments to save it.
The blaze, of unknown origin, started in a rear shed and quickly spread to the main structure. Flames were already coming through the roof when the first brigade unit arrived on the scene.
The house had been vacant several months. The loss is estimated at \$35,000.
Albert Yake, a resident on the 6th Conc., said flames were visible from his place almost two miles away. When he arrived, he

found two people attempting to enter the structure, fearing the occupants might still be inside.
Since this section of Whitchurch-Stouffville is in the Aurora fire area, the call was answered by that department. Chief Stu Wilson summoned assistance from

Stouffville, Ballantrae and Newmarket.
Wood shavings, used for insulation, made extinguishing the blaze difficult, an Aurora firefighter explained. Although the walls are still standing, the interior is completely burned out.

Suffers stroke

STOUFFVILLE — Ed Lundman, Whitchurch-Stouffville's Chief Administrative Officer is a patient in Scarborough Centenary Hospital after suffering a slight stroke, Friday.
He'll remain there at least a week for treatment and observation.
Mr Lundman was cutting grass at home when taken ill. His eyesight was initially affected. Later, he had trouble walking. The Tribune was told.
A spokesperson at the Town Office said Mr Lundman had been in touch with staff from his hospital room, Monday and seemed in good spirits.



Cash register keeps pace with inflation

Christ Church (Anglican) of Stouffville sponsored a successful Antique Show and Sale, Saturday, at Markham Fairgrounds. Here, ten-year-old Deborah Wilfaker, Glengall Lane, Stouffville, tries her hand at operating an 80-year-old cash register valued at \$2,200. — Jim Thomas



Walter and Aurelia Smith were guests of honor at a roast and toast, Saturday, hosted by the Kinsmen Club of Stouffville. Fire Chief Smith, slated for retirement, Oct. 31, has served the town in this capacity forty years, first as a volunteer firefighter and later as the municipality's first full-time chief. — Jim Thomas

Fire Chief Walter Smith Served 40 years

STOUFFVILLE — A rare and special human being, loved and respected by all, these were the words used by Mayor Sam Sainsbury to describe (Town) Fire Chief Walter Smith at the conclusion of a toast and roast in the Legion Hall Saturday night.
The event was sponsored by the Kinsmen Club of Stouffville. Chief Smith is due to retire Oct. 31.
Speakers in addition to Mayor Sainsbury included Councillors Jim Rae and Wilt Morley, Kinsmen President Jim Kidd, Chamber of Commerce President Kent Sandford, Deputy Fire Chief George Wilson, Tribune Editor Jim Thomas, close family friend Bob Bruce, Dennis Sainsbury and Lawrence Hennessey.
Aurelia Smith, wife of the chief, was also a highly valued guest. She and her husband were

accompanied by their two daughters and sons-in-law, Jan and Alan Percy of Stouffville and Jo Ellen and Dan Carrington of Burlington.
Walt Smith's association with the Stouffville Fire Department spans 40 years. "I've tried my best to be a good chief," he said irreverently, "but one needs good people above, (Town Council), and good people below, (department volunteers). Without the co-operation of both, nothing is possible."
In response to gifts from the Kinsmen and others, Chief Smith commented: "I may work a little longer and have another party."
Mayor Sainsbury called it "a memorable evening."
The Master of Ceremonies was Kinsmen member Dan McLaren.

Spring Fair

The annual Spring Fair, sponsored by the Stouffville Christian School, will be held this Saturday, (June 7), from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Stouffville Park.
Activities will include: a Pram Race; Kinsmen Team Ball Tournament; Craft and Display Tables; Home Baking; Refreshment Booth; Children's Games and a Silent Auction.
Over forty items will be up for bids including a set of lawn furniture, dinner for two at Greens, a VCR for a week, a meat tray for twelve, ten car washes, dinner for four at Swiss Chale, 180 pounds of meat tickets to Wonderland and more.

Select principal for Orchard Park

STOUFFVILLE — A successor has been named to John Hincks, principal of Orchard Park School, Stouffville.
But it's not Arthur Boynton, principal of Wm. Armstrong School, Markham, as previously announced. Mr Boynton is retiring from the teaching profession and taking up Law.
Coming to Orchard Park on an interim basis is Beverly Brooks, currently principal of Harry J. Clarke Elementary School, Hastings.

Beverly holds a Master of Education degree in Administration from Queen's University, Kingston. She also has a Certificate in Special Education in addition to Principal's Qualifications.
Work has also been received of a promotion for David Young, Lead Teacher on the staff of Orchard Park School since 1982. David holds Certificates in Special Education, Classroom Computers and Physical and Health Education in addition to Principal's Qualifications. He's been appointed vice-principal of Bayview Fairways Public School, Thornhill.

Murder charges laid

DURHAM REGION — After more than 3 1/2 years investigation, Durham Regional Police have charged three members of one family with second degree murder in the death of a Brooklin area man.
Clark Major, Ashburn Road, R.R. 1, Brooklin and formerly of Whitevale, was dragged to his death, Aug. 7, 1982, while attempting to halt a robbery at the laneway entrance to his home.
Arrested Monday were Frederick Fisher, 32, of Whitby; Fisher's sister, Elizabeth Ann Fisher, 27, of Oshawa and a sister-in-law, Janet Fisher, 26, of Scarborough.
In addition to second degree murder, the accused are charged with robbery, possession of stolen goods over \$200 and conspiracy to commit theft.
The three will appear in Whitby Provincial Court Friday.
Durham Regional Police confirmed Tuesday, the arrest occurred as a result of a Crime Stoppers' re-enactment of the case published April 29 and televised May 1.

Deadline

June 11 is the deadline date to submit nominations for the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville's Citizen of the Year.
The selection committee will include Tribune editor Jim Thomas plus a representative from Town Council and the Chamber of Commerce.
The event, sponsored by The Tribune, will take place during the Miss Whitchurch-Stouffville Pageant, June 26, in the High School. The Sports Personality of the Year will also be honored.
Citizen nominations, (with reasons), should be left at The Tribune Office, 54-56, Main Street West, any time up to 5 p.m. next Wednesday.
The June 26 ceremony is part of the Town's Strawberry Festival and Canada Day that extends from June 25 to July 1.