

Woman dead, Goodwood man injured in head-on crash on Highway 47



Firemen Grant Turner and Keith Malcolm of Stouffville help ambulance attendants in the release of crash victim Lillias Ann

McBurney from the wreckage of her car. The woman died later in hospital. Jim Thomas.

A 45 year old Port Perry woman died Monday, after her 1970 model compact car collided head-on with a pick-up truck on Hwy. 47, north of Stouffville.

Although still alive when removed from the wreckage, Lillias Ann McBurney of Cockrane Street, succumbed later in York County Hospital, Newmarket.

Seriously injured was the driver of the truck, 18 year old Stephen Alan Noble of RR 1, Goodwood. At last report, he was confined to the intensive care unit of the same hospital with fractured ribs, a punctured lung, a broken nose, cheekbone and jaw.

Force of the impact hurled the Port Perry motorist onto the floorboards behind the passenger seat. Stouffville firemen had little trouble extricating her from the vehicle but had to work carefully because of multiple fractures and internal bleeding.

A small dog, belonging to Mr. and Mrs. David Mintz and family, Manitoba Street, Stouffville, was riding in the rear seat and escaped with only minor cuts. The pet was removed by fireman Bill Brown and taken to the Stouffville Veterinary Clinic.

According to police, the deceased was southbound near the entrance to Sleepy Hollow Golf Course when her car veered to the east into the north-bound lane. To avoid collision, the truck driver swerved to the left just as the victim pulled back. They crashed head-on.



A dog, riding in the rear of the McBurney auto, is removed by fireman Bill Brown. It wasn't seriously hurt. Jim Thomas.

Residents urge Council to support gravel plan

UXBRIDGE — Members of Uxtra, the Uxbridge Township Ratepayers' Association, are "strongly" urging local councillors to actively support Durham Region's plan to retain the present boundaries limiting gravel extraction in the region.

"Uxtra's position, and that of many other Uxbridge Councillors, past and present, has been that no increase in zoned acreage (for gravel extraction) should be allowed until an equivalent or greater area has been rehabilitated in the Township," members say.

The Ontario Municipal Board is conducting hearings on the acceptability of Durham Region's Official Plan, and objectors are pressing for

changes to allow more aggregate extraction, the organization says.

In a written brief, Uxtra claims this would be "detrimental to the (Uxbridge) Council's planning program; the well-being of the residents; and the community as a whole."

Fearing no other group will take the initiative to support the region, the release explains Uxbridge Council must do so and present its viewpoint at the hearings, because the township has more at stake than any other municipality.

According to Uxtra, developers want the use of 7,000 acres located on the Oak Ridges Moraine, considered an en-

vironmentally sensitive area by planners. They claim it would be better used as open space or agricultural reserve, which it is destined to be at this time.

"Uxbridge township is being asked to be a moon crater for the benefit of the aggregate industry," the document claims.

The applications for further licensing for extraction exceed present local boundaries. Members feel if this is allowed, the Regional Plan would make a mockery of zoning at the local levels.

"Total zoning control should be retained by the Township," members argue.

Storekeeper for 34 years

By ED SCHROETER
BALSAM — Things just seem a little out of place, now that Maudie Graham's cheerful voice and twinkling eyes aren't to be found behind the counter at Balsam General Store.

"After 34 years, you get to know a lot of people and make a lot of friends," Mrs. Graham noted.

Mrs. Graham is moving back to a home in Port Perry. "The store was getting to be just a little too much for me now," she explained.

Maudie and her husband Orr took over the store in October, 1945, though she managed it mostly on her own. Mr. Graham passed away in 1975. Her husband, in the armed services between 1940 and 1945 was due to return home. She began considering what they would do.

"I just thought I'd like to work in a store. Perhaps because I like people, young or old," she said.

Maudie Graham's brother, Les Smith, told them the Balsam Store was up for sale. "We came to see it, and we liked it."

Mrs. Graham knows a little of its history. According to local history buffs, it was built in 1890 as a store and post office. When it was burned down, they drew bricks from Whitby and rebuilt it.

When the Graham's first bought the business, the goods,

sugar, oatmeal, rice, and beans were all stored in barrels under the counter. The cookies and candies were in jars. The storekeeper weighed out the merchandise on scales and place it in paper bags.

She recalls the large wooden casks in the basement in which Lapp's vinegar was stored.

According to Maudie, a store is really a family operation. Each of their six children helped out. They are Bill, Dorothy (Mrs. Irvin Gibson); Joan (Mrs. Glen Fleming); Diane (Mrs. Carl Parliament); Debra (Mrs. Peter Costa), and Linda Sullivan.

"This has been a wonderful community in which to raise a family", Maudie stressed. "You can trust everyone, and people help each other out."

"I'm going to miss the people," she admitted. "I hope to come back to the community's events; I've been back twice already and I've only been gone a week," Mrs. Graham exclaimed.

Now she plans to do "all the things I haven't had time to do," like travelling and visiting her 16 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

She stresses she's leaving the store in capable hands — Grant and Shirley Jones.

"It's a good feeling to have someone you know take over. You become attached to a place."

Fire destroys couple's home

MUSS. LAKE — Fire completely gutted the interior of a Hillsdale Drive home, Tuesday morning, leaving only the smoking, charred exterior standing.

According to neighbors, Eddie and Stephanie Morgan were away at work when the blaze occurred. Their two young children, a boy and girl, were with a babysitter.

No injuries were reported.

"They were a young

couple, just starting out," one man said.

Mike Hazell of Stouffville, on his way to work, saw the smoke and turned in the alarm about 10:45 a.m.

Frank Kelly and Jim Jessup, two passersby, kicked in the door in an attempt to see if there was anyone inside but heavy smoke forced them back.

Firemen on the scene said the blaze might have started when something was left smouldering on the stove.

Honor lady

BALSAM — The community is organizing a "Maudie Graham Night" to be held in the Mount Zion Community Centre, August 18 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Mrs. Graham operated the Balsam Store for 34 years.

Donations for gifts are being accepted by Freda Jordon, Tony Carson, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Jones at the Balsam Store, and Lorne Jones. The money must be in by July 31.

Ladies of the community are asked to provide food for the occasion.

Rally support

UXBRIDGE — The community has rallied to the support of Earl Bacon and family, who suffered heavy financial losses when 26 milking cows and 42 sheep were lost in a barn blaze, July 5.

The animals were asphyxiated from fumes of noxious insulation that caught fire.

"We are overwhelmed by the help we've received," the Bacon family said.

Friends and neighbors assisted in clean-up operations and the removal of dead animals.

The Bank of Commerce in Uxbridge is accepting donations for the Bacon Fire Fund.

Family outing marred by crash

STOUFFVILLE — "Dan's College Boy" was looking forward to the big horse show in Sudbury, June 29. Young Peter was joyfully playing in his safety seat. Paula was talking to her husband, Bill Nicholson, as they drove along Highway 69 near Parry Sound. And Pebbles, the poodle, was jumping about in the camper.

Then nearly 200 miles from their destination, a car travelling in the opposite lane crashed head-on into their truck.

The truck, camper, and horse trailer which carried the Nicholson's prize-winning horse, were totally destroyed. The fateful occupants escaped with fractures and bruises.

Paula suffered a broken arm, and Peter, only six months old, received a broken leg. Bill's injuries amounted to a crushed chest and several cuts and bruises.

The three were released from Parry Sound General Hospital two days after the accident.

"Dan's College Boy" underwent an operation to remove four broken bones in his head. He still has respiratory trouble due to the removal of his sinus bones.

Paula is doubtful he will ever be able to attend another show, but she says they will take him to one this weekend to see how he fares.

She has fond memories of the 14-year-old champion. "He has done a lot for us. He's won nearly everything he's been entered in. And he

sure earns his keep around here."

Pebbles visited the vet to have her knee cap mended. Fortunately, she was thrown clear of the camper and cared for by a friend during her ordeal.

The family is resting quietly in their Stouffville apartment.



Scholar receives proficiency award

Al Redshaw of the Claremont Lions Club presents Vince Morgan with the Les Parker Memorial Trophy for English Proficiency. Vince received the prize at the grade eight graduation at Claremont Public School, recently. Ed Schroeter



Maudie Graham, a much loved and respected resident, is handing over the Balsam General Store to Grant and Shirley Jones after 34 years as proprietor. A night in her honor will be held in the Mount Zion Community Centre on August 18 from 7 to 9 p.m. Ed Schroeter