

Fire Razes Home

GORMLEY — The house of a couple married only one and a half years, was destroyed by fire, Friday night, along with all their furniture, clothing and personal effects.

Mr. and Mrs. David Williamson were absent when the blaze broke out. They were contacted by telephone and returned to find the house in flames. They carried no insurance on the contents.

The home, located on the Markham-Whitchurch townline, is owned by Dennis White, Stouffville, R.R. 4. Damage has been estimated at \$10,000.

Mr. and Mrs. Williamson have taken up temporary residence with her mother in Unionville. Mr. Williamson is an employee of the Township of Markham.

Dog Causes Crash

MARKHAM — A dog on Highway No. 7 near concession 9 has been blamed for a single-car accident, Saturday that caused \$1,500 damage and sent the driver to hospital.

Constable Madore of the O.P.P. at Oak Ridge said that Harvey Petty, 19, of Whitevale attempted to miss the animal and lost control. The vehicle veered over an embankment.

Petty suffered lacerations to his face and multiple rib fractures.

Show Of Champions

UNIONVILLE — Twelve champion members of the Unionville Figure Skating Club will present a public exhibition of skating talent in the Unionville Arena, Jan. 6 at 1:30 p.m.

Among those taking part will be the brother and sister team of Susan and Harold Cherr, Debbi Jones and Michael Bradley; Victor Irving and Mary Jane Oke; John McWilliams and Bob Emerson.

The Unionville club will be well represented at the Canadian Championships at Vancouver, Jan. 9 to 14.

The Tribune One Day Late

STOUFFVILLE — So that staff employees may enjoy the holiday at both Christmas and New Year, The Tribune will be published one day later than usual. It will be available on Dec. 29 and Jan. 5. The office will be closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.

Hint At Commercial Expansion, West End

STOUFFVILLE — The Stouffville Committee of Adjustment has received an application from Mr. Ronald Fenson under the firm name of West Barry Gardens, for consent to dispose of property fronting on Main Street West and immediately east of Dick Coffey Motors.

The request was discussed at a meeting of Planning Board Dec. 14.

Although the proposed use of the land, on the former Jim Barry farm, was not revealed, one member said he had heard rumors that a supermarket company was interested in locating there.

It was at this same site that a shopping centre had been proposed several years ago but did not proceed. The land has a front-



Stouffville Main Street Home All Aglow At Christmas Time

It's that season of the year again when homes in the Stouffville area take on an all-new mantle of Christmas colors. One of the most eye-catching houses is at Main and Albert streets, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Burkholder. Others are pictured on page 3.

—Staff Photo

Whitchurch Township

Financial Picture Is Bright

VANDORF — Reeve Ross Farquharson and the retiring members of Whitchurch Township Council received encouraging news from the Clerk, Thomas Kerr, concerning the financial status of the municipality, at the year-end meeting, Dec. 15.

Mr. Kerr said that since 1965, the residential rate in Whitchurch had increased by only one and one-half mills. He noted that in the Township of King, the increase had been 5.6 mills over the same period.

Mr. Kerr said too, that the per capita debt in Whitchurch was only \$105.75. Comparable figures in adjacent municipalities are: King Township, \$122.68; Town of Aurora, \$132.48; and Markham Township, \$176.41.

The Clerk noted that in 1967, the County levy had been prepaid for the first time; bank borrowing had been reduced and tax collections and tax arrears showed considerable improvement.

William Hodgson, newly-elected M.P.P. in York North commended Mr. Farquharson for the leadership he had provided in Council. He said, too, that his assistance would be missed at the County level. He presented the Reeve

with an engraved plaque. Mr. Hodgson also presented the Whitchurch Community Centre Board with a cheque for \$5,000 on behalf of the Federation of Agriculture. The donation was received by Mrs. Russell Ellis. She, in turn, handed the cheque to the Clerk. The money will be used for the new Recreation Centre near Ballantrae.

The inaugural meeting of the 1968-69 Council will be held, Jan. 3.

Grim Accident Toll

BUTTONVILLE — Traffic deaths in Markham Township during 1967 reached a record fifteen, Saturday, following a single-car crash on John Street west of Bayview Avenue.

Killed was Mrs. Maude O'Brien, 66, of Markham Road, Richmond Hill. She was the driver of a west-bound auto that skidded out of control on an icy stretch of pavement and plunged into a branch of the Don River. An inquest will likely be held.

Pastor Accepts Call

STOUFFVILLE — Rev. David Benson, who relinquished his ministry at the Bloomington Associated Church, Sept. 17, has accepted a unanimous call to the Westside Bible Church in Thorold.

The former pastor there was killed in a train accident four months ago.

Rev. Benson will commence his ministry at Thorold, Dec. 24. Mr. and Mrs. Benson expect to move from Stouffville early in the new year.

Nylon Quilt

ALTONA — Three hundred pairs of nylon stockings have been used by Mr. Arthur Clarkson of Altona in the making of a quilt, the only known one of its kind in Canada.

It took two months to complete.

The quilt, hemmed with gold satin, and backed with flannel, measures 7 feet by 5 feet. Its value has been placed at \$100. "It would keep you warm in a snowbank," said Mr. Clarkson.

On Safety Panel



Chief Fred Mason

The Ontario Dept. of Transport is holding a three-day Safety Workshop at the Inn On The Park, Toronto. Discussions on accident prevention will be held Jan. 4, 5 and 6. One of the panel members will be Police Chief Fred Mason, Twp. of Whitchurch.

CAMERA STOLEN

MARKHAM — A camera, valued at \$185, was stolen from the Markham Photo Centre. The theft is under investigation by village police.

O.M.B. Orders Cutback In Pickering Twp. Homes

Allow School Addition

PICKERING — The Ontario Municipal Board has issued a restriction order in the number of residential building permits that can be issued in the Township of Pickering during 1968 and perhaps longer.

The O.M.B., under the direction of Mr. J. A. Kennedy has ruled that no more than 100 homes will be allowed next year. The situation will then be reviewed to see if the tax ratio between industrial and residential assessment has improved.

The meeting with the Board was arranged by the Clerk, Douglas J. Plitz and held in Toronto. In attendance was the reeve-elect, John Williams; the deputy-reeve elect, Ronald Chatten; Ward 2 councillor, Donald Beer; two members of the Dunbarton High School Board and the Administrator; the township treasurer and Mr. Plitz.

Cost Forecast Reduced

A discussion over Pickering's financial quandary was found necessary when the O.M.B. forced the Council to reduce its 1967 capital cost forecast that included a 32-room addition to the Dunbarton High School, costing close to three million dollars. The Board has now agreed to the hiring of an architect and the letting of tenders on the project. Mr. Williams told The Tribune that he now feels confident that the work will proceed. "Mr. Kennedy knows the situation in Pickering. If the Council is willing to listen, then the O.M.B. is willing to co-operate." He said that as reeve in 1968-69, he intended to co-operate in every way.

Mr. Plitz said that the reduction order on housing was not new. He said that several other municipalities had been required to do the same and the program had proved successful.

Mr. Williams said that rumors were rampant that Pickering was in serious financial trouble. "Rather than bankrupt," he said, "we're now on the road to recovery."

Suspensions Lifted

BUTTONVILLE — Two Markham Township employees, suspended earlier this month for airing their discontent to the press before discussing their problems with Council, were re-instated Dec. 13.

The return to work of Douglas Curr and Henry Mann was recommended

by Engineer Dusan Miklas, head of their department. Councillor Anthony Roman questioned whether there had been further suspensions. It was revealed that there had been two. A member admitted that two Road Department men had been suspended for drinking on the job.

Truck Driver Killed

CLAREMONT — A 28 year old Oshawa man was killed Friday on the Brock Road, north of Claremont, when his southbound truck, loaded with asphalt overturned, pinning the driver in the cab.

Robert Moss Hill, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Moore, Boyer Street, Stouffville, husband of Anne and father of Scott, three and one-half, was hauling a load of materials for the Miller Paving Company. Police said that the vehicle apparently hit an icy patch and went out of control. Claremont firemen were called to the scene to stand by in case

of fire since the area was soaked with gasoline. Service was conducted Monday from the Ross Funeral Chapel, Port Hope with interment St. John's Anglican Cemetery.

Impaired

STOUFFVILLE — An impaired driving charge has been laid by Stouffville police against William White, Main Street East, following a two-car accident, Saturday night. Injured in the collision was a Ronald Paterson, Claremont, R.R. 1.

Total damage to both vehicles has been estimated at \$800.



"I'm Glad You're Here"

Christmas concerts are regaining their popularity in most communities and at Claremont, Saturday, a variety show attracted a standing-room audience. On hand with a few words of welcome was 7-year-old Lori Redshaw, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Redshaw, Claremont.

—Staff Photo

Seven-Year-Old Boy Succumbs To Illness

STOUFFVILLE — A seven year old Stouffville boy enjoyed the last few hours of his life at a Kinsmen-sponsored children's party in Christ Anglican Church, Sunday afternoon.

Douglas Foley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Foley, Fairview Avenue, passed away on Sunday evening.

The little lad was an exceptionally bright boy and would have entered Grade 2 at Orchard Park School in September. A few days before the start of the term, his parents took him for a medical checkup. It was then that they learned he had an incurable disease. Prior to that time, he showed no signs of any illness.

During the short time that he attended, Douglas enjoyed school and was considered a leader in his class. He headed up a junior band. He attended Sunday School at the Stouffville United Church.

Douglas lapsed into a coma at 8:40 p.m., Sunday night and Stouffville police and firemen were called. Inhalator treatment

was applied by brigade members, George Wilson, Jim Rennie and Fred Castle without success.

Surviving, besides his parents, is one sister, Debrah, 8.



Kenneth H. Wagg, Church Street, Stouffville is the new Master of Richardson Masonic Lodge. He was installed to office by his uncle, Bob Snowball, a Past Master.

Escape A Miracle

Car Plunges 60 Ft. To Ice-Covered Pond

STOUFFVILLE — An Uxbridge Township woman was freed from the wreckage of her 1964 model car after it veered out of control for a distance of 490 feet and plunged 60 feet into an ice-covered pond.

Mrs. Hilda May Powell, 54, R.R. 1, Uxbridge, was admitted to York County Hospital, Newmarket. Although her escape from death was described as "a miracle," her injuries were not considered serious.

The accident occurred on County Road 15, north

of Island Lake. The south-bound auto swerved between two guard posts and down the steep embankment. It skidded across the pond and struck a tree, driving it backward onto the ice. When rescued, there was four inches of water in the car.

Two boys were following the Powell auto and were on the scene in minutes. They remained with the driver until police arrived; from Whitchurch, Constable Douglas Murray conducted the investigation.



A Collie Pup - What A Gift For Some Lucky Boy, December 25

What more would any boy want to find in his stocking on Christmas morning than a roly-poly collie pup. Sixteen-year-old Janet Davies of Cedar Beach, Musselman's Lake has a few left but is now finding the demand is greater than the supply.

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