

Gift To Senior Citizens

MARKHAM — To all children, Santa Claus is a very real and generous friend. At Markham, this friendship was extended to include a number of the town's senior citizens. The gift, a cheque for \$150 was donated by the employees of Cheseborough-Pond's Limited to the elderly folk at Markham Rest Home on Main Street. The money was used to purchase a 19 inch black and white portable television set.

The cheque was received at Markham, Dec. 21. The TV was delivered on Saturday.

"We were to use the money for any worthwhile purpose," said a member of the staff, "our old television was on its last legs. The gift couldn't have come at a better time. The residents here were able to watch all the wonderful Christmas programs."

Pills Lost

STOUFFVILLE — A vial containing 30 sleeping pills, may have been lost on Main Street in Stouffville and police have issued a warning to all school-aged children of their danger if consumed. Physicians have also been notified.

A customer purchased the barbiturates here last week but when he reached home, they were missing. The druggist, from whom the pills were obtained, admitted to their potency, and said police were wise in taking every precaution.

Turkey Takes Flight

MARKHAM — Constable George Anderson of Markham Township is conducting a private investigation into a case of "theft."

Although the matter can hardly be considered as private, it certainly is personal. You see, someone "stole" his Christmas turkey.

P.C. Anderson left the bird on the front porch of his home at 326 Main North in Markham. When he returned, minutes later, it was gone, leaving nary a pin feather as evidence.

"Perhaps his need was greater than mine," said officer Anderson, good naturedly, as he pried open a can of bacon and beans.

From Australia

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Hassell and son, Antony of Sydney, Australia, were surprise visitors at the homes of their parents on Christmas Day. Mrs. Hassell is the former Joyce DeWitt of Stouffville.

In Night Attire

Couple Flee Burning Home

STOUFFVILLE — An elderly Whitchurch Township couple was forced to flee from their burning home, early Tuesday morning, when fire broke out in the basement of the brick bungalow.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Patterson, clad only in their night attire and barefoot, fled into ankle-deep snow and near-zero temperatures. Before leaving the house, Mrs. Patterson had only enough time to call the long-distance operator and give the location of the blaze, one mile north of Ringwood. Stouffville firemen answered the alarm.

Mrs. Patterson said that she awoke just before 6 a.m. and smelled smoke. She said that the upstairs floor was already quite hot. She called her husband. "Luckily, he heard



Two Performances Of Children's Show, Saturday

The Stouffville Players' Christmas pantomime "Marvello and the Magic That," will be featured at three performances this week, Thursday and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m. and Saturday afternoon at two o'clock in the auditorium of Stouffville District Secondary School. The part of "Spangle" the colorful clown is played by Frank Barker, Fairview Avenue.

—Staff Photo

Crash In Fog

STOUFFVILLE — The worst driving conditions of the winter plagued motorists Dec. 18, when dense fog reduced visibility to less than ten feet.

There were many accidents in the area caused by the weather including one serious collision on Highway 47, north of Stouffville. Injured were both drivers, Leslie Bennett, 71, of Lindsay and Joseph Kerman, 47, of Toronto.

Mr. Bennett suffered injury to his face. Mr. Kerman suffered a fractured arm. The cars hit head-on. The accident was investigated by Constable Ray Buckland, Ontario Provincial Police, Oak Ridges.

Aided Injured

Police Praise Teen Girl

STOUFFVILLE — Whitchurch Township police have praised the first aid assistance rendered by a grade 13 student of Stouffville District Secondary School at the scene of a bus-car crash Friday, that took the life of one young man and seriously injured two others.

Sgt. Fred Crawford said that when the first officer arrived, he found a teenage girl applying pressure bandages to the heads of the victims, assisted by two boys.

"I saw the car coming and I knew we were going to crash," Susan told The Tribune. She said that the bus driver, Donald Hunter, made every effort to avoid the auto and still miss a hydro pole on one corner of the intersection.

As a member of the Stouffville Rangers, Susan completed her St. John Ambulance course and passed the tests provided

by deputy police chief Robert Hood of Markham Township. "Actually, I've never done more than remove a splinter," she admitted modestly, "but it gave me a feeling of self confidence."

She said that there was no panic among the thirteen passengers on the bus and most remained on board until another arrived to take them home.



Susan Sherwood

The identity of the students was later learned to be Susan Sherwood of Dickson's Hill, Thomas Samolczyk and Geoffrey Prescott, both of Whitchurch.

Charles Dorion, 20, of Vivian, the driver of the car, died later in hospital. His brother, John David, 17, of Stouffville remains in critical condition while a companion, Robert Benstead, also 17, of Ballantree, is reported to be out of danger.

"She showed absolutely no thought of herself. She had used her own coat to comfort one of the injured and was blue with cold. She deserves a lot of credit," said Sgt. Crawford. Constable Heppell loaned her his jacket until ambulances arrived.

Overseas Trip For Markham Student



Thirteen year old Susan Neely, Sherwood Forest Drive, Markham, has won an expense-paid trip for two to Great Britain. Her entry in the Telegram's After Four Essay contest, was judged best of all received. Susan will be accompanied by her mother.

Writes Prize Essay

MARKHAM — As a pupil in Grade 8 at Franklin Public School, Susan Neely, Sherwood Forest Drive, won awards in oratory. Now thirteen and in Grade 9, Susan has turned her talents to writing. It has won her an even more enviable prize — an expense-paid trip via BOAC to the British Isles. Her travelling companion will be her mother, Mrs. Lois Neely.

Last fall, the After Four section of The Telegram sponsored an essay contest. The subject, in 50 words or less was, "Why I'd like to vacation in Britain." Susan submitted an entry. Out of the hundreds received, Susan's was judged the best.

The Neely family enjoy travelling but for Susan and her mother, it will be their very first trip overseas. They will leave Malton some time during the summer vacation period. Although still six months away, both are already very excited about it all. And no wonder.

Christmas Marred By Tragedy Fires, Accidents On Weekend

Driver Killed

STOUFFVILLE — The Christmas holiday weekend was a time of tragedy for several families in the Stouffville area, resulting in two serious fires and many accidents.

The most serious crash occurred at the intersection of conc. 6, Whitchurch and the Vandorf Road, Friday afternoon. A northbound bus from Stouffville District Secondary School was in collision with a westbound car. The driver of the auto was killed and two passengers seriously injured. None of the thirteen students on the bus was hurt.

Service was held Tuesday afternoon from the O'Neill Funeral Home, Stouffville for Charles Dorion 20, of Vivian, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Dorion, Main Street West. He died in hospital, several hours after the accident. His brother, John David, 17, of Stouffville, remains in critical condition. A companion, Robert Benstead, also 17, of Ballantree was less seriously injured.

Married, and the father of a nine-month old baby girl, the deceased had been employed as a mill operator at Consolidated Sand and Gravel. It is believed he was on his way to the plant when the accident occurred. Other members of the family include a brother, Ted in Toronto and a half-brother, George Dorion of Pickering.

Rev. Alan Borland of Stouffville United conducted the service at 2 p.m. with interment, Stouffville Cemetery.



Leading Lady

A two-night presentation of "The Sound of Music" by students of St. Mark's School, Stouffville, was well attended. The leading lady in the production was 13 year old Debbie Hunt of Grade 8.

Stamp Sales Soar

STOUFFVILLE — The practice of sending Christmas cards to family friends and relatives is an age-old custom and, according to stamp sales in Stouffville, there is no indication that it is going out of style. In fact, the practice here, appears to be gaining in popularity.

Postmaster Jack Sanders reported this week that sales of three cent stamps reached a record 142,500, a seasonal increase of 7,000.

At the Stouffville office a "peak day" never really arrived but instead was spread over a longer period.

To cope with the distribution of cards and parcels, six additional employees were required including Mrs. Muriel Tunney, Mrs. Mary Geertsma, Mrs. Erla Malloy, Sharon Lintner, John Grimas and Allan Zeller.

Stray Parcel

STOUFFVILLE — The Stouffville Post Office has a "Christmas parcel in the found" department that carries no address. Its only identification is contained in the two names "To Ada from Tena."

The sender may claim the article from the Postmaster, Jack Sanders.

Cottage Destroyed

MUSSELMAN'S LAKE — For Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Forshaw and son Tommy, S. of Musselman's Lake, the future looked pretty bleak, Saturday afternoon, when they returned to their rented cottage, to find the interior and all its contents destroyed by fire. With no home and no insurance, they hardly knew which way to turn. But the word of their loss soon spread. The family soon learned the true meaning of the Christmas spirit.

Mr. and Mrs. Kim Rogers and Mr. and Mrs. Vern Davies sponsored a lucky draw among 200 dance patrons at Cedar Beach and raised \$155. Whitchurch police accepted calls from dozens of people with offers of toys and clothing. Radio station CHUM broadcast an appeal and donors responded by the hundreds. Neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pascoe opened their home to the family on Christmas Day and Michael Colford of Oak Ridges offered them a fully-furnished cottage until they had time to find a more permanent residence. Service clubs in the area also came to the couple's aid.

Contacted Sunday by The Tribune, Tom and Brenda were at a loss for words to express their appreciation. Natives of Liverpool, England, they came to the Lake 1 1/2 years ago. They were not home when the fire broke out. Only recently, they had re-decorated the cottage and purchased new furniture. "It was an awful shock," Mr. Forshaw said, "but it could have been worse. The fire might have started while we were asleep." The cause of the blaze was not immediately known.

Canada Medal

STOUFFVILLE — The Council of the Village of Stouffville has been requested by the Secretary of the Cabinet, to recommend the name of a local citizen who, over the years has contributed to the benefit of the community.

The individual selected will be eligible for a Canada Medal. Members will consider the request when council reconvenes in 1968.

Mr. James Coates

Dedicated Member Of Baptist Church

CLAREMONT — Mrs. James Coates, the former Ethel May Tindall, passed away at the Claremont Villa Dec. 24. She was born at conc. 3, Uxbridge, in 1883, the daughter of William H. Tindall and Isabella E. Wallace.



Mrs. Jim Coates

In 1911 she married J. H. Coates. Mr. and Mrs. Coates farmed for thirty-nine years on the townline in Pickering Township. It was during this time that she kept spacious lawns surrounded by beautiful flowers and shrubs.

Favor Survey

On Al amalgamation Of Police Forces

STOUFFVILLE — Stouffville Council of 1967 has endorsed a resolution in favor of a survey within the Southern Six municipalities, to learn the benefits, if any, of amalgamating the police forces into one functional department.

The recommendation, approved by the Police Commission of the Township of Markham, would confine the study to Richmond Hill, Markham Village, Stouffville, Woodbridge, Vaughan and Markham Townships. The main object of the survey would be to learn if, by combining the forces, a cost reduction in overall operations could result. At the present time, each of these towns and townships has its own police department and, although they work closely together the cost is borne by the municipalities separately.

While not voicing any objection to the Markham resolution, deputy-revee Bill Parsons suggested that the survey should include all and not just part of the County, similar to the proposals on education.

Praise For Police

VANDORF — The efficiency of the Whitchurch Township police department was noted by Reeve Ross Farquharson at council's year-end meeting with all members present.

Addressing the chief, Fred Mason, Mr. Farquharson said that he had shown the council excellent co-operation during 1967 and he was sure that it would continue. He suggested that the entire force deserved the respect of every citizen.

Chief Mason said that the same kind of co-operation had always been shown to him. He noted that the morale of personnel within the force was high.

A new police agreement will be dealt with by the council of 1968. The present contract expires Dec. 31.

Jr. Hockey

Haliburton Here New Year's Day

STOUFFVILLE — The largest hockey crowd of the season is expected for the Junior game on New Year's Day, Jan. 1. Haliburton will be the visitors. Game time is 2 p.m.

This contest, an annual sports feature here, attracted more than 500 fans to the arena last year.

Between the second and third periods, a draw will be made and some lucky ticket-holder will win a 12-h.p. Cadet snowmobile, valued at over \$800.