



Eighteen year old Janet Devlin, a grade 12 student, was crowned May Prom Queen at the annual semi-formal dance held in the auditorium of the Stouffville

Dist. High School on Friday night. The pretty winner came to Stouffville in September, 1961 and had previously attended school at Riverdale Collegiate, Toronto. Last

year's queen, 19 year old Lynda Nolan (left) grade 13, officiated at the crowning ceremony. The two attendants were — Jean Winterstein, 18 and Barbara Button, 17.

Stouffville Chief Nabs Three Break-In Suspects Had \$2800 In Loot

An eastbound 1954 Chevrolet aroused the suspicions of Stouffville Police Chief, Orland Keating, during the early hours of Sunday morning and on checking the vehicle on Main Street, he found \$2,800 worth of stolen merchandise on the back seat. Wilbert Cooper, 39; Allan Sherman, 35 and Edward McNeil, 26, all of Toronto, were taken to the Buttonville police office in Markham Township and later turned over to Metro authorities. All have been charged jointly with break and entry and possession of stolen property.

The break-in had occurred earlier that night at a service station in Metro Toronto. The stolen goods, all mechanics' tools had been taken from the garage premises.

\$750 Damage
Damage was estimated at \$750 in a three-car collision in Stouffville on Wednesday, May 1st. The accident occurred following an over-night snow-storm. No charges were laid. The vehicles were driven by Donald Alvin Harper, Harold St. Stouffville; Wray Eric Madill, conc. 8, Whitchurch and Dennis Wm. Trimble, Main St. E., Stouffville. Chief Orland Keating conducted the investigation.

Air Cadets Receive Attendance Awards

A gathering of more than 80 sat down at the annual Stouffville Air Cadet Father & Son Banquet on Sunday evening at the Legion Hall. In addition to the local officers, the banquet was attended by Sgt. Leader Benson and Flt. Lieut. Jim Johnson R.C.A.F. Camp Borden under whose jurisdiction Stouffville Squadron No. 94 is operated. Reeve Timbers of Stouffville, Reeve Alma Walker of Markham, Reeve Wilf Dean of Markham Twp. and Reeve Ken Rogers of E. Gwillimbury also attended as there are a number of boys in the Squadron from all these municipalities. The fine turkey supper was provided by the ladies of the Legion Auxiliary.

Camp Borden. He said that he was glad to be able to help the businessmen who were giving freely of their time, as well as assisting in the training of better citizens.

Presentations
Special pins were presented to the cadets who had completed perfect attendance for three years, two years and one year. Those called up to receive the award for three years perfect attendance were, Flt. Cadet Taylor, Flt. Sgt. Keeping, Flt. Sgt. Wylie, Sgt. C.A. Worley, Sgt. W.P. Koblenky, Sgt. C.T. Stewart, Cpl. H.P. Baxter, Cpl. R. L. Frankum, LAC J. Campbell, LAC D.C. Forsyth, LAC J. Nolan, Cpl. J. Ogilvy, Cpl. W.E. Taylor, LAC J. Wardle; for two years perfect attendance, Cpl. R. Kirby, Cpl. J. Wylie, LAC J. Clubine, W. Glover, J. Hope, D. Jackson, K. Morton, C. Sytema, R. Wallace, K. Zeller; for first year attendance Cadets Arundell, Hope, Kent, Sugden, Lee, Sanderson, Forsyth, Caterer and Sorenson.

"Strange" Food Fails to Convince Magistrate

A Main Street, Markham, man was fined \$150 and costs by Magistrate Russell Pearce in Richmond Hill Court on Tuesday when he was convicted of driving while impaired. Emerson Ramer pleaded not guilty to the charge. He was represented by solicitor Paul Mingay of Markham.

Dismiss Assault Charge

Two Markham Village youths, accused of assault, had their charges dismissed by Magistrate Russell Pearce in Richmond Hill Court on Tuesday. Larry Middleton and Ian Jeffrey pleaded not guilty.

The victim of the alleged attack, James Caldwell, RR 2, Markham, claimed he was pulled out of a car by Middleton, thrown to the ground and kicked. The assault was alleged to have occurred on the 9th conc., north of Stouffville.

An independent witness for the accused testified that he was with both Jeffrey and Middleton on the night in question and had not even seen Caldwell. Magistrate Pearce said that due to inconclusive evidence, he could not register a conviction.

Other Fines
Ronald Fenson of Milliken was fined \$25 and costs for failing to file an income tax return on behalf of Cedar Pines Development Co. On a second similar charge, the accused was given a remand until May 28th. Bernard Fockler of Ringwood was fined \$15 and costs for having liquor in an illegal place. Ted Beaumont of Stouffville was also fined \$15 for a similar offense.

Addition To White-Rodgers

Markham Township building report for the month of April revealed that the White-Rodgers firm on Highway 48 north of Markham, is constructing a large plant addition, valued at \$137,000.

Total value of all new building for the month amounted to \$453,300 with \$299,400 being for new homes.

Ramer was arrested at 1:30 a.m. on April 24th as he drove through Markham Village on his way home. He said he had been visiting with "a bachelor friend" at Milliken in Markham Twp.

P.C. Bill Vance of Markham stated that the accused's car set a very erratic course along No. 48 Hwy. and the driver appeared unsteady on his feet when taken to the office for a test.

Solicitor Mingay contended that the strange food prepared by the bachelor companion might have tended to effect his clients senses. He asked that the charge be dismissed.

In registering the conviction, Magistrate Pearce also suspended the driver's license for three months.

MARKHAM TWP. GENERAL TAX RATE UP 2.9 MILLS

Markham Township general tax rate will be 2.9 mills higher this year, and to this general rate will be added the various school rates which too, are generally higher. Council members on Monday night expressed some satisfaction that the increase was not even greater. Councillor Hoover said that one mill might have been dropped by cutting out the grant of approximately \$14,000 to the York Central Hospital. "If Markham Village Council isn't going to support it why should the township people even farther east be called on to support it?" he asked. Councillor Rumble noted that

the township was entering very strongly this year into welfare through the hospital support. "And long overdue," was councillor Sumner's reply to this remark. General operation of the township will require \$297,208.62; roads and bridges will take \$474,700.00 and the police department \$101,635.00. Fire protection costs are estimated at \$17,900.00. Against these costs the township will receive subsidies and grants amounting to nearly half a million dollars. The general tax rate for residential and farm property will be 20.8 mills and for commercial and industrial 23.7 mills.

Go-Kart Track To Have Opposition In Whitchurch Township

The operation of a go-kart track in Whitchurch Township appears to be headed for opposition similar to that in neighbouring Uxbridge. Whitchurch councillors visited the Vivian property recently but found little activity.

Arnold Reinke and Stephen Jackson residents in the area attended Monday's council meeting with the first opposition. Mr. Jackson read council a letter he had written when the track was first opened. He said he had not changed his views now that it is proposed to re-open the track. He said that the last two years the attendance had been so small the trouble had not been acute.

Mr. Reinke was not only opposed to the operation from the standpoint of the noise but he felt the place would prove a deterrent to other persons wishing to build homes in the area. Council members agreed they would consider these opinions when making their decision on the license application.

Five Police Depts. Block City Speeder

A speeding car that raced through a red light at the intersection of Yonge Street and No. 7 Hwy. during the early hours of Thursday at an estimated speed of 75 miles per hour, was finally stopped on the Don Mills Road at Victoria Square. Stanley Cameron, 24, of Toronto, the driver of a 1961 Pontiac convertible, has been charged with careless driving.

P.C. John Vance of No. 32 Division, North York, made the arrest with police cars from Markham Twp., Markham Village, Vaughan Twp. and Stouffville closing in from all directions. The chase had started from Finch Ave., and Bathurst Street.

Unionville Development Stalled On Sewers

Tallden Developments, a firm preparing a large housing development at Unionville, has asked the Ontario Water Resources Commission for a special hearing on Thursday of this week. The O.W.R.C. has continually held to the plan that the Markham sewage disposal plant should serve both Markham and Unionville. This would mean large scale pumping facilities and on this point the developers are presently at a standstill.

The Resources Commission has invited the township council to attend the hearing, but on Monday night it was agreed in council that no official representation would be made. Members of the township Planning Board will attend as observers only.

ENGAGEMENT

BARTON-PICKERING
The engagement is announced of Gail Lorraine Pickering, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Pickering, conc. 9, Pickering, to Robert Arthur Barton, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Barton, Clarendon, Ont. The wedding to take place, June 1st, 1963, Clarendon United Church.

Wilfred Wright Was Longtime Lake Resident

On Sunday, April 28th, Mr. Wilfred Wright, a longtime cottage resident at Musselman's Lake, passed away in the Scarborough General Hospital in his 62nd year.

For the past 35 summers Mr. and Mrs. Wright lived at the lake but became full-time residents during the last 12 years. The deceased was a member of the Acaela Masonic Lodge A.F. and A.M. and a past supreme advisor of The True Kindred Order. He is survived by his wife, the former Hilda Wager and a brother, Harry of Montreal.

Rev. John Marshall of Melrose Park Presbyterian Church conducted the service on Tuesday afternoon, April 30th from the Trull Funeral Home, Danforth Ave., Toronto.

Residents Rally To Support Of Scoutmaster

More than fifty parents and representatives of village organizations rallied to the support of Clarendon Scoutmaster, Donald Sanderson, at a public meeting in the Community Hall on Tuesday night. Mr. Sanderson, present at the gathering, agreed to return to the position of Scout leader when he was assured that he had 100% backing.

On Monday evening, April 29th, he resigned from the post and charged that he lacked the support of the group committee. He has headed the 1st Clarendon Troop for the past eight years.

Another meeting will be held next week to re-organize the program for the September term.

Beamish Gets Whitchurch Oil Contract

K. J. Beamish Co. has been awarded the large road oil contract for the Township of Whitchurch. There were four bids for the 30,000 gallon contract. The tender price was 23.04c per gallon for asphalt primer and 25.07c for tar primer. The contract is subject to the approval of the Department of Highways.

4 Bids for Spray
Council opened four tenders Monday for weed and brush spray supplies. The make-up of each bid requires a knowledge of the chemicals so it was agreed to seek advice from the Department before awarding the contract. A weed spray school is being held at Vandorf this week.

Three Bid For Whitchurch Tp. Garbage Job

Whitchurch Township council received three tenders for the job of collecting garbage at the three township lakes. Successful bidder was Ollie Pellett with a total price of \$7,000. The price for Wilcox Lake was \$4,000, Musselman's Lake \$2,500 and Preston Lake \$500. Highest tender for the same work was \$16,209.37. The present operator Mr. Ash did not tender this year.

Councillor Farmer commented that he hoped that Mr. Pellett could fill all his township positions. He is presently Dog Control Officer, officer in charge of the sanitation area near Balantrae, has his own operated garbage collection in addition to the three new contracts.

Want Old Mill Preserved

The grist mill on Steele's Avenue near Bayview is for sale and the North York Historical Society has appealed to Markham Township to preserve it as a historical site. The landmark has recently been the home of Mrs. Billy Button Macdonald.

Markham Council on Monday agreed that the request should be forwarded to the Metro Conservation Authority.

Drunken Son-In-Law Pummels Wife's Father, Remanded In Custody

A father, attempting to protect his daughter and her family was badly beaten by his son-in-law during a fracas in their North Markham home on Monday night. Reginald Kirk required eight stitches to close gashes on his face, his teeth were broken and he was knocked unconscious to the floor during a fight with Keith Couperthwaite, 25, also of Markham.

Mrs. Kirk, the wife of the victim, said that the accused had torn out the phone connections in the brawl and she had to call police from a neighbour's home.

Markham Village police, who were on the scene within minutes after the call was received, testified that Mr. Kirk was quite seriously injured and blood was spattered about the room. Mrs. Kirk said that her

daughter and family made their home with them. She said that their son-in-law was quite welcome to visit the children if he was sober but when drunk, she did not wish him to enter the house.

Mr. Kirk, who laid the assault charge, was present in the court room but did not testify. His face showed visible signs of the beating he had absorbed.

Couperthwaite admitted that he had "a drinking problem" which was the source of his trouble. He expressed regret at the trouble he had caused.

In registering a conviction, Magistrate Russell Pearce ordered that the accused should be remanded in custody for one week in order that he might delve a little deeper into the matter.

Father To File Damage Claim Against School

The father of a 12 year old grade 6 student at the Hillcrest Public School, conc. 6, Whitchurch, proposes to file a claim for damages against the Board. Thomas Lang has charged that there was negligence in an incident when his daughter's glasses were broken and her nose was fractured during a fracas in the schoolyard several weeks ago.

Mr. Lang said that he understood that the four boys involved in the fracas would cover the cost but to date nothing has been done. He suggested also that no adjustment has been made by the insurance company that holds the policy for the Board. Mr. Lang says he knows the names of the lads who inflicted the injury. He fears that his daughter's nose may never be normal.

Mr. Lang said that in proceeding with the suit, he was acting on the advice of his solicitor.

DEATH

LYMAN H. KENNEDY
Funeral services will be conducted from the Ogden Parlours, Agincourt, on Thursday afternoon (to-day) at 3 p.m. for the late Lyman H. Kennedy, who passed away at his home in Washago on Tuesday, May 7th. He was in his 78th year. His wife, the former Jean Elliott predeceased him only in February.

Long-time residents of the Agincourt district, they had moved to Washago ten years ago. Surviving are two daughters, Betty (Mrs. W. Philbrook) of Scarborough, Christine (Mrs. L. Thomson) of Montreal and three sons, Cameron of Little Britain, Donald of Milton and Robert of Ottawa.

Interment will be made in Pine Hill's Cemetery.

14 Fire Calls In April

Markham Township police cars travelled 11,745 miles in April to answer 738 calls. The members of the force attended 14 fires and 14 accidents were investigated. No fatalities occurred. There are 9 liquor seizures, 12 dog complaints, 3 burglaries and 3 thefts.

Clarke Prentice Weed Inspector

Clarke Prentice, well-known Markham Township auctioneer, has been engaged by Markham Township Council as Weed Inspector. Mr. Prentice was selected from eight applicants. His duties will commence immediately with a school for weed inspectors at Vandorf this week.

Suspect Squirrels Of Starting House Fire

A short circuit in an attic plug, believed caused by squirrels may have been responsible for a fire that resulted in an estimated \$6,000 damage to the century-old home of Mr. Fraser Gee, west of Victoria Square in Markham Twp.

The blaze broke out early on Friday evening but quick work by neighbours, police and firemen confined the fire to the upstairs portion of the house. The owner was in Richmond Hill at the time. Brigades from both Unionville and Richmond Hill attended. Much furniture and personal effects were removed from the structure. The property has been in the Gee family name for 85 years and the house was erected by members of the Peter Helse family more than 100 years ago.

PIGEON MOTHERS BANTAM CHICK

Eight year old Haig DeRusha of Clarendon was rather skeptical when he noticed that his pet white pigeon was nesting on an over-sized egg.

His doubts were well founded. When the egg was finally hatched, what should pop out but a brown Bantam chick.

The egg had apparently been laid in the pigeon pen by a Bantam hen that occupies her own private quarters nearby.

The pigeon has continued to care for the offspring and on last report the baby and its foster mother are both doing well.

Locust Hill Air-Field Plagued By Accidents, Has Closed Down

The "jinxed" airport at Locust Hill has closed down. The Tribune visited the property last week and found the office headquarters under lock and key. A spokesman for the firm later admitted that operations had temporarily ceased, but negotiations were underway to re-open the business under a new owner. Mr. Adam Letke, Midland Ave., Agincourt proposes to purchase the port.

"There have been too many accidents," stated one party. Solicitor Ernest Johnson of Agincourt, acting for the company termed it a "series of misfortunes." The accident rate at Locust Hill during the past four years could more appropriately be termed as "tragic."

When the proposed project was first revealed to the general public back in January, 1959, it resulted in a storm of protest by many residents in the Locust Hill area. A delegation of home-owners asked Markham Twp. Council to turn down the application. In February, the Council agreed to the request but in spite of this move construction was started in the month of May.

The tale of events that led to the eventual shut-down started early in 1961. A helicopter, based at Locust Hill and owned by

Kenneth McLaren of Pt. Harrison, Quebec crashed at Oshawa with a \$25,000 loss. In May of the same year, a mechanic-instructor at the port was instantly killed when his north-bound car crashed into a bridge abutment near Cashel in Markham Twp. The victim was Edward Hickson, 20, of conc. 2, Whitchurch Twp. was en route home when the accident occurred. In the same month, a Scarborough school teacher suffered a fractured skull and several broken ribs when she walked into the whirling blade of her Cub aircraft that had collided with a runway, safety cone. Carol Wright was admitted to Scar-

boro Hospital in serious condition but recovered. A portion of the propeller was broken off by the impact. A string of other less serious accidents plagued the project throughout the summer but the major catastrophe occurred when the firm's President, Dr. Wesley Harper and his three passengers, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Chafen and Mrs. Ken Chafen died when their plane nose-dived into a field on take-off. This tragedy occurred on Aug. 16th, 1961.

The port continued to operate as a limited company but it never developed into the large scale program that its promoter Dr. Harper had planned.