

Once in a blue Moon

GOODWOOD — Complimentary correspondence in connection with road departments is something seldom received. There has to be a first, however, and the unexpected recipient of this pat on the back is Road Superintendent, Stan Slack and his men of Uxbridge.

The letter, from Dr. W. R. Wees, R.R. 3, Stouffville, expressed his personal appreciation of the way employees had handled the problem of snow removal, especially on the second concession.

Deputy-Reeve Robert Nesbitt said that it was the first time he could ever recall any ratepayer expressing his thanks in such a personal manner. It was suggested that Mr. Slack should have the letter placed in a frame and preserved for posterity.

Shoot stray dogs

GOODWOOD — With full knowledge of incurring the wrath of all dog-lovers, Uxbridge Township Deputy-Reeve, Robert Nesbitt has recommended that all stray dogs caught running at large within the municipality be shot.

Speaking at a meeting of council, deputy-reeve Nesbitt charged that in total numbers there were just too many dogs in the township. He said some families kept as many as three. "In many cases there's no one at home to look after them so they just run wild. I say that all such strays should be caught and shot."

Other members failed to act on his recommendation.

Phone service forum

STOUFFVILLE — Whitchurch Stouffville Progressive Conservative Association is holding a public forum in connection with the current survey being conducted by the Bell Telephone Co. in this area. The survey is to determine the extent of the demand for an enlarged free-calling zone, having particular attention to Toronto.

The meeting to which the general public is urged to attend, will be held this Thursday evening at 8 p.m. in the Stouffville Dist. High School.

Representatives of the Bell Co. have been invited to attend for purposes of information. Up until now they have shown reluctance to discuss the matter publicly.

Development

UNIONVILLE — A commercial development to include 14 stores and apartments has been proposed for lands west of the Sciberras Road on Hwy. No. 7, Unionville. Forum Investments Limited were represented by E. S. Wolfson, O.C. at Markham Twp. Council.

Driver killed

Dayliner crashes truck

CLAREMONT — A young Claremont mother watched her husband drive his half-ton truck out the farm lane, Monday as he did every morning on the way to work in Stouffville. She saw the brake lights flash and a split-second later the vehicle was sliced in two by a Toronto-bound C.P.R. dayliner. James Pickering, 28, although alive when his wife reached him was pronounced dead at the scene thirty minutes later. He was thrown a distance of 170 feet by the impact and wreckage of the truck was scattered 300 feet fur-



A colt of her, very own

Pretty 17 year old Marlene Story of Bloomington has reason to smile. Her very own horse "Velvet" recently became a mother for a first time. The lively little guy is only a few days old but still quite a handful. —Staff Photo

Markham U. M. Church

Will build Christian education centre

MARKHAM — It is surely a good sign when attendance at church and Sunday School exceeds the accommodation available. This problem, if it can be termed such, has been evident in recent years within the United Missionary congregations at Altona, Stouffville, Gormley, Dickson's Hill and Markham. All have completed or are in the process of undertaking sizeable expansion projects.

The most recent to be announced is at Markham where a new \$25,000 Christian Centre is planned at the rear of the present property on Main Street North. The congregation gave the program its approval at a meeting Feb. 7 and work on the extension will begin very soon.

The structure will measure 30' by 40' with a large auditorium for youth work on the ground floor and accommodation for Sunday School classes in the basement.

The building committee includes Clarence McDowell, Samuel Stadelbauer, Bill Warnock, Garfield Bennett, Denton Brown and the pastor, Rev. Grant Sloss.

Re-open Goodwood port

GOODWOOD — Edward Lanigan, R.R.3, Uxbridge, has requested approval of the township council in his bid to re-open the airport at Goodwood.

Mr. Lanigan told the members that their support would assist him in obtaining the charter he requires to operate. He said that he had rented the property and was in the process of renovating the buildings and improving the runways. He has 14 aircraft and hopes to operate a flying instruction course.

"What I need is evidence of public interest," he said. The council assured him that they would be pleased to see the airport in operation again. The Clerk was requested to check to see what bylaws were in effect covering this kind of business.

Hospital

Mr. Wilmer Ham, Main Street, is presently confined to York County Hospital at Newmarket after suffering a heart attack.

Color guard No. 1

STOUFFVILLE — There were tears in the eyes of Stouffville's 12-member color guard corps, as their captain, Lois Farthing lined up to receive the award.

They were tears of joy. The Stouffville entry placed first in an extremely tough competition at Michael Power High School in Toronto, defeating several of the best in the Province.

Stouffville received 91.6 points, 2.8 points ahead of runner-up Michael Power. The Optimists placed third; DeLaSalle, fourth and the Kinsmen, fifth.

On Sunday, the guard is entered in still another competition, this time at Hamilton.

New half million dollar school for Whitchurch

Abandon Sr. school plan

BALLANTRAE — A new Senior School proposal for Whitchurch Township has been abandoned and in its place the Board will erect a fully graded school. The school to be built at the 5th concession and the Bloomington Road, will contain 12 class rooms and have a total area of 34,000 square feet which will include other service rooms and a library. The estimated cost of the project is approximately one and one-half million dollars.

This is a departure by the 1968 Board from the plans adopted in 1967 to build a senior school. Plans for the new building are presently being prepared and it is hoped to have the school ready for next fall.

Committee Appointment

As part of the provincial plan to replace present school boards with one hundred regional boards, the Whitchurch area trustees have named Michael Ogden as representative on the Consultative Committee which will function during the transitional period.

To Sell Property

Valuators have submitted figures to the board for the property purchased in 1967 at the 7th concession and the Vandorf Side Road and members have agreed that this original school site should be advertised for sale. Since purchasing this property last year the Board has installed a thousand dollar drilled well.

Truck halts trains

VANDORF — Sergeant Fred Crawford of Whitchurch Township police and truck driver, Keith Heathington of Oakville, spent a few anxious moments in the Vandorf station as the officer attempted to halt all trains on the local C.N.R. line.

The instructions were telephoned to a despatcher in Toronto after a tractor-trailer, carrying a heavy load of lumber, became stuck across the tracks on Slater's Road, east of Don Mills.

Sgt. Crawford was told

that not one, but two trains were headed in that direction, one from the north and another from the south. The despatcher said he would wire ahead and attempt to hold up both units. Fortunately for all concerned, he was successful. A northbound freight was stopped at Gormley and another travelling to Toronto, was stopped at Pine Orchard. It took workmen and two truck crews almost an hour to free the truck from its precarious position.

Olympic stars at ice carnival

STOUFFVILLE — Olympic skating stars Anna Forder and Richard Stephens will headline the Springtime Ice Revue in the Stouffville Arena Mar. 22 and 23. The couple, both residents of Port Perry are currently entered in competition at Grenoble, France.

Plans for the show were discussed at a meeting of the Stouffville club executive, Feb. 1.

The program will be centered around two separate themes; "Sleeping Beauty" and "The World of Sport."

Two hundred members including many children, will participate in the show.

Bermuda holiday

Rev. Douglas Davis is enjoying a holiday in Bermuda. He plans to be away for ten days.

Offices nearly completed

BUTTONVILLE — Work on the Markham Township municipal building at Buttonville is almost completed, but it is still not known when the staff can move back from their temporary quarters at Thornhill.

No date has been set for an official opening.

A motion by deputy-reeve Sidney Gadsby and supported by councillor Charles Hoover that "no smoking" be allowed in the new council chambers, was deferred for one week.



Receives medal award

Elwood Foskett of Goodwood, the Clerk of Uxbridge Township, has been honored by his council through the presentation of a Centennial Medal. Reeve Alvin Redshaw, in presenting the award said that in his opinion Mr. Foskett was the finest Clerk not only in the County of Ontario but the entire province. He has held the position for the past nine years as well as several other offices in the municipality. —Staff Photo

Inquest hearing

Driver cleared in girl's death

CLAREMONT — A Claremont district motorist has been cleared of all blame in connection with a fatal accident Dec. 8 that killed a 16 year old girl as she walked along conc. 9, Pickering, with her mother.

The inquest hearing was held at Whitby.

Constable Angus Way of the O.P.P. said that he arrived at the accident scene shortly after 5 p.m. and found the victim, later identified as Helen Detering, lying on the south shoulder of the highway. He said that she appeared to be dead. The death car, owned and driven by Ross Heron, Claremont, R.R. 2 was parked nearby, the officer said. He described its mechanical condition as good although the left high headlight was out.

Mr. Heron said he was

travelling east at about 45 miles per hour and failed to see the victim until he was too close to avoid hitting her. He said that on impact, she was thrown up on the hood, then fell off to the right. The motorist said that the girl was walking on the pavement with her back to the traffic. This evidence was supported by David Whittington, 20, who said he had seen her earlier.

Mrs. Krista Hilge, operator of the Claremont Nursing Home where the victim and her mother

were employed, said that she almost hit the pair herself. She said she offered them a ride but they refused.

Crown Attorney Edward Howell stated that the clothing worn by the girl was dark in color and not easily seen. They ruled that the pedestrians, and not the motorist, were totally at fault.

Boy scout

Receives high award

CLAREMONT — A Claremont Boy Scout has been cited for actions becoming a member of that world-wide organization and will receive the Medal of Meritorious Conduct from the Governor General of Canada.

Haig DeRusha, 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. George DeRusha, has been selected by the Award Committee of the Boy Scouts of Canada to receive this award in appreciation of his actions following a serious accident in Stouffville, July 22.

It was on that date last summer in the Stouffville Park, that a 6 year old boy fell from the top of a rotary slide, striking his head on the cement base below. Haig went to the lad's aid and carried him more than six blocks to the Stouffville Medical Centre. From there, he was rushed by police cruiser to hospital and although still unconscious on his arrival, he made an excellent recovery. When Stouffville Council learned of the incident, a letter of commendation was sent by the Clerk to his parents and his Scoutmaster.

On Monday night, Haig, a grade 8 student at Claremont Public School was honored by District Commissioner Cor Heikamp and presented with a red distinguished service ribbon. Other members of the Claremont Troop attended the ceremony.

The presentation by the Governor General will follow, either in Ottawa or Toronto.



The scattered remains of a pickup truck lie to one side of the C.P.R. tracks west of Claremont, following a tragic accident that took the life of the driver. Jim Pickering, 28, was pronounced dead at the scene. His truck was struck by a Toronto-bound dayliner at a level crossing on a private road entrance to the Pickering farm. —Staff Photo

Finish dam in June

STOUFFVILLE — The flood control dam being built on the north side of town by Metro and Region Conservation Authority is now scheduled to be completed by June according to a conservation authority spokesman, Mr. Wm. McLean. Speaking at the regular meeting of the Lions Club, he said that circumstances beyond the contractor's control had delayed the completion.

The new dam, one of a number built throughout the Metro area will control the flow of water in the stream which passes through the centre of town. Not only will it eliminate the possibility of flooding but will also control the flow of water in dry times to cut down on pollution.

The speaker said that the small lake created by the dam would cover 12 acres. It would not immediately become a recreation centre pending further town development and better road access. Fishing would be a feature.

Mr. McLean was speaking on the occasion of the club's annual civic night and members of the municipal council, the public school board and public utilities commission were guests.

First class scouts

CLAREMONT — Four members of the Claremont Boy Scout Troop have been honored on their successful completion of all tests necessary for a first class badge.

Allan Loyst, Gerald Cook, Robert Roszell and Glenn Hammond received their badges from District Commissioner, Cor Heikamp, at a meeting in the Claremont Community Hall.

The boys are now eligible for their Queen Scout Awards which will take place this summer.

The Claremont Scoutmaster is Donald Sanderson, Ashburn, R.R.1.