

'Girl Next Door'

Cherrie's a bonus at Canadian Tire

By JIM THOMAS
STOUFFVILLE — Stouffville's Canadian Tire Store is a pleasant place in which to shop. A reason for this is the cooperation received from staff

including the cashiers. One part-time employee is Cherrie Brown, daughter of Larry and Marleene Brown, Montreal Street, Stouffville. She's our 'Girl Next Door'.

Cherrie, a student in Grade 11, gives credit for the store's friendly atmosphere to manager Grant Larmer. "He's always nice," she says, "he never becomes upset over anything."

Cherrie's a water baby who was introduced to swimming at an early age. She holds a bronze medalion and will try exams for senior resuscitation next month and leaders next summer. Following graduation from SDSS, she'd like a position of full-time lifeguard and swim instructor.

Naturally, Cherrie's an ardent advocate of an indoor pool in Stouffville. "I'm sure it would be used," she says. All her training has taken place at Uxpool in Uxbridge.

Downhill skiing, snowmobiling and field hockey are other recreational interests.

Cherrie enjoys a close circle of friends including Daina Larmer, Janette Paisley and Bobbi Jo Demerchant. She prizes these friendships highly.

She also speaks in glowing terms of Mr. Hodgson and Mrs. Ruddy, staff teachers at Stouffville High.

Cherrie's involved with a Grade 8 Co-op class in Home Economics at SDSS, hosting pupils from Summitview, Orchard Park, Dickson's Hill and Ramer Wood (Markham).

Nicole Nelson, a cousin in Don Mills has greatly influenced her life, she says. They spend a lot of time together, including holidays each summer at a lodge in Collingwood.

She's twice visited Florida. Cherrie comes from an extended family tree that, at last count, stood at 101. She enjoys a close association with aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. She has twin brothers, Chris and Kevin.



Cherrie Brown, Montreal Street, Stouffville, is a Grade 11 student at S.D.S.S. An expert swimmer, she hopes to serve as both a lifeguard and instructor when all tests are complete. Downhill skiing, snowmobiling and swimming are favorite sports. She's a part-time employee on the staff of Canadian Tire. — Jim Thomas



A marriage milestone for Harry and Helen

Saturday was a memorable occasion for Harry and Helen Maynard of Unionville — the celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Maynard are the proud parents of one son Robert of Markham; six daughters, Gail Clarkson and Glenna Maynard,

Unionville; Sandra Lumley, Markham; Pauline Melorwitz, Oakville; Laurel Peden, Kingston; Bette Lou Maynard, Toronto; 16 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. Harry and Helen have lived 48 of their 50 married years in Unionville. — Jim Thomas



Ten-year-old Kim Gayman was a participant in a joyous Christmas concert, Dec. 14, hosted by the students of Goodwood Public School.

School 'frill'

Dear Editor:
 Your editorial in the Dec. 14 issue of The Tribune related to Jr. Kindergarten within the Separate School education system, (that includes St. Mark's), was thought-provoking and strong — too strong, I suggest, for many parents.

The truth is, it IS a frill. The same service is already being provided locally through private nursery schools. I'm sure they could accommodate 50 additional boys and girls.

However, enrolling four-year-olds in the education stream is (supposedly) cheaper. It's also very convenient. Parents know their children are warm and well looked after five days a week.

I'm not sure what they do with them at Christmas, March break and during the summer.

We all wonder why our education costs are so high. This is one reason. We want our cake and eat it too. Pretty soon the Government will be expected to care for people from the cradle to the grave. It's almost reached this point now.

Sincerely,
 Martin Forrest,
 Ballantrae



The primary grades of Orchard Park School delighted parents with their Christmas program, Thursday. Rehearsing prior to going on stage are, (left to right), Crystal Lapp, Ashley Dawson and Jocelyn Todd. — Jim Thomas

No babysitting service

Dear Editor:

What I've been afraid might happen at St. Mark's School, your editorial recommended should happen — the withdrawal of Jr. Kindergarten.

I pray, this never happens and

I'm sure I speak for dozens of parents.

One has to be closely associated with this program to understand the benefits. It's not a babysitting service as your editorial implies.

St. Mark's requires additional

space — with or without Jr. Kindergarten. Certainly, its inclusion adds to the chaos, but it can't be blamed for the cause.

Sincerely,
 (Mrs.) Jeanette Arbour,
 Stouffville



This trio of pretty angels helped provide the music that featured Goodwood's concert, Wednesday. The girls are, (left to right), April Storey, Heather Mills and Leah Crust, all six and in Grade 1. — Jim Thomas

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