

# Four Markham Graduates Win Ontario Scholarships

## To Be Honored At Commencement

MARKHAM — Since 1961, Markham District High School has produced 18 Ontario Scholars.

Four of these, all girls, have earned this distinction this year, according to results released by the Principal, Kenneth C. McDonald. They are — Ann Prentice, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Prentice, Albert Street, Markham; Donna Jean Annan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Annan, Ninth Line, Markham, Colleen Jack daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Jack, Alandale Road, Markham and Jane Van Blaricom, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Van Blaricom, Dundas Street, Whitby.

Other students who achieved first class honor standing on seven credits but not the minimum of 80% that is required for an Ontario Scholarship were: Douglas Archibald, Carol Baker, Linda Malne, Carol Page, Bruce Rutherford, Beverly Taylor and Gabriella Ceccarelli.

Forty-seven Markham students will be presented with their Honor Graduation Diplomas at the annual Commencement Exercises in the Fall. This year, 82% of the papers written, were passed.

### HIGHER LEARNING

The majority of the 47 graduates will be entering fields of higher learning in September. The plans of the four Ontario Scholars are as follows: Ann Prentice, 18, will enter training for her R.N. Degree at Toronto Sick Children's Hospital. On seven credits, she attained an average of 84.9 percent. In her two Mathematics subjects, she recorded marks of 92 and 91. She had 81% in each of her English and French and a 79 in both Physics and Chemistry. In addition to her exceptional academic standing, Ann was also an ardent athlete and a member of the school Curling Club. She was in the School Band and on the Year Book staff. She was told of the good news by her father who phoned long distance to the State of Maine where she was enjoying a brief vacation.

Eighteen year old Donna Jean Annan will enter Trent University at Peterboro to major in English and French. On seven credits, she had an average of 84.4 percent. Her top mark was English with a 90%. In Latin, she recorded an 87%. During the summer season, she has been employed as a lifeguard and swimming instructor at the Markham Community Pool. Donna Jean has two sisters, Yvonne (Mrs. John Stackhouse), Valerie (Mrs. Terry Lunau) and two brothers, Nelson and Bruce.

Colleen Jack is the youngest of the Ontario Scholarship winners at only 17. Her average on seven credits was 81.7%. She received a 90% in Latin and an 87 in History. She plans to enter Toronto University

and major in English. Colleen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Jack and one of a family of six. She has one sister, Maureen, a teacher and four brothers, George 22; Billy, 16; Danny, 15 and Tommy, 10. Before coming to Markham two years ago, she lived at Atha in Pickering Township. She loves to sew, collect records and, believe it or not, fish.

Jane Van Blaricom, 19, now of Whitby, has taken two separate courses in two different schools in the past two years. Jane completed her Grade 12 at Pickering and decided to enroll in the senior business course. She graduated with excellent standing in both typing and shorthand but still had a desire to acquire her senior matriculation. She enrolled at Markham and boarded at the home of her brother Paul, on Joseph Street. On seven credits, she had an average of 80.4 percent. Her top mark was 87% in Latin. She had an 81% in French. In September she will attend Toronto Teacher's College. Swimming and playing the piano are two of her favorite past-times. In piano, she has her Grade 2 theory and Grade 8 practical. This summer, she has been employed with The Consumer's Gas Company. Jane has one other brother, Sheridan, a student at York University and a sister, Enid (Mrs. William Schloen) of Brooklin.

**OTHER SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS**  
Other Ontario Scholarship winners at Markham District High School during the past seven years are: Karen Cose (1961); Ian



Jane Van Blaricom, 19, has been awarded an Ontario scholarship with an average on seven credits of 80.4 percent. She will attend Toronto Teachers' College next month. During the summer she has been employed with Consumer's Gas Company. She is an accomplished pianist. —Staff Photo.



Donna Jean Annan, 18, won an Ontario Scholarship with an average of 84.4 percent on seven credits. She will enter Trent University at Peterboro in the Fall. During the summer, she has served as a lifeguard and swimming instructor at the Markham Community Pool. —Staff Photo.



ANN PRENTICE  
84.9 Percent



COLLEEN JACK  
81.7 Percent

### Editor's Mail

## TSA Board's Operation Subject Of Criticism

August 17, 1967

Dear Sir,  
Please allow me to reply to your editorial Whistling In The Wind.

At Monday's School Board meeting, Mr. Fockler asked the purpose of our delegation. I replied "You were elected as a five man board. We would like you to act as a five man board, instead of having each man running off in a different direction spending what-

ever he please. We would also like all business brought before the board." To this, Mr. Smith replied that my "reasoning was very good."

It was disclosed at that meeting that the well at Armitage was not tendered on because of an "emergency" situation which developed on August 29, 1966. Yet Mr. Brillinger later disclosed that the drilling to correct this "emergency" was not attempted until November.

I can't see how the cupboards at Ballantrae could have been classed as an emergency, however badly they were needed. Therefore I think that the project should have been approved by the board before the work was started, not after it was completed. Mr.

Baker admitted that he did not get competitive prices for this work "as it is very difficult to get a carpenter to do any work these days."

Mr. Fockler stated that he was asked about the Jungle Gym for Boggartown School at a teachers' party at Vandorf on April 10th. Despite meetings on April 17th and 24th, this matter was not approved by the board until the bill was presented for payment on May 1st.

We do not question the need to spend the above money or the board's right to do so. We merely wish to see: (i) some degree of co-operation amongst the board members themselves and between the board and ratepayers; (ii) board business conducted in a businesslike manner; (iii)

## Unionville Firm \$619,000 Contract

UNIONVILLE—The Unionville firm of Alm Excavations Limited has been awarded a contract by the

Ontario Water Resources Commission in Sault Ste. Marie valued at \$619,264.26.

The Unionville company will supply and install sewers, sewer services, manholes and other appurtenances. Other contracts in connection with the same project have been awarded to Keystone Contractors Limited of Windsor (\$169,314.17) and to W. A. Stephenson Construction Company Limited of Willowdale for \$31,641.

A small boy was proudly showing off his new baby sister, but his little friend scoffed at her red face. "Well," the brother retorted, "I guess your face would be red, too, if you had come all the way from heaven on a hot day like this."

## THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MARKHAM Notice To Realty Taxpayers

The Council of the Township of Markham has authorized the establishment of a system of municipal and school tax credits and refunds under the provisions of The Municipal and School Tax Credit Assistance Act, 1967 to assist elderly persons. A tax credit equivalent to one-half of the municipal and school taxes may be allowed in respect of a real property, subject to a maximum of \$150.00 if:

- (a) the owner, and/or the husband or the wife of the owner, is 65 years of age or more and occupies the real property as a personal residence;
  - (b) application is made by the taxpayer during the calendar year in which the realty taxes, in respect of which the tax credit is claimed, become due and payable; and
  - (c) the remaining portion of the realty taxes, after the deduction of the tax credit, has been paid.
- Full particulars of the system of tax credits and an application form may be obtained from the office of the municipal treasurer at the Township of Markham municipal offices. Telephone No. 297-1900.
- H. C. T. Crisp,  
Township Clerk,  
Township of Markham.

# Death Car Was Built Like 'A Box' Claims Coroner

## Approved For Economy But Not For Safety

VICTORIA SQUARE — The safety features of small cars were sharply criticized by Coroner Bernard W. Granton at an inquest conducted Thursday into the deaths of four members of one family, on the Don Mills Road, one mile north of here, July 12.

Dr. Granton described the 1966 auto, driven by 18 year old Sharon Lynn Flaherty as a "type of box" that sacrifices safety for economy. In addition to Miss Flaherty, others killed in the crash were her grandmother, a sister, and a brother. Their northbound auto slammed head-on into a loaded sod truck. The hearing dealt specifically with the driver who, according to evidence, veered her car across the broken white line into the southbound lane.

Dr. Granton said that persons riding in such a vehicle were afforded little more protection than if they were riding on a motorcycle. The auto was not equipped with seat belts, front or rear.

"It's not a pleasant sight to see a little girl and boy lying dead on a slab in the morgue," said the coroner, "but none of us really gives a damn. We come here to this inquest and then go out on the road and do exactly the same things. Many appear to have the attitude 'it can't happen to me.' The next time, it may be you." Dr. Granton said that if the Hearing tended to make people more aware of the dangers of driving a car, then it could be said that it accomplished something.

**HAPPY, NORMAL GIRL**  
Mr. Ross Irvin, stepfather of the driver, said that Miss Flaherty was in good health with no apparent mental pressures. He described her as a happy, normal girl. He said that the car had been purchased less than 4 months before the accident and was in excellent mechanical condition.

All victims suffered fractured skulls and severe brain damage. Miss Flaherty suffered a ruptured heart and lacerations to her spleen and liver. Dr. G. S. Guthrie of York Central Hospital, Richmond Hill, said that the injuries were related to accidents where small cars are involved. He said that the absence of seat belts, safety door locks and adequate padding added to the hazard. "A large responsibility for persons' deaths under such circumstances, must be borne by the auto manufacturer." He said that a sample of the driver's blood showed no alcohol content.

**COULDN'T BELIEVE IT**  
Kenneth Tuckey of Don Mills, an eye-witness to the crash, said that he was travelling about 200 yards behind the Flaherty auto. "All of a sudden, the car veered. The truck driver didn't have a chance to do anything. There was no attempt to swerve back. I couldn't believe it." Mr. Tuckey said he couldn't recall seeing the brake lights of the death car go on at any time before the impact. He estimated the vehicle's speed at about 35 miles per hour. He said that about 45 feet would separate the car and truck when the auto crossed the

centre white line. He rejected any suggestion of "suicide." "It wasn't a sharp turn, it was more gradual," he said.

Truck driver, Giuseppe Lipani of Toronto, described his vehicle as a 1960 International dump with a gross weight of 28,000 pounds. He said that it was his first accident in 11 years of driving. "All of a sudden, the car swung into my lane. I put on the brakes and swerved to the right. It all happened so fast, the first thing I knew I was right on top of her." Antonio Palmisano, also of Toronto, a passenger in the truck, said that for an instant, he saw a girl behind the wheel of the car. He said that her head was turned to the right as the

auto came toward them.

### BADLY DAMAGED

Both Sgt. Evan Kelley, the investigating officer of Markham Township police and mechanic, Earl Wideman of Gormley, described the extensive damage caused to the car. Mr. Wideman said that a portion of the steering mechanism was disconnected but he blamed this on the force of impact. He said that the auto was nearly new and appeared to be mechanically sound. He noted that the interior contained no seat belts.

Sgt. Kelley said that the car had been driven only 2,885 miles prior to the accident. He said that Department records showed that Miss Flaherty had passed her test in May, 1966. He said that two of the victims were thrown to the roadway while the driver and the 6 year old girl were pinned in the front seat. He expressed doubt whether rear seat belts would have prevented death under such force of impact but suggested that had the family been riding in a larger car, their chances of survival would have been better. He observed that equipment found in the trunk indicated that the four were en route to a cottage.

### ACCIDENT AREA

The jury, headed by foreman, Jack Rummy, recommended that authorities should look into the cause of accidents in the area of Don Mills Road between 18th and 19th Avenues. It

was later learned that 11 had been killed in that section since 1962. The jury agreed, that for some unknown reason, the driver's attention had been momentarily distracted before the crash and her car had veered directly into the path of the truck. They suggested that seat belts might have prevented rear-seat passengers from being thrown to the road but agreed that their chance of survival in such a small car was unlikely.

In addition to Mr. Rummy, other jury members included Donald Boyd, Percy Bennett, Carl Forrester and Larry Sanderson. Coroner, Dr. Granton was assisted by the Deputy-Chief of Markham Township police, Bob Hood.



Scene of the accident where four members of one family died, July 12. The crash occurred on Don Mills Road in Markham Township. An inquest jury ruled that seat belts might have saved two of the passengers. The small car collided with a loaded sod truck. —Staff Photo.



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