



Stouffville veterinarian, Dr. Denis O'Connor scoops up a sample of toxic algae from the farm of Stanley Feasby, R.R.1, Goodwood. Seven cattle have died after drinking the poison. Others are undergoing tests and treatment. —Jas. Thomas

Toxic algae kills seven cattle

UXBRIDGE TWP. — Seven cattle are dead and 42 others under treatment and observation after drinking water poisoned by toxic blue-green algae in a farm pond, conc. 4, Uxbridge Township.

Five of the animals are the property of Stanley Feasby. Two belong to a neighbor, John Spinelli. Their loss to date is estimated at over \$4,000.

While the water has now been treated with applications of copper sulphate, local veterinarians and the Dept. of Agriculture are anxious to learn what caused the algae in this particular pond 'to run wild' and how contamination of this kind can be prevented in the future.

The substance, resembling thick green soup, can bring death to an animal within 48 hours, depending on the amount consumed,

Dr. Denis O'Connor of Stouffville said. The problem is common in certain areas of Saskatchewan, where humans have also died, he said, but only one other instance has been reported in Ontario, that at Sturgeon Lake near Lindsay. He advises pond-owners to take samples periodically should a scum-like material appear just below the surface.

The poison attacks a cow's liver. The animal becomes unsteady on its feet and often goes blind. Samples of the toxic plant have been taken to the University of Guelph for study.

While its origin remains somewhat of a mystery, Dr. O'Connor feels the water level of the pond and air temperatures at the time were just right to produce a toxic reaction. "Such a thing may not occur again for 200 years," he said.

Demolition derby

STOUFFVILLE - A lady motorist, interested in the purchase of a new Penderosa home, turned into the driveway of a residence, utilized as a temporary office.

But she neglected to stop, slamming into the garage door and splitting the cement wall.

Obviously frustrated by the error of her driving ways, she put the auto in reverse, shooting backwards up the lane of a home across the road, wrecking the front of a second garage.

Total damage has been estimated at \$2,000.

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Average Stouffville home

TAX INCREASE \$43

Victoria Square

57¢ of every dollar for education

No dumping ground for Metro

Ask bypass road

VICTORIA SQUARE - The possibility that Don Mills Road may be widened to four lanes has aroused criticism among some residents of Victoria Square.

These comments were expressed after Twp. Planning Director Kunio Hidaka outlined proposals for the Victoria Square Secondary Plan at a public meeting in the Community Hall, June 11.

An integral part of the plan, which would have the ultimate population of the hamlet reach 433, calls for the widening of both Don Mills Road and 18th Avenue, and the realignment of the intersection.

Victoria Square resident and former member of the planning board, Frank Brumwell, stated that traffic in the hamlet is a problem at present and with the possibility of new residents and the increased traffic that would be brought on by a 4-lane road, the situation would be unbearable.

Traffic should be diverted to the east of the hamlet, he said, with development permitted between the new road and

the present Don Mills Road.

Another Victoria Square resident, Gordon Draper, said if a 4-lane road was built, many homes would suffer as they now front almost on the highway. In addition, he suggested, the two cemeteries in the community would be affected. He concurred with Mr. Brumwell's idea that a bypass would be essential if the road was widened or traffic increased.

Members of Planning Board expressed the opinion that 'cost' would ultimately decide the route. They informed listeners that the widening of the present highway would not qualify for government grant and the full burden would fall on the municipality.

Board chairman, Napier Simpson agreed that members would like to see bypasses built around all communities, now located on major arteries. He pointed out, however, that such programs were not always practical. This, he said, was the situation in the police village of Unionville.

Drugs stolen

STOUFFVILLE - A break-in at Aiken's Pharmacy, Main Street, has resulted in the theft of drugs, including a quantity of opium that had been retained in stock for several years.

Entry to the store was gained by forcing a rear side window. The thieves left the same way.

The sum of \$60 was also taken from the firm's cash register.

It marks the second drug store robbery in Stouffville in one week.

Fire costs concern council

UXBRIDGE TWP. Mounting fire costs are causing concern in Uxbridge Township.

Deputy reeve Earl Dowsell drew the matter to the attention of council, June 8, when he checked through accounts amounting to over \$1,800. They had been submitted from departments in Stouffville, Claremont, Mount Albert and Uxbridge.

Members suggested that more information on individual fires was required so that a charge-back could be made where the blaze resulted from carelessness.

It was agreed that personal contact be made with all department chiefs in an effort to rectify the problem.

Medical bag stolen

STOUFFVILLE - A medical bag, belonging to Dr. Donald Smith of Stouffville, was stolen from his car, in the parking lot at York County Hospital, Newmarket.

The loss is valued at over \$300.

It is believed the culprit was searching for drugs.

Dump closed to liquid waste

WHITCHURCH TWP. Loads of liquid waste have been turned back from the Bremner disposal site, councillor Merlyn Baker of Whitchurch Twp. told The Tribune this week.

The deadline for acceptance of this kind of refuse was June 15, according to a recently enacted by-law.

Mr. Baker said that while one or more trucks had entered the property, no loads, to his knowledge had been dumped.

Dry garbage is still being accepted, Mr. Baker said.

Plowman heads west

MT. ALBERT - Veteran plowman, Ivan Degeer, R.R.3, Mount Albert, left this week to compete in the Canadian Plowing Championships June 25 at Portage la Prairie, Manitoba.

He is accompanied by his father.

A first or second place finish would qualify him to advance to the World Match in 1971 unless both Canadian winners should come from Ontario.

Gravel pit appeal costs are termed 'a disgrace'

WHITCHURCH TWP. - The Twp. of Whitchurch has lost its appeal against Jas. Sabiston Limited in connection with a gravel pit operation on conc. 5, north of the Aurora Road.

The cost, that must be borne by the municipality has been termed 'a disgrace' by councillor Gordon Ratcliff. He told a meeting of council, Monday, that he had opposed the appeal from the first and he considered it a shame that the taxpayers of Whitchurch should shoulder such unnecessary expense.

The bill, reported to be in the amount of \$2,000, raises the township's legal payments in this particular case to over \$5,000. Councillor Merlyn Baker said he intended to seek an accounting of all legal

costs applied against Whitchurch over the past two and perhaps three years.

Deputy-reeve Norman Barnard bore the brunt of the two-pronged attack since it was he who urged council to proceed with the appeal. Mr. Barnard resides only a short distance north of the Sabiston pit site.

Councillor Ratcliff went even further. He said he would introduce a motion at the next meeting to have the deputy-reeve removed from the energy and resources committee.

Councillor Betty van Nostrand attempted to pour oil on troubled waters by stating issue was at an end and the account should be paid. "Let's forget it," she urged, "and get on with other business."

Whitchurch youth charged

Claimed invalid boy had been kidnapped

WHITCHURCH TWP. - Whether it was attempted extortion or just a crude joke, Whitchurch Twp. police found little humor in a report from a woman who said she had been told by telephone that her invalid son had been kidnapped.

In Provincial Court, Newmarket, June 9, sixteen year old Patrick Needham of Lake Wilcox pleaded guilty to a charge of making harassing phone calls. The accused was arrested at his boarding house by Sgt. Donald Hillock.

Police testified that Needham made about six calls. He asked that \$500 be

left near a checkerboard sign at the intersection of North Road, Lake Wilcox and Bayview Avenue. The woman, they said, was given one hour to raise the money, but the time was later reduced to two minutes.

Sgt. Hillock told how the Whitchurch Department utilized the services of unmarked cars and portable radios to locate the suspect. Additional officers were also called in to assist.

The maximum fine for this offense is 6 months in jail and/or a \$500 fine.

A second charge of extortion was withdrawn by the Crown.

Alert housewife surprised thieves

MARKHAM TWP. - When Mrs. Patricia Moss, R.R.1, Unionville, returned with her 1 year old child, to the family's Markham Township home, she found a station wagon parked in the driveway. Minutes later, she met a man coming out, his arms loaded down with goods - her goods. When he saw her, he ran to the rear of the residence. She left too, but not before she had removed the ignition keys from the get-away car.

From a neighbor's window she watched the proceedings that followed, providing police with an excellent description of a second man as well as the first.

Although the pair escaped into a cornfield, they were later apprehended in Toronto.

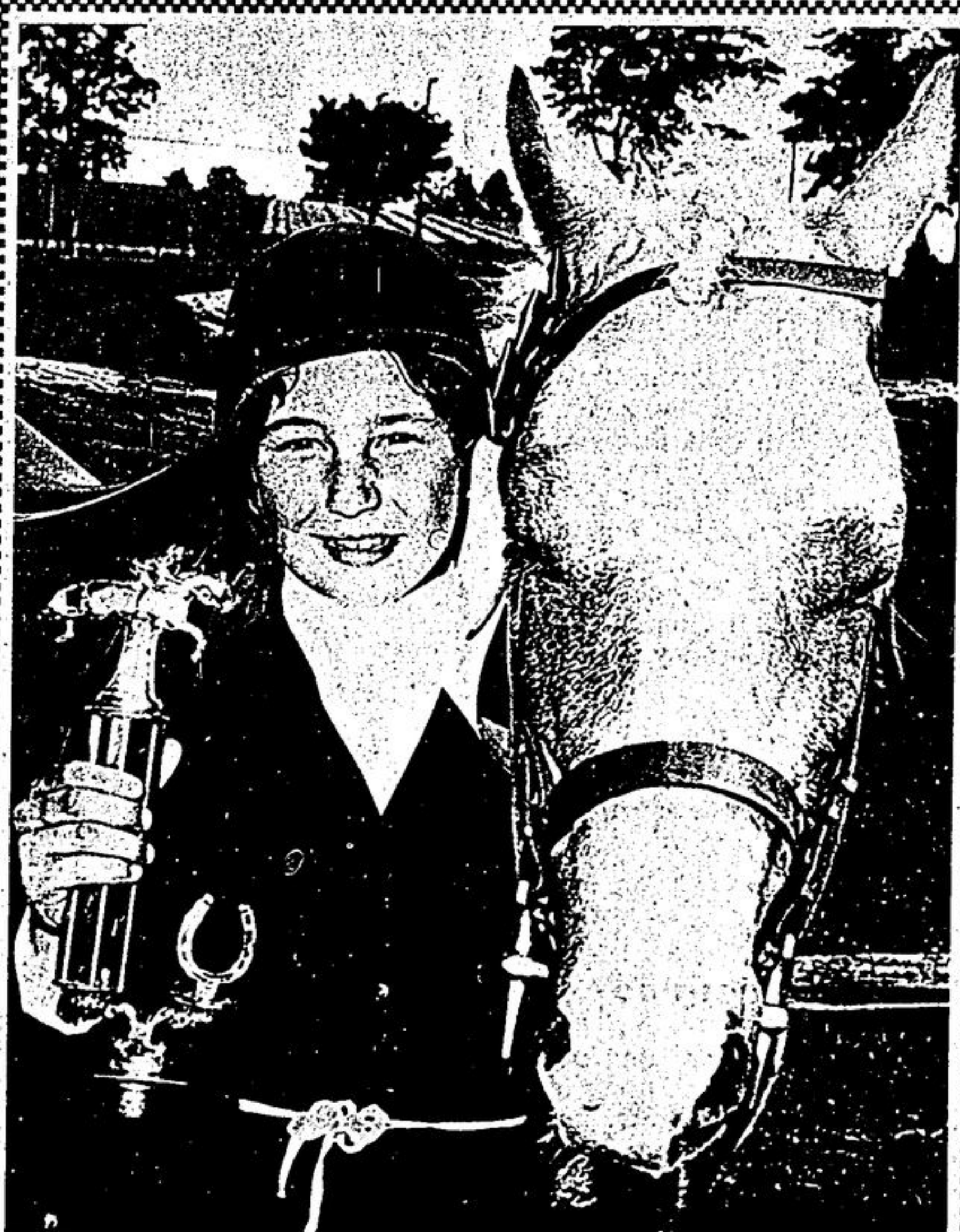
Evidence, that won Mrs. Moss the praise of Judge Weaver, following one week of testimony, resulted in a conviction against Douglas Kidder, 37 and his 18 year old nephew, Gordon Shorey, both of Toronto. Kidder was sentenced to 5 years. Shorey was remanded in custody for sentencing, June 26.

Testimony revealed that close to \$3,000 worth of furnishings had been removed from the Moss home, including everything from the baby's piggy bank to the family

television set. However, because their station wagon would not start, all items were recovered.

Markham police, aided by officers from adjacent forces and aircraft from Buttonville, organized a widespread manhunt with no immediate success. The arrest of the pair followed a few days later.

The court hearing, that concluded Friday, had Detective Cliff Cox on the stand for two days. He was in charge of the case. Other testimony was given by Detectives Bruce Findlay, Bob Burbidge, Constables Glyn Forrester and Wm. Powell and Mrs. Moss.



Unionville girl - pony champ

Twelve year old Maxine Andrews, Helen Avenue, Unionville, captured two trophies and the high-points championship in the small pony class, Saturday at Bayview Farms, Whitchurch Twp. The competition attracted 68 entries. Maxine's lovely pony pet is called 'Babe'. —Jas. Thomas.

Request opinion on funeral home

STOUFFVILLE - A new funeral home has been proposed for a site at the corner of Clarke and Sunset Boulevard. But before plans proceed farther, a survey will be made to obtain opinions of area residents on the project.

This was agreed to by Gordon Minton, appearing before Planning Board, June 11, on behalf of the applicant, Mrs. Mildred O'Neill.

The property in question is immediately south of the Mervin Watts' residence, fronting on Clark.

A poll of the Board resulted in divided opinions. Reeve, Ken Laushay and member Reg MacKay, felt the location, in a residential zone, was not proper to accommodate this type of business.

Jim Richards, on the other hand, said he could see no problem with living beside a funeral home and, in fact, had done so while a resident of Agincourt. He said his main concern was that there should be sufficient room for parking to keep cars off the road.

Board chairman Bill Kamps said funeral homes could be constructed to blend in well with houses already erected. He recalled seeing this in many towns and villages he had visited.

Member Ken Wagg, a resident only one block to the west, declined to take a yes or no stand on the issue, due to his proximity to the site. However, he did urge the applicant to obtain the feelings of people directly affected and return to a later meeting with the result.

Culprit tracked by copter

DICKSON'S HILL - When a 15 year old break-in suspect, looked up and saw a helicopter circling overhead, he decided it was time to call it quits.

A whirlybird from CKEY radio plus a single-engine craft, from Toronto-Markham Airport, volunteered assistance, after a youth was surprised inside the home of Ernest Gerow, 19th Avenue, west of Dickson's Hill. The lad escaped through a rear window and disappeared in a nearby bush.

Police from Markham Town; Markham Township and Stouffville were on the scene in minutes and a search was started.

About 1½ hours later, the boy gave himself up to Detective Bruce Findlay saying 'he didn't wish to put police to any more trouble'. He has been charged with breaking into a dwelling house with the intent to commit an offense.

Grant permit for 'tree house'

UXBRIDGE TWP. - Although specifications do not comply with building by-law requirements, Uxbridge Twp. Council has approved a permit for the erection of a 'tree house' at lot 25, conc. 7.

The structure, unique in this area, will be erected on stilts, with large beech trees forming a part of the base.

The applicant is Robert Allan, Toronto. The cost has been estimated at over \$30,000.