



Saturday evening was an historic event in Stouffville as OHA junior hockey returned to the arena. The Stouffville Clippers played their opening game of the Junior C season against the Port Perry. Here Mayor Gordon Ratcliff drops the puck for the opening face-off. At left is Stouffville, captain Wayne Norton. Other members of the team are — Jack Holder, Chris

Clarridge, Mike Splonnick, Jim Patterson, Andy Leitch, Craig Waite, Dave Mumford, Pete Fitzgerald, Doug Taylor, Ted Assinck, Brad Hunt, Daryl Wright, Mike Wightman and Scott Connor. Coach is Don McBeth, with Ken Roberts as manager and Frank Roberts and Phil Regendanz, trainers. — Ted Wilcox

## Support for PC Leadership

OTTAWA — "The National Committee for Sinclair Stevens" backed by 12 members of the Progressive Conservative caucus, is "encouraging" the York-Simcoe MP to enter the PC national leadership race.

The committee held a press conference in Ottawa Thursday to launch the campaign.

In a statement the committee stated that Mr. Stevens

"is the person to lead us in this season of Canada's history."

"On virtually every current major issue that faces this nation, Mr. Stevens reflects extraordinary insight and commitment to action," the statement read.

He was called a "true Conservative", who would take strong stands on — economics, law and order, growth of

government, organized intrusions on individual citizens, housing and transportation.

The committee is comprised of members from 30 federal constituencies.

Mr. Stevens was first elected to the House of Commons in 1972 and retained his seat in the 1974 elections. He was a businessman, lawyer and journalist, as well as a farmer, before entering politics.



SINCLAIR STEVENS

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After lengthy, bitter debate

## Mobile home plan rejected

STOUFFVILLE — Planning Board last week turned down a proposed mobile home development which would have seen 350 units placed on a 97 acre site north of Gormley.

Only two members of council, Cathy Joice and Becky Wedley, voted in favor of the proposal.

The vote was called after a long, and occasional hostile, session during which the floor was opened up to the public. About 40 interested parties were in attendance to voice their opinion.

Donald Cruickshank, R. R. 1, Gormley, who appeared as the official spokesman for those opposed to the mobile homes, told the board "it shouldn't be so close to the high priced homes along Bethesda."

Mr. Cruickshank said that at last count there were about 70 people opposed and he admitted he hadn't seen the new proposal which was revised from the

original submission two years ago.

Mr. Cruickshank said he objected to the appearance, adding, "There is a certain stigma attached to mobile home developments."

Bill Corcoran, the developer, asked planning board to put over making a decision until the next meeting and he offered to set up a meeting with all interested parties and his planner, Conroy Dowson, to show them his proposal.

Planning Board Chairman Eldred King refused this request pointing out that Mr. Corcoran had made his presentation earlier and had not asked to appear as a delegation at that meeting.

Gord Evans, the property owner on two sides of the proposed development, was vehement in his opposition. Mr. Evans first said this has always been a "slum suburb of Toronto" but he later rephrased this to "lets not make Whitchurch — Stouffville a slum

community — we don't need it."

Although not a public meeting many members of the audience were speaking up and planning board voted to open the meeting up and allow comment from the floor.

Some members of the crowd were so vocally hostile Councillor June Button was moved to ask, "I don't know how this crowd is assuming we are unanimous on this proposal?"

Mr. King explained that the applicant has a legal right to be heard.

Dick Houston said he is "100 per cent in favor" and said these developments are "a hell of a lot better than some homes built by builders." He felt they would be ideal for people who are retiring and denied they would be slums.

Several other people expressed their concerns and then the floor went to Fred Munroe who denounced the project as "a fraud on the public."

"The reason for mobile home parks is to sell mobile

homes" he contended, adding that the building codes are completely ignored.

Mr. Munroe then went into a denunciation of the Pickering Airport and the York Sanitation dump until Mr. King asked him to stick to the subject.

Mr. Munroe called it "putting a village on a farm."

Other objections were that the proposal would be too far away from shopping for elderly people and that the taxes wouldn't match the costs and the rest of the municipality would end up subsidizing the residents.

Councillor Art Starr admitted there is "some need for homes at the price Mr. Corcoran is talking about," but he said he opposed the application on the basis of the location which is in an area already suffering from traffic congestion.

Councillor Merlyn Baker said he was opposed because the site is on good farmland and he felt that type of development should be on hard services.

## Toronto woman killed in Don Mills Rd. accident

GORMLEY — A 24 year old Toronto woman was killed instantly when she was struck by a car she ran in front of, early Sunday morning.

The fatal accident, which occurred on Don Mills Rd., near Bethesda sideroad, has police puzzled.

Initially there was some difficulty in identifying the woman as she had no identification on her and police have

still not determined why or how she ended up in that area.

According to a police spokesman "she had no known connection with this area," and he added that they have not yet been able to determine the movements leading up to her death.

It is not known why the woman, Susan Meldrum, 24, of Jamieson Ave., Toronto, ran out in front of the car which struck

her down. According to early radio reports the woman was attempting to flag down the vehicle but according to police, the driver, who was the only witness, saw the woman for only a split second and was unable to say whether she was trying to stop the car.

The dead woman's two sisters attended police headquarters Monday after hearing a description of her on the radio but were unable to positively identify her. Her identity was finally confirmed after it was learned she had had a broken jaw and the x-ray was obtained for comparison.

A York Regional detective is now in Toronto working on the case.

The driver of the vehicle which struck Miss Meldrum, Robert Gillam, 24, of Toronto, has been charged with driving while disqualified.

The accident occurred about four in the morning.

## Court room cleared as girl testifies in abduction hearing

YORK REGION — Newmarket Provincial Court was cleared of spectators and all but essential court officials last week, so that a 14 year old Stouffville girl could testify at a show cause hearing against a 20 year old Stouffville youth charged with abduction, attempted rape and narcotics charges.

Provincial Judge Ian Munro said the young girl's evidence would be heard in camera after it became obvious that she was shaken and upset by the court proceedings against John Charles Vernon of R. R. 2, Stouffville.

Vernon is charged with abducting the girl at knife point, and after blindfolding her,

## Mysterious fire destroys barn

VIC SQUARE — Police are conducting an investigation in an attempt to determine the cause of a fire which destroyed a barn near Victoria Square last Friday afternoon.

The barn, located on 18th Ave., mysteriously caught fire around 4 p.m. and the empty structure was completely destroyed.

Both Markham and Stouffville Fire Departments attended.

driving her to another area where the alleged offences took place.

Police testimony last week revealed that the 14 year old girl recognized her assailant while at police headquarters in Newmarket making a statement. At several points during the lengthy testimony both the girl and her parents appeared to be highly upset at testimony given by Detective Brian Cousineau.

The young girl took the stand for over an hour following Detective Cousineau's testimony. At one point she told the court that she had been threatened if she told anyone about what had happened.

Karen Saunders, the accused man's landlady described the youth as "quiet" and "a boy you would hardly know was around."

In ordering the youth to remain in custody pending trial on all charges, Judge Ian Munro told the court, "She was an admirable and plucky little girl, and has identified in court the accused as the offender. I would be most apprehensive in releasing the accused man after it has been stated that he threatened the girl."

Judge Munro ordered Vernon to remain in custody pending a further appearance in court next week when a date will be set for trial.

## Two more subdivisions face phone delays

LEMONVILLE — Bell Canada last week announced that two more subdivisions in this area will not receive telephones for some time.

The 12 lot Ratcliff subdivision near Lemonville and the 36 lot Bristol Pond development on the second line of Uxbridge will not receive telephone service until November of 1976.

Bell spokesman Don Huntsman told The Tribune the delayed service is on account of shortage of capital, — the same reasons given for Bell's inability to provide phones at the College Park and Estates of Ballantrae subdivisions.

Bell originally announced phones would be installed at Ballantrae in May and in the village subdivision in March but they later advanced the work to the end of October and December, respectively.

Mr. Huntsman said that if money became available the work could be done earlier but he said he could "make no statement" at this time.

Both the Ratcliff and Bristol projects are estate developments with custom housing so there is no set date for occupancy.

UXBRIDGE — Mayor Carl Puterbaugh strongly suspects the federal penitentiary reception centre will end up in Uxbridge rather than Scugog.

After penitentiary meeting

## 'It'll end up in Uxbridge': mayor

Both municipalities have indicated that they want the centre — and the \$100,000 annual tax-in-lieu grant that comes with it.

Dr. Puterbaugh told The Tribune that from a recent "get-acquainted" meeting with the Federal Works Department representative responsible for choosing the site, that he thinks "it'll end up in Uxbridge."

The mayor added that "That's my definite opinion from our little meeting." However, the opinion, he said, is "strictly surmise."

Dr. Puterbaugh said the federal representative indicated they might be in for a long wait for a decision. The man had said, "I have found that in the past, a go-slow policy is best."

Some confusion arose in the meeting when the representative apparently began talking about plans for two institutions: both a reception centre and maximum security penitentiary.

Town officials made it clear

they wanted only the reception centre, where incoming prisoners stay for eight weeks while being categorized.

Some observers wondered if the confusion may have resulted from the fact that security at all reception centres is maximum, but Dr. Puterbaugh insists that "he was talking about two separate institutions."

According to penitentiary services representative John Bennett, although as many as five or six potential sites may be selected, each will have to be initially approved by both the local council and his department.

The final decision will rest with the penitentiary services department.

## Youths charged in multiple break-ins

STOUFFVILLE — Three 17 year olds, all of no fixed address, have been charged with a series of break-ins in this area.

The three youths were arrested Sept. 30 by Durham Regional Police, for offences allegedly committed in that area.

Further investigation led to the laying of additional charges

for a total of four offences in York Region.

David Jones, Allan Gooding, and Christopher Prescott, have all been charged with breaking into Consolidated Sand and Gravel and stealing \$10 worth of gas from the pump.

Prescott is also accused of stealing two rims and tires from the auto body shop of Paul Makarewko in Aurora.

Two additional charges have been laid against Jones for alleged break-ins at Ratcliff Lumber and the concession booth in the Stouffville Park.

July 2, the lumber company building had been broken into and some tools were removed and a total of \$105 worth of goods were stolen when the concession booth was entered during the summer.

The accused are being held in custody by Durham Regional Police.

## Strike plan

STOUFFVILLE — In the event of a post office strike, copies will be available at The Tribune office at 54 Main St. W. for those people living in town, who normally receive the newspaper by mail.

Rural subscribers will receive their copies in the usual manner. Stouffville subscribers to the Markham Economist and Sun may also pick-up their copies at The Tribune office, Markham subscribers to The Tribune may receive their Tribunes at the Markham Economist and Sun office, 72-B Main St. N., Markham.

## Two women charged for 'aiding, abetting'

Two women have been charged with aiding and abetting Michael Richards during the time he was sought by police after escaping custody.

Richards escaped by ramming a policeman with a wheelchair at York Central Hospital, setting off a massive manhunt in which 60 police officers, tracking dogs and two helicopters were employed.

Richards was spotted near Ballantrae and when the search converged on that area he is alleged to have made his way to King Township where he was given shelter.

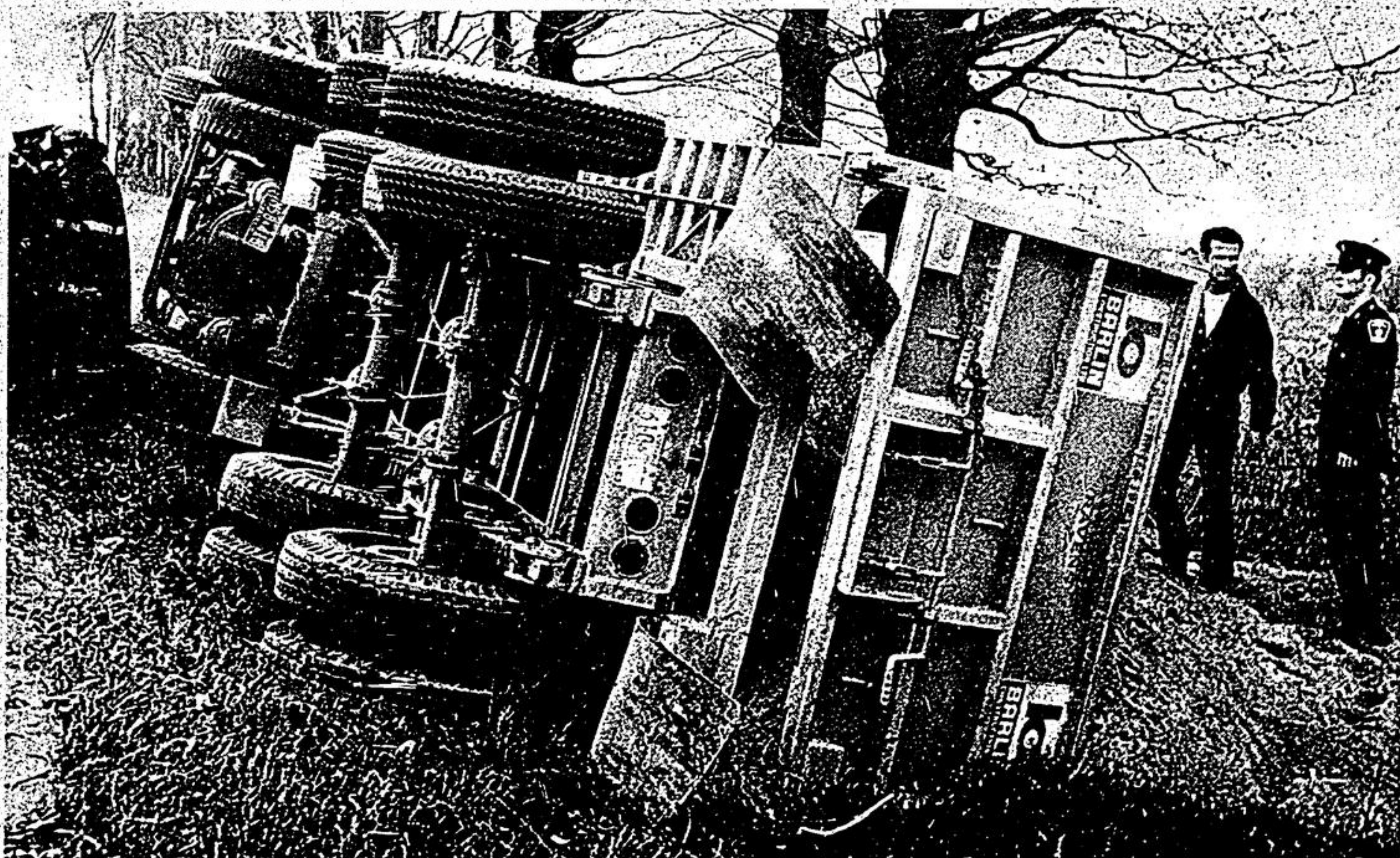
Police have charged Michelle Elson, 23, of R.R. 3,

Newmarket, and Corinne Denmore, 22, of R.R. 1, Schomberg.

According to police, Richards was given shelter at the Elson residence and then taken to the Schomberg address where he stayed for a day and a half before stealing a truck and driving it to Toronto.

Richards, who was initially charged with indecently assaulting a male, surrendered to police after being on the run for a week.

He now faces additional charges of escaping custody, pointing a firearm, and auto theft.



Thursday was not a good day for William Windrem of Young's Point. He pulled his fully-loaded tractor-trailer gravel truck onto the shoulder of the 9th Line just north of the Bloomington Rd. Softened

by the rain, the shoulder began to give way and the truck toppled on its side. Owned by Elmhurst Logs and Lumber Ltd., the vehicle sustained \$10,000 damage. — Ted Wilcox