



Stouffer St. S. residents who put up a stiff fight against a sidewalk located by the town in front of their homes, are shown here standing in the sidewalk rubble. Last week they reached an agreement with council that the residents could remove the sidewalk if they paid \$600 towards locating another one on the other side of the street. Council had originally asked \$1,350 for the new sidewalk, plus the cost of removing the offending one. The residents of the three houses, with help from their neighbors, removed the sidewalk in one day at a total cost of \$51. The cost was for rental of a trailer, electric hammer, sledge hammers and sundry other tools. Removal of

the sidewalk became a neighborhood affair and at times as many as 18 people were out working. The timing was just right as the sidewalk was removed Wednesday, the day before the builder was scheduled to grade and sod the yards. If the grading and sodding had been done first the residents would have been stuck with the cost of having that work done for the length of the now defunct sidewalk. The residents are, from left to right: Peter and Angela Ching, Richard and Danielle Knobbes and Shirley and Richard Hughes (who had just returned from playing tennis). —John Montgomery

# Stop car on Main St. police find gun, drugs

STOUFFVILLE — Police really hit the jackpot Sunday morning when they stopped a vehicle on Main St. A search revealed a loaded 22 calibre revolver, a box of 22 ammunition, three ounces of marijuana, a quantity of methamphetamine, a vial of hash oil, and an assortment of syringes, pipes, clothing and tools. The car's occupants produced false identification and explained that they were on their way to see a friend at Camp Dufferin, a prison located in Dufferin County.

Charged with possession of a restricted weapon, and possession of narcotics for purposes of trafficking, as well as driving while under suspension, was Kenneth E. McFadyen, 22, of Oshawa. His passenger, Kenneth B. Descamps, 27, of Scarborough, was charged with possession of narcotics and a restricted weapon. Wants phone, takes money.

A gas station owner's generosity backfired when he allowed a customer to use his phone.

A goateed man, about thirty-five years old, drove into Canazan Auto Service and asked for \$4 of gas. He then requested to use the phone while the service station owner was checking the oil.

When the owner went into his office a short time later, he found all the tens and twenties missing from the register, which is located in the office beside the phone.

The suspect was last seen cruising down Hwy. 48 in a 1973 green Chev. Fraud nets \$35,000.

Alstan Tyre Ltd. of Markham was the victim of a rather elaborate fraud by one of its own salesmen.

The man claimed to have obtained 45 new accounts between Nov. 75 and July 76, but when the company tried to collect money from these new customers, all denied having received any goods.

The company's loss amounts to more than \$35,000. Calculators in Sand

Three calculators were recovered in a nearby sandpile after a break-in at Automated Building Components on Dennison St. in Markham last week.

Thieves had tried

open the fire-door on the south-east corner of the building and made off with four calculators, but only kept one.

Suicide

A thirty-five year old

## Mini-bus to lake is discussed by council

STOUFFVILLE — Council is considering sponsoring a two-month trial transit service from Musselman's Lake to Stouffville to test the need for such a service.

Following planning board last week, councillor Beckey Wedley, Ward 2, suggested a mini-bus could be procured for the service, and carried out by the local taxi franchise.

A representative from GO Transit recently refused to include Musselman's Lake in their service from Uxbridge to Stouffville.

Mrs. Wedley said that a sufficient number of people have expressed a desire for such a service at the lake to warrant it.

## Public meeting

Mount Albert Community Plan will be discussed at an open meeting to be held Wednesday, August 4, 7:30 p.m., at the Mount Albert Community Centre.

The plan is opposed by a group calling themselves the Concerned Citizens Committee.

Thornhill man died tragically last Thursday. Police found him hanging from a tree on the 5th concession north of Bloomington road early that morning.

The man had purchased the rope a day before according to his wife. She had called the police when her husband

failed to return home.

Fishing rods missing

Donald Bard of concession 8, Whitechurch-Stouffville, found a thief had taken twenty South-bend fishing rods from his truck during the night. The truck had been parked at his residence.

Total value of the rods was \$200.

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## At provincial court

# Man fined for trespassing

A 26-year-old Stouffville man who pleaded guilty to a charge of trespassing, was fined \$100 for the offence when he appeared before Judge Ian Munro in Newmarket Court last week.

Alan John Stapleton was caught in a house on Stouffer St., by the occupant of the house, and fled before Police were called to the scene.

Crown Attorney Bill Gorewich explained to the court that the accused man and the occupant of the house had a relationship in the past which had been terminated. Mr. Gorewich said the offence called for a nominal fine.

A 16-year-old Stouffville area youth who pleaded guilty two weeks ago to breaking and entering the Canington Arena, the Pickering Co-op and an Auto Body Shop, was placed on a two-year term of probation last week as a first offender.

Terry Stevenson, one of 12 children, was ordered to stop taking advice from an older brother with criminal

tendencies, and to make restitution of \$234.86 within a six-month period.

The court had been told that Stevenson was too much influenced by his older brother. His counsel said the youth should be given the opportunity to become a useful citizen. He pointed out that Stevenson is a first offender in criminal court.

The 16-year-old youth still faces another trial in Newmarket on an assault charge he will appear August 10 to hear that case.

## Willful damage

Two Stouffville area teenagers pleaded guilty before Judge Ian Munro last week when they appeared charged with mischief and willful damage to a roof rack from a car lot on the third concession of Whitechurch.

Ted Allan Green, 16, and Michael William Mackie, 19, were each ordered to pay restitution of \$60 for the damage they caused when they were caught in the act of trying to remove the light rack

by York Regional Police.

Mackie who has spent the last 30 days in jail awaiting his trial got a break after the Crown Attorney told the court "He has done his time as far as this matter is concerned." He was

placed on a one-year term of probation.

Green, a first offender, according to the court, was granted a conditional discharge and placed on a one-year term of probation also.

## Landowners to file class suit

STOUFFVILLE — About 25 landowners with property in the Pickering airport freeze area will file a class action suit against the government of Ontario, Durham West MPP Charles Godfrey said last week.

The suit will ask that the government's four-year land freeze on land near the now-shelved airport be lifted.

Ontario's stand shifted last week when Ronald and Edith Massey of Toronto were informed by a government lawyer that an exception to the freeze would be made in their case. The Masseys had told the court that the house they planned to build north of Stouffville, in 1971 for \$33,000 would now cost \$70,000.

About 20,000 acres of land near the airport were frozen by the province in 1972.

Last September, Ontario refused to supply roads and services for the proposed federal airport so that the project was indefinitely postponed.

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