

Junior orator is tops

STOUFFVILLE - David Herbert, a Grade 10 student of Stouffville Dist. Secondary School, was the high-point winner in the Lions Club oratorical competition, Monday night.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Herbert, Hawthorne Avenue.

While he will be personally honored at Commencement Exercises next fall and his name will be inscribed on the Lions' plaque, only senior speakers are eligible to advance to the Zone Finals in February.

Ron Ferguson and Jutta Manthau, both of Grade 11, have won this honor. They will speak before a meeting of the Bendale Lions Club, Feb. 8 along with student finalists from Markham and Scarborough secondary schools. Ron placed first and Jutta, second. Sheila Monahan was the runner-up in junior class.

Judges for the Competition were - Mrs. Reta Laushway, Wm. Sherwood and Cec Hendricks. Lion Bill Murphy was committee chairman.

Each of the six entries, that also included Pauline Foulds and Blair Clarkson, received individual trophies.



This grandma's a snowmobile 'bug'

On Jan. 15, Mrs. Sarah McIntyre of Bethesda will mark her 85th birthday. To celebrate the occasion, she'll probably 'take off' across the fields with grandson Murray Williams, to call on a couple of

neighbors. You see, grandma McIntyre's a snowmobile 'bug', a sport that's not restricted to the young, but only the young at heart. I just love it, she called out, disappearing in a spray of snow.

Education chairman 'Frill' courses out for '71 board told

YORK REGION - Arthur Starr, member for Whitchurch-Stouffville and Vice Chairman of the York County School Board for 1970, has been elected to the post of chairman of the board for 1971.

Mr. Starr succeeds John MacKay, member for the new Town of Markham. Ross Jolliffe, member for the Town of Vaughan, is vice-chairman.

Elections were held at the board's inaugural, Jan. 6.

Addressing the board, Mr. Starr paid tribute to Mr. MacKay who held the chairman's post for the board's first two years. Mr. MacKay 'has encouraged members to look forward to the future,' he said.

The board's most formidable challenge for 1971 will be to keep within the spending limits set by the Province, Mr. Starr said. In an effort to keep the quality of

education up, the board may have to discontinue some programs which are not proving economical, he added.

Mr. Starr said the board has established several new programs in the schools - programs which contribute to costs since classes are smaller and equipment more expensive - but, programs which are proving their worth by keeping students in school longer.

A hard look must be taken before the board decides which, if any, of these programs must be discontinued, Mr. Starr said.

Mr. MacKay commended board members for their efforts. The work has been challenging, especially in the second year, he said, and the board has had a great deal of support in policies, aims, and studies undertaken. 'The board has been active - not willing to sit by,' he concluded.

'Centre' essential say teens

STOUFFVILLE - The continuation of a holiday Drop-In Centre in the Stouffville Anglican Church will depend on a decision of the church board, but regardless, young people attending a meeting, Tuesday, voiced agreement that such a program is needed here.

The project, established on an experimental basis during the Christmas vacation week, was under the direction of Peter McWhirter, staff teacher at Scarborough Centennial College and Robt. Kamp, secretary, Scarborough Branch, Y.M.C.A.

Mrs. Jean Harrott, one of the Centre's chief advocates, admitted the cost was more than one congregation could bear. She said financial assistance would have to come from other areas of the community.

The deficit amounted to over \$300.

Several speakers voiced criticism over disinterest shown in the program by a cross-section of town. "I just can't understand it," said one girl, "there are so many high-falling people around here who think their kids would never take drugs, and yet they are the very ones who are."

Sheila MacDonald-Ross was selected as the liaison between the youth group and the church board when a decision on the future of the Centre is reached.

BROUGHAM - Pickering Township snowmobile operators are 'up in arms' over the township's new bylaw.

Greenwood area snowmobilers decided to take positive action, calling a meeting for the Brougham Hall, Saturday night.

Gerald Fisher, a Greenwood resident and one of the chief organizers of the club there, told The Tribune that the meeting was planned only a day ahead.

The whole thing 'snowballed' he said, with the hall filled to capacity with pro-snowmobile buffs.

The meeting was chaired by Tom Newman who, Mr. Fisher said, kept the discussion from getting out of hand.

As a result, a delegation met with township council Jan. 13. The spokesmen requested a 'sensible bylaw - to protect the

rights of those annoyed by snowmobiles and to permit responsible use of the machines.'

The snowmobilers feel that a curfew, such as the one banning use after 10 p.m. is not entirely necessary, especially in northern areas that are sparsely populated as compared to residential sections in the south.

They do agree however, that the machines must not be operated on private lands without approval of the owner. The bylaw stipulates only verbal permission, but snowmobilers suggest permission should be in writing to protect both owners and snowmobilers.

The most important factor, Mr. Fisher said, was to protect the rights of snowmobilers and private residents and to eliminate those who do not respect these rights.

Brougham hall filled

Snowmobilers protest Pickering bylaw

One-way rail commuter

A lost cause - C.N.R.

MARKHAM - The Canadian National Railways has written off its Toronto to Markham evening commuter as 'a lost cause' following losses incurred every year since the service was started.

They have applied to the Canadian Transport Commission for permission to withdraw the run.

The Hearing, Jan. 5 was told that in 1969, the train earned less than \$11,000 but cost \$75,000 to operate.

It travels the 22 mile route every weekday, dropping off passengers at Agincourt,

Unionville and Markham. It returns empty.

On a normal evening, a railway spokesman said, the commuter is 60 to 70 percent filled when it leaves Toronto, but half the passengers go only as far as Agincourt. It was explained that with 100 percent loads, the service would still not pay its way.

On the question of promotion, Alexander Olynyk, general passenger sales manager, said there was no point in pouring in more money to lose more money.

Township of Uxbridge

Councillor suggests snowmobile survey

GOODWOOD - With no municipal police department to enforce restrictive bylaws, Uxbridge Township councillor Clark Muirhead has introduced a plan whereby snowmobile operators and property owners would co-operate to help each other.

Councillor Muirhead would like to know (1) how many residents operate snowmobiles; (2) how many land-owners would allow snowmobiling on designated trails across their properties; (3) what days and times they might permit such snowmobile traffic on their lands.

On the basis of this information, said councillor Muirhead, I think we could develop some of the best snowmobile trails in the country. And I believe we could count on the organized snowmobilers to protect these routes against abuse.

Snowmobile legislation refused

STOUFFVILLE - Mayor Ken Laushway is not in favor of legislating snowmobiles out of Whitchurch-Stouffville, or passing by-laws that would curtail the enjoyment of those who use them properly.

He estimated the number of snowmobiles in Stouffville alone at over 400. He argued that those who abuse the privilege are few in comparison with the hundreds now enjoying this kind of winter recreation. "I do not wish to stop people from having fun," he said.

Mayor Laushway admitted he had been called out during the early-morning hours to check on 'disturbers'. He ruled such persons as in the minority.

Councillor Herb Simpson reminded members that some belonged to, what he termed, the 'older generation' and were not 'snowmobile minded'. He questioned whether a curfew law might be imposed to discourage late-night operation. No one accepted the challenge.

Set salaries

MARKHAM - Markham Mayor Anthony Roman will receive a salary of \$8,000 per year according to a by-law approved at a meeting, Tuesday. Each member of council will be paid \$4,000.

Improper licence plates lead police to stolen goods

STOUFFVILLE - Improper licence plates on their truck foiled plans for two men, Nov. 14, when police, in a check on the vehicle, discovered two stolen snowmobiles.

John Hall, 20, and Edward Hall, 24, both of Uxbridge, entered pleas of guilty to a charge of possession of stolen goods when they appeared in Richmond Hill Court, Jan. 8.

Evidence introduced revealed that Constable John Murray of the Whitchurch Township Police was stopped on the 9th Line North talking with Stouffville Chief Orland Keating when he observed a truck northbound with car plates.

The cruisers gave chase and stopped the vehicle. Two new

snowmobiles in crates were discovered in the truck. Investigation revealed both had been stolen from Kinch and Sutton Ltd. in Markham, the evening previous.

The pair had said the machines were bought for \$25 each in Toronto. The actual value was \$1000 each.

Similar charges against two Stouffville area men, Robert Herbert and Phillip Prentice, passengers in the truck, were withdrawn at the request of the crown.

John and Edward Hall will appear again for sentence, Jan. 22. In addition, John Hall was fined \$50 for having improper plates on his vehicle.

Ford dealership re-opens

STOUFFVILLE - Bringing 14 years of automotive experience to Stouffville, John Roe, a native of Nashville, near Kleinburg, heads up a new Ford-Mercury dealership, Main Street West.

The official opening is Saturday, Jan. 16.

The Roe agency will carry the full line of Ford and Mercury cars and trucks.

Mr. Roe is a Toronto University graduate in engineering and business but still considers himself 'a country

boy' at heart. He and his father managed a farm implement dealership in the Nashville area for several years. He is a former football star with the Varsity Blues and the Toronto Argonauts.

Employees, the majority with Dick Coffey Motors include - Bert Craig, Bill Barclay, Roger Snodden, Paul Mathews, Bill Barker, Keith Burkholder, Murray Williams, Gord Bavington, Marg Craig, Gary Smith, Larry Taverner and Don Walker.

Band color guard withdrawn

STOUFFVILLE - The color guard section of the Stouffville 'Centurions' has been discontinued.

The withdrawal, revealed in a letter to The Tribune from one of its members, has been verified by Rae McFadden, an executive director.

The group had distinguished itself by winning several awards in both Canadian and U.S. Competition. The guard included about twelve girls.

Mr. McFadden said the decision was reached after the group learned they could no longer use the high school auditorium on Wednesday evenings. That night, he said, had apparently been reserved by another organization. He termed it impossible to pay the \$5 per hour caretaking fee required on a Saturday or Sunday.

In commenting on the problem, Mr. McFadden was very firm in explaining that the demise of the color guard did not mean the end of the band. On the contrary, he said, the drum and horn line now boasted a membership of 25 and he fully expected the contingent to take to the parade square this spring.

These practices are held in the auditorium of St. Mark's Separate School. Two paid instructors come from Scarborough. "It keeps us going to meet this expense," said Mr. McFadden, "there's just no way we can afford anything more."

He said he could well understand the writer's disappointment over the color guard's withdrawal. "She (Tyrell-Ann Holden) was one of the kids who really worked hard. It's too bad."

Blood donor clinic

Second best on record

STOUFFVILLE - The Red Cross blood donor clinic, sponsored by the Stouffville Legion Ladies' Auxiliary, Jan. 6, was accorded the second best response since first organized eight years ago.

Committee chairman, Mrs. Aurelia Smith recorded an attendance of 174. There were 12 rejects, reducing the number of actual donors to 162.

Mrs. Smith said she was very pleased with the response, particularly from students at the high school.

A second clinic is planned for a date in July.



Sixth in Sectionals

Thirteen year old Jane Brodie, a member of the Stouffville Figure Skating Club, placed sixth, Sunday, in the Novice-Ladies' Class, Central Ontario Sectionals, at Huron Park Recreational Centre. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Douglas Brodie, Glad Park Avenue.

-Jas. Thomas.