

'Squares' are fun say students



To some, square dancing is old-fashioned and 'country', but to hundreds of students at Stouffville High it's just plain fun. For the past two weeks, the gym's been rockin' to the sounds of the

Virginia Reel as Phys. Ed. classes take their turns. This smiling twosome, Andrea Kemp and David Patriquin, were division champions.



Phys. Ed. instructor Sue Leroy calls out commands and directs the student dancers from on stage. Other teacher assistants include — Scott and Cathy Croucher, Dave Connell, Jim Fletcher

and Sheila Coleman. A gala dress-up finale concludes the course. Mrs. Leroy calls the event "the highlight of the year".

—Jim Thomas

Country hoe-downs popular at SDSS

STOUFFVILLE — For the past two weeks, the gymnasium at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School has echoed to the sounds of the Virginia Reel, the Tennessee Wig-Walk and other square dance tunes.

Has SDSS gone country? Yes, at least temporarily, thanks to a Phys. Ed. program

involving students from Grade 9 through Grade 12. "It's the highlight of the year," staff instructor Sue LeRoy told The Tribune.

Boy-girl 'dancers of the day' are selected from each class. A serving of ice cream is their prize.

For many of the Grade 9s, it's their first time square dancing, Mrs. LeRoy said.

According to instructor Dave Connell, some of the boys respond with "no way" when faced with the choice. It's not long before they're right in there dippin' and divin' like all the rest, he noted.

On one occasion, there were nineteen squares on the floor at one time, totalling 152 students, Mr. Connell said.

Other leaders include — Scott Croucher, Jim Fletcher, Cathy Croucher and Sheila Coleman.

The square dance course will conclude with a dress-up finale, possibly this week.

"One student wanted to bring a cow," laughed Mrs. LeRoy.

Plan paper drive

The 1st Stouffville Cubs are holding a Paper Drive, Sat. April 29.

Residents are asked to have their bundles ready for pick-up by 9 a.m.

Out-of-towners can bring their loads to the site of the former arena, Park Drive South, (across

from Latham Hall), Saturday morning, (April 29), or call 640-1941.

Due to door-to-door recycling, organizers expect the poundage will be down.

"We're going to give it a try and see how it works," Gladys Clarkson told The Tribune.

Harmony abounds



With only one week to go, Music Mania chorus members have now put away their song sheets in preparation for the big show, April 27, 28 and 29. Shown here during a recent impromptu workout are: Front Row (left to

right), Gillian Angus, Lori Sider, Al McNaught, Roberta Feaver, Joan McDonald; Rear Row (left to right), Cathy Bennett, Alba Trentadue, Sandy Ramer and Fia Caramanica.



Here Gillian Angus (left) teams up with Sally Nugent and Al Green in blend of vocal harmony. Tickets are still available at Card's Hardware and Stouffville Printing.

—Jim Thomas

Editor's Mail

Many complaints

Dear Editor:

After reading a letter in the April 12 edition of The Tribune over the signature of Gordon Martins, I tried to contact him, as he appears unaware of the facts regarding the proposed expansion of the Flea Market. Unfortunately, Mr. Martins has neither a phone number nor a mailing address in the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville. I discovered furthermore, that he's neither a voter nor a taxpayer, so would question his right to comment on the issue or indeed, whether he exists at all.

However, someone wrote the letter and to that person I direct this reply.

Not just residents of Westfield Estates have appealed the bylaw. Letters were also received from Aspen Crescent, Gabrielle Mews, and Shane Court, all of which are outside Westfield Estates. Because of the far-reaching effects this bylaw can have, beyond the expansion of the Flea Market, and the fact this bylaw is so far out of line with the policies of the Official Plan, this issue should be of interest to all residents of Stouffville.

Previous attempts to get the Flea Market owners to deal with the garbage were largely unsuccessful. At the very best, no more than a token gesture, (that garbage which did not blow into the homeowners' backyards by mid-week, was eventually picked up), was elicited, only after many complaints, some by the Town. Ongoing complaints about the Flea Market's septic system remain unresolved to this date.

An appeal to the OMB was a clearly appropriate, legally correct and timely response

to Council's passing of the bylaw, and was made because of the plans to expand the Flea Market and not the garbage alone. The appeal has certainly made the owners of the Flea Market much more receptive to our concerns than was the case in the past. The letter's criticism of a group of private citizens exercising their democratic rights is insulting and highly inappropriate.

The "troubles", unfortunately, relate to more than garbage, although that, too, is a problem. Consider also, the considerable traffic problem that already exists, and which will only get worse if the Market expands. The Fire Department's response to a life-threatening emergency could be severely hampered one busy Saturday, because of the heavy traffic. This will only get worse if the expansion occurs.

It appears, however, that Mr. Martins has presented a very compelling argument in support of the appeal. As the letter points out, the residential development is incompatible with the Flea Market. Any future expansion of the Market will bring it closer to the residential housing, which exists today, but with which, the letter argues, the Flea Market is incompatible.

Incidentally, I proposed some form of buffer as physical isolation from the expanded segment of the Flea Market, as it would be an incompatible use, which would fall in line with Mr. Martins' comments. This was unacceptable to the Market's owners.

James D. Simm, Aintree Drive, Stouffville

Many Parkview volunteers honored at ceremony

By KATE GILDERDALE
STOUFFVILLE — Volunteers at Parkview Home and Parkview Village were honored at an Appreciation Dinner, April 10.

The evening's guest speaker was Rev. Bob Rumball of the Bob Rumball Centre for the Deaf.

Rev. Rumball stressed the importance of volunteers in every walk of life. In his own associations with the deaf, he noted, "volunteers have made it work. We measure things by results, not by theories."

In conclusion, Rev. Rumball told his audience, "we know the difference, and the difference is you."

Volunteer pins were presented to the following:

Emelia Aranco, Hance Clarke, Rev. Jay Davis, Chad Dufton, Lily Gindra, Ruby Gray, Bill Keeping, Doris Lang, Jeni Montgomery, Josefina Robinson, Bertha Stouffer, Rev. Frank Swaboda, Charles Taylor and Rev. Winston Thurton.

Three-year bars were presented to:

Irene Bacon, Alta Badgerow, Margaret Britton, Velma Brubacher, Carrie Burkholder, Margaret Clarke, Andre Henriques, Lloyd Hogg, Pat Montgomery, Bev Reesor, Glenville Simpson, Velma Steckley and Adin Ward.

The following received five-year bars:

Margaret Amos, Genevieve Bruce, Darlene Campbell, Phyllis Eyre, Alene Hoover, Elsie McDowell, John McMurray, Alma Oldham, Peter Parent, Rev. Craig Pitts, Rev. Marlin Ressler, Rev. James Shantz, Ina Smith, Levi Smith, Melba Steckley and Myrtle Swayze.

Ten-year bars were presented to:

Frank Barkey, Beulah Jones, Martha Wideman, Reata Yake.

Fifteen-year bars were received by:

Edith Byer, Margaret Jemmett, Rev. Howard Minaker and Evelyn Wagg.

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