

Two Barns Are Burned In Four Days

Loss Estimated \$40,000

The product of many man hours of summer work was transformed into huge hulks of smouldering hay and scorched timbers within a period of four days when two large barns, both in Whitchurch Twp. were destroyed by fire.

The first blaze occurred on Friday night on the property of Wm. Topper, west of Musselman's Lake, near Ballantrae. Eighty pigs were destroyed in the inferno that could be seen as far south as Markham and west to Newmarket.

On Monday afternoon, a large barn on the Pollard premises, conc. 10, near Lincolnville was levelled by flames that roared through the frame structure in a matter of minutes. A bulk cooler, bale elevator and 10,000 bales of hay were destroyed. Each loss has been estimated roughly at \$20,000.

House Threatened

Mr. and Mrs. Topper had been out in the barn that evening and everything appeared normal fifteen minutes before the first sign of fire was observed.

Mr. Topper was able to free a bull and several calves but extreme heat and dense smoke drove him from the building before he could release the rest of the livestock. There were no implements in the structure and the milch cows were in a nearby pasture field. A strong north-west wind fanned the flames towards the farm house and although it ignited on several occasions, firemen from Stouffville and Aurora were able to control its spread. The red glow in the sky attracted hundreds of spectators to the scene.

Full Of Hay

The Pollard barn was filled to the rafters with baled hay. The granary also contained the entire summer's oat crop. Mr. Jack Pollard was able to free an only cow in the stable and save a milker pumping unit. A German Shepherd dog was lost.

Stouffville firemen concentrated their efforts in saving a nearby implement shed and the brick farm house.



Two disastrous fires less than two miles apart within four days, destroyed two large barns in the Twp. of Whitchurch. On Friday night, a frame structure on the property of Wm. Topper, near Musselman's Lake was burned to the ground. Eighty pigs, one calf and a quantity of hay, grain and straw were lost.



A large barn on the Pollard premises, conc. 10, north of Stouffville was levelled by fire on Monday afternoon in a matter of minutes. Ten thousand bales of hay were destroyed along with a bale elevator, a bulk cooler and other farm equipment. A German Shepherd dog died in the inferno.

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Many Grade 13 Students In Fields of Higher Learning

During the past high school year, more than 40 students were enrolled in the grade 13 graduation class at Stouffville. To-day the majority of these young men and women are located in regions that extend from Toronto to Saskatchewan to New Brunswick. Many have advanced into fields of higher learning while others have acquired permanent positions.

The Tribune has attempted to contact as many of these young people as possible to discover their chosen vocations. They are listed here as follows:

Anne Barkey—Emmanuel Bible College, Kitchener; Marvin Betz—employed with his father in the K. W. Betz Construction Co., Stouffville; Helen Busato—Toronto Teacher's College; Betty Ann Carrington—nurse-in-training at Oshawa General Hospital; Gerry Dawson—University of Toronto; Evelyn Doner—Toronto Teacher's College; Marilyn Fostick—position with the I.B.M. Co., Toronto; Patricia Gibbins—School of Nursing, East General Hospital; Lloyd Graves—Waterloo University; Joanne Greer—Toronto Teacher's College; Dawn Grose—Western University, London; Wayne Hamilton—Western University, London; Warren Hendricks—Carleton University, Ottawa; Jim Knox—Ryerson Institute, Toronto; Karen Kretk—Briercrest Bible Institute, Carleton Place; Lynda Nolan—Dominion Business College, Toronto; Susan Ogilvy—University of Manitoba; Murray Painter—Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph; Marilyn Pattenden—Western University, London; Michael Paul—Mt. Allison University, Sackville, New Brunswick; Paul Petrie—University of Manitoba; Fred Watson—University of Toronto Victoria College; Joy Wooller—University of Toronto; Gary Yates—Western University, London; Jean Winterstein—Bell Telephone Co., Toronto.

Apple Butter Bee At Cedar Grove

The second annual apple butter bee, a project that attracted so much interest and active participation last year, will be repeated again on Thanksgiving weekend, Oct. 12 and 14, at Woodland Park, Cedar Grove.

To increase the supply, five kettles will be utilized and on-the-spot snacks, pancakes will be served with hot apple butter at the refreshment booth. Containers of "butter" will be sold on both days. No advance orders will be taken.

It takes four bushels of apples to make one batch of apple butter. A Schnitzing Bee has been arranged for Thursday evening, Oct. 10th to prepare the apples for the pot. The peeling will be held in the rink house at Cedarena. Apple peelers are invited to attend. A sharp coring knife and a pan are all the utensils required.

Officer Receives "Man of Year" Naval Award

A 31 year old Stouffville officer in the Canadian Naval Reserve has been named "The Best Man of the Year" in recognition of good conduct and service at H.M.C.S. York.

P.O. Ronald C. Baker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Baker, Manitoba St. was selected out of 1,500 for the award. He was presented with a medal by the Lieut. Governor, Earl Rowe on Saturday, Sept. 21st at an investiture conducted at Old Fort York, Toronto.

Officer Baker has been a member of the Naval Reserve for the past fourteen years and has travelled over many hundreds of miles of water during this period. He is the only cook in the reserve navy and is one of the mainstays in the drum section of the band.

Port Perry, Uxbridge, Sutton, Aurora and Newmarket. League arrangements will be finalized at an O.H.A. meeting in the Municipal Chambers, Stouffville on Sunday afternoon at 1:30 p.m.

Hundreds Pay Tribute To Late W. R. Dean, Markham Twp. Reeve

The Pipher Funeral Home in Richmond Hill could not accommodate the hundreds of friends and associates who paid their final respects on Monday afternoon to the late Wilfred R. Dean, Reeve of Markham Township. Mr. Dean passed away suddenly on Thursday in the Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay. He was stricken with a serious heart attack on the previous Sunday while spending the weekend at his cottage on Balsam Lake.

Few men were better known in the area. His interests in church, lodge, school and municipal promotions knew no bounds. The interior of the parlours was banked with more than one hundred floral tributes.



Reeve W. R. Dean

The late Mr. Dean was born at Thornhill, the son of a pioneer family that dated back three generations.

His municipal career began 14 years ago when he was elected to the Board in the police village of Thornhill. It was in the same year of 1949 that he became a trustee on the Richmond Hill Dist. High School Board. He served in this capacity for eight years, holding the office of Chairman in 1956.

Mr. Dean was elected to Markham Twp. Council in 1958 and held the office of deputy-reeve for three years. He stepped into the reeve's post in 1961 where he remained until his death. He displayed the same interest in County Council activities and was a Commissioner for 1963. He was a Past Grand Master of Northcrest I.O.O.F. Lodge in Thornhill and a Life Member of Pat-

erson Lodge, A.F. and A.M. No. 265, Thornhill.

Besides his wife, the former Florence Burch, he is survived by a son, John and a daughter, Shirley.

Rev. A. I. Higgins of Thornhill United Church conducted the funeral service with interment in the Thornhill Cemetery. The pall bearers were—Charles Hooper, Victor Grainger, Harold Echlin, Neil McDonald, Wm. Rumble and Basil Kidd.

FIVE YOUTHS CHARGED IN FRUIT MARKET THEFT

Five Metro youths were charged with theft by Markham Twp. police last week when a quantity of produce was discovered in a ditch near the Don Mills Road. Two were arrested by P.C. Douglas Tribbling and two others were picked up by police authorities in Toronto. One returned home but was brought back by his father.

Charged are Barry Rand, 17, Peter Kieran, 17, Kenneth Oliver, 17, Kenneth Darley, 18 and Richard Stammers, 16 all of Don Mills.

In their haste to get away, the boys left their wallets and identification in the car. The merchandise, that included everything from potato chips to apple cider amounted to \$25. Police said that each of the youths had a good family background.

MANY CHANGES AT MARKHAM FAIR GROUNDS

A number of major alterations have been completed this year on the site of Markham Fair. The rural exhibition, one of the best in Ontario, will be officially opened on Friday at 2 p.m. by Mr. T. Richard Hilliard, Deputy Minister of Energy and Resources.

The new arena building will provide an enlarged space for exhibits and will be the scene of a monster public dance on Saturday night.

A new race track has been constructed and this will be opened by the Hon. Earl Rowe, Lieut. Governor of Ontario on Saturday afternoon at 1:45 p.m. The grandstand has been moved.

The Fair President for 1963 is Mr. Dalton Rummy.

Presentation By Council to Police Officers

A brief ceremony was conducted by Stouffville municipal council on Thursday evening for the presentation of a gift to each of the two officers who will be leaving the local police force this week. The gifts were presented to Constable Hugh Vankoughnet who is leaving his police job here for a position with Frigidaire and to Constable Dennis Davies who has taken other employment.

All members of council were present and the presentation was made by Councillor Wm. Parsons. In expressing their appreciation, both officers said they had enjoyed their work here and Constable Vankoughnet, who had been chief officer for a time, said that he believed council had made a good choice in selecting the new Police Chief—Orland Keating. He said Chief Keating had a good program of organization in operation which would benefit the force and the community. Chief Keating was also present and said he regretted losing the two officers but was certainly pleased to see them better themselves in their new occupations.

Uxbridge Enters Intermediate 'A'

The Uxbridge "Black Hawks" have made the move into intermediate "A" ranks and will enter a group with Bradford, Midland, Orillia, Barrie and Collingwood.

Meaford, in the league last year, have withdrawn but their place will be filled by Uxbridge.

Settle Future of O.P.P. Whitchurch Service on Oct. 16

The future of Ontario Provincial Police service in the Twp. of Whitchurch will be outlined by Commissioner Eric Silk at a special meeting on Monday, Oct. 16th at 11 a.m.

It had been indicated earlier that the O.P.P. would cease policing of the municipality at the end of 1963. Since only three months remain in the current year, the matter is causing the Council some concern.

The setting up of a township force would mean an ini-

O.P.P. Cyclist Is Injured

Constable Ronald Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Smith of Bethesda was one of four officers of the Ontario Provincial Police precision motorcycle squad that was injured in a pileup of men and machines at Barrie Fair last week.

Four bikes collided on the track in the unit's first public performance.

Constable Smith, working out of the Niagara Falls Detachment of the O.P.P., suffered only bruises in the melee and was released from hospital the next day. Two other riders received broken legs.

Constable Smith's riding partner was ex-Stouffville officer, Jan Vanderkooy who served here for a time with the Provincial Police. His injuries also were not serious.

A. J. RENAUD DIES SUDDENLY

The funeral service will be held on Thursday morning, Oct. 3rd at 11 a.m. (to-day) from the O'Neill Parlours, Stouffville for the late Alfred Joseph Renaud of Musselman's Lake who passed away suddenly in the Brierbush Hospital on Tuesday, Sept. 30th.

Besides his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Sharon and Christine and three sons, David, William and Stephen. Interment will be in the Stouffville Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Paisley have moved from their farm on the Townline and Conc. 7 Whitchurch, and have taken up residence on Conc. 9 South in the former Eugene Leavens home.

Water Tank Truck Paid For Self at First Fire, Says Chief

Stouffville Fire Chief, Walter Smith has credited the use of a 1,000 gallon water tank truck in the saving of a two-storey insul brick home at conc. 6, Whitchurch Twp. on Thursday night. The tanker, recently overhauled at a cost of \$3,000, now forms part of the Stouffville brigade equipment and accompanies the hose and ladder truck to fires in the country. It is the property of the Whitchurch Twp. Federation of Agriculture.

The blaze occurred in a house owned by Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hartwick. It is the temporary home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Shaw while their new residence is under construction next door.

Mrs. Shaw was able to escape with their one son, Jason, 15 months and two other boys, wards of the Children's Aid Society. The cause of the outbreak could not immediately be determined.

Firemen poured tons of water onto the structure and it was necessary to chop a hole in the roof to reach the source of the blaze. Chief Smith said he suspects the fire had been smouldering in the home for some time before it was detected.

It was the first official out-of-town trip for the tank truck and its presence at the scene allowed firemen to douse the flames without summoning additional assistance from Aurora. The family has taken up residence with relatives until the damage can be repaired.

Bogus \$10's Passed Here

Within the past three weeks, three counterfeit \$10 bills have been passed through the Stouffville Branch of the Imperial Bank of Commerce here.

Manager, Walton Todd said that the bills, of excellent imitation, have been turned over to the R.C.M.P. The serial numbers were the same on each — W-D 8764652.

Anyone spotting \$10 bills

ERECT NEW INSURANCE OFFICE

Construction work has been started on a new two-storey office building to be located on the north side of Main Street, near O'Brien Avenue in Stouffville.

It will contain the Insurance headquarters of Mr. Fred Alsop on the ground floor; with apartments above. The structure will be of cement block construction with a brick front. The Contractor is Mr. K. W. Betz and the work will be completed in about four months.

Mr. Alsop purchased the lot site two years ago. Another change on Main St. will see Mr. Herb Krings expand his business to include the store formerly occupied by Mr. Keith Middlemiss. It will be re-opened in about two weeks.

Keswick Farm Is Site For Plowing Match

The farm property of Merlitt Gordon, lot 15, conc. 4, North Gwillimbury Township, one mile east of Keswick on the Don Mills Road will be the site of the 40th annual North York Plowing Match on Friday, Oct. 4th.

The competition will provide local and district plowmen with some good competitive practise for the International Match to be held at Caledon from Oct. 10 to 12. Many of the North York entries are among the top winners at the International.

A total of twelve individual classes have been lined up including two for horses. The Association President this year is Mr. Murray Connell. The banquet will be held in the Belhaven Hall.

The East York Match has been scheduled for Wednesday, October 23rd on the farm of Jas. McKean, conc. 10, Markham.

with this number is asked to get in touch with local police authorities immediately.

CLIPPERS FIRST PRACTICE FRIDAY

The Stouffville "Clippers" will hold their first practise on Friday evening of this week at 8 o'clock. A second workout is scheduled for Sunday afternoon from 1 to 2 p.m.

A Stouffville entry has been filed in a compact Junior "D" group to include Lindsay,

A. A. "Lex" Mackenzie Retains York North

The electorate of Stouffville who only six months ago gave the Liberal Federal member, John Addison, a majority vote of confidence, turned the tide the other way last week in a swing behind Provincial candidate, A. A. "Lex" Mackenzie.

In Stouffville, Mr. Mackenzie polled 529 votes to 404 for his closest rival, lawyer Donald Plaxton of Richmond Hill. N.D.P. candidate, Robt. McVey of Markham was third with 123 and Independent, Bill Fuller of Oak Ridges trailed the field with 19.

Across the board in York North, Mackenzie rolled up 16,669 votes to 11,196 for Mr. Plaxton. McVey counted 5,561 and Fuller 792. For Mr. Mackenzie, it was the largest majority in a long career. He has represented the York North constituency since 1945.



A. A. "Lex" Mackenzie

Dayliner Going 80 mph Where Goodwood Men Killed August 14th

Mr. Fred Harris of Oakville, an engineer on a C.P.R. Toronto-bound dayliner told an inquest hearing last week that his engine was travelling at approximately 80 miles per hour as it approached a level crossing on the Markham-Pickering townline, north of Green River on Aug. 14th. Two Goodwood men were killed in the grinding crash. Roland Morris, 40, died almost instantly and his passenger, Joseph Lorefice succumbed in an ambulance en route to the Scarboro General Hospital.

The engineer said that he sounded the whistle for one-quarter mile east of the intersection. He said that the bell was ringing and the headlight was on. "When it appeared that the car was not going to stop, I hit the emergency brake and gave the whistle an extra couple of blasts," he said. He noted that the car actually ran into the train. He said that the crossing was not protected by automatic signals. Motor Tossed 335 Feet

Constable David Kernohan of the Ontario Provincial Police, Whitby Detachment said that all the windows of the death car were up and the radio was turned in an "on" position. He said that the motor of the vehicle was torn from the body and hurled 335 feet from the point of impact.

Mrs. Jean Seagriff, who resides south of the track about 1,500 feet from the rail line said she glanced from the kitchen window and saw the accident.

Pathologist, Dr. Ritchie McKay of the Scarboro General

Hospital attributed Mr. Morris' death to a severe skull fracture and numerous other injuries. A blood test showed 6 parts of alcohol per thousand in the blood stream.

Coroner W. W. Tomlinson of Pickering presided over the inquest. The jury members included — Hugh Michell (foreman), W. G. Ireson, Alfred Michell, James Hawthorne and Robt. Malcolm. They ruled that death was due to accidental causes and no recommendations were presented.

Late Jean Miller Never Missed Day at School in 35 Years

Cedar Grove heard with deep sadness of the death on Monday evening of Jean Miller, one of our great contributors to the pattern of life in this village.

Jean died too young at the time when, with retirement just ahead, she could have many enjoyable years but she lived every day with pleasure. Until her illness at the beginning of the year took her from teaching, she had taught in Box Grove, up north and at Hillside with sincere understanding and purpose.

During more than a dozen years at Box Grove school, it has been calculated that she walked 11,000 miles, through any weather, the day brought and never missed a single day. Indeed she never missed a day's teaching in 35 years. Nature was her constant companion

and a keen awareness of its moods and wiles brought Jean the pleasure of anticipation when the birds migrated or the first trillium was due.

For many years Jean Miller was the leader of the adult Sunday School class at Zion Church as well as taking an active part in the WMS and UCV activities and a major role with the Mission Band. She had a sense of history which added to her life's enjoyment and was an authority on the Milroy family in Scotland and Canada.

Jean's contributions in every place she worked and lived will long be remembered and heartfelt sympathy is extended to her sisters, Audrey Macintosh, Pat Ring and Mina Offen and to her brother Bruce.