

Church talent reaps dividends



The 'In Praise of Hands' bazaar, hosted by the congregation of Wesley United Church, Vandorf, Saturday, proved very successful. Bertha Pattenden arranged a beautiful ceramics display including this dresser set that sells for \$50.



A booth for cookie painters proved popular with kids including three-year-old Emily Kirstein, Vivian Road, R.R. 3, Newmarket. A self-painted cookie sold for twenty-five cents.



Five-year-old Ashley Millar, St. John's Sideroad, had her eye on this tricycle. Ashley's mother was one of several bazaar organizers. Proceeds go to Wesley United Church, Vandorf.



Eight-year-old Jennifer Johnson of Reesor Place, Whitchurch-Stouffville, isn't a lover of mice, but the stuffed variety are acceptable. Jennifer's a Grade 3 pupil at Whitchurch Highlands School.



Clothes always prove attractive to teens including Melissa White, Jasper Drive, Aurora. Melissa is 13. She attended the bazaar with her grandmother.

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Neighborly Notes

By JIM THOMAS

Plans reunion

Stouffville's Mary Griffiths is organizing a reunion of all Grade 8 graduates of ten years ago from Ballantrae Public School. Mary is starting early. The get-together's planned for next summer. With so many living far afield, it may take that long to get in touch. Also, there may be some name-changes within the group. Great idea, Mary. If we can help, give us a call.

Discrimination

The October edition of the Durham Board of Education newsletter entitled 'Highlights' arrived on my desk Wednesday. This informative pamphlet describes in detail all about the withdrawal of The Lord's Prayer from classroom ceremonies. In a separate paragraph it says: "The court ruling does not apply to separate schools." In my opinion, this is the height of unacceptable discrimination. The 'learned' judges must have known that had the ban been extended across the board, a separate school riot would have resulted.

Welcome back

Good to see Ross Stevenson in the thick of the current federal election campaign. Ross is the PC candidate in the Riding of Durham. Even Bill Ballinger, his Liberal rival in the last provincial campaign, calls him "a good man". I hope he wins.

Late bloomers

John Wilson, Harding Gate, Stouffville, has a pair of Easter lilies still blooming in his garden, that is, if they didn't get nipped by recent frosts. John obviously knows the secret to successful lily transplants.

Another law?

Town Council is pretty sticky when it comes to signs. Yet the province was allowed to erect two unsightly billboards on Stouffville's Main Street, advertising their less-than-generous PRIDE grant for downtown improvement. However, temporary, at the rate the project's proceeding, they'll be there til spring. Unless there's a law for the rich and a law for the poor, both should be replaced by something that shows a little 'pride'.

Bike-nappers

Motorists are advised to lock up their parked automobiles. The same precaution should also be taken by cyclists, advises master bike repairman Don 'Beanie' Lehman, Boyer Street, Stouffville. At no time should a boy or girl leave his or her bicycle unlocked, says Don. Too many kids return to find them gone. The majority are never recovered, he notes. With many bicycles now costing in excess of \$200, they constitute many months of saving. Thirty years ago, this wasn't a worry but times are changing.

Alive and well

The snowmobile industry would seem to be alive and well if attendance at the Markham Fairgrounds' show last weekend is an indication. Even at \$6 admission, crowds were large. Larry VanDyke, Bethesda Sideroad, Whitchurch-Stouffville, was a prominent participant.

Will wait

'Tuff', the pet spaniel in the family of Phillip and Carolyn Gordon, Hwy. 48, Ballantrae, will have to wait for his nomination to the Purina Pet Hall of Fame to be considered. All entries for 1988 have been judged, Deana Peattie of Ralston Purina told The Tribune. 'Tuff' will be included in the list for 1989. The little dog woke his master after fire started in the kitchen of the Gordon home, Sept. 23. "Except for him, I'd never have gotten out alive," Mr. Gordon said. "Tuff" very nearly didn't get out either. He was found unconscious under a bed by a volunteer firefighter and revived with oxygen by an ambulance attendant.

Long wait

It's a long time from mid-October to mid-April, but worth the wait. Goodwood Public School is planning another spring musical. It's called 'Robin Hood' with staff teacher Tessie Dempster at the helm. Rehearsals will begin in earnest after Christmas.

Editor's Mail

High School a prison say some students

Dear Editor:

In the last few years, Stouffville High has changed drastically from what we remember.

We always thought school was supposed to be fun. But seriously, how many enjoy getting up and going to SDSS?

We always thought when you made it to high school you were considered a young adult. And when you reached your senior years, you were an adult. When you're 17 or 18 years of age, are you not supposed to make your own decisions?

Here, we have spares taken away and study halls put in.

We can no longer drop or change subjects in senior grades without parental consent. Isn't

that going a little too far?

We remember when we started school, everything was alright. We had our fun times and our serious times. However, now that we've reached Grade 11, it seems school's been turned into a prison. We feel respect between students for teachers and students for school is lost.

Now, we face our biggest problem — the smoking area.

We realize the fact the Board removed all smoking areas from school properties in York Region. We feel too much fuss is being made of those students who smoke on Edward Street. Yet, nothing's said about those teachers who also smoke there or about how they throw their

cigarette butts on school property.

We realize we shouldn't criticize without providing solutions.

Our first request is place garbage cans at the top of Edward Street, also one containing sand and water into which students can deposit their butts on the way to school.

We also want a designated smoking area off school property, but close to the school.

We'd really appreciate it if someone will respond to these requests.

Sincerely,

Concerned Students of S.D.S.S.

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