



Wins scholarship

Eighteen year old Margaret Birckett, a graduate of Stouffville Dist. Secondary School and a first year student at Waterloo Lutheran University, has been awarded a \$1,600 faculty scholarship. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Birckett, Church Street.

Minister's daughter killed in crash

An 18 year old former Pickering girl was killed, Nov. 16, after the car, in which she was passenger, went out of control on a County Road near Picton and slammed into a tree. Barbara Ann Buttars, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Melville Buttars, was a Grade 11 student of Central Collegiate, Oshawa. Her father is the pastor of Albert Street United Church and previously the minister at Pickering United Church where Barbara attended both public and high school. She was extremely active in sports and young peoples work.

The deceased had been accompanied in the car by Lana Lyons, 19 and the driver, Robert Evans, 18, both of the Picton area. Although seriously injured, they are expected to recover. The three were en route to Belleville where Barbara planned to catch a train back to Oshawa. The force of the impact broke the car in half. Besides her parents, there are two brothers, John of Kingston and Ian at home. Dr. H. A. Mellow and Rev. R. C. White conducted the funeral service from Albert Street United Church, Nov. 18 at 2 p.m. with interment in Cold Springs Cemetery, Cobourg. Many of Barbara's church and school friends

Honor newlyweds

By Isobel Nigh
MELVILLE — Friends and neighbors in the community honored two young men and their brides at a recent gathering in the basement of Melville United Church. Mr. and Mrs. Glen Brown (Dona Orser) and Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Miller (Lorna MacWilliams) were both presented with Lazy-boy chairs.

Two former residents, Mrs. Jules Vanderham (Linda McCleverty) and Mrs. Ray Moss (Pat Patterson) are patients in Scarboro Hospital.

Choir practice for Christmas music resumes Thursday evening (tonight) at Melville Church under the leadership of Mr. George McCleverty and organist, Betty Gayman. All interested participants are welcome.

We are pleased to report that Mrs. Garnet Francey and Mr. Wilbur Watt are now home from hospital. Mr. Ed Nigh, also in ill health for a time, is out again.

Mr. Frank Brown is still undergoing treatment in the Arthritic and Orthopaedic wing of the Toronto Wellesley Hospital. He would be pleased to see any visitors.

The regular meeting of the Melville U.C.W. was held Nov. 17 at the home of Mrs. George Sale. The program was in charge of Mrs. Cliff Burkholder. Mrs. F. Haerman was guest soloist.

paid their respects. The floral tributes were beautiful.

Arson suspected

JACKSON POINT—The former Lakeview House Hotel, built by the late W. B. Sanders of Stouffville more than seventy-five years ago, was destroyed by fire last week. The hotel was patronized by great numbers of American summer tourists and a haven familiar to many Stouffville people. More than a hundred Stouffville girls found employment, there over the years.

The Lakview House was purchased last spring by nursing home firm and was being converted to this use when it was burned.

There is some suspicion of arson and the damage is estimated in excess of \$100,000.

Council's opposition — a watchful electorate

By Charlie Sideroad

UXBRIDGE TWP. — If predicting the outcome of the Uxbridge Township election is out of the question this year, it's a refreshing change to admit it. The only reservation you might have about the upsurge of political activity in the township is that Canadians in general are obsessed by losers. Listening to losers is almost a national pastime. Prime Ministers are harassed by their loser opponents in a way that taints the wine of legislation with the essence of sour grapes. We tolerate a defeated leader long after other nations turn away, to the point of providing vacated seats in a safe riding where they may regain the power which their own constituents deny them. Having succeeded in ridding the country of this or that windbag (and Canadian history bulges with them), voters are put in their place by a more docile sector of the electorate which obediently restores the leader's misplaced mantle of office.

It's a way of telling voters that they don't know any more about politics than they know about relativity, and it comprises a moth-eaten loophole in our democratic straightjacket which dilutes our individual franchise to something less than the theorists would have us believe it's really worth.

With such a tradition imposed on our electoral habits, voters may easily approach the election of a municipal council with the same resigned feeling of futility nagging subconsciously just below the surface, even though the principle doesn't apply in municipal politics. Fortunately at this level, defeated candidates sink out of sight. Opposition to an elected council exists only in a watchful electorate and a critical press.

At least one of the candidates in Uxbridge has promised to keep us more fully informed on the activities of Council. This is a welcome sign of fresh thinking among those running for election. Local newspaper coverage has increased as township affairs offered more readable news and 1970 can only prove to be even more exciting.

The Right Honorable D'Arcy McKeough, Minister of Municipal Affairs sounded the death knell for any hopes of continued isolation in the area when he complained that Century City, at a population of one hundred and fifty thousand, is not a big enough development. The new council, none of whom is experienced in town planning should be willing to settle for Century City's less awesome first phase of 32,000 residents. Even this size of town will provide council with a hefty work load for the coming year, possibly even too

much for them to handle alone. Candidate Earl Dowswell's suggestion that council should hire a qualified planning consultant seems appropriate, if only they could find a man with the integrity of a Jesuit martyr and the perseverance of a Cuban patriot!

Once a consultant is found, council would be in a secure position to judge the merit of each aspect of this huge development as it is presented, and their energies could be devoted to making humanitarian evaluations of translated data rather than attempting to interpret technical jargon and complicated diagrams fresh off the drawing board.

If Mr. Dowswell and the others who deserve to be elected succeed with this scheme, Century City might just possibly bring into blossom (at least in window box scale), some of the abundant garden that its promoters believe it can become, and that should be a vast and incomparable improvement over anything yet built in this province.

Certainly, the potential for successful development is present in Uxbridge Township, what with an encouraging list of candidates, an aroused electorate and a developer who appears to be breathlessly anxious to win the confidence of the entire community before they begin to build.

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