

Cathy Stalker

She dances down the street

UNIONVILLE. Her goal is a professional part in the Royal Winnipeg Ballet. And with her kind of enthusiasm, she'll probably make it.

For dancing is her life. And already, at the age of only 14 years, she hopes to make it her career.

Eight years ago and, encouraged by teachers, Mrs. Molly Mumford and Mrs. Bea Salmond, she has done exceptionally well. She is now one of 25 in the Toronto Regional Ballet and altogether, spends five periods a week at training sessions. This, of course, does not include additional practice time spent at home.

Cathy has the 100 percent support of her mother, making many of her daughter's dance dresses, driving her to and from dance classes and raising funds through membership in the Junior Ballet Society.

Mrs. Stalker is quick to give credit to Cathy's teachers for her daughter's success. She described them as "excellent".

The annual recital is Dec. 11 in St. Andrew's United Church hall, Markham.

While dancing is Cathy's "first love", she also finds time to swim (she holds a bronze medallion), play tennis and skate. So far, her dance instruction has proved no handicap in keeping up with her work at Markham Dist. High School. She's a student in Grade 9.

Cathy is the first to admit that there was a time when she wondered if the dedication "was worth it all". Now, she's sure it is. "Whenever I would become discouraged," she said, "I'd take a break, think about it for awhile, then decide to carry on".

Fourteen year old Cathy Stalker has her sights set on the stars. Perhaps some day, she'll be counted among them.



Fourteen year old Cathy Stalker, Wembley Avenue, Unionville, displays the form and balance she hopes will some day take her into professional company as a cast member with the Royal Winnipeg Ballet. —Cadieux

From banquet to hospital

By Jean Leaf

BUTTONVILLE. Mrs. Donald Boyd attended the turkey dinner in the lower auditorium of Victoria Square United Church and ended up in hospital. But it wasn't the food that put her there. She injured her foot, requiring medical attention. Local residents attending the dinner were - Mrs. Douglas Hood, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Reid, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Fuller, Mrs. Russell Boyington, Mr. and Mrs. Reg Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Sherman, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Stephenson, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Hord with Jim, his wife and parents-in-law.

Dr. and Mrs. George Kelly are now living in Newmarket. Dr. Kelly still visits the Stouffville Sales Barn every week. He has been the resident veterinarian there for many years.

Mrs. Florence Pearson, Victoria, B. C. has been a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Robinson for the past two weeks.

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Car passenger killed

MARKHAM. An automobile accident Nov. 10 just off Don Mills Road, sent two 24-year-old men to hospital. One of them, John Kemsley of Toronto, was dead on arrival.

The driver, Donald Church, R. R. 1, Unionville, is said to have lost control of his vehicle on a curve at Esna Park Drive. The vehicle left the road and struck three culverts before coming to a halt. The passenger died as a result of injuries inflicted when he went through the side window, severing arteries in his neck.

Police report that Mr. Church, released Nov. 15 from North York General charged with Hospital, has been dangerous driving.

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