



Two Engines, Six Tank Cars Vault C.N.R. Line In Markham

First Accident On New Bypass

UNIONVILLE—Two diesel engines and six tank cars vaulted the tracks on the C.N.R. bypass line in Markham Township on Friday, but no one was injured.

The accident occurred south of Hwy. No. 7 between concessions 5 and 6. The lead locomotive plowed into the snow but remained upright. The line through to Montreal, remained clear.

Workmen toiled throughout the day and night in sub zero temperatures, repairing the damaged track. A huge mobile crane was used to lift the two engines and cars.

Since the derailment occurred between the two concession roads, work crews had to reach the scene from 14th Avenue through a farm field.

It is believed to be the first serious accident on the bypass since it was opened to regular train traffic.

First Derailment On New C. N. R. Line

The C.N.R. recorded its first derailment on the new bypass line that cuts through Markham Twp. It occurred on Friday between conc. 5 and 6. Two locomotives and six tank cars went off the track but no one was injured. —Staff Photo.

Ban Markham Dragstrip

BUTTONVILLE — There will be no dragstrip on the 9th concession of Markham or anywhere else in the township.

A bylaw, to exclude racing projects of this kind, was passed at a meeting of council on Monday. The vote was 2 to 1 with ward 1 councillor, Allan Sumner expressing opposition. Councillors Charles Hoover and Anthony Roman were in favour of the bylaw. Deputy Reeve Cleary Palmer was absent.

Councillor Sumner argued that he wished a legal opinion from the township's solicitor on the issue before he could vote intelligently. It was later learned that the solicitor Paul Mingay had provided the council with a letter but it was marked

'confidential' and never read in public.

Lawyer John Allen, representing Toronto Dragways Limited, requested that the members give further consideration to his client's licence application but this was denied by reeve Stewart Rumble. Mr. Rumble said that the bylaw had already been passed and the request could not be considered. Mr. Allen said that he would have to consult further with company representatives on possible action through the courts.

Solicitor Donald Hindson of Markham and several of his clients who had earlier expressed opposition to the dragstrip scheme, attended the meeting but did not speak.

37 Charges Laid

BUTTONVILLE — A 30 year old Oak Ridges school teacher entered pleas of guilty to 15 charges of break and enter and theft, when he appeared before Magistrate O. S. Hollinrake in Richmond Hill court on Tuesday. 22 additional charges are still to be heard against Roger Lewis Smith of Willowdale.

The offenses are alleged to have occurred in both Metro Toronto and Markham Township.

According to evidence, the accused took quantities of

feminine apparel but later turned it over to charitable organizations. Articles were recovered from his car, home and school.

Detective Wm. Ferguson of Metro said that Smith took little of any value during the break in spree and, in many instances overlooked items that were costly. His wife, expecting their second child, appeared in court with him.

Magistrate O. S. Hollinrake has requested a full report on the accused.

'Worst Night Ever' — Claremont Chief

CLAREMONT — Fire Chief, Tom Hammond has responded to a good many calls in his day in all kinds of weather, but conditions on Sunday night were described as the 'worst ever'.

The brigade was summoned to the scene of a barn fire on the property of Mr. Jack Jensen, conc. 8, Pickering Twp. It was at the height of the storm and visibility at times was reduced to zero. The 20 by 30 frame structure was destroyed along with a quantity of hay, straw and grain. Two steers and a goat were saved. "It was the worst ever,"

said Mr. Hammond, "you just had to sit there and hang on."

The trip across the 9th conc. and along the Atha Road was helped by Earl Wilson who accompanied the two trucks with his Austin Land-Rover and plow. Jack Lehman guided the pumper and Randy Carruthers drove the tanker. At times, it was necessary to stop until the snow gusts cleared.

Fanned by the wind, the barn was leveled in twenty minutes. The owner plans to rebuild in the spring.

Find Way

STOUFFVILLE — A group of eight Stouffville and district ice fishermen walked over a mile through a raging snowstorm on Lake Simcoe, Sunday afternoon, to reach shore.

Lee Fretz and sons, Ronnie and Donnie; Clifford Harper and son, Gord; Jackie Harper, Wayne Malcolm and Bob Lamb found their way to dry land although visibility at times was almost zero. Jack Valleau, also of Stouffville, left early and escaped the ordeal. Several of the men returned on Tuesday to bring back a car and a truck that became stuck in the snow.

Although cold and wet, the boys appeared none the worse for their experience. Hundreds of others were caught in their huts when the storm struck.

Midgets

Need Tie

STOUFFVILLE — The Stouffville midget hockey team can advance into the O.M.H.A. group finals with a tie here on Thursday (tonight). They thumped Markham 'Millionaires' 8-3 in Markham on Monday following their first encounter. Game time is nine o'clock.

Jody Holden was in top scoring form in Monday's contest, firing three goals. He assisted on another. Pete Turner, the club captain and Doug Clark each potted a pair. Larry Norton counted one. Bruce Mehaffey set up three of the Stouffville tallies.

Markham's captain, David Paulikot, had a two-point night with a goal and assist. Joe Praskey and George Lomax fired the others.

A win for the visitors would force a fourth game back in Markham on Monday. The Stouffville entry is coached by Jake Harman.

Pee wee Playoffs

STOUFFVILLE — Thursday evening will be hockey playoff night in Stouffville with both the Pee wee and Midget teams in action against clubs from Markham.

Pee wee action begins at 6:30 p.m. with the return tilt back at Markham on Saturday, Feb. 5 at 12:30 p.m. A third game, if needed will be here in Stouffville on Feb. 10.

The coach is Alex Wilkins; the manager, Bill Nichols.



Memoirs War Ace

UXBRIDGE — The book 'With The Wind In My Face', written by World War II air ace, Jan Falkowski of Uxbridge, will soon be released.

It contains the experiences of the famous Polish pilot who only last fall returned with his wife to his native country and received a hero's welcome.

He was twice shot down in actual combat and a photo of his escape from his disabled Hurricane fighter is portrayed on the cover.

Orders for autographed copies are now being taken. They will sell for \$5.50. The printing order, now underway, calls for 2,500 copies. The book will be distributed personally by the writer.

All dressed up and ready for class is 11 year old Debbie Foulds, a grade 6 student at St. Mark's Separate School in Stouffville. Many of the girls have acquired their new uniforms and St. Mark's is the first school here to promote this idea. —Staff Photo.

Big Blow Closes Roads

STOUFFVILLE — It's an ill wind that doesn't blow someone some good and for hundreds of happy children, the weekend storm brought a one-day vacation from school.

Poor visibility and heavy drifts kept buses off the back roads on Monday morning, forcing the cancellation of many classes in Markham Twp. Area 2, only Unionville school was open. In the Whitchurch Area, about half were closed. All were shut down in Uxbridge Twp. and even the high school in Uxbridge Town was closed.

In Pickering Twp., Area 1, schools at Atha and Mount Pleasant remained shut for the day. St. Mark's Separate School in Stouffville, was closed since about 80 percent of the children arrive by bus.

Both Markham and Whitchurch police departments received several calls from marooned motorists. All were later freed by tow trucks or snow plows. Whitchurch sent a cruiser out to the Aurora Sideroad when a woman, just released from hospital, required assistance. She was taken to East Gwillimbury and then on to her home in Keswick.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Welch, Ballantrae, has been almost completely closed up by a 20-ft. high snow bank thrown up by the provincial snowplows. Neighbours helped extricate Mrs. Welch on Tuesday so that she could visit a daughter in hospital, and are planning to assist with a loader to clear the snow from the front of the house.

N. H. L. Oldtimers To Play Clippers, Feb. 24

STOUFFVILLE — The N.H.L. 'Oldtimers' will come to town on Thursday, Feb. 24.

It will mark their first appearance on Stouffville ice. They will play the former stars of the Stouffville 'Clippers'. The winner will be the Stouffville Minor Hockey Association who is sponsoring the game. A sell-out crowd is expected.

Stouffville players already contacted include such well-known names as Bert Baker, Don McIntosh, Ronnie Bell, Frank Stephenson, Norm Stundon, George Stark, Chick Webster, Gord Lewis, Polly Minton, Hal Gibson,

Jack Watson, Bud Lehman, Les Clarke, Bob Hassard, Don Haynes, Jake Harman, Joe Lewis, Ross Madill and Glenn Jackson. Referee, Loring Doolittle, still very active as an official, will be assisted by Ted Topping and Ken Laushway.

Although a complete lineup of the ex-professionals has not yet been received, likely members are — John Henderson, Wally Stanowski, Bob Goldham, Ivan Irwin, Ron Hurst, Harry Watson, Cal Gardiner, Sid Smith, Jackie Hamilton, Murray Henderson and Brian Cullen. The team manager is John Lunan of Markham.



Find Bogus Bill

The first \$20 bogus bill to be located in this area, turned up last week at the Bank of Nova Scotia in Markham. The counterfeit and a legitimate bill are held here by teller Linda Woolven, Albert St., Stouffville. Close inspection shows the queen's features to be rather dull on the forgery (top) and green spots on the paper cannot be scraped off. —Staff Photo.

Use Compass To Reach Shore

STOUFFVILLE — It was a rather blustery afternoon here in Stouffville on Sunday but the wind whistling along Main Street was a mere breeze as compared to the storm that swept across Lake Simcoe. Several district residents were ice-fishing off Jackson's Point when the storm struck. One of these was Lloyd Houghton, Hawkridge Ave., Markham and manager of the Stouffville I.G.A. Foodliner.

He, along with his son, Keith, 12 and his companion, Scott Dingwall, Windridge Drive, were among a group of nine who left on Sunday morning. They planned to fish until 4:30 p.m. but by four o'clock, the weather had closed in. The visibility was reduced to zero.

Bonnie Boats Ltd., despatched a snowmobile and aided by Hank Heyink, a fish-hut rental agent, the entire party was guided to shore. A compass was used

to maintain proper direction. Even with this equipment, they reached shore a half-mile from the right location.

In spite of the difficulties encountered, Mr. Houghton never let go of the big fish

he had hauled up through the hole a few hours earlier. He praised the efforts of the guide and the snowmobile operator. He said that on the first trip, it was loaded down with 23 passengers. Ore was a five year old boy.

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Sunday School Association Executive For 1966

Maurice Farquharson (second from left) is the new President of the Markham Twp. Sunday School Association. The 97th annual convention was held last week in Stouffville. Other members of the executive include (left to right) — Lewis Heise, secretary; Ewart Sliver, 1st vice president and Rev. Roscoe Chaplin, treasurer. —Staff Photo.