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Four are Now Dead After Holiday Crash at Heise Hill

Pry Passenger Out

A two-car crash on the Don Mills Road at Heise Hill on Monday afternoon brought death to four persons. James Turner, 78, of Douglas Drive, Toronto, died behind the wheel of his southbound auto. Ursula Scheffczyk, 24, of Albany Ave., Toronto was thrown to the pavement and succumbed five hours later in the York County Hospital at Newmarket. Her northbound vehicle was hit broadside and almost severed by the impact. A passenger, Ernest Ficht, had to be pried loose from the wreckage by P. C. John McCague of Markham Township and P. C. Kenneth Sider of Richmond Hill. Both Ficht and a passenger in the Turner car, Robt. James Osborne, also of Toronto died early Thursday morning in hospital.

Scene of Chaos
P. C. Robt. Hadden of Markham Township was one of the first on the accident scene. Two ambulances were summoned from the Buttonville Station. The collision completely cut off all traffic on the southbound lane and cars were soon lined for over one mile in both directions. The slippery pavement worsened the situation and a number of vehicles slid off the highway into the ditch. The four persons were all conscious for a time but the one driver died a few minutes after the police arrived. Sgt. Robt. Hood and P. C. Hadden took charge of the investigation.

The lady accident victim was a native of Germany but had taken up residence in Toronto about two years ago. It is believed that they were en route to spend the holiday with friends in Keswick. According to reports, she apparently lost control of the car and it veered across the highway into the path of the Turner auto. The front windshield was tossed twenty feet and wreckage was spread over a wide area. Coroner, Dr. John Fleming of Markham rendered first aid to the injured.

Fatality Attributed to Inexperienced Driving Of 17-Year-Old Girl

A Coroner's jury ruled on Tuesday, Dec. 20th, that Georgina Chadwick, aged 17 of Newmarket, died as the result of an accident on Sunday, Nov. 13th. They also said that the accident was due to inexperience on the part of the driver, 17 year old Dorothy Kmet, also of Newmarket.
Dr. A. E. Croll told the jury that Miss Chadwick had been pronounced dead on arrival at York County Hospital in Newmarket after an accident on the 2nd concession of Whitechurch Township. He stated that death was due to shock of multiple lacerations and injuries. The two teenagers who were accompanied by a boy friend, Robert Patterson, aged 18 of Newmarket, had set out for a drive on the Sunday afternoon. Miss Kmet had been travelling at excessive speeds from 60 to 80 miles per hour along the concession road, when the 58 Olds, she was driving started to swerve. Unable to control the vehicle, it headed up an embankment and crashed into a tree. Both Miss Kmet and Patterson received injuries also.
She told the jury her father had taught her to drive, and that she had obtained a permanent licence only a week prior to the accident. Coroner Dr. J. W. Williams of Aurora, asked whether the car was equipped with power brakes and power steering. The girl's father said it had power brakes only. Jurors were Leslie J. Harper, foreman, Robert Forfar, Thos. McCaughan, Arthur McElroy, Donald A. Watson. They retired for approximately 35 minutes before bringing in their verdict. Vandorf Police gave evidence during the proceedings.

Coroner Criticizes Jury Verdict in Gormley Fatality

A Coroner's jury, on Tuesday, December 20, under Dr. J. P. Wilson of Richmond Hill, found that Frederick Snow aged 39 of Wilestead Drive, Newmarket, died as a result of injuries on Nov. 15th. The verdict which was presented by jury foreman Richard Baycroft of Gormley, was termed indecisive and not sufficiently specific. Dr. Wilson admonished the jury composed of Foreman Richard Baycroft, James McLeod, Gordon Tempers, Ray Anger, and George Kerr, for their lack of detail in submitting their findings.
Mr. Snow was killed instantly as the result of a head-on collision on the Don Mills Road approximately half a mile from Vandorf. He died behind the wheel of his car when the aorta was severed.
Dr. Ritchie of Newmarket said the man had bled to death internally. Mrs. Donna Jean Hillis aged 27 of Keswick who drove the other car involved in the collision, told the jury that she did not see Snow's car, nor does she remember feeling any impact on collision. She was taken to York County Hospital and was unconscious for several hours after admission. Her two-year old son was also injured as a result. She said she was on her way home from Toronto when the accident occurred. She stated that the weather was bad at the time, but added that at no time did she skid. Vandorf O.P.P. investigated.

BUSY YULE FOR MARKHAM VILLAGE POLICE

Drinking drivers who escaped the long arm of the law in Metro Toronto during the Christmas holiday weekend found little relief on entering the boundaries of Markham Village. The department had no less than nineteen incidents during the three-day period including three charged with ability impaired. There was one charge of careless driving and one youth was arrested for drinking while under age. Seven motorists had their keys removed and given to more responsible persons. The 5-man force investigated a total of seven accidents.
Where specific charges have been laid, the individual cases will be heard in either Buttonville or Newmarket Courts within the next two weeks.

ENGAGEMENT

Mrs. Fenwick is happy to announce the engagement of her daughter Sandra Lynn to Derek Nicholson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Nicholson; wedding to take place in Stouffville United Church, January 28.

Due to late arrival, some country correspondence will not appear until next issue.

Glasgow Ratepayers Split on Question of Buying New School Bus

The purchase of a new \$5,200 bus to provide student transportation to the Glasgow Public School brought forth divided opinions at the annual meeting of ratepayers of S.S. No. 6, Uxbridge on Wednesday. The issue was discussed before one of the largest public gatherings ever held in the section.
The Trustee Board was subjected to some criticism for their initial purchase of a second-hand bus for the sum of \$1,000. A number of ratepayers suggested that the vehicle was well on its way to the scrap pile before the deal was completed and its continued operation only helped to line the pockets of several garage repairmen.
Board Chairman, Ron Ross explained that a 20-passenger bus could be purchased for \$4,700. He noted further that a bus to accommodate 36 students would cost \$5,200. The maximum government grant attainable would be \$4,000. On a first ballot vote on the issue, the result was deadlocked. A second vote provided the Board with a majority of two in favour of the purchase.

Overturns Five Times

A Toronto man suffered a broken leg and two passengers were injured when their northbound car went out of control on the Don Mills Road, south of Gormley and rolled over five times. The driver, John Papadopoulos was admitted to the Scarborough General Hospital. The accident was investigated by the Markham Twp. Police Dept.
Four persons were injured and admitted to hospital following a two-car collision at the intersection of No. 7 Highway and the Kennedy Road at Unionville on Sunday afternoon. One auto was driven by James Norman Pike of Brampton. The other vehicle was driven by Wm. Best of Toronto. The Ontario Provincial Police of the Bond Lake Detachment conducted the investigation.

Local Man Wins HiFi Set Charge Attempted Murder

Mr. Len Ham, North Street, Stouffville, was the lucky winner of the combination Hi-Fi set in a draw sponsored by the Stouffville Businessman's Association. The first prize ticket was pulled from the drum on Saturday afternoon by Reeve Gar Lehman. More than 40,000 forms were submitted from local stores. Mr. Ham resides at the Fred Marshman home in the east end of town. His purchase of items from Houston's Drug Store paid off in handsome dividends.
The second prize, a man's or lady's wrist watch was won by Mrs. Edwin Guest, 6 Harding Park, Stouffville. She filled out a lucky form from Wagg's Jewellery Store. Mrs. Orval Burkholder, Edward St., Stouffville, was the winner of a Kodak 35 lens movie camera, complete with film. Her purchase was made at Thurston's Store. The fourth prize, a tailored to measure man's or lady's suit went to Harry Dulmage, R.R. 3, Stouffville. He filled out a draw form at the I.G.A. Store.
Frank William Kemp, Musselman's Lake, has been charged with attempted murder. According to police, Kemp discharged a rifle on the premises of his father-in-law in North York and the bullet narrowly missed its intended victim, John Edward Rick, 53. The two men were involved in a bitter argument earlier in the evening and it was later renewed when Kemp returned to the residence.
The accused was arrested on Saturday night in King City and the attempted murder charge was laid.
Mrs. John Dougherty and her family had Christmas together with Mr. Bert Carpenter and his family at Lindsay. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. C. G. McKenzie, Harold Ave., Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Sherk and family, Albert St., and Mr. and Mrs. Ken Wagg and family, Orchard Park.

Rescue Buttonville Boy From Washer Wringer

A two year old Buttonville boy was saved from suffocation last week when his mother cut his sweater loose from around his neck with a large butcher knife after both arms became entangled between the rollers of the family washing machine. Perry Crispin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Crispin, was rushed to the Scarborough General Hospital after first aid treatment had been administered at the home by Dr. Robt. Seaver of Markham. Although badly bruised, no bones were broken, and the little lad was released on the following day.
The boy put both hands between the wringer rollers and was drawn in up to his neck. He was unable to breathe until his sweater was severed. Mrs. Crispin summoned the help of the Markham Twp. Police Department. With the aid of a small pen-knife, P.C. Douglas Tribbling was able to free the child's arms. Mr. and Mrs. Crispin have one other son, Russell, 6 years.

Judgment Reserved in Sauerkraut Will Case

Judge A. R. Willmott has reserved judgment in the contested will of 85 year old Mrs. Emma Nighswander. The hearing was concluded in Whiteby Court last week. The two daughters, Mrs. Mabel Tindall and Mrs. Isola Elson claimed the will was wrongfully changed. They were each left \$500 while a share farmer, Charles Bennett was given the property valued at an estimated \$10,000.
Mrs. Tindall told the court that her mother had changed the will after Mr. Bennett complained that a jar of sauerkraut presented to Mrs. Nighswander had contained D.D.T. The first will bequeathed everything to the daughters. Mrs. Nighswander died in 1958.
John A. Cattanaach, a Markham solicitor, told Judge Arthur Willmott, who presided, that on July 27, 1954, Mrs. Nighswander, whom he had never seen in his life before, came into his office and asked to make out a will. He said that he recalled that certain legacies were made in the will but the residue of the estate, the farm, went to Charles Bennett.
Mr. Cattanaach said that Mrs. Nighswander told him that she was not on friendly terms with her two daughters. The will, he said, was properly witnessed and left in his office for safe keeping.
Physician Testifies
Dr. F. J. Button, of Stouffville, said that Mrs. Nighswander had been a patient from 1946 until her death in 1958 from pneumonia.
"I thought she was normally alert for a woman her age," he told the court. "I would say she was somewhat stubborn and would be hard to influence."
The two daughters are alleging undue influence as a basis of their attack on the will.
"I think she knew what she was doing," said Dr. Button. He added that he was sure that Bennett, who worked the farm, was good to her and she was happy on the farm.
In reply to a question on cross-examination, he said that he recalled an incident when both Mrs. Nighswander and Bennett complained of upset stomachs and mentioned that they had eaten sauerkraut. He said that he thought they had a touch of flu.
Horace Button, Stouffville solicitor, said that he was certain that his firm had drawn one will for Mrs. Nighswander although when the time came to produce it, he said, it could not be found.
He said that there were many visits to his office by Mrs. Nighswander and many discussions. He said that the topic was what legacy she should leave her daughters, if any.
R. C. MacDonald, a farmer living near the Nighswander home, said that he often visited there. He said that he suggested once to Mrs. Nighswander that she go and live with her daughters. He said that she told him "after they got what they wanted they would shove me down the stairs."
Mrs. M. Tindall said that the farm which had been bequeathed to Bennett had been in the Nighswander family since the days of her great-grandfather. She said that her mother told her in 1942 that she had made a will, following advice from her husband who had died that winter. In the will, Mrs. Tindall said, her mother told her that all the debts were paid and the remainder divided equally among the three daughters. Since that time, one of the daughters has died.
Gave Sauerkraut
Getting to the sauerkraut incident, Mrs. Tindall said she had made it between Christmas and New Year's in 1948 and had given it to her mother shortly before her birthday on Jan. 18, 1949.
The next time she went to visit her mother, she said, her mother met her at the door with "I never thought I had a girl who would do what you did."
Mrs. Tindall said she asked her mother what she was talking about and was told "we had some of that sauerkraut and they said you put DDT in it."
She said her mother was not sick but Bennett was. Her mother told her, she said, that Bennett had been to a doctor and the doctor had told him he had been poisoned by DDT.
Mrs. Tindall said that she told Bennett that he knew that to be a falsehood because too many people had eaten the sauerkraut and only he had been ill. Bennett (Continued on page 7)

Stouffville High School Board Rates Well with Local Teaching Staff

Stouffville Dist. High School Board rates well with the teaching staff, according to a province-wide survey. Teachers in all schools throughout the province were asked to give their personal opinions of their boards in three categories — Board's attitude toward education improvement; relations between board and staff, and conditions of work. On the first question, Stouffville Board received a "good" rating, or 66 to 74%, and excellent or 75% on the second two.
This report was not intended to be divulged to school boards, but since its contents have become known, the results are very interesting. The survey received replies from nearly 90% of all teaching staffs in the province, and the results were released back to the teachers last week.
In the case of Markham High School, the board there measured "fair" or 60 to 65% on its attitude towards education improvement and "good" on the second two questions.
York Central Board, which operates Richmond Hill high school and takes in a portion of Markham Township, rated "inadequate" on both the first two questions and only "fair" on the last question.
Both Pickering Twp. Board and Newmarket-Sutton, failed to make sufficient replies to be rated.
General Rating, High
Teachers' attitude generally, as shown by the survey, is one of high opinion of the boards. The number rated as unsatisfactory was less than 10%. Mr. D. Thomas who heads the teachers' union, says that the report is intended to be of assistance to members of the group who are contemplating a change in position.



On Guard

"Sheba", a German Shepherd, stands guard over a carriage and eight month old Andrew Rattray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ian Rattray, Fairview Ave., Stouffville. The well-trained dog, a family pet, was caught on duty by the Tribune cameraman outside the Main Street Post Office. Mr. and Mrs. Rattray brought the animal to Canada from England three years ago. —Staff Photo