

Teacher Frances DeMarco Goodwood students are beneficiaries



Mrs. Frances DeMarco, Geoffrey Crescent, Stouffville, joined the staff of Goodwood Public School in 1970. Mrs. DeMarco participates in the leadership of

many extra-curricular activities including the annual spring musical scheduled for April 14 and 15.

—Jim Thomas

Anne's coming to Uxbridge

UXBRIDGE — It's described as "family entertainment at its best."

The musical is "Anne of Green Gables", to be presented by the Music Theatre of Uxbridge Sec-

dary School, March 3, 4 and 5.

The lead role of "Anne" will be played by 17-year-old Julie Henderson, a student in Grade 12 with a supporting cast of thirty-five.

The director is staff Science teacher John Garbutt of Stouffville.

Tickets will be available at the school.



Kiddies' gym program received \$450 boost

The Tumbling Tots Gym Program located at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Rec. Centre recently received a financial boost from Rebecca Lentile, (centre), of La Villetta Restaurant, Edward Street, Stouffville. A cheque in the amount of \$450

was gratefully received. Brenda McKrow (left), and Tina Brown, (right), of Stouffville Moms and Tots added \$100. Trying out the new equipment for size are Shawna Brown, (left) and Kyle McKrow, both age three.

—Blaine Kaneko

By JIM THOMAS
GOODWOOD — When Goodwood Public School hosts its musical "Sleeping Beauty" April 14 and 15, teacher Frances DeMarco will be front centre and behind the scenes.

It all started eight years ago, Fran recalls. Lori Briggs, then at Goodwood and now on the staff of Scott Central, needed help. Fran's been helping ever since.

She's our featured teacher of the week.

The two-night concert, with the actors and actresses resplendent in beautiful costumes, involves students from Grades 4 to 6. It's a "must attraction" for moms, dads, aunts and uncles throughout the community.

While a major undertaking, the musical is only one of many extra-curricular activities Mrs. DeMarco fits into her busy schedule. She also assists with house league soccer, the school's gymnastics program and the science fair.

Her home room is Grade 5. Toronto-born, Fran attended East York Collegiate, Toronto Teachers' College and York University. She specialized in French.

On her arrival at Goodwood in 1970, Mrs. DeMarco quickly what life in the country is all about. She was a "travelling teacher", moving from school to school with Glasgow, Fifth Line and Webb on her appointment schedule.

"That first winter was one of the worst," she recalls. "I ended up in the ditch several times. I soon learned to drive really well."

Fran's days are long. Often, she arrives at school as early as 7:30 a.m., and doesn't leave until nearly five. Most evenings and weekends are spent planning the week's work ahead.

"There are times when I feel a little bogged down," she admits, "a teacher's work is never really done."

One must always be on top of things, Fran says, or "one step ahead," as she puts it. Children today are very perceptive, she notes.

Mrs. DeMarco says parents of Goodwood pupils are very supportive. She describes the children as "likeable, and enthusiastic."

"They know what's expected of them," she says.

Discipline is seldom a problem, she explains, "mainly because everyone's kept so busy they don't have time to get in trouble."

Mrs. DeMarco says she's thought about moving to a larger suburban school. "But it would be

less personable," she says, "we're very close-knit here."

Teaching, says Fran, has been her "first love" since a small girl.

"I enjoy what I'm doing! It's very rewarding. I have no regrets."

Fran and Al DeMarco live on Geoffrey Crescent in Stouffville. They have two sons, David, 13, and Sean, 11, both enrolled at Summitview.

Yes, her chosen profession comes in handy at home as well as

at school, she says. "Teaching never really ends," she smiles.

To relieve the tension of a heavy work week, Fran enjoys the relaxation that comes with cross-country skiing.

Whether home or school is her "classroom", Fran DeMarco symbolizes everything positive about her profession. She's not just a mother of two, but a "mother" to twenty-one. "And they're all good kids," she says proudly.

Editor's Mail

Abortion story only half told

Dear Editor:

The decision by our government to not only permit abortion on demand but fund it with our OHIP premiums makes me angry and frightened.

Those of us who believe in the intrinsic value of human life and that it's morally wrong to casually kill the innocent, are being forced to support that very crime when paying our OHIP or else allow our families to suffer grave health and financial risks.

Those who claim to be so concerned about the woman's health seem to have done very little research on the physical and mental after-effects of abortion.

If you stood outside an abortuary and watched eight girls go in, statistics say one or two will never have a child afterwards.

The strong cervical muscle is forced open which can result in incompetent cervix. The uterine wall is scarred so that subsequent embryo cannot implant. The fallopian tubes can be blocked which leads to tubal pregnancies. Consequently, as high as six of eight girls will suffer miscarriages, premature deliveries,

labor and delivery complications.

Pro-abortionists are quick to partially quote from the over 1,000 questionnaire-based papers that find the IMMEDIATE reaction to having an abortion is relief.

The same questionnaires find abortion to be traumatic, accompanied by distress, anxiety and emotional numbness. One doesn't hear much elaboration about these!

The psychological damage that can show up months, even years later, is in the form of guilt, anxiety, depression, sense of loss, hostility, suicide and psychosis.

Denial of the psychological complications of abortion by abortion advocates demonstrates a lack of concern for women and further exploitation of them.

One cannot offer assistance to something that does not exist. Therefore, these emotionally hurting women continue on in their pain.

Are women and unborn babies so insignificant as to be treated in this manner?

Sincerely,
Sharon Middleton,
Stouffville

AROUND TOWN

PANCAKE SUPPER

Christ Anglican Church, 254 Sunset Blvd., Stouffville, will host its annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Tues. Feb. 16 from 5 to 7 p.m.

PARSON HISTORY

John Dobson, 4 Cromer Bay, Winnipeg, Manitoba, (R2M 4C5), is writing the history of the Parsons family of Stouffville and is seeking the assistance of anyone with related information. One member was Julia Matilda Parsons, (1837-1924), wife of James O'Brien, (1835-1917). Their children, born between 1859 and 1883 included — Henry S., Edmund, Charles, Herbert, Lillian, James F., Frederick P., Arthur W., Cora Blanche, Laura L., and Oscar D.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Parents of kindergarten-age children, (September), are reminded of registration at Summitview Public School, Tues. Feb. 16 from 9:15 to 11:45 a.m., 1:15 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 8 p.m. Proof of age and immunization records are required.

FREE SKATING

The Christian Education Committee of St. James Presbyterian Church, are hosting an hour of free skating at the Town Rec. Centre, Friday, Feb. 19 from 10 to 11 a.m. This is a school P.D. Day.

FAMILY COMING

Wm. Wallace III and family of Ballantrae will be guests at a program, Monday, Feb. 15 at 7:30 p.m., in the Silver Jubilee Club, Main and Market Streets, Stouffville. All Seniors are welcome.

THEATRE NIGHT

St. James Presbyterian Church is hosting a Valentine supper and theatre night, this Friday, (Feb. 12), from 7 to 10 p.m. A catered meal will be provided in Morris Hall followed by a performance by the Covenant Players in the sanctuary. The cost is \$15 per person. Ticket requests should be forwarded to Lillian Davidson, (640-5653); Marion Jensen, (640-3783); or Helen Hartai, (640-6165).

COFFEE HOUR

Janet Paxton of Bristol Ponds, will address a Valentine Coffee Hour, Thursday, (Feb. 11), at 7:30 p.m., in the Stouffville Missionary Church. Special music will be provided by Judy Steckley and Wendy Williams. Vera Francis will demonstrate her skill at cake decorating. Ladies of the town are invited.

IN HOSPITAL

Mrs. Jessie Stark, William Street, Stouffville, is a patient in Uxbridge Cottage Hospital after suffering a heart attack.

VALENTINE SKATE

The Stouffville Rec. Centre is hosting a Valentine Skate, Sunday, Feb. 14 from 1:45 to 4:45 p.m.

FESTIVAL MEETING

The 1988 Strawberry Festival Committee is holding a planning meeting, Tues., Feb. 16 at 7:30 p.m., in the board room of the Town Rec. Centre.

Police too slow

STOUFFVILLE — Norm Faulkner, co-owner of the Stouffville Flea Market, was noticeably upset Saturday.

Four pick-pockets were reported on the premises. One lady reported her purse opened but nothing taken.

The men were identified and a license number recorded. Norm said York Regional Police were called at 9:50 a.m. At 10:40 a.m. no officer had shown up.

FORM 1
PLANNING ACT, 1983

NOTICE OF THE PASSING OF ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENTS TO THE GENERAL ZONING BY-LAW BY

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville passed By-law 88-21 on the 26th day of January, 1988 under Section 34 of the Planning Act, 1983.

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or agency may appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board in respect of the by-law by filing with the Clerk of The Corporation of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville not later than the 1ST day of MARCH, 1988 a notice of appeal setting out the objection to the by-law and the reasons in support of the objection.

An explanation of the purpose and effect of the by-law, describing the lands to which the by-law applies, appears below. As the by-law applies to almost all lands within THE TOWN OF WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE, no key map is provided. The complete by-law is available for inspection in my office during regular office hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.).

DATED at the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville this 10th day of February, 1988.

Patricia G. Oakes,
Clerk of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville,
19 Civic Avenue, Box 419,
Stouffville, Ontario,
L4A 7Z6.

EXPLANATORY NOTE
BY-LAW NO. 88-21

By-law No. 88-21 re-enacts, confirms and ratifies By-law No. 87-163, which was passed on December 8, 1987, and which, due to an administrative error, did not take effect in accordance with the Planning Act, 1983. It is therefore necessary to re-enact the provisions thereof by By-law No. 88-21.

By-law No. 88-21 applies to all lands within The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville except for:

(a) those lands described in Schedule "B" to By-law No. 87-35, being lands affected by certain Committee of Adjustment decisions rendered since the beginning of 1988;

(b) the area indicated on Map 13 in Schedule "A" to By-law No. 88-21, which will remain subject to By-law No. 72-7; and

(c) the area shown on Map 14 in Schedule "A" to By-law No. 87-34, which will also remain subject to By-law No. 72-7.

The purposes of the by-law, among other matters, are to:

Incorporate certain corrections to the Town's General Zoning By-law.
Modify present zoning categories and general provisions.
Change the zoning on selected properties and neighbourhoods; and
Incorporate lands shown in Schedule "A" to By-law No. 87-35.

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