

Remembrance of those who die



Keith Oliver (left) of the Stouffville Cubs and Duane Pop of the Stouffville Cubs participated in the wreath-laying ceremony at the conclusion of the annual Remembrance Day Service in the Stouffville Legion Hall Sunday.



Geoff Miller of Stouffville, a student enrolled at Humbly College, played the Last Post and Reveille during the Service of Remembrance Sunday. Rev. Calvin Stone of the Stouffville Christian Church delivered the message. — Jim Thomas

Late Bill Kingsley School teacher cadet instructor



BILL KINGSLEY

A well-known former Stouffville resident returned 'home' last week to the community he loved so much.

Funeral service was held in Christ Church Anglican for William (Bill) Kingsley, formerly of Stouffville and more recently of Burke's Falls.

Mr. Kingsley, stricken with lung cancer, lived ten months longer than doctors had anticipated. Still, his death came as a shock to many who weren't aware of the seriousness of his sickness.

His passing was announced over the PA system at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School where

Mr. Kingsley taught several years.

Bill Kingsley was a self-made success. He never knew his parents due to the fact his mother died at childbirth and his father was killed in a motor vehicle accident. He was left in the care of two great aunts who saw to it he was raised by a caring grandmother in her home. The family accepted him as one of their own.

With the outbreak of World War II, Mr. Kingsley volunteered for service overseas. He was captured by the enemy and spent time in a German prisoner-of-war camp.

On his return to civilian life, he accepted a position with a drug trading company. But he never lost that determination to further his education.

He returned to school and later graduated in 1959 as a teacher.

Mr. Kingsley was a devoted husband and father. He assisted wife Betty in all extra-curricular activities and encouraged son Bill to further his interests in writing and sports.

Before joining the staff at SDSS, Mr. Kingsley taught at both Orchard Park and Summitview. Geography was his favorite.

Bill Kingsley's teaching abilities and his experience in the airforce, made him a natural to take over the operation of the local Air Cadets. He enjoyed this work to the full, first in Stouffville and later at Newmarket.

While his retirement years were cut short by illness, Mr. Kingsley spent as much time as possible with grandson Matthew. He would read to him by the hour and assist in the construction of meccano projects.

Little Matthew returned his grandfather's love ten-fold.

Rev. Paul Scuse conducted the service. Margaret Britton prepared and read a fitting eulogy. The previous evening, Stouffville Branch 459 of the Royal Canadian Legion held a solemn memorial worship at the O'Neill Funeral Home, a tribute much appreciated by the family.

DanceCentre will close if new site not found

By KATE GILDERDALE
STOUFFVILLE — When we arrived in Stouffville, 13 years ago, youth recreation programs were much as you'd expect to find in any small town — hockey and skating in the winter; baseball and swimming in the summer.

Then Stouffville began to grow, attracting people with new ideas and interests.

When the new Library opened, it hosted a variety of pre-school programs.

A few years later, Michele Green, now owner and director of Stouffville's DanceCentre, began teaching pre-school dance there.

It was the beginning of an incredibly successful venture, one that now rivals sporting activities for popularity and, with the annual recital, one that's become an integral part of Stouffville's cultural life. Yet, if a new facility can't be found, 300 children and 150 adults will find themselves without a studio or the expertise of a dedicated and highly qualified teacher.

With increasing pressure on space at her present location and a year left on her lease, Michele had begun planning for the future. She noticed that a nearby property was available for rent. She visited the site and discussed

plans with the owner. They came to an agreement. The DanceCentre would occupy the property beginning Jan. 1, 1989, after necessary renovations were completed.

Michele made arrangements to terminate her current lease at the end of December.

Last week, her prospective landlord advised Michele the premises had been leased to another party for more money. By this time, the owner of the present studio had leased his property to someone else also, leaving Michele with nowhere to continue her program.

The DanceCentre can't be allowed to close. For the many local children whose leisure activities revolve around it, and who have invested time, effort

and boundless enthusiasm to improve and grow in their chosen discipline, the loss of this facility will come as a bitter blow.

For Michele herself, it's the end of the dream she's worked so hard to make a reality. No doubt she'll be forced to look to another community to start over again.

Perhaps one day, Stouffville will obtain another dance studio and a new director. Unfortunately, today's students won't reap the benefits.

On the other hand, this is Stouffville, the friendliest town in Ontario. Perhaps someone, somewhere, has a solution.

If you can help, contact the DanceCentre at 640-6082. You could give 300 young people the nicest Christmas gift of all.

A friend to all

The O'Neill Funeral Home was filled to overflowing Saturday as family, relatives and friends paid their final respects to a well-known former Ringwood resident, Mrs. Fred Steckley.

Mrs. Steckley passed away Nov. 2 at Parkview Home, Stouffville, where she'd been a resident since February, 1986. She was 88.

It was three weeks ago that Mrs. Steckley suffered a broken hip. Successful surgery was performed in Scarborough General Hospital. However, she lived only two days following her release.

Mrs. Steckley, the former Ada Gower, was born in Stouffville, daughter of George and Mary Gower. Following marriage, she and her husband became an integral part of the Ringwood community. Their home was 'open house' to everyone who came to call.

She was a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Mrs. Steckley's association with the Ringwood Christian Church dated back to her teen years. Her life touched all areas of the congregation and Sunday School. She taught a Sunday

School class for 50 years and helped organize a Sunday School reunion in the fall of 1970.

For many years she attended the Christian Church Conference. She was a charter member of the Excelsior Class. She belonged to the Women's Institute and the Horticultural Society.

Mrs. Steckley was a strong supporter of the Sunday School Convention. She served on the planning committee of The World Day of Prayer.

For years, she was Ringwood's correspondent to The Tribune.

Rev. Dan Schut, pastor to the Ringwood congregation described Mrs. Steckley as "a very precious lady." Others attending the funeral service Saturday, told of memories precious to them.

Surviving are two daughters, Noreen, (Mrs. Victor Brown), of Bishop's Mills near Ottawa; Shirley in Toronto; one son Harold of Windsor; sisters Annie Fockler and Rae Pipher; nine grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband, Oct. 18, 1985 and two sisters, Pearl Brownsberger and Clara Holden.

Craft show-sale

The annual Christmas Craft Sale, sponsored by the Stouffville Christian School, will be held Sat. Nov. 19 in Ballantrae Hall from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Twenty vendors will attend. Items will range from knitting, sewing and wall hangings to home baking, Christmas gifts and flowers.

Admission is free. A few items also planned.

Ballantrae Hall is located on Park Drive, South of the Stouffville Park.

Laura Windsor a gift to child education

Friends and family of Laura Windsor gathered at the O'Neill Funeral Home to pay tribute to a beloved wife, mother, grandmother and dedicated public school teacher.

Born Laura Eva Gertrude Oldham at Mount Albert, March 16, 1903, she was one of eight children. She later married Robert Windsor.

They built and moved into their Ballantrae home in 1935, where they lived until his death 24 years ago. Their son, Robert, still lives in the same family residence.

Mrs. Windsor remained in Ballantrae for 12 years following her husband's death, then moved to Parkview Apartments, Stouffville, where she lived for 10 years. She moved into Parkview Home two years ago.

For many years, she was a popular teacher at Ballantrae

Public School. Many former students attended the funeral service.

When she retired from teaching, Mrs. Windsor continued to tutor students privately.



LAURA WINDSOR

She had many hobbies including oil-painting, leatherwork and knitting and often made gifts for family and friends.

She was a member in the congregation of Ballantrae United Church and the Ballantrae U.C.W.

Mrs. Windsor came from a large, close-knit family, and she continued that relationship with her own children, putting their needs ahead of her own. Extremely dedicated was the son Robert described his mother.

She leaves a daughter, Ruth Wilson; a son Robert; a brother Norman Oldham; a sister Carrie McLaughlin; grandchildren Randy, Lorann, Tom, Michael, Elaine, Scott, Lisa, Nelson, Andrew and James and great-grandchildren Jennifer and Hilary.

Interment was made at Mount Albert Cemetery.



Pair's immediate past-president honored

William (Bill) and the immediate past-president of the Stouffville Lions Club, Mr. [Name], were honored at a ceremony at the Stouffville Legion Hall Sunday. The award was presented to them by the current president, Mr. [Name].

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