

## Two cars collide one burns

MARKHAM — One car caught fire and burned and another was badly damaged in a two-vehicle collision north of Markham near 17th Avenue, Saturday night.

Injured and taken to Scarborough Centenary hospital by Vance ambulance were drivers, Neil Wagg, 22, of Mill Street, Stouffville and Mrs. Margaret Baker, 50, of Glenn Park Avenue, Toronto. Hospital treatment was also provided for Joanne Latimer, Brunswick Avenue, Toronto, a passenger in the Wagg auto.

The force of the impact threw Mrs. Baker into the rear seat of her car. Fortunately, Mr. Wagg and two other motorists were able to lift her out before the 1966 Chevrolet, its motor smouldering, burst into flames. It was totally destroyed.

O.P.P. Constable Colin Vrooman, Oak Ridges said visibility at the time of the accident was poor due to blowing snow. Traffic had to be re-routed until the fire was extinguished and the wreckage cleared away.

Total damage was estimated at \$2,500.

## Farm special

STOUFFVILLE — The Tribune, this week, features a farm supplement, 20 pages of news items and advertisements of special interest to rural residents.

The first edition of this issue, in 1968, won top place in competition among all weeklies in Ontario.

In case you're curious, the farm buildings on Page 1 of the 'special' are on the property of Harry and Murray Lewis, conc. 7, Markham Township.



A model of fashion

Any fashion show is assured of success with Sharon Brazier, Hawthorne Avenue, a 'model' participant. Last week, more than 100 ladies attended a colorful promenade of styles entitled 'Prelude to Spring', sponsored by Christ Church A.C.W., and arranged through Paul's Dry Goods, Main Street, Stouffville. Peter Harris.

## At Bruce's Mill

# It's maple syrup time

## Approve parking

## for Legion 'licence'

STOUFFVILLE — Parking space for 63 cars is adequate for the number of veterans to be accommodated in the modernized facilities of the Stouffville Legion Hall, council agreed at a meeting, March 5.

A liquor licence, approved by the L.C.B.O., will be issued when all requirements, as demanded by the Board, have been met.

A Legion fund-raising campaign is currently underway for this purpose.

Reeve Ken Laushway said he had discussed the matter of parking on the Legion premises with the president, Arthur Dixon. He noted further that he had viewed the property first hand. "It's their own licence for their own organization and their own members," said the reeve, "they are a good group and I see no reason why we shouldn't co-operate".

Building Inspector Ron Gigson said he expected renovations on the building to begin as soon as sufficient money is available.

MARKHAM TWP. — The making of maple syrup or 'sugaring-off time', as some folks call it, is fast approaching as crisp cold nights and bright, sunny days starts the sap circulating.

Three years ago, the Metro Toronto and Region Conservation Authority commenced a series of syrup-making demonstrations at Bruce's Mill Area in Markham Township.

The program has become so popular that already, more than 11,000 school children are scheduled to visit the site. In an effort to accommodate the anticipated crowds, two schedules have been arranged — one for the general public and the other for organized school groups.

Public demonstrations commence this Saturday and Sunday (March 14-15) from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and continue daily from March 21 through to March 30, and again on April 4 and 5, 11 and 12.

Students will be welcomed each school day between Monday, March 16 and Friday, April 10. Reservations must be made in advance.

To avoid disap-

pointment, the public is reminded that maple syrup and pancakes will be available on weekends only. Samples by the jar will be sold on location.

The Bruce's Mill Area, on the Gormley-Stouffville Road, west of conc. 6, Markham Twp., con-

tains 270 acres. Seven hundred trees will be tapped. Each tree will provide an average of 20 gallons of sap. Both old-fashioned and modern methods will be used. Staff personnel will be on hand to explain all aspects of the syrup-making operation.

## Tax levy — two payments

STOUFFVILLE — A recommendation by both the York County Public and Separate School Boards that municipal levies be paid twice yearly instead of four times, has been approved by Stouffville Council.

The due dates will be June 30 and Sept. 15. Originally, the first of

four payments was to be March 31. This would have meant that some towns and township would be required to borrow the amount since budgets are often not finalized by this time.

If two-thirds of the municipalities agree, the new due dates will become law.

## Town of Markham

# Police building 'near collapse'

MARKHAM — Every day, members of the Markham Town police department tread on uncertain ground — not only while on the beat, but in the office as well.

A recent check by town building inspector, Bill France reveals that while the foundations and exterior walls are secure, the interior wooden beams and joists have deteriorated considerably due to dry rot. The floor of the building sags and plaster is falling off the walls.

Mr. France said temporary support was needed immediately, but the cost of a permanent repair was too high to be practical. The main floor beam, he added, was badly split and could be moved by hand.

According to town historian John Lunan, the building was erected prior to 1840. In that year, it was used as a watch repair shop by one of the area's early settlers, John Armstrong.

The building was not in

the best of shape when the department first moved in, according to Mr. France, and it has deteriorated considerably since.

The municipality had intended the office to be used as only a temporary stop-gap pending the completion of a new complex to accommodate all town departments. The possible advent of Regional Government caused council to reconsider the project.

## Rabies' clinic

STOUFFVILLE — An anti-rabies clinic will be held in the committee room of the Stouffville firehall, Thursday, March 26.

Pets will be accepted for vaccination between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

The clinic is one of several established in York County; due to the prevalence of rabies in the area this year. There is no charge for the service.

## Fight blocks traffic

STOUFFVILLE — Two motorists decided to take the law into their own hands and engaged in a fist fight on Main Street.

The problem was — they picked the wrong place. Right in front of the village police station.

Constables David Hadden and Tom Wauchope entered the fray and arrested Robert Hannah, 23 of Willowdale and Kenneth Moran, 22, of Main Street, Markham.

At the height of the skirmish, traffic was tied up for half a block in both directions.

Charged with causing a disturbance, the two were convicted by Judge Russell Pearce and fined \$50 each.

## Reeve breaks deadlock

# Approve pedestrian crosswalk

STOUFFVILLE — A pedestrian crosswalk, properly signed and illuminated, has been approved by council for the Main Street of Stouffville. The selected location is the intersection of Civic Avenue in front of the Imperial Bank of Commerce. The present 'courtesy walk' at Main and Market Streets will be abandoned.

The issue, subject of much debate, was finalized, March 5. Reeve Ken Laushway was called on to break a deadlocked recorded vote in favor of the project. The resolution, introduced by councillor Tom Lonergan and deputy-reeve Jim McKellar was opposed by councillors Mrs. Ethel Mole and Ian Chapman. Each put forward definite reasons for his stand.

Councillor Lonergan said the success of the venture would depend on the public's acceptance of it. He said its benefit could be impressed on the children through the schools. "I agree, there will be jaywalkers, but they do so at their own risk," he

warned. He noted that if the location proved totally unsatisfactory, it would be moved.

"We've bantered this about for too long," agreed deputy-reeve McKellar, "the time has come to act". He said that with many Metro oriented people now in town, the legal 'walk' was an accepted thing. Councillor Mrs. Mole said she was not convinced that Civic Avenue and Main was the proper place. "I'm afraid it will not provide us with the measure of protection we think it will".

Councillor Chapman said he was not convinced that people would walk from the Post Office up to Civic Avenue, if they wished to shop at a store west of Mill Street. He argued that a legal 'walk' tended to give many persons a false sense of security.

Reeve Laushway, in breaking the tie, admitted he had always favored the 'courtesy walk' system now in force. "There's never been an accident. I hope the same good luck remains, but basically, I'm afraid of it".

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## 'Centurions'

# top girl color guard

STOUFFVILLE — While the Stouffville 'Centurions' have not been too active on the parade square lately, they showed their true colors Saturday in competition at St. Michael's College, Toronto.

They topped all other girls' groups and placed fifth out of twelve entries. The Stouffville guard captain is Denise Kamps, Rupert Avenue.

LaSalle Cadets from Ottawa won the Ontario honors with a stirring performance.

This same color unit will be an entry in the National Championships at Ottawa, March 14. The 'Centurions' will also be there. Their accompanying drummer is David Christie, Elm Road.



Cal Pepler, 51, is the new administrator at Union Villa, a home for senior citizens, now under construction near Unionville. The appointment is announced this week by the Chairman of the Board of Directors, Dr. Keith Kennedy. Mr. Pepler previously served as assistant business administrator with the University Hospital, Calgary, Alberta.

## Twp. of Whitchurch

# Considers release of 10 to 25 acre registered lots

## Bank robbery? not a chance

STOUFFVILLE — Bank robbers beware.

The police are prepared. Officers David Hadden and Tom Wauchope went through a 'trial run' Friday afternoon, when the alarm sounded at the Stouffville Branch, Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce.

They were on the scene in thirty seconds.

At the same time, cruisers from Markham Town, Markham Township and Whitchurch were converging on the village from north, south and west.

What caused all the commotion?

The bank staff's not saying, but the report is, one of the lady tellers accidentally stepped on the wrong button.

servation in hospital.

In answer to the charge, Mr. Dawson entered a plea of not guilty.

## Promote estate homes

WHITCHURCH TWP. — A proposed zoning bylaw, now being prepared for the Twp. of Whitchurch by County Planner Conrad Dowson, will eliminate present restrictions, that prohibit building on 10 to 25 acre lots.

The proposal will free a large number of undersized parcels, registered on or before the date of the previous restrictive bylaw. One single-family house will be permitted on each lot having a minimum frontage of 75 feet and a minimum area of 15,000 square feet.

Mr. Dowson outlined his recommendations at a meeting of Planning Board, March 9.

Zones would include rural hamlet-type residential; estate residential, commercial, industrial and open space. Existing uses would be zoned accordingly, with much of the municipality remaining rural. New non-rural uses would require a zoning change. In this way, Mr. Dowson said, the township could control its own destiny.

Both board chairman Michael Cassidy and deputy-reeve Norman Barnard spoke in favor of zoning to accommodate estate-type homes. Requirements in such areas would include a minimum frontage of 200 feet, minimum floor areas of 1,800 square feet and lots of not less than 2 acres.

Board members will tour the township to learn what sections are best suited to this kind of build-up.

## Father acquitted

# Snowmobile driver not in court

MARKHAM — The snowmobile owner was in court.

But the alleged driver, his 14 year old son, was not.

A charge against James Rainbow Sr., Church Street, Markham, of permitting a person under the age of 16 years to operate a snow vehicle on a highway, was dismissed in Richmond Hill Court, March 6.

Judge Russell G. Pearce ruled more evidence was needed to warrant a conviction.

Constable Wm. Miller, Markham Town Police, said he stopped a snowmobile on conc. 9, Markham, Jan. 13 and learned the operator to be 14 years old. The lad was told to return home and later, the officer said, he talked to the boy's parents.

The father entered a plea of not guilty.

While ordering the dismissal, Judge Pearce pointed out to the court the seriousness of such an offense that, he said, carried a fine, upon conviction of from \$20 to \$100.

It is my opinion that children should not be

allowed to operate a snowmobile anywhere. In fact, he said, according to accident statistics, they can be a danger to adults too.

## Dies suddenly

STOUFFVILLE — Service was held Wednesday afternoon from the O'Neill Funeral Home, Stouffville for Mr. George H. Bennett, Main Street, East. Mr. Bennett died March 8, in Scarborough General Hospital following a heart attack.

Surviving are two daughters, Evelyn (Mrs. Wilmer Ham) Stouffville; Dorothy (Mrs. Orloss Howden) Toronto; one son, James at home and two grandchildren, Carolyn (Mrs. Ivan Reesor) of Markham and Darlene Ham.

Mr. Bennett was well known throughout a wide area and hundreds called at the chapel to pay their respects.

Interment was made at Locust Hill Cemetery.

# Arson suspected in house fire

MARKHAM TWP. — Arson is suspected in a blaze early Saturday morning that caused an estimated \$15,000 damage to a frame house south of Gormley near 19th Avenue, Markham Township.

An official of the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office visited the scene, Monday.

The property, the former Bert Botham farm, west of Don Mills Road, is now owned by Frank Starecki, Toronto. Mr. Starecki told police that he was in the process of re-modelling the interior and planned to move in with his wife and family this summer. The house had been vacant for about one week.

Police said it appeared the fire had started at two separate places, one on the outside and another inside under a stairs.

Brigade units from Stouffville and Richmond Hill confined the blaze to the roof and a back kitchen, but smoke and water damage throughout the structure was extensive. Markham Township's tank truck was pressed into service and allowed firemen to retain the upper hand.



## Ski champ - in full flight

Look out below! It's 15 year old Geoff Mitchell, the 1970 ski race champion of Dagmar. Geoff completed two downhill runs with times of 18.6 seconds on each. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Blair Mitchell, Orchard Park Boulevard, Stouffville.

Peter Harris.