



Seventeen-year-old Julie Todd and Laura Peers, 16, are working under a Young Canada Works Program grant compiling information for the National Archives in Ottawa and genealogical

societies. In their job they transcribe information from tombstones. Often Julie has to do a little digging with a trowel to unearth buried grave markers. Ed Schroeter.

## Girls employed in 'grave' work

By ED SCHROETER  
UXBRIDGE TWP. — You might say Ann Griffin, Laura Peers, and Julie Todd have "grave" jobs.

The three girls, RR 1, Claremont, Goodwood, and RR 1, Pefferlaw respectively, get some very odd looks as they go about their business in the cemeteries of Uxbridge Township.

"We get a lot of people who run over thinking we're trying to exhume Uncle George," Laura quipped.

Of course, the sight of three pretty girls calmly lunching in the shade of a tombstone is enough to unnervify anybody.

### Fire aid

BALLANTRAE — A benefit dance is being organized for John Walley, an employee at Farquharson Real Estate in Stouffville. It will be held on July 27 at the Ballantrae Community Centre.

A fire early Monday morning completely gutted the third concession home near Siloam, destroying all the Walley's belongings. John and his wife Yvonne were away at their cottage at the time.

Tickets for the dance are \$15 per couple. For advanced tickets call 640-2223 or 473-3600.

### One family

CLAREMONT — "Wherever we go, we will always remember our days at Claremont Public School," Darlene Gammage told fellow students and parents in her valedictory address.

"There were times of despair and times of happiness," she said, recalling some highlights of the year, the trip to Midland, a snowshoeing excursion, and a camping trip.

"I'm very honored to be part of the grade eight class," she stressed. "It's sort of like one big family. Some of us have known each other for a long time."

"Our class has driven teachers crazy," Darlene joked, but she thanked them and their parents on behalf of the entire class for helping them "to grow within themselves."

Darlene said now the class must look forward to new schools, new friends, new experiences, collecting new information, and meeting the new challenges of high school.

She told parents and teachers they will try to live up to the standards set before them, and work "to the best of our ability."



Rod Cook of Green River, a grade eight graduate of Claremont Public School, recently was presented with the Muriel Gostick Award for Citizenship at the school's graduation exercise. Ed Schroeter.

## Top student

COPPINS' CORNERS — The top student at Uxbridge Secondary School, 18-year-old Ann Griffin, RR 1, Claremont, plans to study medicine at Queen's University. Her over-all average was 89 per cent.

In the fall Ann will attend the school, taking a general arts and science course. She hopes to qualify for the medicine program after her second year.

Beyond the school's established reputation, Ann chose it because she was offered

a \$700 scholarship, something she's quite pleased about.

Ann is also interested in politics and law, but she said she decided on a career in medicine because it's important for her to feel she's doing something positive.

Her favorite grade 13 subjects were biology, english, and economics. Music is also a favorite with her. Ann played in the school band.

Her ambition is demonstrated by the fact that she took

grade 13 math and physics courses while still in grade 12.

While she's looking forward to the fall, Ann says she's a little apprehensive about her new life. "I'm scared stiff about going away from home and having to wash my own clothes," she joked.

Last year Ann was a lifeguard at Dunbarton pool. This year she's working with two other girls under a Canada Works grant for the Uxbridge-Scott Historical Society.



ANN GRIFFIN

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## Ban on firearms partially revoked

PICKERING — A ban on firearms in the township will be removed on a parcel of property west of Altona Road, the town's executive committee has decided.

They voted to accept the proposal from Councillor Gerry Fisher. In Mr. Fisher's original resolution which they passed, the discharge of weapons was prohibited on almost every piece of land from Lake Ontario to Highway 7.

But Councillor Fisher asked the committee to consider removing the ban on land from the fourth concession to Altona Road, and up Sideline 34 to Highway 7.

Councillor Fisher, Ward three regional councillor, met with opposition from Ward three local Councillor Norah Geraghty, who felt the town's original proposal should remain unchanged.

Councillor Geraghty told the

committee she agreed with the town's proposal because "it provided more protection for the public."

However Mr. Fisher maintains the whole concept of confining areas for the use of firearms was to protect the Pickering Trail and hamlets.

"The idea was to protect the people using the trail and I think we've done that," said Councillor Fisher. "But if you look on the map I'm proposing it doesn't effect the Pickering Trail."

According to Mr. Fisher, the request was to clarify where the boundaries are. "With my proposal, we use roads as

identifiable lines."

It was Councillor Ken Matheson who made the original suggestion of using roads as boundaries. The two explored the area and reached an agreement.

Councillor Don Kitchen expressed concern about farmers who wish a gun for pest control. As it stands, if a farm is within the area where firearms are forbidden, he is not allowed to use a gun.

The committee approved the suggestion by a vote of four to three, with committee chairman Laurie Cahill casting the deciding vote.

## Body discovered at Preston Lake

VANDORF — The atmosphere of an outing was dampened, Sunday evening, when a picnicer made a grizzly discovery at Preston Lake.

York Regional Police say the badly decomposed body of a woman was found in a swampy area on the west side of the lake about 7:10 p.m.

York Regional Police were able to ascertain the identity of the body, taken to the Centre for Forensic Science in Toronto.

It is that of Pauline

Ruzycki, Westminister Avenue in Toronto.

She was reported missing to Metro Toronto Police in November of 1978.

The women was known to walk long distances, and had journeyed as far as Streetsville and Hamilton.

The woman, about 65 years of age, was wearing a black coat, three sweaters, a black dress, a silver watch, and a number of crosses and rosaries.

As yet the cause of death remains undetermined.

### Stanley Milroy

## Local farmer

CEDAR GROVE — This community was saddened with the sudden passing of William Stanley Milroy at Scarborough Centenary Hospital, June 30. He was 68.

Mr. Milroy, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. A.W. Milroy, was born and raised on the family farm, located at the corner of the 10th Line, Markham and Steeles Ave.

Stanley lived at the Milroy property all his life, as his grandfather and father had before. He carried on the family farm operation, working in both dairy and grain.

Stanley was affiliated with the United Church, and was

actively involved with the Cedar Grove Community Club.

Mr. Milroy is survived by his sisters, Jean (Mrs. W.F. Richards) and Lilian (Mrs. M. Dean); and one brother, Leslie. He is predeceased by Kathleen (Mrs. A.B. Bonner) and Stewart.

The funeral service was held from the chapel of the Dixon Garland Funeral Home, July 3.

The pall bearers were A.B. "Bud" Bonner, Kenneth Milroy, Colin Richards, Gordon Milroy, Ron Dean, and Bob Dean.

Interment was in the Zion Cemetery, Cedar Grove.

### Statistics reveal

## Crime up

DURHAM REGION — In the first four months of 1979, violent crime in the region has increased almost 15 per cent over the same period last year, a police report shows.

The report prepared for the regional police commission revealed police investigated 766 acts of violence compared to 655 violent crimes for the same period in 1978.

Crimes against property were up by about 11 per cent in the first quarter of the year, with 4,972 incidents investigated.

"Even considering expansion into more of the region, the report shows there has been a ten per cent increase in crime over last year," chief Jon Jenkins said.

He told the commission the

force recorded a 57 per cent success rate in dealing with all incidents investigated in this period, with an 87 per cent rate in the violent crime category.

A breakdown of the violent crime report shows there have been 440 non-sexual assaults so far in 1979, up 57 from the corresponding period last year. Rapes and other sexual offences went from 25 to 30. Arson crimes have doubled, with 28 reported this year.

Damage in property rose in every category. This year 963 incidents were logged, compared to 838 for the first quarter of 1978.

County Court Judge Joseph Kelly told fellow commissioners that judging from the arrests made "the police appear to be doing a good job of solving crimes."

## Lost dog returned

BROUGHAM — Bouffon's back, and his masters, Donna and Gary Kidson are more than pleased.

The huge, black male dog, part Newfoundland and part German Shepherd, had been missing for about two months.

The animal was returned to the Kidson's farm by a woman who found him wandering near the Cedar Glen golf course and adopted him.

Friends who read about the lost dog in The Tribune told her of his owners.

## Sign gravel agreement

GOODWOOD — Local aggregate producer Bob Harris became the first to sign a history-making gravel agreement with Uxbridge Township.

The document which was introduced last year, imposes tough controls on gravel pits and calls for financial remuneration from the operator on the order of six cents per ton extracted.

This is five cents a ton over and above the new provincial Pits and Quarries legislation.

The new lands to be rezoned for gravel extraction are located on concession four.

Mr. Harris estimates it will take seven years to work out the two million ton pit, extracting at a rate of 300,000 tons annually.

When the pit is worked out, Mr. Harris hopes to rehabilitate the lands and develop them into a subdivision.

Councillors pointed out the opening of the new pit will coincide with the closing of another Harris pit, so the licenced tonnage of gravel in Uxbridge will not be increased.



Students receive achievements awards

Valleyview Public School principal John Hinch presents Sanchia Mooney, R.R. 2 Claremont, and John Byberg, Greenwood, with

awards for outstanding academic effort. The students are members of this year's grade eight graduating class. Ed Schroeter.