



Looking like a scene from a science fiction movie, ruptured gas pipe and burned trees are the only remains after an explosion Wednesday ripped up 268 feet of pipe. Cause has not been determined. (Liberal photo by Bruce Hogg).

In Vaughan

Natural gas explosion sets off 200-acre fire

By SHARON HAY
Liberal Staff Writer

Vaughan firefighters spent the better part of two days battling 200 acres of grass fires Wednesday after an explosion in a natural gas pipeline rocked the countryside near Kleinburg.

There were no injuries in the spectacular blast that went off about 3 p.m. Wednesday. Kleinburg resident Dianne Barclay heard the explosion that sounded like "an airplane breaking the sound barrier".

When she went to the window, Mrs. Barclay said it looked like "an atom bomb had gone off in the park".

Mrs. Barclay, who lives about a mile away from the scene, was the first to call the Vaughan Fire Department.

When firefighters arrived, they found an explosion had ripped open 268 feet of pipe and flames were shooting 150 feet in the air.

The side of the hill banking on the Humber east branch was aflame and covered in pieces of molten rock blown out of a 20-foot crater caused by the explosion.

A total of 10 fire trucks raced to the area, eight from Vaughan and two from Bolton.

Vaughan Fire Chief Jim Davidson said

TransCanada Pipeline, owner of the line, was notified immediately to turn off the gas.

It had to be a gradual process, said Chief Davidson, to prevent pressure from causing other ruptures.

The pipe was located on the back of the Greenvalley Farm on the 8th Concession of Vaughan, north-east of Kleinburg.

Grass fires broke out everywhere and were fanned by strong north winds.

Mrs. Art Train, on the farm south of Green-

valley Farm, said the resulting grass and bush fires had destroyed a bush at the rear of her property.

Charlie Shaw, who lives on Highway 27 north of Kleinburg said he was in his shop in the barn when everything "started to shake".

He said he then heard a big explosion and when he looked out all he could see was "flame flying everywhere".

"It sure gave things a good scorching," he said later.

Mr. Shaw and

firefighters on the scene agreed the explosion happened at a good time of year, because the ground was still fairly wet.

A TransCanada spokesman said his company is still investigating the cause, but it may be a month to six weeks before results are available.

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Humane Society report shocks annual meeting

Judy Loscombe of Richmond Hill, supervisor at the Ontario Humane Society shelter in Aurora, gave a statistical report that shocked many members

of the society, at the annual general meeting recently.

In 1977, 1,548 dogs and cats were handled at the shelter.

Included in that number were approximately equal numbers of strays picked up by the York County Branch and animals brought to the shelter for adoption.

Of this number handled, 590 happily found new owners and homes. Only one-third of the strays were claimed, said Mrs. Loscombe, "which is pretty disgusting."

Two hundred and sixty-four animals were euthanized or destroyed because no owners or homes could be found and 428 were euthanized at the owner's request. Fourteen remained in the house at the end of the year, said Mrs. Loscombe.

Arvin lockout finally ends

The lock-out at the Arvin Automotive of Canada Ltd. plant in Concord has ended with the acceptance of the union membership of a new contract.

The contract will run to October 29, 1980, with three annual wage increases of 8 per cent.

The first is retroactive to October 29 last year, the day the old contract ran out.

The retroactive wages will be paid whether or not former employees

Apology

Last week, The Liberal reported that Elmwood Manor home for senior citizens in Richmond Hill had endured four fires in the month of April.

We goofed, and we're sorry to have upset the residents of Elmwood Manor.

The four fires did occur, but in an apartment building at Elmwood and Bayview. The Manor is at Elmwood and Yonge.

return to work.

Some have found other jobs. Ninety members of local 8341, United Steelworkers of America, met last Wednesday to vote on the last company offer.

The vote was 65 in favor, 23 against and two ballots were spoiled.

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THE EXPROPRIATIONS ACT NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL TO EXPROPRIATE LAND

IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION BY THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK FOR APPROVAL TO EXPROPRIATE LAND DESCRIBED IN SCHEDULE "A" HERETO IN THE TOWNS OF RICHMOND HILL AND AURORA AND THE TOWNSHIP OF KING IN THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK FOR THE WIDENING OF BATHURST STREET (REGIONAL ROAD NO. 38) FROM KING ROAD (REGIONAL ROAD NO. 11) TO AURORA ROAD (REGIONAL ROAD NO. 15) TO A BASIC WIDTH OF 120 FEET WITH ADDITIONAL WIDENINGS AT CUTS, FILLS AND INTERSECTIONS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application has been made for approval to expropriate the land described in Schedule "A" hereto. Any owner of lands in respect of which notice is given who desires an inquiry into whether the taking of such land is fair, sound and reasonably necessary in the achievement of the objectives of the expropriating authority shall so notify the approving authority in writing.

- (a) in the case of a registered owner, served personally or by registered mail within thirty days after he is served with the notice, or, when he is served by publication, within thirty days after the first publication of the notice;
- (b) in the case of an owner who is not a registered owner, within thirty days after the first publication of the notice.

The approving authority is
The Council of The Regional Municipality of York,
Box 147,
Newmarket, Ontario,
L3Y 4W9

The Regional Municipality of York
Robert N. Vernon, A.M.C.T., C.M.C.
Regional Clerk,
62 Bayview Avenue,
Newmarket, Ontario
L3Y 4W9

NOTES:

1. The Expropriations Act provides that,

- (a) where an inquiry is requested, it shall be conducted by an inquiry officer appointed by the Minister of Justice and Attorney General;
- (b) the inquiry officer,
 - (i) shall give every party to the inquiry an opportunity to present evidence and argument and to examine and cross-examine witnesses, either personally or by his counsel or agent, and
 - (ii) may recommend to the approving authority that a party to the inquiry be paid a fixed amount for his costs of the inquiry not to exceed \$200 and the approving authority may in its discretion order the expropriating authority to pay such costs forthwith.

2. "owner" and "registered owner" are defined in the Act as follows:

"owner" includes a mortgagee, tenant, execution creditor, a person entitled to a limited estate or interest in land, a committee of the estate of a mentally incompetent person or of a person incapable of managing his affairs, and a guardian, executor, administrator or trustee in whom land is vested;

"registered owner" means an owner of land whose interest in the land is defined and whose name is specified in an instrument in the proper registry, land titles or sheriff's office, and includes a person shown as a tenant of land on the last revised assessment roll.

3. The expropriating authority, each owner who notifies the approving authority that he desires a hearing in respect of the lands intended to be expropriated and any owner added as a party by the inquiry officer are parties to the inquiry.

This notice first published on the 10th day of May, A.D. 1978.

SCHEDULE "A"

LAND IN THE TOWN OF RICHMOND HILL IN THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK FORMERLY IN THE TOWNSHIP OF KING IN THE COUNTY OF YORK MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

Part of Lots 67 and 68 in concession 1 WYS of the said Town designated as Part 3 on a plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Registry Division of York North as No. 65R-2409;

Part of Lot 68 in Concession 1 WYS of the said Town designated as Parts 4, 5 and 6 on a plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Registry Division of York North as No. 65R-2409;

Part of Lot 69 in Concession 1 WYS of the said Town designated as Parts 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13 on a plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Registry Division of York North as No. 65R-2409;

Part of Lot 70 in concession 1 WYS of the said Town designated as Part 12 on a plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Registry Division of York North as No. 65R-2409;

LAND IN THE TOWN OF AURORA IN THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK FORMERLY IN THE TOWNSHIP OF KING IN THE COUNTY OF YORK MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

Part of Lot 4 on Registered Plan 379A of the said Town designated as Part 1 on a plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Registry Division of York North as No. 65R-2407;

Part of Lot 71 in Concession 1 WYS of the said Town designated as Part 1 on a plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Registry Division of York North as No. 65R-2408;

Part of Lot 71 in concession 1 WYS of the said Town designated as Part 1 on a plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Registry Division of York North as No. 65R-2445;

Part of Lots 71 and 72 in Concession 1 WYS of the said Town designated as Part 2 on a plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Registry Division of York North as No. 65R-2445;

Part of Lot 72 in Concession 1 WYS of the said Town designated as Part 3 on a plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Registry Division of York North as No. 65R-2445;

Part of Lots 72 and 73 in Concession 1 WYS of the said Town designated as Part 4 on a plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Registry Division of York North as No. 65R-2445;

Part of Lot 75 in Concession 1 WYS of the said Town designated as Parts 5, 6 and 7 on a plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Registry Division of York North as No. 65R-2445;

Part of Lot 76 in Concession 1 WYS of the said Town designated as Parts 31, 32, 33, 34 and 35 on a plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Registry Division of York North as No. 65R-2446;

Part of Lots 76 and 77 in Concession 1 WYS of the said Town designated as Part 28 on a plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Registry Division of York North as No. 65R-2446;

Part of Lot 77 in Concession 1 WYS of the said Town designated as Parts 25, 27 and 29 on a plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Registry Division of York North as No. 65R-2446;

Part of Lot 78 in Concession 1 WYS of the said Town designated as Parts 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24 on a plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Registry Division of York North as No. 65R-2446;

Part of Lot 79 in Concession 1 WYS of the said Town designated as Parts 17, 18 and 19 on a plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Registry Division of York North as No. 65R-2446;

Part of Lot 81 in Concession 1 WYS of the said Town designated as Parts 2 and 3 on a plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Registry Division of York North as No. 65R-2406;

Part of Lot 81 in Concession 1 WYS and part of Lot 4 on Registered Plan 379A of the said Town designated as Part 4 on a plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Registry Division of York North as No. 65R-2406;

Part of Lots 13 and 14 on Registered Plan 102 of the said Town designated as Part 13 on a plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Registry Division of York North as No. 65R-2446;

Part of the accommodation road on Registered Plan 102 of the said Town designated as Parts 14 and 15 on a plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Registry Division of York North as No. 65R-2446;

Part of Lot 15 on Registered Plan 102 of the said Town designated as Part 16 on a plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Registry Division of York North as No. 65R-2446;

IN THE TOWNSHIP OF KING IN THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK FORMERLY IN THE COUNTY OF YORK MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

Part of Lots 6, 7 and 8 in Concession 2 of the said Township designated as Part 1 on a plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Registry Division of York North as No. 65R-2409;

Part of Lot 8 in Concession 2 of the said Township designated as Part 2 on a plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Registry Division of York North as No. 65R-2409;

Part of Lot 13 in Concession 2 of the said Township designated as Part 14 on a plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Registry Division of York North as No. 65R-2445;

Part of Lot 14 in Concession 2 of the said Township designated as Parts 11 and 13 on a plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Registry Division of York North as No. 65R-2445;

Part of Lot 14 in Concession 2 of the said Township designated as Parts 1, 2 and 3 on the Regional Municipality of York Plan of Survey L-153-10;

Part of Lot 15 in Concession 2 of the said Township designated as Parts 8, 9 and 10 on a plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Registry Division of York North as No. 65R-2445;

Part of Lot 16 in Concession 2 of the said Township designated as Parts 1 and 2 on a plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Registry Division of York North as No. 65R-2446;

Part of Lot 17 in Concession 2 of the said Township designated as Part 3 on a plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Registry Division of York North as No. 65R-2446;

Part of Lot 18 in Concession 2 of the said Township designated as Parts 4, 5, 6 and 7 on a plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Registry Division of York North as No. 65R-2446;

Part of Lot 19 in Concession 2 of the said Township designated as Parts 8 and 10 on a plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Registry Division of York North as No. 65R-2446;

Part of Lot 20 in Concession 2 of the said Township designated as Parts 11 and 12 on a plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Registry Division of York North as No. 65R-2446;

Part of Lot 20 in Concession 2 of the said Township designated as Part 2 on a plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Registry Division of York North as No. 65R-2407;

Part of Lot 21 in Concession 2 of the said Township designated as Part 1 on a plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Registry Division of York North as No. 65R-2406.

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