

## Arson By Children Suspected In Road Machine Blaze

A series of minor fires kept firemen on the run last week in Richmond Hill and Markham and Vaughan Townships.

Sparks from a bonfire were blamed for a blaze that destroyed a \$500 shed September 2 at 10:22 am at Daybreak House on Yonge Street North in Elgin Mills. The property was formerly the Basilian Fathers' Farm.

There was a false alarm at 1:26 pm September 2 that sent town firemen into a north end apartment building.

Gasoline was being used to burn out a hornet's nest at the Seniors Citizens' Home, 75 Dufferin Street, and was spilled on the road at 5:10 pm September 3. Firemen were called to deal with the blazing container, but there was no damage.

Police were investigating possible arson by children after two fires at Tripp Construction Company, Elgin Mills Road and Neal Drive.

The first blaze at 7:05 pm September 5 caused an estimated \$10 damage in a pile of lumber. Fire Chief Alfred Stong said.

About \$600 damage was caused at the same location at 3:12 pm September 7 by a fire in a road building machine. Several glass windows were smashed in the cab.

Town firemen rushed to MacKillop School, 206 Lucas Street at 3:03 pm September 6 but smoke was traced to a fire in a garbage bin. There was no damage reported.

There was an estimated \$100 damage at 8:22 pm September 7 at the home of Mrs. John Wells, 153 Lawrence Avenue. The fire was traced to a short circuit in the wiring.

Vaughan Firemen estimated damage at \$60 September 1 at 3:22 pm in a fire at the home of Dr. Thomas Kalm, 47 Thorney-Brae Drive, Thornhill. The fire was blamed on a short circuit in a bathroom electric heating switch.

Ceiling workmen were blamed for a false sprinkler alarm at 1:49 am September 2 at Style Craft Furniture Company, 2220 Highway 7 West.

Damage was slight in a motorcycle fire at 8:20 pm September 3 at the home of the owner, Richard Thompson, 146 Royal Orchard Boulevard, Thornhill. The fire was blamed on gasoline being spilled while the tank of the hot machine was being filled.

Vaughan Firemen September 3 at 8:53 pm were called to wash gasoline from the road after a motor vehicle accident opposite 8046 Yonge Street Thornhill.

Wiring under the dashboard of a car was on fire September 4 at 7:33 am when firemen were called to Highway 7 and Concession 6. The owner of the car was George Bones of 29 Pintail Crescent, Don Mills.

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### Vandals Rock Barely Misses Sleeping Child

A sleeping infant was narrowly missed by a large rock thrown through a bedroom window September 4 in Richvale, Vaughan Township Police report.

The rock went through a window at the manager's residence of the Colonial Motel, 9046 Yonge Street.

Nine windows were broken September 5 at the Richvale Gospel Chapel, Oak Avenue.

Four steel-reinforced plate glass windows were broken September 6 at the Roselawn Senior Public School on Carville Road, Richvale.

Two snowmobiles were stolen September 4 from Surf Marine, 9002 Yonge Street, Richvale. After the break-in one of the machines was recovered from a bush area on Scott Drive.

Sunday, September 6 someone broke into the Music Shoppe, 9010 Yonge Street, Richvale, by smashing a plate glass window. Two amplifiers valued at \$500 were stolen. Removed from the store and found in the parking lot was a set of golden drums.

A stereo tape player and tapes valued at \$170 were stolen from a car parked at a business premises on Yonge Street September 4.

A boat and trailer were stolen September 5 from Reliable Mower and Marine Company, 624 Yonge Street North.

A 1969 Oldsmobile car was stolen September 6 from Uplands Golf Club in Thornhill.

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### Forced Landing At Buttonville

This airplane ran out of fuel and made an emergency landing at 3:10 pm September 5 only half a mile from its destination at Buttonville Airport, Markham Township.

Pilot Mrs. Gerda Friedberg of 1 Medalist Road, Willowdale, was returning from a trip to visit friends in the Southern United States. Her son Jack, 14, was with her.

The airplane had a broken wheel and damage to the undercarriage. Those aboard weren't hurt.

Markham Township Police Sergeant Donald Dukes is shown at the accident scene in the middle of a 60-acre stubble field on the Allan Jones farm, Lot 26, Concession 9 West.

### Gary Methe Local Youth Murdered Near Prince George, B.C.

Shocking news was received by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Methe of Hunt Avenue early Wednesday morning. They learned then that the body of their twenty-one-year-old son Gary had been found about 500 feet from a deserted road near a lumber camp in the Prince George, British Columbia, area. He had been shot.

Gary had left here at the end of June and had been working and travelling on the West Coast since then, before settling down to a job in Victoria or Vancouver.

The RCMP have a suspect in custody and are looking for a second man believed involved in the fatal shooting.

First indication the Methes had that something was amiss was just before seven o'clock Tuesday evening, when they received a phone call from the Aurora Police asking if they had a son Gary in British Columbia. A membership card in the Aurora Highlands Golf Club, bearing Gary's name, had been found in the car of the suspects who had been apprehended during a store burglary. Other belongings of the Richmond Hill youth were also in the car. No identification was found on his body.

The RCMP then wired a photo of the body to Metro Police and Mr. Methe made a positive identification at about 2 am Wednesday.

Gary is survived by his parents, one sister, Gayle Methe Burrell, and a brother, Gerry (Beanie) who plays hockey with the Oshawa Generals.

Funeral arrangements are not yet complete but the body will rest one night at the Marshall Funeral Home with service the following morning in St. Mary Immaculate Roman Catholic Church. In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to the Crippled Children's Society.

### Oak Ridges, Richmond Hill People Injured In Gormley Road Crash

An Agincourt driver was charged with failing to stop at a stop sign after a 2:50 pm August 30 accident that injured five Oak Ridges and Richmond Hill people. The collision was at the Gormley Sideroad and Concession 7.

Four-year-old Damien O'Flaherty of Elm Grove West, Oak Ridges, was still in Scarborough Centennial Hospital at press time recovering from a cracked collar bone, leg injuries and facial lacerations.

Released from the hospital after several days of treatment for facial lacerations and bruises were driver Mrs. Helen Ford of 95 Markham Road, Richmond Hill; children Sonia aged 8 and Leslie aged 5; and one-year-old Bridget O'Flaherty.

The other driver, Gerald Cox, 17, of Agincourt, was treated for injuries to his left leg and forearm.

Both cars had an estimated \$1,000 damage, Markham Township Police said.

**COMING EVENTS**

MILLWOOD Recreation Ltd. Open swimming at Slater's Indoor Pool, Don Mills Rd. at Vandyke, Saturday and Sunday afternoons from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. \*\*\*\*\*

SEPTEMBER 11 7:45 pm - Tupperware party at Maple United Church. Everyone welcome. clw11

SEPTEMBER 12 - 1:30 to 4:30 pm. 327 Boisdale Avenue. Carnival for Muscular Dystrophy. Draws for Goldfish bowl etc. and carpet sweeper. Please wear costumes. Prize for best. Sponsored by five area youngsters. nclw11

SEPTEMBER 18, FRIDAY, 8 pm sharp - Richmond Hill Naturalists Club 1st regular meeting, at Richmond Hill Public Library. Speaker Mr. Don Simkin, will talk and show slides on "The Hudson Bay Caribou in the Barren Ground Region". All interested persons are welcome. c2w11

SEPTEMBER 19, 2 pm - Horticultural Fall Fair and Flower Show, Lions Hall. See social page. clw11

SEPTEMBER 25-26 - Richmond Hill Jaycees Trade Fair, Town Arena. For information, phone 884-7477. c3w11

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1970 10 am - 12:30 pm - Place - Yonge and Centre St. U.C.W. Rummage Sale, at Richmond Hill United Church. c3w11

SEPTEMBER 26, SATURDAY - The 1970 King and Vaughan Plowing Match will be held on the farm of Orville Diceman, Lot 29, Concession 6, (first road west of Highway 400) Vaughan Township, about 2 miles north of the Maple Sideroad. e4w10

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### Margaret Britnell In King Race

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Mr. Flinders is the third opponent Mrs. Britnell faces in the mayoralty race.

She hopes regional government will also bring a strong regional police commission and put an end to the very lax attitude of the King Township Police.

"I hope the commission will either shape them up or ship them out. King Township pays a quarter of a million dollars each year for police protection. And the police are reluctant even to look into complaints. Their public image is as low as it can be, and the responsibility for this must be shared between council and the force itself."

She says their wage demands are unreasonable.

"No one denies that they should receive a good wage, but I'm only willing to pay for quality," she said.

"We have a whole new brand of government coming. We'll have to stand up and be counted, and make it work," says King mayoralty candidate beat councillor Cyril Flinders, Margaret Britnell.

The rural areas now have no protection against non-conforming land uses, she stresses.

Born on a Prairie farm and educated in an Anglican school in England, Mrs. Britnell came back to Canada after World War 2. She married and came to live in King Township 10 years ago.

She aims to represent the people's public interests in King Township.

"The voters of King should be allowed to choose whether they want the township run by the people or by a land developer," she said, giving this as the main reason she is running for mayor.

She notes there has never been a woman at the head of King Township Council.

"But before I was elected there had never been a female councillor here either," she said.

When she ran last year Mrs. Britnell just squeaked into her seat on council, beating incumbent councillor Cyril Flinders,

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