



To Introduce Television to Public Schools Here As Experiment

The Stouffville Public School Board, meeting for their inaugural session on Monday evening, agreed to place a television set in each of the two local public schools, on an experimental basis. The move was made on the request of the Department of Education through Inspector Adams. The sets are being installed to accept the series of educational programs from the CBC. These are to be appraised and a report forwarded to the Department on teachers' opinions of this type of lesson.

The scheme is only in its infancy at present, but the Board was advised that the day may come when one half hour or more a week can be given over to this type of instruction.

Parents at home have the opportunity of watching this series from their own sets from 3 p.m. to 3.30 p.m., each Wednesday until March 31st.

The Department advised that as far back as last February, plans were approved for a 13-

week series of half-hour national school telecasts, to be presented over the CBC network. The 13 half-hours will be divided into 26 programs covering Social Studies and Music for the various grades.

Must Consider Expansion

The secretary was instructed to send a communication to the Stouffville Municipal Council asking that a meeting be arranged with council and planning board. The meeting is to discuss the proposed sub-division expansions so that the school board may plan ahead for the necessary accommodation.

Officers Elected

Mr. Cecil Hendricks was returned as chairman of the Board and Mrs. Ethel Mole will be vice chairman. The committees named were as follows: finance—Mrs. Mole, Harry Schell, Wm. Malloy; management—Mrs. R. Button, Mrs. Mole, Ted Topping; property—Harry Schell, Mrs. Button and William Malloy.

Former Sons On Honor List

Two former sons, S. D. Borins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Borinsky, formerly of Stouffville, and L. Milne Freeman, formerly of Markham, were among 109 Ontario lawyers appointed last week as Queen's Counsel. These two were also among the 56 named from the Toronto district. Announcement of the appointments was made by Attorney-General Kelso Roberts.

He said the additions maintain a ratio of Q.C.'s to the total bar members. During 1959, 283 new lawyers were called to the bar, he said, and 78 died or retired. There were 5,159 lawyers in the province at the end of the year.

Both Mr. Borins and Mr. Freeman took their secondary education at Markham High School, and Mr. Borins received his early schooling in Stouffville where the family operated the Stouffville Creamery Co. and Mr. Borinsky is still associated with the firm.

Suggest York University Be Located Near Lake Simcoe District

With only three members absent, York County Council convened for a final session on the evening of Dec. 30th. Members dealt with a number of routine business matters including the authorization of the sale of debentures amounting to \$287,000.

Members endorsed a resolution by Reeve Pollock and Deputy Reeve Willoughby that the University of Toronto give consideration to the Lake Simcoe district when a site for the new York University is being selected.

Reeve Pollock stated he wished the area to be considered along with others. He was sure that land costs would be much less and the area was such that it might be more conducive to study than the busy Metro area.

The tenders are now out for the building of the Home for the Aged. They will close on Jan. 14th, 1960. Council authorized the Warden and Commissioners to open the tenders and present a recommendation to the Meeting of County Council in January.

Reeve Sellars, reporting for the Welfare Comm., stated that members considered the residence located in front of the new site should be torn down. This (Continued on page 12)

Six-year-old Girl Suffers Fractured Leg

Six year old Shelley Thomson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Thomson, Glad Park Avenue, Stouffville, received a new ski outfit for Christmas. On Thursday afternoon she took a tumble during a practice downhill run at the Summit near Richmond Hill and suffered a spiral fracture of the left leg. It was only the second time she had been aboard her new skis.

Mr. James Couse, a member of the party, improvised a splint out of the girl's ski poles and straps. Following x-ray services at the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville, she was removed to the East General Hospital, Toronto. She returned home on Saturday. Her leg will remain in a cast for six weeks. It extends from her thigh to her toes. Her new skis suffered no ill effects from the accident. Shelley is a grade one pupil at the Orchard Park Public School.

Friends will regret to learn that Mr. Audrey Bartholomew is not enjoying the best of health.

Local Girl On Farm Forum Panel

Dr. Helen Abell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Abell, Albert St., Stouffville, was a member of a panel discussion on the National Farm Radio Forum sponsored by the C.B.C. on Monday evening. The topic was "Adjustment of Canadian Agriculture."

It was noted, during the discussion, that the number of farms had declined by 20 percent during the past 15 years. In 1871, the Canadian population was 80 percent rural. In 1956 it was 16 percent rural. As the number of farms have decreased, their sizes have increased. This has resulted in lower farm incomes. It was noted that in rural areas, families are larger than in urban districts.

Dr. Abell pointed out that larger acreages can be operated more efficiently but such an operation does not necessarily mean an increased income for the owner. Fewer farms brings an increased financial burden on the individual. He must maintain the schools and churches in his community.

Dedicate New Church

The Services of Dedication for the new Markham Baptist Church will be held on Sunday, January 10. The Rev. H. W. Lang, President of the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec, will be the guest preacher at the morning service.

The Rev. M. C. Johnston, minister of Danforth Baptist Church in Toronto, will be the guest preacher at the evening service. The choir of Danforth Baptist Church will also be present at the evening service. Danforth Baptist Church is the congregation which sponsored and greatly aided the Markham Baptist Church. The services will be held at 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., and a cordial invitation is extended to all to attend.

Spent Lifetime On Farm Where He Was Born

Peter Nighswander, who was born on the home farm at Altona sixty-nine years ago, passed away on the same homestead on Dec. 28th. He had been suffering from a heart condition for several years.

Mr. Nighswander operated this farm just below the four corners at Altona and in addition conducted a chopping mill some years ago, a cider mill and an apple butter mill. He served as school trustee in the local section and was a member of the Mennonite Church.

In 1915, Peter Nighswander married Amelia Reesor who survives him. To the couple were born a son Harvey and a daughter Edith, both at home.

The deceased was a son of the late Enos Nighswander and Elsie Burkholder and is also survived by one brother David who farms immediately north.

The funeral on Thursday, Dec. 31st, was conducted by Abram Smith and George Brubacher, assisted by Rev. D. Sargeant. The pallbearers were Allan Meyer, Stanley and Bert Lewis, Stan Thompson, Chas. Barkey and Norman Fretz. Interment was made in the Altona Cemetery.

P.U.C. Completes 1959 Business

The Stouffville Public Utilities Commission met on Wednesday evening to complete the balance of business for 1959. The Secretary informed the commissioners that an Ontario Water Resources test of Stouffville water gave a Class A test. Further, in connection with waterworks business, it was pointed out that the water accounts which went out this week to Stouffville users, show an increase in total of slightly over \$700. This is considered a good increase in revenue as these are nearly all new services.

Members agreed that the construction of the new reservoir should be commenced just as soon as the frost has left the ground in the spring. The drilling of the new well will also be completed and the erection of the new office building commenced.

Must Have 100 Amp. Services

One hundred amp services only will be allowed to be installed in local residences on and after Jan. 1st, 1960, the Commission agreed, in dealing with hydro business. Secretary Daniels revealed that the domestic loads throughout town are gradually increasing with the addition of electrical appliances, thus the P.U.C. decided that only the heavy services would be allowed in future.

The October account from Ontario hydro for current here amounted to \$6,779.47, while the November account climbed to \$7,223.81. Hydro has announced that in 1960 they will embark on a \$50,000 advertising campaign, of which Stouffville's share will be about \$81.

Crutches Replace Skis

Instead of practising on her new Christmas skis, for the next six weeks, six year old Shelley Thomson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Thomson, Glad Park Ave., Stouffville, will be learning how to operate two wooden crutches. The little girl suffered a spiral fracture of her left leg when she fell while skiing near Richmond Hill last week. She was confined to the East General Hospital for two days, returning home on Saturday. —Staff Photo

White To Stand Trial In Markham Bank Case, Decision on Manager January 20

The Markham Farm Loan case which has been adjourned an endless number of times over the past two years, came to a head in Newmarket Court on Wednesday. Magistrate Hollinrake committed John White of Brougham to stand trial on 26 charges, before Judge and jury. R. Fournoux of Markham, bank manager involved, is facing eleven charges. Crown Prosecutor Matthews in his final remarks contended that in his opinion, Fournoux was guilty on all eleven and should stand trial for all. Magistrate Hollinrake stated that the case had been long drawn out and he would require time to make a decision on the banker. He set Jan. 20th as the date for his decision. Bail for White was set at \$5,000.

Arthur Martin and assistant A. J. Keenan represented Fournoux and W. R. Maxwell, assistant for Solicitor Robinette, appeared for White.

Mr. Arthur Martin, Q.C., opened with his defense of Fournoux in connection with the 11 charges against White and Fournoux, charged jointly. He stated that he would not put in any defense in connection with several charges, but would enter defense in regard to six charges.

In presenting the case for his client as regards obtaining \$2,800 by way of false pretense under the name of George Adams, he suggested the Court consider the signature of Adams was made by White and he contended his client Fournoux had no knowledge of such forgery. Adams, in a previous hearing, had sworn the signature on the papers was not made by him.

He was notified by the Bank that as he had not signed the papers, he did not consider the piece of importance and burned it. He later called at the Bank and advised Mr. Fournoux that he had not signed the papers. Mr. Matthews, in taking up

this case, stated the previous evidence showed the signature of Adams to have been forged. Fournoux had stated he had confidence in White and relied on him in regard to the supplying of particulars for the loan.

In regard to a second charge, Mr. Martin contended that the Crown had not proved that anything irregular existed in regard to this loan.

Mr. Matthews, in reply, stated less evidence existed in this charge as there was no such person as Peter Brown, the name on the papers. He drew attention of the magistrate to the fact that Fournoux had signed the customary form that he had duly investigated the particulars and recorded the loan as being in order.

In the case of Duncan Spang, Mr. Martin contended that Mr. Spang had sworn in his evidence that he had given Mr. Fournoux all the particulars as regards the cattle he owned but all the other information was supplied by White.

Mr. Matthews, in his review, stated that information on this charge was given by Corp. Matthews and Corp. Brown of the RCMP. They said that Spang was employed by White. Spang had stated he was not a farmer but did own some cattle. White had taken Spang to the Bank and arranged the loan. Spang signed the papers and then left, leaving White to supply the information. Mr. Matthews drew attention to the signing of the papers in blank form.

The charge concerning a direct line of credit to White of \$15,000 and in the correspondence to Head Office of the Bank from the local manager, it stated that Mr. White "would like to buy 100 head of young cattle." Mr. Martin contended this was not criminal and produced decisions of several cases in English law where it was decided that a decision could not be given as regards future intentions. He contended the evi-

dence produced, as to the use of the funds for other than the intended purpose, had no bearing on this charge.

He admitted Mr. Fournoux was aware of this fact, as several past due farm loans were charged to the account in use of the proceeds of the loan. Mr. Buffin, the manager taking over from Fournoux, had given evidence in this case.

Corp. Matthews in his evidence at the hearing, stated that a note for \$12,000 appeared to be signed by Fournoux but bore the name of John D. White.

Mr. Martin contended that the Court had not shown that White did not buy cattle and he pointed out that no Officer of the Bank of Nova Scotia had appeared to give evidence objecting to the procedure.

The Head Office of the Bank pointed out that 53% of all the farm loan business at the branch bore the endorsement of John D. White and amounted to some \$150,000. It was also noted that in submitting the application for White this indirect liability had been omitted which the officials stated might have made a difference in their decision to consent to the loan of \$15,000.

Mr. Matthews, in his review, stated he did not consider the reference given by his learned friend as applying in this case, as it was evident that misrepresentation existed and the funds were not used for the purpose obtained.

In the case of James W. Wilson, it was admitted that White took Wilson to the Bank to arrange the loan of \$1,500 stated to be for purchase of farm machinery. In his evidence Wilson stated he already had the required machinery.

Mr. Matthews contended this was a straight case of deception as the funds were secured to repay notes owing by Wilson to White, the same being charged against the funds a few days later.

He again drew to the atten-

tion of the Court that the statement required from the Bank manager in recording of the advance as to investigation, was completed and signed by Fournoux.

In regards to Mr. Loyst, he had visited the Bank and had signed some papers but later decided he did not require the loan but was surprised to find on notification from the Bank that his loan was in force.

Mr. Matthews stated that this case definitely warranted a conviction. He reviewed the evidence which disclosed that Loyst was in a deal with White for a car and had mentioned he could use a small tractor for the working of two acres of land. The suggested amount was \$1,100.

Mr. Matthews stated the evidence showed that Loyst of Claremont was taken to the bank by White where he signed papers in blank and later found they were completed for \$4,900, not \$1,100. He also suggested that Loyst sign his second name of Harold as he already had a V.L.A. loan in the name of Frank.

Matthews claimed the papers did not disclose the true particulars as regards the affairs of Loyst and that White had later given Loyst \$50 to pay on account and that Mr. Fournoux later called at the home of Loyst and collected the \$50.

DEATH

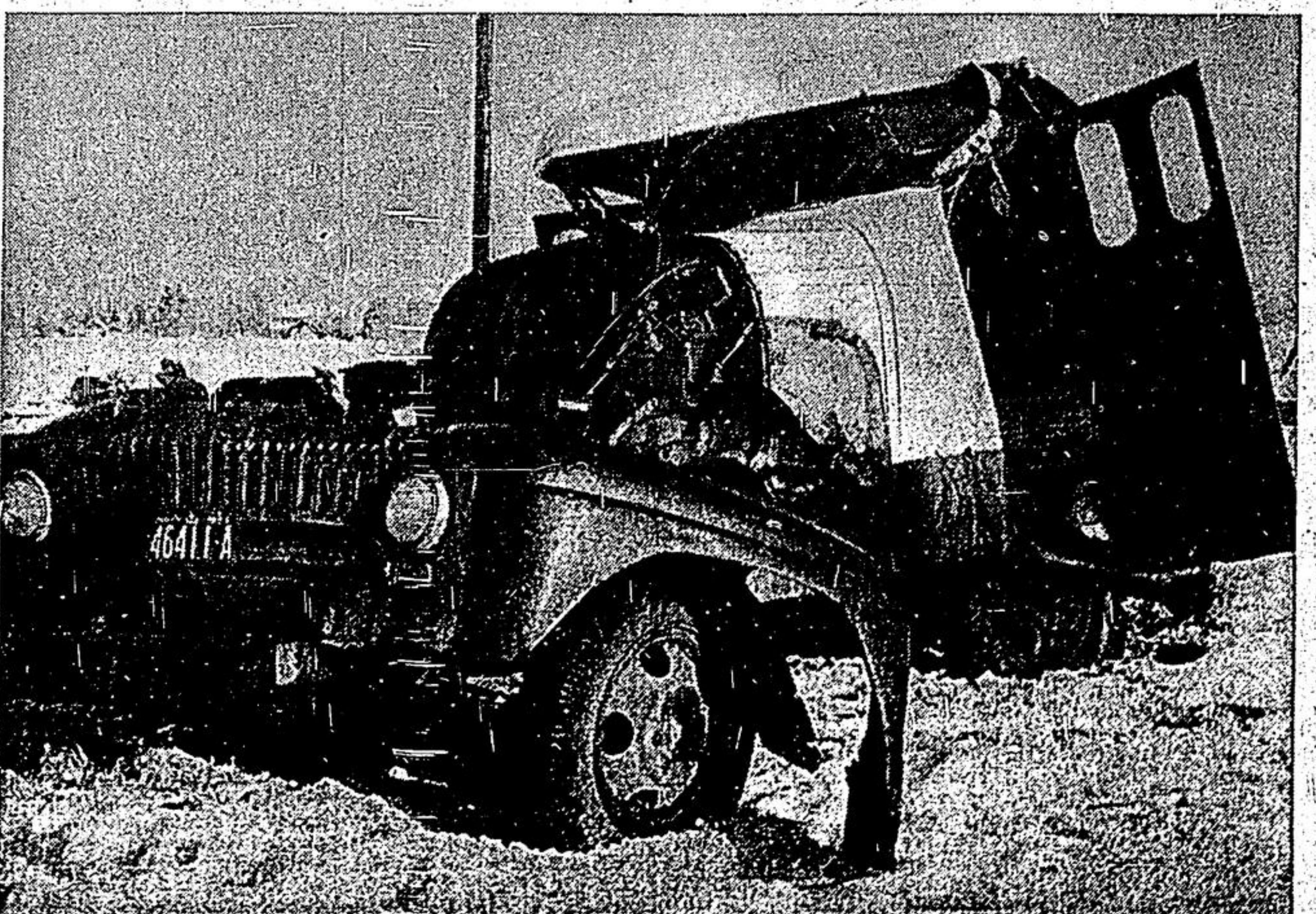
WURM — Edmond Daniel at the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville, on Monday, January 4, 1960. Edmond Daniel Wurm in his 84th year, husband of the late Lydia Schwartz and dear father of Kathleen (Mrs. Tom Hastings). Service was held from Dixon Funeral Home on Wednesday at 2 p.m. Interment Melville Cemetery.

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Driver Still Unconscious After Crossing Accident

A Highland Creek man, 29 year old Albert Howard remains unconscious in the Scarborough General Hospital after a C.N.R. freight train rammed into the side of his dairy delivery van at a level crossing on Victory Ave., near Milliken. The accident occurred on Thursday afternoon.

The impact carried the vehicle 125 feet down the track. The en-



Brush With Death

Twenty-nine year old Albert Howard of Highland Creek had a brush with death last week when a southbound CNR freight train plowed into the side of his milk delivery van on Victory Avenue, near Milliken. He is still unconscious in the Scarborough General Hospital.

signals and is partially hidden by buildings. The truck was carried 125 ft. down the track. —Staff Photo