



Turkington house was left with gaping room and rubble where the east end walls used to be.

Three Adults, Three Children Lose Home in Saturday Fire

Six people were left homeless Saturday when fire partially destroyed a ranch style brick house on No. 15 Sideroad between Main Street South and Stewarttown Senior School.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Devolin and their three sons are currently staying with her sister in Georgetown, and the owner of the house, Bob Turkington, has moved into an apartment here.

Cause of the blaze and the damage in dollars are still not known.

Mrs. Devolin was alone when it started. She was working in

the east end of the house and didn't smell smoke until she went to the kitchen which abuts the garage where the fire apparently originated.

When she opened the door to the garage she was met by a wall of flame.

Mrs. Devolin called the fire department, her husband at Canadian Tire where he is employed, and Turkington, a real estate salesman, at his office and then fled from the house.

One of the Devolin boys was helping his father at the store and the other two were at a neighbour's.

There was only time to save a stereo, however most of the family's furniture escaped the flames which were halted in the living quarters after consuming the garage, and the room in which Turkington stayed.

Two thirds of the roof was completely consumed, and flames damaged the ceilings, and some of the basement.

Rugs and some of the Devolin furniture, drapes and clothing were ruined by smoke and water. Turkington's belongings were completely destroyed.

The heat was so intense that

the brick garage walls crumbled.

Devolins snowmobile parked in the back yard, 25 feet from the house also suffered damage from the heat before being pulled farther away.

The fire, discovered at about 2 p.m. was battled by firemen most of the afternoon.

Devolins moved into the house in the fall when they came here from Madoc.

Turkington told the Herald he plans to rebuild the house which was covered by insurance.

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Reverse Decision, Council Vetoes Mountainview Church

Reversing a 1970 decision, council voted Monday to veto a Mountainview Road South rezoning to allow construction of a Christian and Missionary Alliance Church.

A Municipal Board hearing had been set for February 8 to air the pros and cons.

Reeve Ric Morrow, an opponent from the start, was supported by Crs. Denison, Levy, Siddall and Smith in a successful move to block the church location, with Cr. Ern Hyde stoutly defending last year's council decision.

Mr. Hyde recited the lengthy procedure leading up to the approval for rezoning.

DEFEATED

At a June meeting a motion to accept a Planning Board recommendation to rezone was defeated on a 4-4 vote, he said, with Hunter, Morrow, Levy and Denison opposed. Deputy Reeve Speight was absent from that meeting.

At a committee meeting a few days later at which Reeve Morrow was present, Cr. Hyde advised members that he would present the rezoning resolution again.

At a July 1st meeting, the solicitor for the church presented reasons why they considered the location a good one, and a petition was read, signed by 71 residents, asking for rezoning.

At a July 20 council meeting, all 7 councillors present voted for preparation of a by-law for the rezoning. Morrow and Denison were absent from this meeting.

NO OPPOSITION

And when the rezoning was voted on at the August 4 council meeting, there was no opposition he said. Morrow and Denison were also absent from this meeting.

"The reason I am reviewing all this" said Cr. Hyde "is that Reeve Morrow has made quite a do-do about doing things behind his back. He chose to go on holidays knowing that this was coming up. I can quote him almost word for word at one committee meeting... I agree it's an ideal church location but I can't support it. It would be political suicide."

Mr. Hyde said the reeve is "irresponsible" putting his political future ahead of everything else.

He said everyone has the privilege of stating their views at the Municipal Board hearing and it is completely wrong to change at this point.

UNFAIR

"I congratulate Mr. Hyde for his thorough research and everything he said is correct, but he's still working with last year's council" replied Reeve Morrow. "There are three new councillors now who have had a chance to discover how people feel."

"I can't help chuckling about political suicide, he continued. "My opponent changed his vote and that was the nearest to political suicide I've seen in some time."

The reeve said he has talked to many people who were upset by the rezoning and might have written council about it. And he termed it unfair to bring up a matter which had been rejected by a tie vote when an opponent was on holidays.

He said rather than having objectors put to the inconvenience of fighting the church location, it would be more proper for the church to try to prove its case.

SURPRISED

Deputy Reeve Speight said he is sorry to see dissent so early in the year and is surprised at the reeve trying to influence new councillors.

"I hope they are intelligent people who vote according to their conscience," he said.

He had been in hospital at the first tie vote or it would have been "shot down in flames" he said. "When I did get back, Morrow was on holidays. I talked to people in the area and they didn't object to a church. Surely no one would hate to live beside one."

Cr. Donna Denison said she has objected to spot rezoning and hasn't changed her mind.

POINTLESS

Cr. Harry Levy said that he had objected to the by-law but had supported its preparation to get the matter on the agenda. He had studied the supporting

petition and found that three-quarters of the signers didn't live within the required 400 feet of the location and some were not even residents of that end of town.

"When the August 4 by-law passed it wasn't unanimous" he said. "It wasn't a recorded vote, but it was pointless for me to argue at that time when I knew I was on the losing end."

He said his reasons for opposing haven't changed and it is council's prerogative to veto legislation if it sees fit.

STEP HIGHER

Cr. Hyde pointed out that almost all of Mountainview Road is zoned R-4 and only a small part R-1. A change to R3 would be a step higher than most of the street.

Mayor Smith said spot rezoning sometimes is necessary, and with an OMB hearing set in a few weeks it is wrong for council to change at this stage. Rezoning had been approved by Planning Board and a council majority, and he had heard nothing that night to change his views.

Car-Bus Crash Kills Georgetown Couple

DUNNVILLE HERE SUNDAY

Raiders Race Fort Erie For Final Playoff Spot

Georgetown Raiders who have had trouble rubbing two wits together since a three game victory string at the first of the season, came close to doing just that in weekend encounters with Fort Erie and Welland.

Raiders looked like a top of the league team in trimming Fort Erie 8-2 Friday and with just 8 players suited up, fought hard before surrendering 8-5 to Welland in canal town, Sunday. Raiders and Fort Erie are deadlocked for the Intermediate A loop's final playoff berth with less than a dozen games left.

NEW NETMINDER

Coach Gerry Inglis started newcomer John Blair in net in Friday's game, and the move paid off as the young Blair brother held Fort Erie to single goals in the first and second periods.

Brother Al Blair, who scored two of the Raider goals, joined the team a week ago from Woodstock. Another brother, Jim Blair, played for Raiders a couple of seasons' back.

Other scorers Friday for the locals were Blake Inglis with



DON CURRIE

Forty Accidents Tax OPP as Storm Hits

Forty accidents in about 1 1/2 hours Tuesday afternoon between 2:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. were reported to the North Halton OPP.

Since each accident involved between 8 and 10 cars, the police the next day were still working to try and catch up on reports.

NORVAL HILL

Two separate accidents at the same time on the Norval hill blocked the area solid.

One accident saw \$900 damage done to four cars. Involved were Hugh Stout of Georgetown whose car received \$200 dam-



TERRY HOLMES

Coach Gerry Inglis told The Herald he is confident his club can make a serious bid for the league crown if they can win the last playoff spot from Fort Erie.

He said he expects the player absenteeism which made winning that much tougher these past couple of months is solved, and barring injuries, Raiders will be icing full teams from here on out.

CARS COLLIDE AT BUSY CORNER

An estimated \$400 damage was done to cars which collided at the Guelph Street - Mountainview Road intersection, Saturday night.

Police said the cars were driven by William E. Dummer of 29 Sargent Road and William McMann of R. R. 3, Brampton.

They said the damage was split even between the 1965 and '66 Fords.

A bus-car collision on Mansfield Road northwest of Alliston took the lives of a well known Georgetown couple, Sunday.

George Muckart and his wife Eva of 14 Young Street died of injuries suffered when their car was demolished by a chartered bus at the entrance to a winter resort.

Mr. Muckart operated Muckart's Plumbing and Heating here for many years before retiring.

Passengers in his car, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Dance of Milton, were also injured. Both were treated in Alliston hospital. Mrs. Dance, who suffered multiple bruises has been released. Mr. Dance has been transferred to Milton hospital where he is recovering from severe head lacerations.

Mr. Muckart died moments after the accident. Mrs. Muckart died in Alliston hospital later the same day.



MR. GEORGE MUCKART

MRS. EVA MUCKART

Wants Land Separation Only if Land Serviced

A motion by Crs. Siddall and Denison was hotly opposed by Cr. Ern Hyde on Monday and was finally withdrawn with the understanding that it would be further discussed at a committee meeting this Thursday.

The councillors wanted to recommend to the Committee of Adjustment that no separations of residentially-zoned property be allowed unless all town services are available.

"You're taking a great deal on yourselves" said Cr. Hyde. "The Committee of Adjustment is appointed by council and in no way can we give them direction. You have a right as citizens to attend their meeting and make objections. But this motion is idiotic."

MUST ACT

Cr. Siddall disagreed.

"I checked this with the Community Planning Branch of the Municipal Affairs department and was told we could make a recommendation" he said. "There are two hearings coming up on which this has a bearing and if we want good planning in town we must act."

On February 2, the Committee of Adjustment is dealing with

requests for land separation! future councils will have to install services and people already paying the highest taxes will have to help foot this bill too."

Cr. Hyde said the Committee deals with minor variances from by-laws and is not empowered to deal with subdivisions.

NOT MINOR

"I know for a fact there are many citizens who object strongly to the separation requests" said Cr. Joan Smith. "Some of this land is zoned conservation and this isn't a minor hearing."

Reeve Morrow said that as council appointees, the Committee members should reflect council's desires. He pointed out that no council meeting is scheduled before the hearing and council would have no further opportunity to act.

"In the past few years Georgetown has had a rapid jump in population" he said. "With people buying homes in subdivisions where the price of the house has paid for everything. There are a number of places in the older part of town where there are still wells and septic tanks. If these separat-

ions are approved, it's possible future councils will have to install services and people already paying the highest taxes will have to help foot this bill too."

OTHERS PAID

"You say the east end is carrying all the tax burdens" retorted Cr. Hyde. "Other people have paid taxes a good many years to provide you with schools, parks and the chair you are sitting in tonight. There was a great deal of concern a few years back about what burden you now residents were going to place on the town."

He said to direct the Committee in any decision would be an insult to men council has considered capable of dealing with adjustments.

Mayor Smith said that while he wouldn't consider this an insult, he would be willing to call a council meeting after Thursday's committee meeting in order to consider the Siddall motion further and he would get legal opinion on council's position.

With this Cr. Siddall agreed to withdraw his motion until then.

Trapped by Train, Gary Phillips Killed

Etobicoke Collegiate Institute student Gary Stewart Phillips lost his life in a railway fatality on January 20.

Gary, who was 14, moved to Etobicoke with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Phillips, from Georgetown several years ago. They lived on John Street East and his father was a member of North Halton Curling Club and his mother a member of the choir and Anglican Church Women at St. George's.

CROSSING BRIDGE

Gary and a chum, Gary Wargalla were crossing a railway bridge in Central Park when they were confronted by two westbound freight trains approaching side by side. They turned and ran but were over-

taken. The Phillips boy was thrown off the bridge and fell 30 feet to the creek bed. He was dead on arrival at Queensway hospital. The Wargalla boy was knocked aside but stayed on the bridge. He is in critical condition in Toronto Western Hospital with head injuries.

FRIDAY FUNERAL

Gary was the only child of Stewart and Elaine Phillips, and also leaves grandmothers Mrs. Clarence Haystead, Kentville, Nova Scotia and Mrs. Charles Phillips, Glace Bay, N.S.

Funeral service took place on Friday in All Saints Anglican Church, Bloor Street West and interment was in Glendale Memorial Gardens.

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