

From Tribune files

of 25 years ago

# Fire at Melville school



**Georgian College students in on-job training program**

Georgian College has a placement program whereby students in the Fashion Merchandising Course gain experience through on-job training. Roberta Ridley of Stouffville (second right) was employed at Sears, Thornhill.

Others here are Judy Podewils (second left) and Dianne Howey (right), both of Barrie. The instructor is Judy Watson.

What stories made Front Page news in The Tribune, 25 years ago. To find out, Editor Jim Thomas checked back through the month of January, 1954. Here's what he found.

Children were evacuated from Melville Public School on Kennedy Road, when fire threatened the building. The blaze was first noticed by student Glynn Forrester. He notified the teacher, Lois Swain who organized a bucket brigade. When the smoke became thick, the school was evacuated. Brigades from Stouffville and Unionville responded and soon had the blaze under control.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ferguson was destroyed by fire. The house was located on the Ninth Line of Markham.

There was no one at home when the blaze started. With the exception of a few pieces of furniture, everything was lost.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hall in Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville's first arrival in 1954. Mary Lou was welcomed by sisters Kathleen Ann and Patricia Lynn. Mrs. Ella Malcolm, proprietor of Brierbush, presented the proud parents with an engraved silver cup.

Fire Chief Del Jennings reported 31 calls for the Stouffville Brigade in '53, when he appeared before a meeting of village council. Nine of these were in Whitchurch Twp., eight in Markham Twp. and Stouffville; five in Uxbridge and one in Pickering. Chief Jennings recommended the purchase of a portable pump

at a suggested price of \$700. It was agreed that the surrounding municipalities receiving the service should share the cost.

Cec Hendricks, new hardware merchant in town, took over the business operated previously by W.F. Riches.

John Dike, operator of a tractor trailer for the firm of Reesor's Marmill in Markham, averted a serious accident when he flagged down an approaching freight train after his truck stalled on a level crossing, south of Owen Sound near Chatsworth. Mr. Dike used a flashlight to signal the engineer. The beam was spotted in time and the locomotive was brought to a halt.

Harry Lewis, defenceman with the

Peach's hockey team, suffered a broken ankle when hit hard into the boards during a game in Port Perry.

Newly elected deputy-reeve, Dr. Kenneth Roberts called for the resignation of all members of Pickering Twp. Council, including himself, calling the election dishonest, illegal, reckless and unfair.

Sixteen year old Ronald Walker was credited with saving the life of five year old Arthur Lee after the little lad fell through the ice on a pond near Bethesda. The boy was unconscious when taken into his parents' home but soon recovered following treatment by Stouffville physician, Dr. Blair Mitchell.

The sale of the Massey-Harris im-

plement business was completed by Henry Ogden to Len Haylow of Weston. Mr. Ogden had purchased the agency in 1946 from Dave Stouffer and erected a new building with apartments above, on Market Street. Following a holiday in Florida he is planning to begin construction on a new home at the corner of Main Street and Ninth Line South.

Bert Lickorish was selected over seven other applicants for the position of caretaker at the new Stouffville High School. His annual salary was \$2,700.

Walter Carson, R.R. 2, Claremont, suffered a fractured arm and pelvis when pinned under a tractor at the site of a new General Motors plant in Oshawa.

## Glen Major visitors

# Ski cross country

By Jennie Johnson  
GLEN MAJOR — Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Eberlin and family of Toronto spent several days with Herbert Simmonds at Brea-side and enjoyed cross-country skiing.

Toronto enjoyed a visit recently with Mr. and Mrs. Ossie Gill.  
Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Jones and daughter of Pickering were recent visitors with Mr. Edgar Fiss and Mr. and Mrs. George Pickett.

The Johnson family enjoyed New Year's dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moore.  
Recent guests at the

home of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Kavanagh were — Mr. and Mrs. Peter Langham and children; Mr. and Mrs. John Davenport and children, Toronto and Elizabeth Wright, a cousin from England.

Mrs. Edith Gill is spending a week with her daughter and family, Mrs. and Mr. Steve Meyers of Downsview.

Cindy Fiss spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wilson of Don Mills.

Dinner guests with Mr. and Mrs. Ossie Gill were Mr. and Mrs. Margaret Searle, Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Turner, Toronto; Mrs. Edgar Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. George Johnson and family. The occasion was Anna Lynn's birthday.

# Pastor resigns

By Evelyn Milsted  
GORMLEY — Rev. Clarence Hunking, former pastor at the Gormley Missionary Church, has resigned as minister at Bethany Missionary Church, Kitchener where he's been for sixteen years.

and Ginny Mounsey on Tuesday evening, Jan. 23 in the Victoria Square Hall.

Gormley Women's Institute will meet at 2 p.m., Wed., Jan. 24 at the home of Mrs. Delbert Baker. The Roll Call. What makes a good citizen? There will be a house plant sale. The program, Citizenship and

World Affairs, will be in charge of Mrs. Paul Draper.

Mrs. Stuart Duncan has sold her home on the Bethesda Sideroad where she has lived more than forty years. She has taken up residence at the Cobblestone Nursing Home, Aurora. The local ladies held a farewell party for her at the home

of Mrs. Roy Smith, Bethesda, and presented her with a lovely purse and some money.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Stutzman and Sons of Arkport, New York spent several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Doner. They came to attend the funeral of her grandfather, Mr. Win Timbers.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hutchinson of Sundridge visited her father, Alvin Farmer on the weekend.

Friends were very pleased to see Geraldine Brillinger at the Sunday morning service in Heise Hill Church, after spending nearly four months in hospital.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Fred Kirstein in the passing of her mother, Mrs. Barbara Gutwein, also to Mr. Gutwein. The service was held Jan. 10 from the Thompson Funeral Home in Aurora. Mr. and Mrs. Gutwein and Mr. and Mrs. Kirstein resided on Con. 3, Whitchurch for many years and were highly respected Gormley citizens.

The W.M.S. meeting will be held at the Missionary Church at 8 p.m., Thurs., Jan. 18.

The M.Y.F. will meet at the church at 7:30 p.m., Fri., Jan. 19, and the Christ Crusaders will meet at 7 p.m., Sat., Jan. 20.

This is your invitation to attend a miscellaneous shower for Ron McMullen.

Late George Middleton Stouffville friends were saddened, Monday, when news was received of the sudden passing of George Middleton, Baker. Avenue, at the age of 80 years. Service was held from the O'Neill Funeral Chapel, Wednesday, with interment, Stouffville Cemetery. Besides his wife, the former Hilda Ham, he is survived by two daughters, Velma and Violet; one son, Donald; six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

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