

Over 900 former students attend Markham reunion



While 'old' was not considered an appropriate word, Saturday, the past was vividly recalled at a Markham High School student-staff reunion. Three members from the Class of '44 are (left to right) - Edith (Dzwin) Weber of Whitevale; Jean (Demiak) Dyszuk of Kingston and Helen (Grant) Jewett, R.R.1, Milliken. —Jim Thomas.

Pleasant memories recalled

MARKHAM - Approximately 950 former students registered on Saturday for the reunion of Markham High School which had its beginning in 1871, having operated for some years previous as the Markham Grammar School. Actually the affair was attended by some 1500 persons, completely filling the large auditorium of the present school and overflowed into the halls.

Chairman Ewart Stiver conducted the opening ceremonies, assisted with remarks by John Bayes, Tom Burns and present Principal Kenneth McDonald. Musical entertainment was provided by the school band. Among the former teachers who received introductions were several whose teaching term reached into the 1920s and 30s; Mr. Mel Williams was in this group, also Miss Marion Meech of Ottawa, and Mrs. M. Shenhall of Toronto the former Miss Hall. Also introduced was Miss Marie Cole and Mrs. Meach, the former Miss Zufeld.

A few former students listed their school term between 1890 and 1915, and these included Mrs. Ella Williamson and Mr. Geo. Thompson, Mrs. Herbert Thomas and Mr. Jesse Pike. Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Weir of 4 Erlane Avenue, Markham were given special recognition as the oldest couple present who had both attended the school.

Widows of several former principals were introduced, including Mrs. J. S. Bell, Mrs. O. R. Stalter, Mrs. Erie Thom and Mrs. Bert Newell.

The first headmaster was Dr. Edward Crowle who was invited here from the Old Country in 1858 to take over the Markham Grammar School which con-



Tom Burns, representing the Student Alumnae, addressed the standing-room audience. The crowd was estimated at over 1,400, including close to 1,000 former students. —Jim Thomas.

ducted classes at that time, in the Temperance Hall. Dr. Crowle is also recalled as a lay preacher who visited a number of the rural churches in the area. Markham's first reunion was in 1892 when students returned to honor Dr. Crowle. Mrs. Butt, his

granddaughter who has just marked her 86th birthday was on the platform Saturday and introduced by Mr. Stiver.

The committee in charge completed a monumental job of sending out 1800 invitations and were rewarded with better

than a fifty percent return. The Markham High School drew students from as far away as Agincourt on the south and Stouffville on the north and hundreds of these returned Saturday to reminisce with former school friends they had not seen for decades.

David Deacon

Suffers fractured skull in motorcycle accident

UNIONVILLE - Twenty-three year old David Deacon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Deacon, R.R.1, Unionville, remains in the intensive care ward of Ottawa General Hospital, following a motorcycle accident, Sunday.

According to reports, he fell from his machine during a practice run, prior to an official race meet. He suffered a fractured skull.

David is well-known in the Unionville area. He is the curator of the National Ski Museum

in Ottawa. His father is the Provincial Member for York-Centre.

Pet show

Pet Show, Stouffville Park, July 1 at 11 a.m.

Dick Coffey Kin life membership

STOUFFVILLE - The Stouffville Kinmen Club awarded its first Life Membership, June 26.

The worthy recipient was W. R. Dick Coffey, a Kin member 14 years. He was accorded a standing ovation.

The ceremony, held at Sleepy Hollow Golf and Country Club, included the presentation of an engraved Life Membership

plaque by Bob Morley, a bronze tray and ring by Maris Anderson, and an engraved silver cup and crest by Governor of District 8, Rae Hutt of Orillia.

In addition to organizing the Stouffville Club, Dick was a member of the executive committee that chartered the Markham Kin Branch.

His efforts in the field of Kin work was described as 'out-standing'.

Vandalism

MARKHAM - Recent vandalism at Franklin Public School has caused an estimated \$350 damage.

Police believe children may have been responsible. Stones were thrown through eight large windows.

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Sam Stadelbauer (left) of Markham and Bob Cattanaach, now of London, Ont., find that unlike people, the Latin text has changed very little in the past 29 years. —Jim Thomas.

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Mrs. Bill McEachern, Station Road, Markham, was a member in the Class of '23. Her daughter, Mary Frances, is a graduate of the new Markham High. They are shown here on the site of the old school, erected in 1880. —Jim Thomas.

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