

Douglas McCammon

New Guidance Head will 'reach out'

By JIM THOMAS

STOUFFVILLE — When Doug and Sue McCammon moved to Stouffville 16 years ago, it was never envisioned he would some day be Head of Guidance at a school only a few steps up the street.

The unexpected occurred Feb. 2 when Mr. McCammon took over the position at S.D.S.S. made vacant by the retirement of Bruce Johnston.

He's happy with the way everything's worked out.

However, Mr. McCammon didn't submit his application without a lot of thought. With one son, Jeremy, in Grade 9 and a second son, Tim, in Grade 7, he wanted to make sure the move had the 'blessing' of the family.

They gave him the 'green light'.

Mr. McCammon was born at

Millgrove, Ont., outside Hamilton. He obtained his secondary school education at Dundas and his degree at McMaster.

A young looking 41, Doug McCammon brings 18 years' experience to Stouffville High including four years at Langstaff; twelve years at Thornlea and two years at Sutton.

Mr. McCammon has his own philosophy with regard to Guidance. Gone, he says, are the days when a Guidance teacher sits in an office and waits for students to come in. "I believe in reaching out and making myself available," he states. "I intend to be visible."

He has two assistants, Jan Sherman, full-time and Mary Frances Juk, part-time.

Mr. McCammon claims all teachers are, in effect, Guidance counsellors. "I'm very impressed with what I see

here," he says, "every teacher is a professional, extremely sensitive to the needs of the students."

Although he sees the career decision-making process as important, he firmly believes nothing is irreversible. "No one is ever stuck," he states; "a decision can always be reversed."

The average person, he says, changes careers six or seven times.

If an original plan doesn't work out, "there's no need to push the panic button," he notes.

Mr. McCammon says he's been warmly received by everyone including custodians, administration and staff. "And the students here are wonderful," he adds.

"I hope the community truly appreciates the kind of High School we have in Stouffville," he concludes.



Douglas McCammon, Albert Street South, is the new Head of Guidance at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School. Mr. McCammon took over the position Feb. 2, succeeding Bruce Johnston. He brings 18 years' teaching experience to S.D.S.S. —Jim Thomas

Graduates return to Summitview

STOUFFVILLE — Students in Grade 8 at Summitview are excited rather than fearful of making the move to High School in the fall.

This was indicated by positive responses to questions posed by Douglas McCammon, the High School's Head Guidance Instructor.

Mr. McCammon spoke to the Grade 8's Thursday, and outlined

Late Walter Jacob

A cavalry veteran in World War I

For Mrs. Cora Conner, Springvale Baptist Church was her second home.

Because of this association, it seemed fitting her funeral service should be held Thursday in this atmosphere: Mrs. Conner died Feb. 3 in York Central Hospital, Richmond Hill where she'd been a patient nearly eight weeks.

Mrs. Conner, the former Cora Wideman, was born near Richmond Hill, daughter of Ralph and Louisa Wideman.

Following her marriage, Charles and Cora farmed on Kennedy Road at R.R. 1, Unionville, and later built a house on the property.

After the death of her husband in 1970, Mrs. Conner moved to Testa Villa Apartments, Stouffville.

Mrs. Conner enjoyed all types of handwork including sewing, quilting and crocheting. She made most of her family's clothing. She was an excellent cook.

Her membership in the congregation of Second Markham Baptist Church and Springvale Baptist Church extended over 60 years. She served as a Deaconess and with the Ladies Guild.

Rev. Bob Flemming told of his great joy in visiting with Mrs. Conner and spoke of a favorite verse in her Bible entitled "On The Wings Of Prayer".

Rev. Jack Bart said Mrs. Conner's courage and faith through the dark days of The Great Depression enabled her to better understand and sympathize with those experiencing similar difficulties.

In addition to her own family, she gave of her time in the raising of young people from the Children's Aid. He described her as "a mother to the motherless".

Dr. W.S. Whitcombe said his memories of Mrs. Conner go back sixty years. "She lived the religion she received," he said.

Rev. Mark Rogers, associate pastor at Springvale also took part in the service.

Good clothing for free

MARKHAM — During the month of February, coats are being given away at the Markham Clothing Centre, 98 Church Street, Markham. All other clothing is two for one.

Also, shoes, boots and skates are available for twenty-five cents.

The Markham Clothing Centre is open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 1 to 3 p.m., Thursday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The location is the north side of Church Street across from Markham Dist. High School.

the various options available in Grade 9. He was accompanied by three Summitview graduates, Lucy Elliott and Tracey Duke, Grade 13, and Jeremy Gallop, Grade 12.

"I'm really impressed with the enthusiasm of the S.D.S.S. staff and students," Mr. McCammon said; "you're in for a great experience, academically and every other way."

He praised the Grade 8 class on its advanced stage of preparation.

"I compliment you on your knowledge," he stated.

Only two admitted to being nervous about advancing to a higher level of learning.

Lucy, Tracey and Jeremy outlined the many extra-curricular activities available at Stouffville High including — Spirit Days, the Walk-a-Thon, Welcome Day, Variety Show, Square Dancing, Inter-School Christian Fellowship and 'Open House'. They also briefed the students on some of the courses including — Computer Studies, Family Studies, Machine Shop, Music Program, (band and choir), Art Class, Sports and more.

Mr. McCammon spoke in glowing terms of the Co-op Education Program where students are employed out in the community. This area includes — Family Studies, Technical and Business.

He urged the taking of French in Grade 9, stressing the fact it could 'open new doors' further down the line.

Mr. McCammon explained the three levels of academic proficiency — Basic, General and Advanced. Grade 8 students, he said, must state the level of their choice based on ability and what they wish to do 'down the road'.

In addition to Summitview, Mr. McCammon is also addressing the Grade 8's at Dickson's Hill, Orchard Park, St. Mark's, Whitchurch-Highlands and Balantrae.



Students return to alma mater

Three former students of Summitview School, (left to right), Tracey Duke, Jeremy Gallop and Lucy Elliott, accompanied Douglas McCammon, Head of Guidance at Stouffville High, when he spoke to the Grade 8 class at Summitview, Thursday morning. —Jim Thomas

Main Street toll road

The 1987 Lions-sponsored Toll Day will be held Saturday, Feb. 21.

Stouffville's Main Street from Westlawn Crescent to Tenth Line North, will be transformed into a toll road from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Donations will be divided between the Markham-Stouffville Hospital Building Fund

and the Whitchurch-Stouffville Recreation Centre Fund. Givings are strictly voluntary.

The Toll Day committee includes — Ross Hetherington, (chairman); Kevin Berry, Harold Hodgson and Don Huxtable. Last year, close to \$1,400 was raised.

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