

Still no trace

Missing woman prompts search

STOUFFVILLE — "Like the ground opened and swallowed her up," is the way Norm Nigh of Charles Street, Stouffville describes the disappearance of his wife.

Helen Nigh, mother of two, left home Saturday morning and hasn't been heard from since.

The only definite clue is her familiar blue bicycle, discovered near the conservation dam, north of the high school. Because of this, an Ontario Provincial Police diving team, headed by P. C. Wayne McGillivray of Barrie along with constables Dennis Dore and Wayne Macpherson of Alliston, have searched the man-made lake without a trace. An O.P.P. helicopter, based out of King City, was also called in to cover a wooded region to the north and east. In addition, police and firemen, equipped with drag lines, patrolled much of the water but found nothing.

Late Monday, the Metro Toronto and Region Conservation Authority agreed to drain the lake, but due to construction downstream, the release of water had to be slowed.

At one point, Sunday, close to 100 citizens, including members of the Markham Search and Rescue Unit, the County Breakers C.B. Club, private residents and family relatives offered assistance.

Mr. Nigh, with son Brad had gone to Brown Hill, south of Sutton, Saturday, to work on a

new house Bradley's building there. When they returned, they discovered Mrs. Nigh missing, although the door was open, the radio on and her purse still there. After a short time, when she failed to return, police were notified. They, in turn, called firemen.

Helen Nigh, an extremely pleasant person, was well-known around town. Because of this, news of her disappearance soon spread. A description has since been broadcast across the province.

On at least two occasions, people have reported seeing someone who looked like her, but follow-ups have proved fruitless. On a disturbing note, one call was received at the family's home. On answering, they found no one there. A close friend reported the same.

The waiting and wondering has been hard. "Even knowing the worst would be better than not knowing at all," her distraught husband told The Tribune.

Teachers are "frustrated"

YORK REGION — The secondary school teachers' rejection of a new contract by a narrow six-vote margin, has been attributed to "frustration" by Lin Jones of Stouffville, an S.D.S.S. staff teacher and a Provincial Councillor on the Federation.

"The majority seemed to feel that because they'd waited eighteen months, they might just as well stick it out a little longer and let it go to arbitration," he said in a telephone conversation with The Tribune.

Only about half the 1,000 teachers attended the ratification meeting, Thursday. The final count was 251 in favor and 257 against.

Mr. Jones said the poor turnout was unfortunate because now no one knows how they feel. He said many on staff had prior commitments, such as sports events and music, that couldn't be broken. He admitted many teachers are angry over the way they've been treated and because of this, he knew the vote would be close.

Town Board member Harry Bowes was incensed. "I can't figure out what's going on. We're right back where we

started," he said. He accused the federation of "playing games".

Trying to second guess the reason for the poor teacher turnout, the trustee suggested that many may have considered it "a formality", so didn't show up.

Lin Jones said arbitration hearings should begin Nov. 19 with a decision likely about mid-December.

Accused

STOUFFVILLE — A 57 year old man, said to be a Catholic priest, faces fourteen counts of fraud involving \$250,000.

Pius Emmanuel Finnin was arrested by York Regional Police at Thornhill following an intensive investigation that extended over several weeks.

It is alleged that Finnin collected the money from investors, promising a lucrative return on a uranium exploration scheme. Several of the people reside in the Stouffville-Markham area.

Although the accused is still a priest, he is not assigned to a parish at the present time, police said.

At Museum site

Fire damages century home

MARKHAM — A blaze Friday, described by Chief Myrl Smith as "malicious incendiarism", caused an estimated \$8,000 damage to the century-old Burkholder house at the Markham Museum.

The frame residence, partially restored, had been moved by the Markham Historical Society to the museum site from its original location on the east side of Hwy.

48. The exterior had been repainted and interior work was nearing completion.

The front porch was burned and one side of the house badly scorched.

Chief Smith said evidence indicated the fire had been set. "You can't call it arson," he explained, "because no one stands to gain anything".

Blaze next door
The same evening, a second blaze was spotted in the woodshed at the rear of the Williamson property, next door to the museum. This fire also was set, Chief Smith said. Damage was placed at \$1,000.

Hallowe'en fire

Only one fire marred Hallowe'en in the Markham-Unionville area. A vacant house on the former Fred Hope farm near Milliken was destroyed. There was no one living in it at the time.

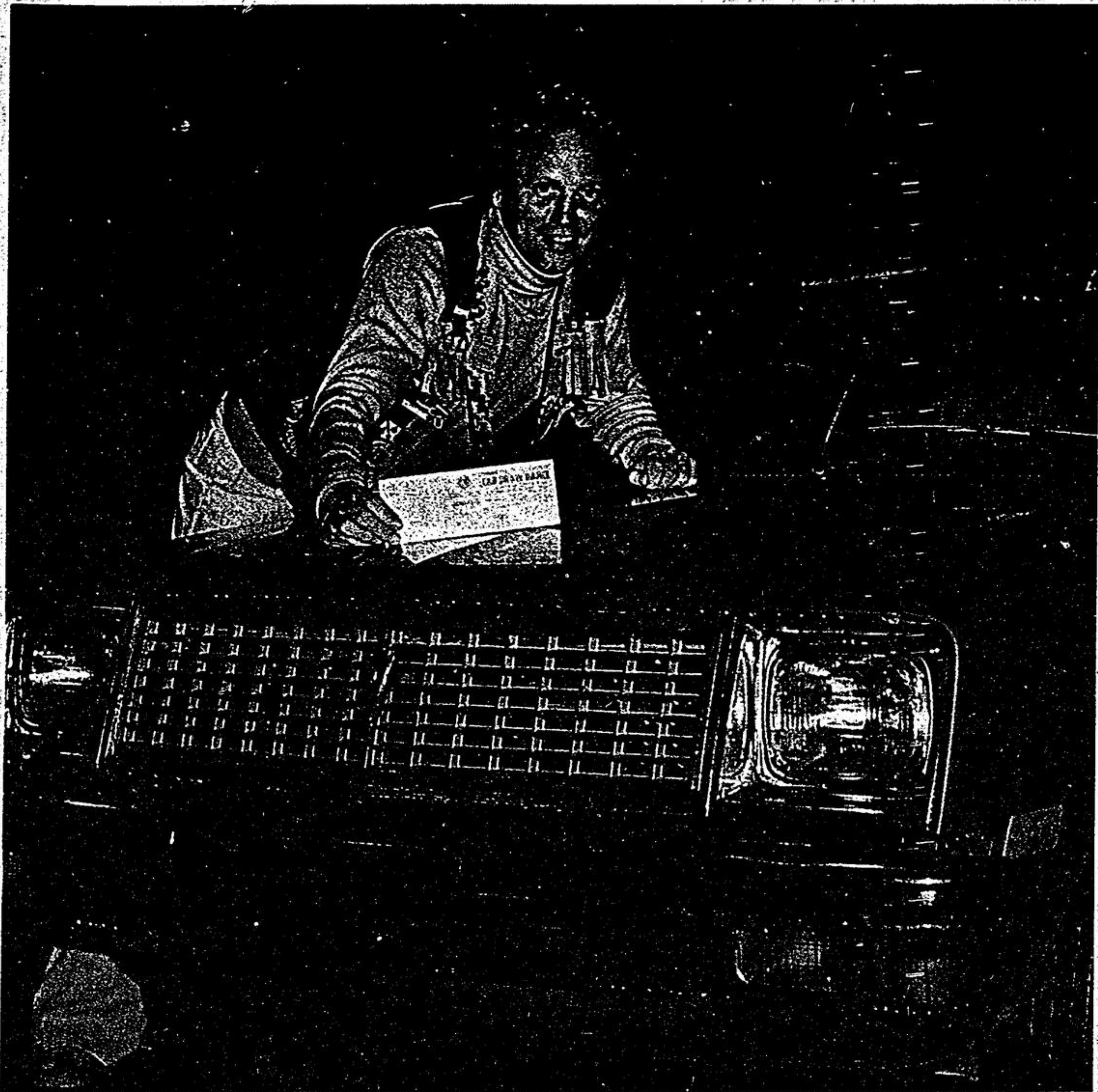
Veterans' memorial

STOUFFVILLE — With the co-operation of Town Council and the Cemetery Board, the Stouffville Legion will establish a Memorial Plot, just inside the ground's east entrance, where comrades now deceased but not interred here, can be recognized.

The proposal, put forward by Legion president Ivan Goudie, Sunday, was accorded unanimous support by members present.

About thirty veterans of two world wars are buried overseas or at other cemetery sites, president Goudie said. Each will be identified by means of a single cross, he explained.

The Legion hopes to have the Memorial Plot completed in time for the dedication service on Decoration Day next summer.



A new car or \$3,500 cash for a twenty-five dollar ticket

On Saturday night, a lucky participant will win a new 1980 Acadian hatchback car from Patrick Motors Ltd., or \$3,500 cash when the Stouffville Lions Club holds its elimination draw, buffet dinner and dance at Rolling Hills, Bethesda. In addition, more than

\$1,000 in other prizes will be given away. Tickets at \$25 each are available from committee chairman Gary Hoy (shown here), or at any one of eight locations in town. The price admits a couple to the dance and also makes them eligible for the draw. Jim Thomas

Pastor berates bared bosoms

BLOOMINGTON — A scantily clad woman is seductive but a naked woman is disastrous. Rev. Chris Sorley of the Bloomington Christian Gospel Church told his congregation at an evening service, Sunday.

Speaking on the subject "Bare Is Bad", Rev. Sorley asked the question: "Should We Permit Nude Shows in Whitchurch-Stouffville?" His answer was a definite "No", and he supported this reply by quoting several related passages from Scripture.

The pastor, a resident of Stouffville, said the time had come for ministers and laymen alike to voice concern over reported nude stage shows at The King's Inn, Ballantrae, particularly, he said, when money is the prime motive.

Rev. Sorley quoted from recent stories published in The Tribune and took the editor to task for a personal comment under the heading "Do Gooders — At What Cost?"

Prior to coming to Town, the minister said he'd heard of Stouffville's fine reputation as a devout Christian community. However, after reading reports of lawlessness and now nudity, he was beginning to have second thoughts.

Rev. Sorley criticized a

newspaper opinion that only those who had viewed the shows, had a right to voice comment. Nor did he agree that each person should have the right to "do his own thing". "No man liveth unto himself," he said.

He said he's delighted to be classified as a "do-gooder" and further claimed no respectable individual would enter such a place knowing that nude shows were being held.

The public's morals must be "guarded", Rev. Sorley said and he placed this responsibility on the home and family; the church and Sunday school; public libraries; the news

media; the government and the police.

Hitting hard at nudity, the pastor said he would defy any red-blooded man, including himself, to sit in on such shows and not be passionately moved.

Then, in a light-hearted aside, he described as absolutely ridiculous the fact some men gain gratification "at seeing breasts bouncing up and down".

The minister commended Town Council for its condemnation of such performances, predicting that unless stopped, the community could become another "street of sin" as experienced in Toronto.

At fire scene

Verbal abuse

MUSS LAKE — As if the lot of a volunteer fireman isn't tough enough, members of the Whitchurch-Stouffville brigade were subjected to indescribable abuse, Saturday, at the scene of an early-morning blaze.

The location was the former Shalimar Restaurant, owned by Cedar Beach Park Limited and while the building itself was saved, the interior was destroyed. Damage has been estimated at \$10,000.

Fire Chief Walter Smith was hesitant to comment on the conduct of some in the crowd. He attributed the problem to "a few with too much to drink", adding "my men are trained on how to handle themselves in such situations".

Chief Smith said one party later apologized.

It was the chief's opinion that some wanted to see the structure burn to the ground.

Church Streets. Then the police moved in, splitting up the one large group into less volatile smaller ones.

The "flavor" of the event was enriched somewhat when someone unloaded a few forksfuls of manure near the corner of Main and Civic Streets. About the same time, a storm window from an upstairs apartment was hurled onto the highway, breaking into a million pieces.

When the situation appeared to be going from bad to worse, officers blocked the street and began to search cars travelling in both directions. At one point, five cruisers and a van were stationed in the area.

Out of the melee of milling spectators, only one was charged. Robert Fockler, 18, of R.R. 1, Unionville was arrested for causing a disturbance. He is to appear in court this week.

Ten year old

Honest policy

STOUFFVILLE — Honesty's the best policy. Richard and Pat Turcotte of South Street, Stouffville, have stressed this with their children and ten-year old Jeffery has obviously learned his lesson well.

About two weeks ago, while walking along the road, he spotted what appeared to be a sum of money. It was a sizeable sum of money, partly submerged in a pool of water.

Jeffery could have slipped it in his pocket and no

one would have been the wiser. But he didn't. Instead, he took it home and told his mother.

Announcements were made at Summitview School where Jeffery attends, and Stouffville High. A notice was placed on the bulletin board at the I.G.A. But the person who lost it hasn't been located.

Mrs. Turcotte said they're concerned the money may belong to someone in need; perhaps a senior citizen.



World War I veteran attended cenotaph service

He remembered. World War I veteran Bert Lickorish, represented the Stouffville Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion in a ceremony at the cenotaph, Sunday, following the Remembrance Day service in the Legion Hall. Jim Thomas

Town "shelled"

STOUFFVILLE — At a dollar a dozen, eggs should have been in short supply for Hallowe'en.

No such luck. The road was "shelled" from both sides during a two-hour barrage, turning portions of the pavement into a giant omelet. At the height of the "assault", an estimated three hundred young people lined the downtown between Mill and