

Bloomington Boy Uninjured When Live Wire Drops Near Him

Fourteen year old Gary Prentice, a Grade 5 pupil at Bloomington Public School, had a narrow escape on Friday afternoon while returning home for lunch at noon hour. While walking along the road he noticed a branch of a tree burning briskly. Being curious, he walked closer to investigate and while standing on the edge of the road, the hydro line suddenly snapped and fell to the ground. Immediately the area was showered with sparks and the grass burst into flames. Gary jumped back out of danger and was not injured. A nearby resident, Mrs. Norma Herbert noticed the fire and summoned the Stouffville Brigade to the scene. Chief Wm. Diamond of the Stouffville Police was also called.

One of the pupils notified Mrs. Evelyn Tait, teacher at the Bloomington School, and she assisted in keeping the children back from the danger. Hydro crews, working in the area, quickly arrived and cut off the power. Children who were on their way home for lunch when the short circuit occurred were Teddy Dorion 10, Bobby Brown 11, Ruth Nesbitt 14, and Shirley Brown 14. Morley Petch of Markham, one of the hydro linemen, said that quite often a line will snap when it comes in contact with a large branch of a tree. If the limb is small, usually the wire will burn through it.

High School Student's Council for 1956-57



The members of the 1956-57 Stouffville District High School student's council were officially sworn into office this week. The election followed an enthusiastic parade through town on Friday afternoon. The newly elected group is pictured above headed by the President, Colin Rae. The other members are left to right: Laura Mae Brubacher, Editor; Judy Johnstone, 1st Vice; Dianne Corbett, Press Reporter; Shirley Fosdick, Treasurer, and Mary Cole, Secretary. The Council held its first meeting of the term on Tuesday afternoon.

—Jim Thomas

Local Girl Killed In Accident at Brougham Passenger Recovering

A tragic two-car crash one mile east of Brougham on No. 7 Highway early Sunday morning claimed the life of 18 year old Deanna Comeault of Stouffville. The accident victim was the daughter of Mrs. John Scott, former operator of the Sales Arena Restaurant north of town. The funeral service was held in the Presbyterian Church in Midland, Ont. on Wednesday afternoon with interment in the Lakeview Cemetery.

A passenger in the car, Bill Yakeley, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Yakeley near Island Lake is recovering in the Toronto East General Hospital. An emergency operation was performed on Sunday to relieve a skull fracture. He is a former employee at the local Co-operative here.

The Yakeley auto, east-bound, collided almost head-on with a car driven by John Laquerquist of Brampton. He and his wife, Velma were treated at the Oshawa General Hospital for lacerations and bruises. The accident victim was also taken to hospital in Oshawa but died three hours after admittance. Following the impact, the death car swerved into the ditch and cut through a wire fence, travelling close to 1,000 feet before coming to a stop in a field. A number of players with the Brooklyn Jr. ball team returning from a Saturday night game near Niagara Falls were first on the scene. Crowbars were used to release the injured from the wreck. Ontario Provincial Police Constable J. Seymour of the Whitby Detachment investigated. An inquest will be held.

Miss Comeault was a familiar figure around Stouffville. While her mother operated the Sales Arena Restaurant, she worked behind the counter and drove their delivery car on customer service. When the business changed hands recently, she continued to work for the new owners. It was the 11th fatality in Pickering Township within a few weeks.

Attends Church Service In Westminster Abbey

(By C. H. Nolan)

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On Sunday evening, along with Mrs. Nolan and several other members of our party, I had the profound experience of attending church service in Westminster Abbey. To sit in the dim light of this historic Abbey, beneath its great vaulted ceilings, within sight of the high altar where Queen Elizabeth was crowned, and walk down the aisle where the great procession took place, was an experience I shall never forget. The preacher on this occasion was the Rev. P. N. Gilliat, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Brompton. The service also marked the anniversary of the Battle of Britain and a special offering was received for the R.A.F. Benevolent Fund.

There is still a great deal of bomb damage in evidence in London if one visits the old or central part of the city. The Germans made a strong bid to knock out the financial heart of the city and we stood in an area where block after block was razed and today there is only grass-covered emptiness and jagged walls of what was once a most heavily populated section of the downtown area. Three hundred thousand people died in the bombing. The colossal task of rebuilding is in full swing and new steel structures are rising everywhere. Amid the ruins stands one untouched cottage, home of the Lord Mayor's coachman.

In bright sunshine yesterday we watched the Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace, which takes place now once every 48 hours rather than 24, due to the Suez crisis. Tourists watched by the hundreds and must have shot several thousand dollars worth of film. The plumed Household Cavalry with their shining breastplates and black horses are really a picture.

Yesterday afternoon we motored out to Eton College, Windsor-Castle and Hampton Court. Eton College, a world-famous boys' school was in operation before the Battle of Waterloo. One section received a bomb hit and although forty boys were inside there were no casualties. It has since been rebuilt. Onto the playing field there is but one

gate and all but the Senior scholars when leaving the field must climb the fence and in so doing, clean the mud from their shoes. They are not allowed out through the gate. Such are some of the quaint rules at Eton, home of the starched collars and striped trousers.

Windsor Castle is a 20-mile drive out of the city, past the famous London airport which seems to stretch for miles. We had along a Miss Nolan with us taking pictures for the British Travel Association. Like the writer, she had an Irish background. Like many of our readers, we had watched the funeral procession of King George VI on TV, and scenes looked familiar at Windsor Castle. The place is built fortress-style, and holds the burying place of the Monarchs with the exception of Queen Victoria, who desired to be buried in a special tomb nearby. The carving is magnificent, particularly in St. George's Chapel. Here hang the banners and coat-of-arms of all the Knights, including Churchill and Eden. On the passing of a knight a small brass plate is fastened to the back of the seat which he occupied. These are the Knights of the Order of the Garter.

Hampton Court was built by Cardinal Wolsey and taken over by Henry VIII. It contains 1500 rooms but is no longer used as a royal residence. The gardens, fountains and flowers are beautiful. We've had several trips on London's famous tubes. There are 400 miles of these subways running down to three levels at Piccadilly Circus. London operates 10,000 busses, 6,000 double deckers and 4,000 regular. To Londoners, travel is simple but a stranger like myself is, to say the least, confused by the hundreds of stops, and the maze of streets running this way and that.

We leave London in the morning and must be on our way at 6 a.m. to catch the Channel ferry to Calais.

NOTICE

New Hours at The Stouffville Public Library will commence Oct. 9: the hours of the library will be changed to Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 2 to 5:30 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.

Kathleen Stokes to Play Organ at Trade Fair

The talented Kathleen Stokes, well-known for her connection with radio's Happy Gang programme, will be the feature attraction at the Stouffville Trade Fair on Saturday evening. She will preside at the console of a beautiful Hammond electric organ and will play both popular and old time selections. Local artists will preside at the keyboard on Thursday and Friday nights.

Reeve-Elmer-Daniels will officially open the Fair on Thursday evening at 8:30. Mr. Ted Topping will also take part in the opening ceremonies on behalf of the Businessmen's Association. Space has been completely sold out to more than 30 exhibitors and the local merchants have been working tediously down at the arena in an effort to make their displays attractive. Lucky draws will be held nightly at 9:45 p.m.

Aside from Kathleen Stokes and local organ artists, "The Femettes" an all-girl band, will attend the show. The Red Riding Hood doll, dressed in fifty \$1-bills sponsored by the Stouffville Lions Club, will be given away on Saturday night.

Saturday afternoon saw an extra large crowd of shoppers in town. The unusual sunny weather coaxed many window shoppers out of their homes. The familiar figure of Chief Diamond directing traffic at the corner of Main and Mill Streets eased the congestion considerably.

A surgeon extracted a nut and bolt from the brain of a man — apparently mechanically minded.

FARMER PINNED UNDER TRACTOR

Mr. Ted Krainyk, a farmer east of Green River, was pinned under his overturned tractor on Tuesday afternoon. He was drawing baled straw on the farm of Mr. Earl Shirk when the front wheels suddenly crumpled short and the implement turned over. Mr. Shirk, working nearby, managed to lift the tractor enough to allow the trapped man to escape. Mr. Krainyk was rushed to the Toronto Western Hospital for treatment.

LAKE RESIDENTS WANT YEAR-ROUND GARBAGE COLL.

A delegation from Musselman's Lake appeared before the regular meeting of Whitchurch Township Council on Thursday evening to request year-round garbage collection in the area. It was noted that there were close to 100 families who were permanent residents at the Lake.

The spokesman for the group, Mr. Joseph Brown, stated that the district around the lake was becoming filthy due to a lack of regular garbage collection. He said also that there was a definite fire hazard since the majority of homes are heated by oil and the refuse has to be burned outside. Mr. Brown stated that they have attempted to obtain a collector but with little success. Regular summer collection is made at the Lake but the agreement terminated early in September.

Reeve P. S. Legge informed the party that Council would advertise for tenders for the job if the residents were desirous of extended collection services.

TOWN POPULATION NEARS 2,400 MARK

According to figures released recently by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, the population of the Village of Stouffville is now 2,376. The Dept. stated however that this figure was subject to revision. Clerk Garfield Brown believes that the total may now be over the 2,400 mark. The recent count is an increase of 211 over 1955. The last census taken in 1951 showed Stouffville's population at 1,701 or an increase of 675 in the past five years. In 1941, the population here was 1,219.

ARREST MAY HAVE CRACKED LOCAL THEFT RING

Fast work by Stouffville Police Chief Wm. Diamond may have cracked an organized theft ring operating out of Uxbridge. Two men, Floyd Long 58, and John Long 42, arrived here on Monday and attempted to sell two portable radios; at ridiculously low prices. One was purchased by Mr. Donald Lehman of Stouffville for \$3.00. After the sale, the buyer became suspicious and turned the radio over to Chief Diamond. Following checks, it was learned that the merchandise belonged to Mr. L. E. O'Neill of Stouffville and had been stolen out of his cottage only recently. Another radio was taken from a cottage residence north of Goodwood.

Chief Diamond attempted to apprehend the thieves but they had boarded the evening train for Toronto. A call to Toronto city police arranged to have a detachment stand by at the Danforth Station and when the two men arrived they were nabbed by Detective Sgt. Galbraith.

The men were taken to Newmarket and put in jail when they couldn't meet the \$5,000 cash bail. They will appear in court on Friday. The whereabouts of the second radio is still unknown.

INJURED IN MOTORCYCLE CRASH

Harold Burkholder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Burkholder, east of Cedar Grove, was seriously injured while riding his motorcycle to work on No. 7 Highway, Wednesday morning. The youth, a mechanic at Conlin Motors, Markham, collided with a light pickup truck and was thrown into the ditch by the impact. The eastbound truck was owned by Mr. L. McCoy of Brooklin.

The two vehicles met on a curve near the 9th concession. The front of the truck was quite badly damaged. Burkholder was treated at the scene by Dr. J. R. Scott of Markham and rushed by ambulance to the Toronto East General Hospital. He was suffering a broken left leg and internal injuries.

MIDGETS PLAYOFF FINAL HERE THURS.

Stouffville's fine Midget team, coached by Murray Stewart and Harold Hodgson, have battled back to square their series with Caledonia at one game apiece. The third and final game is scheduled for Memorial Park on Thursday afternoon at 3:30. The winners of this series will meet Delhi for the Provincial "C" championship.

Stouffville were edged in the opener 7-6 last week but fought back on Tuesday to win 4-1. Righthander Harry Barber hurled both games for the local squad. The team hopes a large crowd of supporters will turn out for the all-important "rubber" game. Due to the high cost of operating in O.B.A. competition, the club would appreciate your financial as well as vocal support.

ACCIDENTS DOWN FATALITY RATE UP FOR AUGUST

The accident rate for the month of August showed a considerable decline as compared with the month of July, according to a report from Sgt. Art Harrison of the Vandorf O.P.P. The fatality figure showed an increase, however.

In August there were 2,698 accidents, compared with 2,802 in July. Of this number, 76 were fatal in August and 70 in July. A total of 89 persons were killed, 13 more than in the previous month. The injury figure was down somewhat — 1,202 to 1,133 in August. More than 84,000 vehicles were checked and 22,000 warnings issued. A total of 13,643 charges were laid.

BIRTHS

MODDLE—Rev. and Mrs. Harold Moddle are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Colleen Ruth, on September 21, 1956, at the Brierbush Hospital, in Stouffville, a sister for David and Ayleen.

MORGASON—Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Morgason are happy to announce the arrival of Shirley Diane, at the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville, on September 24th, 1956.

SMITH—Denton and Barbara (nee Hotchkiss) are happy to announce the birth of their daughter on September 21, 1956, at York County Hospital, Newmarket.

for one week, and then the teachers refused to teach them. "There's going to be a battle over it," said councillor Wallwork. "The parents are up in arms," agreed councillor Wylie.

On Public School Staff



Meet Mr. Will Morley, one of the seven new additions to the teaching staff of the Stouffville Public School. Mr. Morley, who recently took up

residence in Stouffville, was previously on the Claremont staff where he taught for the past three years. He presides over Grade 7 here. Mr. Morley

is an ardent sportsman and his athletic ability will be popular with the male members of the student body.

—Jim Thomas

To Lay Highway Pavement Next Week, To Finish Road In November

Paving operations will commence next week on the new stretch of road extending from Tenth St. to Church St. in Stouffville. The Curran-Briggs Company are doing the entire job. At no time during the work will traffic be completely detoured off the Main Street. It is expected the entire contract will be completed in November.

Prior to the paving operation, the road will be built up with gravel. The hot mix will be laid and rolled in one operation and traffic will be permitted to use the paved portion within one-half hour after application. The highway will be 33 feet in width. Approximately 4,000 feet of road

will be paved. The foreman, Mr. R. H. Richards informed the Tribune that the inclement weather had delayed the work somewhat. He expects to run into some queleasant difficulty west of Baker Avenue but to date they have not encountered too much of this type of trouble. Mr. Richards said that traffic posed one of the biggest problems. Prior to the Stouffville contract, the men were working on the Highway 401 extension. The foreman said that the Stouffville road will be exactly the same type as on 401 with identical pavement and curbs.

"The Stouffville residents are getting real value for their money," said Mr. Richards.

C.W.N.A. Group on Empress of Britain



A large group of the Canadian Weekly Newspaper Association and their wives sailed for England recently on the Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Britain. Included in

this group were the above, left to right: Cam Thompson, the Sentinel, Lucknow, Ontario; Frank McIntyre, the Herald, Dundalk, Ont.; Mrs. Shearer, Mrs. Thompson, R. G. Shearer,

News Tribune, Blenheim, Ont.; Mrs. Ramage, Harold Ramage, Advertiser, Topik, Petrolia, Ont.; Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Nolan, The Tribune, Stouffville, Ont. (CPR Photo)