



From September through June, housework and schoolwork were top priorities for Mrs. Agnes May, Conc. 5, Whitchurch-Stouffville. Mrs. May, mother of three, returned to Stouffville Dist. Secondary School for her Grade 12 year and will study for her R.N. degree, beginning this fall. —Jim Thomas.

Mother of three earns her diploma

BETHESDA - When the Grade 12 graduates of Stouffville Dist. Secondary School walk proudly to the platform to receive their diplomas, next November, one of their number will be a 47 year old mother of three.

Mrs. Gordon May, or just plain 'Agnes' to her class-mates, has completed the first step in fulfilling a life-long dream - to become a registered nurse.

It hasn't been easy; but it's been rewarding. "The teachers, they were terrific; and the students, the greatest; I'd recommend it to anyone".

A native of Glasgow, Scotland, Mrs. May came to Canada in

1944. "I always wanted to enter the nursing profession", she said, "but every time, something seemed to prevent it". Last fall, however, encouraged by her husband and three children, Bradley, 16, Dianne, 13 and Scott, 11, she decided to go back to school and obtain the necessary subjects. She took eight in all.

Between cramming for Biology exams and keeping up with her housework, Agnes had little time to spare. On many occasions she studied into the wee small hours. Extra-curricular interests included the school Bridge and Drama Clubs. Agnes was permitted no

special privileges. Her husband signed her absentee notes and her term report cards. She ate her lunch in the school cafeteria.

"That was my only complaint", she said. "They never seemed to have enough tea". Her picture is prominent in the '72 Year Book.

How did son Bradley, then in Grade 10, accept the realization that, at any given moment, he might rub elbows in the hall with his mother?

"It was strictly student to student during the day and mother to son at night", she explained.

Mrs. May feels that the ten months back in school has given

her a much closer association, not only with her own family but with young people as a whole. In fact, she's enjoyed the associations so much, she'd like to return to Grade 13. "They (the students), made me feel at home - I was one of them - I can't praise them enough".

In September, Agnes commences a 2-year course at the Quo Vadis School of Nursing, Etobicoke, leading to her R.N. degree. She will specialize in surgery.

However, come Nov. 10, she'll return to S.D.S.S., to receive her diploma; a proud mother on the platform - an even prouder family looking on.

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Charge youths after chase

STOUFFVILLE - Two Stouffville youths were arrested by officers of York Regional Police, July 28, following a high-speed chase that started around 2 a.m., near Dickson's Hill.

A search of the vehicle disclosed a small amount of hashish.

Charged with possession of narcotics are Wayne Newmarch, 16, Main Street East and Mark Harrott, 18, Hawthorne Avenue. Harrott has also been charged with dangerous driving.

Meeting cancelled

The Aug. 8 meeting of Whitchurch - Stouffville Council has been cancelled. The next meeting date is Aug. 22.

County Health Unit closes private park

UXBRIDGE TWP. - A private park, operated by a Greek ethnic association near Conc. 6, Uxbridge has been closed by Ontario County Health Unit.

Township Council was notified of the shut-down, July 31. In a letter, Health Unit personnel described an inspection of the camp and listed several problem areas. These included an uncovered garbage pit and incorrect placement of outdoor

toilet facilities. The original check was made in mid-July and owners were given a week to comply. When this failed authorities ordered the camp closed until all requirements are met. Township Council discussed the matter at length, Monday. Members agreed to ask their solicitor to draft an anti-noise bylaw and set out additional regulations to govern all private campgrounds.



A red ribbon for young equestrienne

Eleven year old Tammy Ewen, Bayview Farms, enjoyed excellent success aboard her horse 'Bomarc' at all-English show, Sunday, sponsored by the Whitchurch Equestrian Club. Tammy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Ewen, R.R.4, Stouffville. —Jim Thomas.

Hords of army worm 'on march' in York

YORK REGION - YORK REGION - The dreaded army worms are 'on the march' in rural areas of York.

Word of this latest challenge to district farmers, comes from Alan A. Wall, Agricultural Representative at Newmarket. Their numbers are such that they pose a real threat to oats, barley and even corn, says Mr. Wall.

He personally inspected several infested fields and saw hundreds of the grubs 'at work'. Damage, however, at that point, was quite light.

The worms are smooth, fleshy, brownish green in color, with a dark strip down the back and each side. They are about one inch in length. The worms lie dormant during

the day, and come to life during evening hours. When they become very thick, they move as an army, eating as they go.

Natural control is usually provided by parasites. There is a hope too, that the worms have reached a stage of maturity where they may soon change to pupa. However, if the situation worsens, says Mr. Wall, insecticide should be used to save the crop. A suggested product is Sevin, administered with a weed sprayer, using about 20 gallons per acre.

"This is the kind of situation that makes chemicals so essential in farming," explained Mr. Wall, "without a good insecticide, huge quantities of food, as well as the livelihood for farmers, could go down the drain."

Cemetery Lane

Name change request reaches 'dead end'

STOUFFVILLE - Would you like to have a nice, new house, with an address, "Cemetery Lane"?

This was one point considered by Planning Committee July 28, when realtor Keith McDowell and Ted Orton tabled a plan for five building lots in that area. The lots had been considered earlier, and the Committee imposed a number of conditions.

Mr. McDowell stated that an earlier plan, to build two semi-detached and one single-family home, had been reconsidered.

"We'd like to keep the whole area as single-family homes," he stated.

Committee members raised no objections to this, and discussion centred around a cul-de-sac, paving the road, and installation of services.

"What about changing the name of the road?" asked Mr. McDowell.

"Who would want to live on a street called 'Cemetery Lane'?" Councillor June Button agreed. Chairman Tom Lonergan looked at it differently.

"It's a dead-end street, isn't it?" he observed.

The question of a name was dropped. The Committee indicated general approval of the plan, and further studies will be conducted.

Pickering reeve 'On the mend'

PICKERING TWP. Pickering Twp. Reeve John Williams is 'on the mend' following major surgery in Scarborough Centenary Hospital, a spokesman at the municipal office confirmed this week.

The operation, for a duodenal ulcer, was performed, July 17.

Reeve Williams is presently convalescing at an undisclosed location, "away from the telephone for a few days".

Town name too long

STOUFFVILLE - Call it Whitchurch or call it Stouffville, but not both.

This is the feeling of councillor Merlyn Baker, a contention that is held by others in the municipality, but not other members of Whitchurch - Stouffville Council.

It was the decision of the majority that the present 'handle' should stand.

But councillor Baker put forward a strong argument. "Part of the name is long enough. It's time to forget sentimentality and be practical," he said. He speculated whether the issue should be placed before the people in the form of a referendum.

Mayor Ken Laushway admitted to being "the sole culprit" in retaining the 'double identity'. He charged that no matter what the change, 'Stouffville' would remain because of its association with postal and other civic utilities. But, he warned, if the name Whitchurch was removed, it would disappear.

Other councillors, speaking on the subject, said they could see no necessity for a change. They suggested that after nearly two years, they were now "getting used to it".

Improve policing or else!

Town mayor issues ultimatum

STOUFFVILLE - During the past two weeks, there has been a noticeable increase in police activity in Stouffville, prompting local residents to question the reason why.

What could be the answer, was revealed in part, by Mayor Ken Laushway, Monday. He admitted to holding a private discussion with Newmarket's Ray Twinney, a member of the York Regional Police Commission, at which time, he made known, in no uncertain terms, his thoughts concerning police protection (or lack of it), in the former village.

"I have been a strong supporter of the regional policing system," the Mayor said, "but I told Mr. Twinney I could no

longer hold to this stand, if protection, as far as Stouffville is concerned, was not improved."

Mr. Laushway said that whenever Stouffville's policing problems are discussed, the size and efficiency of the old force is raised. "I can no longer tolerate excuses or comparisons. That was two years ago. The town has changed and the people have changed. I want one police cruiser here, 24 hours a day. Surely an area of 5,000 people deserves protection of this kind."

The Mayor said he had personal knowledge of one property damage accident when it took an officer 40 minutes to reach the scene. The constable, he said,

had come all the way from East Gwillimbury. In another instance, when police were called, the officer was there in less than 10 minutes.

Mr. Laushway said he was aware of stepped-up police surveillance in Stouffville within recent days, but declined to attribute this to his conversation with the Commissioner. He said he expected to see him again this week. "I'll know more then", he concluded. "It better not be any flash in the pan".

The Mayor said he had no desire to dictate to the Commission how the force should be run, but if his requests were not met, he had other considerations in mind.