

Married seven months Pit accident shatters dream

WHITCHURCH — Brian and Denise Thorn were married Aug. 25 of last year. But they had no honeymoon. Instead, they spent their spare time establishing their new home at Prince Albert near Port Perry. That seemed more important to them then.

An extended holiday was planned for this year, a trip into the Poccino Mountain region of south-east Pennsylvania. But that dream was shattered, last week, when Brian was killed in a freak accident on the property of Pit Haulage Limited, Bloomington Sideroad, west of Hwy. 48. The 26-year-old man, well-known in the Stouffville area and highly respected among co-workers, died instantly when a portable crusher, weighing about 45 tons, tipped forward, pinning him beneath.

There was nothing unusual about the job, pit owner Paul Sabiston told The Tribune, in fact both the victim and site foreman, Bud Doucette had moved the machine many times without incident.

Both men, he said, were experts in handling equipment, maintaining an accident-free record since the pit first opened nine years ago.

This love of heavy machinery was recalled by Denise. "That was part of what he lived for," she said, remembering how he spent two months attending a course at

Thunder Bay so he could perform his duties even better.

He also enjoyed the outdoors, assisting with any chores that needed doing on her father's dairy farm. He was quiet spoken, she said, "a wonderful person".

This opinion was shared by all those attending the service, Saturday afternoon, filling the Port Perry chapel of McDermott-Panabaker to overflowing. The floral tributes were beautiful.

Rev. Clifford Pendlebury,

the minister at their marriage, conducted the funeral with interment, Hillman Cemetery, Ufca. The pall bearers were Ron Batty, a close friend who travelled here from Peace River; Paul Sabiston, Bud Doucette, Keith Doucette, Michael Bedore and Chris Tolley.

Surviving besides his wife are his mother, Dorothy Thorn of Stouffville, a sister, Debra (Mrs. Neil Crawford) of Port Perry and a brother, Allan, also of Stouffville.

Ex-deputy nabs escapee

YORK REGION — Once a policeman, always a policeman. Former deputy-chief-turned-Liberal-candidate Wally Harkness proved this last week when he apprehended a prisoner making a bid for freedom outside the old court building in Newmarket.

The male accused was being led to a cell in the basement when he suddenly bolted through an open door leading to the fire escape. From the steel stairs, he jumped onto the hood of the paddy wagon and then to

the ground. If the prisoner had reached Main Street, he might have been on his way. However, he came to the end of the line when he ran into the open arms of Harkness.

As an aftermath to the escapade, two officers required medical treatment for injuries. Constable Tom Wauchope, formerly of Stouffville, suffered a broken hand when the cell door was slammed on his fingers and Constable Alfred Garvey suffered bruises when punched in the face.

Gormley's fate revealed soon

GORMLEY — The Board of Transport Commissioners will meet soon, possibly this week, to decide the fate of the east-west Stouffville Road through the hamlet of Gormley.

Ron Moran, regional councillor for the Town of Markham said a progress report on the appeal had been received

indicating a decision possibly by April 15.

The original recommendation called for the closing of the road at the C.N.R. crossing, forcing residents east of the tracks to take the bypass route to the north. Many within the hamlet opposed this, claiming it would create a

hardship for persons wishing to attend Sunday services at the Missionary Church. They also said it would divide the community into three separated sections.

Mr. Moran said he's hopeful the Board will at least approve a pedestrian cross-over so persons living east of the tracks won't feel completely cut off.

Stupid stunt - Judge

STOUFFVILLE — "If your school gave a course in stupidity, you'd both get one hundred per cent," Judge F.D. White told two youths on learn-

ing they'd travelled all the way from Lindsay to Stouffville to steal a tailgate for a pick-up truck and two side mirrors.

Paul Robert Tamlin, 17 and

Paul Terry McLean, 19 were granted absolute discharges.

The pair, the court learned, took the items from the property of Charles Richards and Sons, Main Street West. However, they hadn't gone far when police pulled them over and began asking questions. The teenagers said they'd obtained the articles at a wreckers.

Later, the lads had second thoughts and returned to the scene of their crime to take the goods back. They were spotted again by police and placed under arrest.

ferred a fractured knee and his wife had spinal injuries.

Wayne Goulding, of Agincourt, driver of the second auto, was treated for facial lacerations. Goulding stands charged with careless driving and failure to share half the roadway.

Two badly injured

DICKSON'S HILL — A two-car crash on Hwy. 48 near Dickson's Hill, March 29, sent three people to hospital and wrecked both vehicles.

Most seriously hurt were Delbert and Shirley Gilbert, RR 2, Markham. Mr. Gilbert suf-

Student orator

Portrays subject

ALMIRA — Sixteen year old Helen Couch of RR 1, Unionville, has advanced to the third round of Lions-sponsored oratorical competitions. In May, the Grade 10 student at S.D.S.S., will travel to Owen Sound and compete against other finalists from Ontario, Quebec and Labrador.

Helen was the winner at the local level back on March 10, then went on to take regional honors at Claremont, April 2.

The vivacious Almira girl with the sparkling smile and personality, portrays her subject physically as well as oratorically. The title of her speech is "Short People". Her height is an even five feet.

Should Helen be successful at Owen Sound, she'll enjoy an expense-paid trip to Ottawa and speak before a session of the Senate. She'll also receive a cheque for \$500.

To date, Helen has fifty dollars to show for her efforts plus two lovely trophies.



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Jim Thomas



Smoke and flames roll out of a barn on the property of John Murphy, R.R. 4, Stouffville. The blaze, that caused damage estimated at \$50,000, has been blamed on a faulty furnace. All the animals inside were saved.

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Livestock rescued

WHITCHURCH — Fast action by the owner and his helper, saved four horses, three cows and a four month old St. Bernard pup from certain death, Friday, when fire destroyed a barn on the property of John Murphy, R.R. 4, Stouffville.

Mr. Murphy and his assistant, John Robinson, had time to release the animals before flames enveloped the building. The loss has been

estimated at \$50,000.

The blaze, attributed to a faulty furnace, was first observed around 10 a.m. With no telephone there, several minutes elapsed before the alarm could be sounded. The house is some distance away and was never in danger.

John Murphy, the owner's son, had an apartment in the barn's second storey and lost everything including clothing, school books and furniture. A

student attending Seneca College, he had gone to the family's cottage at Midland for the weekend.

Stouffville's three fire units were assisted by two tankers from the Town of Markham. Extra water was pumped from a nearby pond.

John Robinson was the only casualty. He suffered a broken finger while attempting to release one of the horses. He was also stricken with what is

known as hyper-ventilation, but recovered quickly.

At the height of the blaze, Chief Walter Smith had to caution several of his men against venturing too far into the building. It was feared they might be trapped should the roof collapse.

The Murphy's moved to the property, called Bran Oak Farms, in November '78. The previous owners were Vince and Ruth Love.

Parents seem pleased

Plan switch in schools

GORMLEY — A boundary change that, if approved by York County Board of Education, will see fifty students transferred from Dickson's Hill Public School to Crosby Heights in Richmond Hill with the start of the fall term in September.

The shift, accorded almost unanimous approval at a public

meeting, Thursday night, will increase the enrollment at Crosby Heights to about 550. The school can accommodate up to 600.

To alleviate the attendance drop at Dickson's Hill, children from Markham's Mint Leaf Subdivision, will be bussed to classes there. New homes are now under construction in that

development with thirty-five school-age children anticipated by September.

The change in boundaries will affect pupils in the area of Gormley and Victoria Square. The district under discussion extends from Hwy. 404 on the west to a mid-point between Concessions 4 and 5 on the east and from Major Mackenzie

Drive on the south to the Stouffville-Gormley Road on the north.

Bill McVicar, Superintendent for Area 2 said parents at Victoria Square are particularly pleased since they relate more to Richmond Hill than Dickson's Hill. He noted too that graduates from Crosby Heights are automatically enrolled at Bayview Secondary.

However, one mother spoke out against the move, expressing a desire to have her children continue at Dickson's Hill and later attend high school in Stouffville. Mr. McVicar said this could be arranged.

The superintendent informed the audience that academic programs at the two elementary schools were basically the same. He praised the teachers at both, saying that extra staff would be required at Crosby to handle the larger enrolment.

The Board is expected to deal with the matter some time this month, McVicar said.

Organize 'fun run'

STOUFFVILLE — Join the "Fun Run". It's a new and challenging competition being offered July 1 by the Whitchurch-Stouffville branch of the Canadian Progress Club.

The event, part of the Town's Canada Day

celebrations, will 'take off' in advance of the parade. The route, covering a distance of 6.2 miles, will begin from the Sales Barn on Hwy. 47, travel south to Main Street, west to the Ninth Line, south to 19th Avenue, east to the Tenth Line, west again to Stouffer Street, south to

Thicketwood, then west to the Park.

There will be prizes galore including trophies, crests and merchandise.

Full registration particulars will be announced later this month.

A high class dance

Stouffville High is going high class for this year's Spring Prom.

The semi-formal is being held in the ballroom (second floor) of The Royal York Hotel, Toronto. The date is Fri., April 18.

The admission is \$37 a couple. This will include a 5-course meal at 7:30 p.m., with dancing to Frank Bogart and his Orchestra from nine to one.

The demand for tickets has already covered the cost, a

committee representative told The Tribune. However, the Students' Council is anxious that parents and persons outside the school feel welcome to attend.

Reservations are being handled by the secretarial staff. The office number is 640-1433.

Miraculous escape

WHITCHURCH — Three boys, two from Ballantrae and one from Stouffville, suffered only minor injuries in a single-vehicle accident, April 2 that completely demolished their

Police said a 1973 Dodge, driven by 16-year old Mark Munro of Jasmine Crescent, veered off Hwy. 48, south of the Bloomington Road, travelled across a lawn and struck a tree. Passengers in the auto were

Gavin Rogers, 15, also of Ballantrae and Gary White, 16 of Main Street, Stouffville.

Although an ambulance was summoned, none of the lads was taken to hospital.

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