

Roy Lewis

Recalls storm damage

GLASGOW — The recent violent storm, that left a trail of death and destruction across parts of Ontario, brought back memories of a similar experience, just one year ago, for Roy Lewis of Glasgow in Uxbridge Township.

The Lewis farm buildings absorbed the full force of a violent wind that reached a velocity of close to 100 miles per hour.

Roy and wife Helen had just started a long-awaited vacation at their cottage near Minden when word came through by phone. They returned to find half the barn blown away, six of seven nearly-new silos damaged and large trees uprooted all around the house.

So intense was the storm, parts of buildings were carried a quarter mile away.

Corn elevators were twisted like pipe cleaners.

These things he remembers. However, the kindness of friends and neighbors he'll never forget. "On my arrival home, there were at least fifty people already cleaning up the debris," he said. "A week later, some of them were still there."

Because much of his acreage was in corn, silos had

of Glasgow

to be re-erected in a hurry. They were—in three short months. The barn, however, still bears the scars of that frightening August 19 afternoon. Total damage, Roy places at about \$100,000.

"At the time, it seemed like the end of the world, but I was so busy cleaning up the mess, I had little chance to think about it," he said. But he still can't block the memory out of his mind.

Stouffville Cemetery

Gates to shut nightly

STOUFFVILLE — Recent complaints of cars and motorbikes speeding along Cemetery Lane into the Stouffville burial ground, prompted councillor Jim Sanders to recommend the gates be locked every evening, when the issue came up for discussion, last week.

Sanders said he'd received several calls from area residents concerning the noise. Members voiced varied opinions on ways to solve the

problem. Mayor Eldred King said he knew of no other cemetery in the region where gates were locked at night.

Councillor Becky Wedley referred to a bylaw already on the books that prohibits anyone from entering the site. She suggested the police enforce it.

Clerk Ralph Corner said a Town employee could close the area off each evening but he'd have to be paid.

Someone suggested that should he forget to unlock it the

next day, it could be embarrassing if there was a funeral.

Jim Doble recommended that one of the local homeowners look after the key.

When the vote was finally taken, it was agreed that the gates should at least be closed to discourage traffic and vandalism.

"I believe in free spirits," concluded councillor Bill Kamps.

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Ex-Jr. Farmers hold reunion

UNIONVILLE — It will be a "gathering of the clan", Saturday, when the Unionville Jr. Farmers celebrate the 65th anniversary of their founding with a barbecue and dance at the Markham Fairgrounds.

The event, that will reunite members from all parts of the province, will get underway at 7 p.m.

While information related to the club's origin remains a bit obscure, a history of the organization, published in 1946, lists Lewis Stiver as the first President; Alfred Dyke, vice-president and Murray Macklin, secretary-treasurer. The date was 1929, however. Charlie Hooper took over the presidency the following year with Frank Brumwell, the secretary.

For Alex Davidson, R.R. 1, Stouffville, recollections go back to 1931. He was living at Agincourt then. Ruby Reesor was president of the ladies section, then called the Jr. Homemakers. Bill Champion headed things up for the men. Meetings were held in the Unionville Vets Hall.

"Bill Champion was a born

leader," said Alex, "he could organize anything".

Club get-togethers on a monthly basis were so important, he recalled, nothing else was ever scheduled on those nights. They would arrive by cars from all over since the district extended from Stouffville to Agincourt. Often, on winter nights, the temperature in the hall would be close to zero, he remembers. The boys and girls met separately, then joined together for the social later on. "When the girls filed in, it was quite a fashion parade," he said, "none of us boys wanted to miss that". For some, casual friendships blossomed into marriage like Elliott and Marjorie (Wheler) Harrington; Cam and Jean (Thomson) Kennedy and Sam and Eva (Hunter) Gough.

While meetings were educational, the social part was very important, Alex said. Inter-club plays, moonlight excursions, picnics, dances and skating parties were a few of the extra-curricular activities. The old Malvern Hall was always packed to the doors for dances,

he remembers. Admission was fifty cents and this included lunch. Liquor played no part. "We had fun without it," he said.

The Unionville Club once had its own orchestra, Alex recalls. Elliott Harrington played the violin; Jack Cavanagh and Cam Kennedy were square dance callers.

They also had some competitive hockey and ball teams. History relates how "Sam Gough stole so many bases, they had to nail them down". Ken Deacon was a tower of strength in goal.

Enthusiasm was the key to the club's success, said Alex. "No one wanted to be left off the executive and come Markham Fair, it wasn't unusual to have thirty show up to prepare the display".

Back in those days, club members were even more economy-conscious than now. "When cars pulled up to the hall, there was no end to the number who piled out. They didn't have heaters—didn't need them," joked Alex. They weren't Cadillacs and Lincolns either. "Held together by baling wire," he said.

These and other good times will be recalled, Saturday. A short program is planned around 8:30 p.m., between the end of the barbecue and the start of the dance.

Train spreads fire

GOODWOOD — "Call in Uxbridge, we've got a dandy going here," came in the order to the firehall in Stouffville, Friday, after every piece of equipment had been despatched.

The problem, that sent calls out for extra recruits, was caused by an Uxbridge-bound C.N.R. freight train, loaded with logs. Pulling hard under excess weight, the engine's manifold overheated, spewing out hot chunks of carbon into tinder-dry grass. Sections along the right-of-way through the hamlet of Goodwood, burst into flame, forcing brigade volunteers to soak the area from some distance away.

At one point, close to two dozen citizens, 'armed' with brooms, bags and shovels, joined in to help.

Somehow, somebody got word through to the crew, Carolyn Bolter told The Tribune, and the train was stopped near the level crossing at the 3rd concession. They joined the 'bucket brigade' but were fighting a losing battle until firemen from Uxbridge and Stouffville arrived, she said.

Jr. match

STOUFFVILLE — A competition and coaching clinic for all junior-age plowmen in the area, will be held Sat., Sept. 1 on the farm of Floyd Forsyth, Hwy. 47, north of Stouffville, beginning at 10 a.m.

Les Smith of Blackwater will serve as judge.

The top two entries will represent the North York Branch at the International Match near Chatham, next month.



A community remembered

Back in July, Maudie Graham sold the country store at Balsam and moved to Port Perry. However, residents of that community and beyond, felt anyone who had served their needs so faithfully for so long (thirty-four years), was deserving of formal recognition. So, on Saturday evening, friends and neighbors said "thankyou" at a

"Maudie Graham Night" in the Mount Zion Community Centre. Special speakers included The Honorable William G. Newman (left) and Ralph Corson, one of the chief organizers of the event. Mrs. Graham was presented with a color television set, a purse of money and a card signed by everyone in the area.

Jim Thomas

Flower show judge

MARKHAM — A flower without fragrance is no flower at all. So say some horticulturalists.

However, the executive of the Markham and Dist. Horticultural Society won't go that far; only half way. For a first time, they've established a "Stop and Smell Class" for their show, Monday, Aug. 27 in the

Veteran's Hall, Washington Street. The category will be judged by Judy Davidson, a blind person.

Other classes are: A Garden Favorite, one to three blooms and A vase of Mixed Flowers.

Entries will be accepted from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Displays will be open to public viewing from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.



Fifteen year old Vanessa Woodhouse (left) and sister, Veronica, 13, of Goodwood, turned fire volunteers, Friday, when cinders from a northbound C.N.R. freight train ignited grass along the right-of-way. Brigades from Stouffville and Uxbridge were summoned to help extinguish the blaze. Jim Thomas

Assist at tornado site

CLAREMONT — "It looked like veils coming down from the sky, and the lightning danced on the ground."

That's how one Woodstock area resident described the tornado which struck August 7. And Stan and Mary McMullen of Claremont were there to see the devastated remains of the community, and to offer their services in the slow, wearisome clean-up.

They became involved in the volunteer program through the Uxbridge Baptist Church, whose congregation is deeply concerned over the plight of families there.

Even though the family was on holidays, they packed their camper, and along with their youngest son, Gary, and his friend, John Smith, went to the site.

"We just couldn't believe it," said Mary. It was just like a

New home in country

CLAREMONT — Looking for a spacious five-bedroom house in the country?

If so, Swiss Realty Inc., of Mississauga has just the home for you.

It's custom built on 4.2 acres of ground; has a central air-conditioning and vacuum system; a sunken living room; a solid oak stairway and many other extras too numerous to mention.

The estate-type dwelling is located on the Westney Road, east of the Claremont Conservation Area. It was built by Keffer Contracting Co., of R.R. 1, Markham for ex-Maple Leaf defenceman Bobby Baun.

The asking price is \$375,000.

bomb had gone off and everything had been blown to pieces. You had to see it to believe it."

Mary was involved in the clean-up of debris, along side her husband and son.

Stan said it was rare to find a single board in one piece.

"In an area fifteen miles long, there was absolutely nothing. Everything was

literally demolished. There were only a few tree trunks," he said.

Stan said there was a strong sense of community fellowship during the time they were there.

"The group who went from Uxbridge are very dedicated and caring people. They are continuing to do everything they can to help."

Mary said it was sad to see

belongings that people had worked for all their lives being gathered up by bulldozers and burned.

"One lady asked me to keep my eyes open for her wedding rings," she said.

Even though they could only be at the site a couple of days, their help was greatly appreciated by those who must begin a new life after losing everything.

Experts estimate the tornado had winds reaching up to 350 miles an hour. The storm lasted about three minutes. That three minutes will be long remembered by those who now suffer damage as a result. But they will also remember the assistance of those who travelled far from home to lend a helping hand.

New hamlet signs

WHITCHURCH — Eight communities in the Town of Whitchurch - Stouffville, qualify for new regional name signs, but there's no guarantee they'll get them.

According to a list prepared by the Region's engineering committee, Vandorf, Wesley Corners, Stouffville, Musselman's Lake, Ringwood, Preston Lake, Ballantrae and Vivian are all entitled to receive identifying place signs.

The criteria is that a hamlet must be shown (or attempt to be shown) on a road map and have at least one service centre to provide food and fuel to the public.

Father beat his son

MARKHAM — Last spring, nine year old Markham boy disobeyed his father and arrived home late from school. The angry dad beat his son; so severely, the lad required treatment in hospital.

Last week, Gordon Sparks appeared before Judge F.D. White in Newmarket Court, charged with assault causing bodily harm. He entered a plea of guilty.

Counsel for the accused told

Garage application

Goes to committee

STOUFFVILLE — An application for permission to erect a repair garage at the Don Anderson Haulage site, Main Street West, has been adjourned to the Committee of Adjustment following a presentation before Planning Board, Aug. 7.

Lawyer Don Hindson, representing the firm, said the company would prefer to see the 142 ft. by 82 ft. building constructed towards the back of the 10-acre property as to avoid unnecessary disorder in the front yard area.

The firm, it was learned, would be eligible for a permit

of the father's frustrations because of his son's disobedience. "He's been going through sheer hell because of his actions," he said, promising that an attempt was being made to work things out so it wouldn't happen again.

The boy is now living with foster parents, the court was told.

Judge White suspended the passing of sentence until the report from a psychiatric examination is received.

almost automatically, if they wanted to add onto an existing structure. However, since the request is for an independent building, approval is required from the Adjustment Committee.

At present, eight mobile cement trucks are accommodated there, seventeen less than under a previous ownership. Mr. Hindson explained that only eight are needed to serve the area. The gravel truck depot accommodates sixty vehicles, up from five since 1967.