



Shares Town academic award with brother

Many students were honored, Friday, when Stouffville Dist. Secondary School held its annual Commencement Exercises. Here, Nancy Ku, a Grade 12 graduate, receives the Town of Whit-

church-Stouffville academic award from Mayor Eldred King. Nancy shared the prize with brother Michael. For more graduation pictures, see Page 8.

Jim Thomas

'Like the Second Coming'

Train explosion

STOUFFVILLE — "Like the Second Coming" was the way Rev. Jim Shantz of Baker Hill Baptist Church described the explosion and fire in Mississauga, Sunday morning, that necessitated the complete evacuation of the city.

Mr. Shantz, accompanied by his mother, his brother and his brother's wife, were east-bound along Hwy. 401 near the airport when the blast occurred.

"I saw a huge ball of fire, then flames shot high in the sky. It was something like you wouldn't believe."

Phenomenal, he called it, so completely unexpected.

He said the illumination was so bright, it turned night into day. One could have driven with the headlights off, he noted.

Although shock waves were felt as far distant as Markham and Stouffville, the pastor couldn't recall any impact or even a loud noise. He placed the time at about 12:15 a.m.

The minister remembered turning on the radio to catch a report on what had happened, but heard nothing until one o'clock. And that was erroneous. It attributed the explosion to a ruptured gas main.

Joyce Williams of Maystone Court, Stouffville, was caught

up in excitement also. Her son Dwight, lives on Joan Drive in Mississauga, only a short distance from the blast site.

How did he react? He didn't, his mother said, just got up, looked outside and went back to bed. Later, when warned by

Shutdown

The mass evacuation that forced nearly a quarter million people to flee their homes in Mississauga, Sunday, has closed down the production plant and presses of Inland Publishing Co. Limited.

This emergency has forced the Tribune and other sister papers, to seek press facilities elsewhere. At last word, this newspaper was slated to be run off at Willowdale.

Through the co-operation of Stouffville Postmaster Gary Fisher, The Tribune will be distributed to readers as quickly as possible.

The Inland plant is located less than half a mile from the C.P.R. line where the explosion and resulting fire occurred.

police of the danger, he moved into his girlfriend's parents' place in Oakville.

Two face wire theft

STOUFFVILLE — Two Stouffville men face charges of theft under \$200 and possession of property valued at less than \$200, following their arrest, Friday, on the C.N.R. line, north of 19th Avenue.

Norman J. Landry, 21, of Elm Road and Mark Manchester, also 21, of Main Street, appeared in court, Nov. 13.

It is alleged the pair were removing copper communication wire from poles in the area.

Parade

STOUFFVILLE — Santa Claus will be accorded a royal welcome when he comes to town, Sat., Dec. 1.

He will be preceded by dozens of floats, seven bands, lovely majorettes and colorful clowns. The procession will line up on Stouffer and North Streets and lead off at 2 p.m., travelling west on Main to the A & P Plaza.

The parade chairman is Ted Coward. Ken Smurthwaite is in charge of the floats.

Royal showman

UNIONVILLE — Fifteen year old Glenn Lewis, RR 1, Unionville, is the Grand Champion in Jr. Showmanship at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair.

Initially, Glenn topped all entries in the Clydesdale division, then advanced to the open class that included Belgians and Percherons. For his performance, he receives a beautiful engraved trophy. Glenn placed third over-all last year.

The Reserve Grand Champion is Steven Grove, RR 2, Stouffville. Steven, 15, topped the Belgian class and this allowed him to advance to the showmanship finals. In addition, Steven won another first and two thirds. His father, Murray Grove, had two fourths.

Gord Lewis of Unionville, wasn't to be upstaged by his son. He won a third in the 4-horse hitch; a fourth in the unicorn hitch; a fourth in light draught;

a fifth with his two-horse team and a sixth in heavy draught. Bob Butler of Stouffville also won a fifth in the Clydesdale gelding or grade mare class.

Gaylands Farm of RR. Gormley were prominent in the winners' circle with entries in the hunter division. At present, they had won a first, second, two fifths and a sixth. Marilyn Garlick of RR. Unionville, won a second in the Arabian division.

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Resent forest 'intrusion'

VIVIAN — Home-owners, privileged to reside within the confines of Vivian Forest, look on the land as private. And woe betide any would-be developer that casts an envious eye towards that territory.

Resentment over possible 'intrusion' was indicated, last week, when a large delegation attended a Town Planning Board hearing to voice disapproval over a proposed amendment to the Official Plan.

As legislation now stands, estate residential land-use is not permitted adjacent to Regional Forests. Removal of this law would affect the whole of the municipality but more specifically a proposed 13-lot subdivision at the west end of Cherry Street, south of the Vivian Road.

Mayor Eldred King admitted an application was now before the Board but contended this one development was not the sole purpose for making the change. "It's so the same action won't be necessary again," he said.

Those opposed to the legislation charged the Town was "opening up a whole new ball game".

"It's contradictory to previous planning policies," stated Ronald Madden of Faulkner Avenue, Cedar Valley.

Mrs. Madden said the people would be more inclined to accept this development if the lots were larger. She suggested five acres rather than two.

Councillor Becky Wedley described the present legislation as "unduly restrictive". She noted, however, that it wasn't the intent of the Board to destroy the present rural atmosphere. The proposed sub-

division, she said, wouldn't even be seen by residents of Cherry Street.

Councillor Jim Dobe agreed with some of the speakers, saying a subdivision next to a regional forest was inviting problems.

Lawyer Don Hindson, speaking for the applicant, called the amendment "a positive and necessary step".

Assist police on Hallowe'en

STOUFFVILLE — Mayor Eldred King has promised York Regional Police his full support so that Stouffville doesn't have a repeat of the Hallowe'en hooliganism that occurred Oct. 31.

Mayor King told The Tribune that while he wasn't in town that particular night, he had heard reports of what went on.

He attributed the problem to a handful of troublemakers, most of whom, he suspected, didn't live here.

The young people, he said, were trying to intimidate the police. Because of this, officers sat back and waited, hoping nothing would develop. But the situation didn't correct itself but rather grew worse.

"The police should move in and clean things up early," the mayor stated. This, he feels, would stop the trouble before it starts.

Mayor King admitted that mass arrests could include many innocent kids who, other than being there, would be committing no crime.

"If it happens, I don't want their parents to come crying to me," he said. Often, he noted, it's the presence of a crowd that prompts others to act irresponsibly.

"Give a clown an audience and he'll make a fool of himself every time," he said.

Mr. King said the Town had passed a No Loitering Bylaw to give the police additional powers in local parks. He explained that this same legislation could apply to Main Street.

He feels that, prior to Hallowe'en next year, the Council should meet with Chief Bruce Crawford and talk things over. The municipality, he said, might also consider a Proclamation, spelling out just what steps the Town will take.

The mayor said that, unlike some politicians, he backs the police one hundred per cent.

To unveil Town Plan

STOUFFVILLE — Whitchurch-Stouffville's long-awaited Official Plan will be unveiled this month.

The document, four years in the making, will outline the growth and development pattern proposed for the Town up to about 1985. Copies can be purchased for five dollars apiece.

Two information centres will be opened, one at the Municipal Building, Nov. 26 and another at the Ballantrae Hall, Nov. 27. Hours will extend from 3 to 8 p.m.

A public meeting to discuss the Plan is set for Thurs., Nov. 29 at 8 p.m., in Latcham Hall. Councillor June Button, head of Whitchurch-Stouffville's planning committee, will chair the gathering.

Questions from the floor on all aspects of the Plan will be welcomed, Mayor Eldred King told The Tribune. All suggestions put forward will be given serious consideration, he said.

Roll-over

MARKHAM — A 20 year old Stouffville man escaped unhurt, Friday morning, but his car was completely wrecked, when it failed to negotiate a curve on Robinson Street and ended up on its roof in a private driveway. Kenneth Risk walked away from the auto after firemen were called to aid his release. The accident occurred at 6:59 a.m.

P.O.P. Plan 'a fantasy'

MARKHAM — Recently, the People or Planes organization published a brochure entitled "The Last Green Door". In it, the executive considers future uses for 43,000 acres of government-owned land in North Pickering. They feel this property should be declared 'surplus' by Ottawa and Queen's Park and made available to young farmers on a buy-back scheme through loans provided by Farm Credit

Corporation. Prices, they suggest, should be established according to the lands' value for farming purposes only.

While some have seen merit in the proposal, others are describing it as "a fantasy".

In a news release submitted to The Tribune and signed by farmers John Pike, Ashmore Reesor, Phyllis Hollinger, Walter Reesor, Barry Little and Gib Whittamore, it is suggested that "chaos will reign again" should the P.O.P. Plan be implemented.

"North Pickering is being well farmed," the communication states, "most of the tenants are long-time family residents in the area, in fact, several have lived here through five and six generations".

The statement continues: "The rapport between farm tenants and project administrators is quite good. Lines of communication are open. By means of continuing discussion, a viable and productive agricultural community will continue".

The six farmers are asking the P.O.P. organization to lend its support to the present system.

"Change will continue in the North Pickering area. This change must be based on reasoning from facts, not fantasizing from dreams," the paper concludes.

STOUFFVILLE — "In grateful acknowledgement of outstanding services and unselfish assistance rendered to the York Regional Police Force in the preservation of peace and order".

These words were enscribed on two Civilian Citations, presented to Jim and David Rehill at a ceremony, Nov. 7 in Newmarket.

Chief Bruce Crawford

described to the Board of Police Commissioners how the Stouffville father and son had apprehended a suspect after a lady's purse was grabbed as she walked along the street. The chase, he said, extended over some distance including several back yards.

As a result of their intervention, a 17 year old Uxbridge youth was subsequently brought to trial, convicted and sent to jail for sixty days.

"It's not often we see persons who are willing to step out beyond the call of duty and actively participate," said Judge Donald Couture, Chairman of the Board. "Too often, we read of the reverse, where citizens stand back when they see violent crimes committed and do nothing".

"We share our appreciation for a job well done," he concluded.

Addressing her remarks to

David, Gladys Rolling, the Board's Vice-Chairman said it helps police officers to know that our citizens are behind them. "Maybe in the future, you yourself may want to seriously consider a police career".

Present at the ceremony was Shirley Rehill, Jim's wife; a second son, Scott and David's girlfriend, Lyn Ianuzzo.

It marks the first time any Stouffville resident has been so recognized.



A Stouffville father and son were honored by the York Regional Board of Police Commissioners at a ceremony in Newmarket, Nov. 7. Jim Rehill (left) and David Rehill were presented with Civilian Citations by chairman Judge Donald Couture, and vice-chairman Gladys Rolling, for their actions, last August, that resulted in the arrest of a purse-snatcher on Main Street.

Jim Thomas

Share prize

STOUFFVILLE — A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush. This was the agreement reached by Norma Card, O'Brien Avenue and Gail Coughlan, Dorman Drive when they learned they held the last two tickets in the Lions' Elimination Car Draw, Saturday night. They consented to take the money (\$3,600) and divide it fifty-fifty.

Other top prize-winners were: Ted Wallas, Sandy Cove Acres, a Toro Snow-Blower; Vern Davies, Musselman's Lake, a ten-speed C.C.M. bicycle and Dr. Terry O'Connor, RR 4, Stouffville, a cross-country ski set.