



Pioneer past is brought to life

Ten year old Anne Louise Nielsen sits under the shadow of Roblin's Mill at Black Creek Pioneer Village. Anne assisted at the annual Mennonite Race Court, Dickson's Hill. Festival, Saturday, that cleared close to \$9,000. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Nielsen, Mill Village. — Jim Thomas

Pavemaster fire damage estimated at \$100,000

Owner has close call saving office records

DICKSON'S HILL — Fire damaged the factory and destroyed the parts room and offices of Pavemaster of Canada Limited on Highway 48, near Dickson's Hill, Thursday.

More than \$50,000 worth of inventory was destroyed in the blaze. Pavemaster owner, Arnold Heron estimated his total loss at \$100,000, provided he can save the walls of the building.

He said the fire began at noon hour when he and his seven employees were at lunch. Smoke was first spotted by employees at the adjacent Stouffville Trailer Sales, who ran over with fire extinguishers.

A call went out to the Whitchurch-Stouffville Fire Department at approximately 12:40 p.m. and a pumper truck was dispatched. When the extent of the fire was realized the tank truck was called.

As flames spread through the concrete block building, the Markham Fire Department was called with two pumps and a tank truck.

Pavemaster employees recovered a few tires and the company's records before smoke filled the building entirely.

Mr. Heron returned from lunch before the fire department arrived and rushed into the building to recover his accounts-receivable ledger. An employee, Eddie Wideman, of Stouffville, followed and helped him get out.

"It is easy to see how people

lose their lives" said Mr. Heron. Mr. Heron had returned Wednesday from a government trade tour in Europe. He visited Yugoslavia, Austria, Sweden and England.

Pavemaster is the only company in Canada which makes asphalt rollers and compaction equipment for road building.

Mr. Heron hopes the plant will be back in operation within eight weeks. A month earlier he had bought a building in Ballantrae but intends to use it only as a parts plant. Assembly sales and service will remain at

the Dickson's Hill site until he is able to build a new facility in Ajax.

Mr. Heron praised the

Stouffville and Markham fire department. "They did a really great job and I appreciate their efforts," he said.

Freak accident

RINGWOOD — A freak accident, Monday, on Hwy. 48, north of Ringwood, caused injury to a 16 year old Stouffville district girl.

Gaye Morrison, Grade 11 student at S.D.S.S., and a resident on Valley Road, Musselman's Lake, fell out on the road when her arm struck the inside door handle on the passenger side of the car.

The victim's mother, Mrs. Joyce Morrison, stopped the auto immediately. She picked her daughter up and placed her back on the seat until an ambulance arrived. The girl was in a dazed condition, but not unconscious.

Mrs. Morrison estimated the car's speed at 30 miles per hour at the time.

Pinned under truck

RINGWOOD — A 65 year old Scarboro man was pinned under his overturned van for about 15 minutes, Friday, following a collision at the Ringwood intersection of Hwy. 47 and 48.

Henry Tasker, a driver for Weston Bakeries Limited, was released after George Wilson of Stouffville hooked a tow line on the truck and lifted it off the victim.

Police said James Krochter, 26, of Centre Street, Aurora, was attempting a left-hand turn while travelling south, and struck the van proceeding north. Krochter has been charged in connection with the crash.

Both men were hospitalized. Total damage has been estimated at \$1,900.

Life 'threatened'

CLAREMONT — A 36 year old Claremont district man has been charged with threatening, following complaints received from a 14th Avenue, Markham resident.

Gordon Unterman told York Regional police that Raymond Stephen Cowan, R.R. 2, Claremont, entered his workshop and threatened to crush both his hands between two cement blocks.

Later, he said Cowan returned, this time with a

friend, and threatened to cut off the complainant's hands with a saw.

Boxed pot

STOUFFVILLE — A 17 year old Stouffville area girl entered a plea of guilty, last week, to cultivation of a restricted drug. Linda Porter admitted in Newmarket Provincial Court that the plants flourishing in her flower boxes were not flowers, but marijuana.

Death from overdose

Guilty plea to trafficking

Crown withdraws one charge

STOUFFVILLE — On Jan. 16, Lois Wallace, an eighteen year old Ballantrae girl, died in York County Hospital, Newmarket from an overdose of drugs, later described as M.D.A.

In Ontario Supreme Court, Toronto, Monday, Bryan David Grainge, 19 and Jutta Gina Manthau, 22, both of R.R. 3, Newmarket, entered pleas of guilty to charges of possession of narcotics for the purpose of trafficking.

A third party, Robert James Gallamore, 21, also of R.R. 3, Newmarket, had his charge withdrawn by the Crown.

They were arrested by York Regional Police on the same day as the girl's death. A search of Miss Manthau's home, evidence revealed, uncovered a large quantity of M.D.A. capsules, said to number in the hundreds.

Miss Manthau and Grainge will be sentenced, Oct. 24.

Two injured in 2-car collision

CHURCHILL — Two persons were injured and admitted to hospital, Sunday, following a collision at the intersection of the Aurora Sideroad and conc. 9, Whitchurch-Stouffville, near Churchill.

According to police, Joyce Milford, 42, of Gormley, was westbound, accompanied by Sandra Milford, 65, and Joyce Milford, age 17, when her car was struck by another, driven by Mervin Gilroy, 47, Ninth Line North.

Gilroy has been charged with failing to yield to traffic on a through highway.

Vote - Oct. 1

ONT. CTY. — The electorate of Uxbridge Twp., Uxbridge Town and the Twp. of Scott, as well as Pickering Twp., go to the polls, Monday, to choose their first councils under regional government.

Lake not 'bottomless'

Longtime theory is refuted

maximum depth at 24 feet.

A survey by the Ministry of Environment places the maximum depth at 27 feet.

The 'bottomless' suggestion, an official at York Region said, probably results from its muddy base.

Musselman's a recent Study reveals, is known as a kettle lake, created when a large mass of ice was buried in glacial debris. It later melted, forming a sizeable body of water.

STOUFFVILLE — How deep is Musselman's Lake?

The story has long existed that the lake is, in fact, 'bottomless'.

This theory is denied by officials of the Dept. of Lands and Forests and the provincial Ministry of Environment.

A survey by Lands and Forests in 1968, sets the

Ratepayers unhappy with Mt. Albert phone exchange

Whitchurch-Stouffville Ratepayer Association members were able to air their beefs with Ma Bell to more than a polite voice on the telephone during their meeting, Thursday.

Two Bell Company employees attended to explain a plan that will give Stouffville customers local calling with all of Metro by 1977.

But this progress will not help half the 20 ratepayers present because they are on the Mount Albert exchange and extremely unhappy about it.

Bernice Kovacs, a Bell area manager, and Charles Brown, Commercial Supervisor of Development and Planning, appeared surprised by the

number and seriousness of complaints.

The cost of being a Stouffville resident with a Mount Albert telephone number was the primary lament.

Finley Macdonald, R.R. 3 Stouffville, said his annual bill for long distance calls to Stouffville and area totals close to \$300.

Bob Gayton, also of R.R. 3 Stouffville, objected to the high cost of a private line — approximately \$16 per month.

Others complained it is difficult to get telephone books for the area they want and to explain to out-of-town friends why they are not in the Stouffville directory.

Mr. Brown explained the difficulties and high costs of

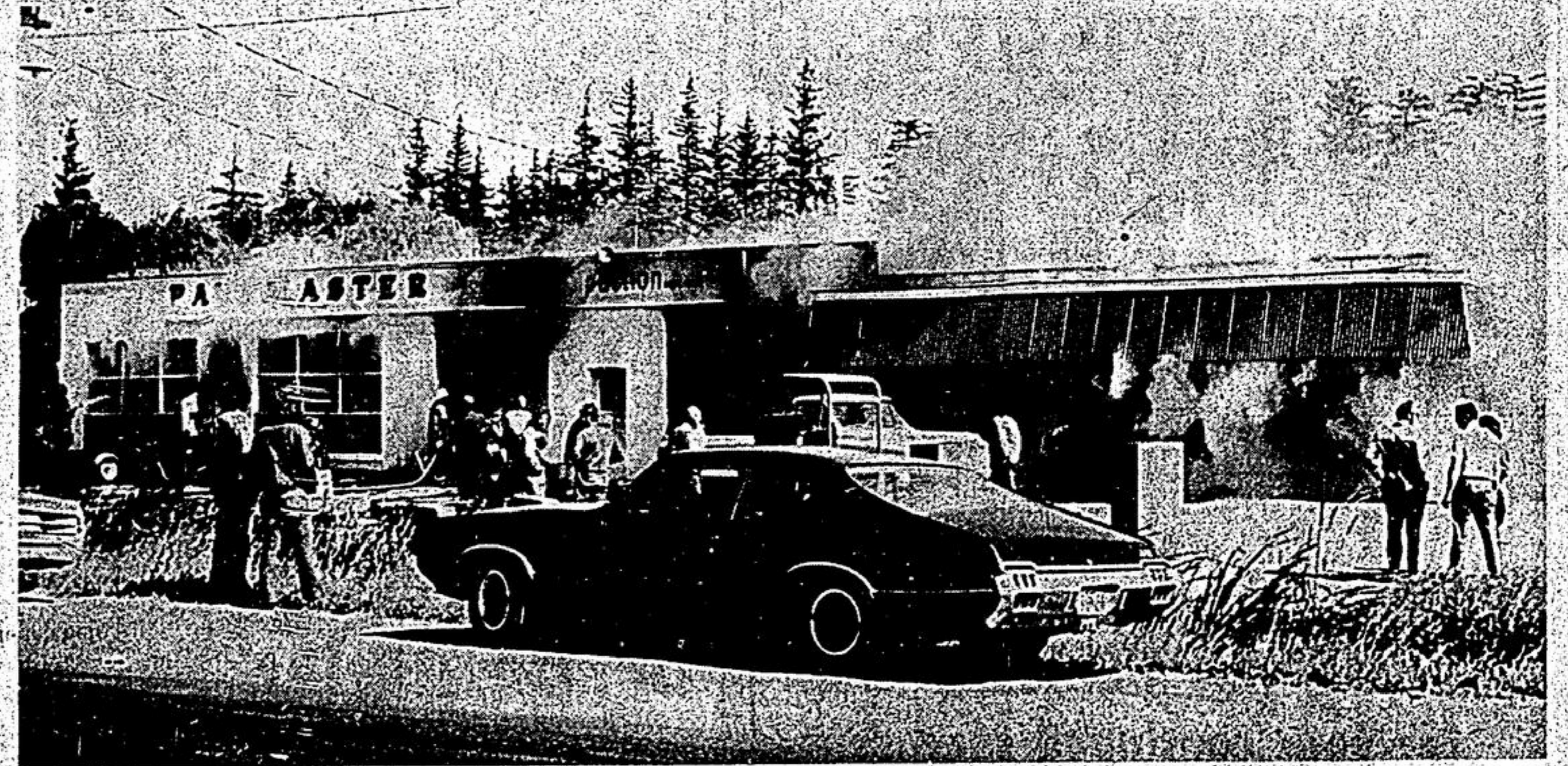
changing a group of phones from one exchange to another. He said it might entail the abandonment of \$250,000 worth of cable.

Also, not all the people in Mount Albert want to be hooked to Stouffville, he said. "A majority of the 3,000 subscribers might like to join Uxbridge."

Finally people asked if they could get a rebate on all Stouffville calls.

Mr. Brown said that a new program called the One Way Optional Extended Service is now in a two-year trial period. If it's successful, he said, Mount Albert subscribers might some day pay a flat monthly rate for any and all calls to Stouffville.

Although the Bell repre-



Smoke billows out from all sections of the Pavemaster Plant at the height of a blaze, that caused an estimated \$100,000 damage. The building is located on Hwy. 48, north of Dickson's Hill. — Michael Gerhardt



Firemen from Stouffville and Markham battled the stubborn blaze for over two hours. Water had to be trucked in by tankers from hydrants on Main Street. — Jim Daw