

Brougham antique dealer

Linked with theft

BROUGHAM — A Brougham antique collector is one of eleven persons charged in connection with a widespread theft ring that ranged all the way from Pickering through to Niagara Falls and from Toronto up to Bracebridge.

Lorne Kenneth Harpell was arrested in a crime swoop by police that

recovered property valued at close to \$500,000.

Articles found included: home furnishings, car batteries and 20 tons of lead bars. The raids, co-ordinated by Staff Sgt. Brian Clark of the Metro Police Intelligence Bureau, began on Thursday at noon and continued round-the-clock until late Saturday afternoon.

In addition to Harpell,

others charged include William Copeman Sr., of Maple and his wife Gabrielle; Randolph Copeman and William Crosby Copeman of Toronto; Kathleen Ann Gray of Toronto; Anthony Kragten of Oakville; Clyde Huycke of Keswick; Joseph Eric Ayliffe, Mississauga; John Alfred Genereaux and Sandra Lee Copeman, both of Niagara Falls.

Rabid skunk

Rare pet destroyed

CLAREMONT — A Claremont area woman is receiving anti-rabies shots after the family's dog was attacked by a rabid skunk. Even more painful than the fourteen injections is the fact she had to destroy the pet, a beautiful five year old Belgian sheep dog. There are only a dozen of its kind in Canada.

The lady, wishing to remain

anonymous, told The Tribune that the skunk had ventured into a space under the doghouse and a vicious fight ensued. The skunk was killed.

Because she handled the

chain holding the dog and had open cuts on her hands, she's been advised to take all necessary precautions.

Thinking more of her pet than herself, she described the

agony of seeing the dog die. "I cried before and after," she said.

Rabies are prevalent in the Claremont-Goodwood areas, she stated. Two skunks have been killed on their property, she said, and a rabid raccoon was shot on their neighbor's doorstep. These experiences, she suggested, should serve as a warning to people, particularly children, to stay away from all animals that appear to be acting strangely.

This warning was supported by Dr. Gary Gall of the Stoffville Veterinary Clinic. He urged pet-owners to have their dogs vaccinated or keep them under control. "It's not normal for wild animals to venture into populated areas," he said.

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Mayor regrets Seaton delay

UXBRIDGE — Others besides officials within the Ontario Land Corporation were hoping Seaton, a planned city of 90,000 in North Pickering, could proceed as scheduled.

Uxbridge mayor Gary Herrema told The Tribune that undoubtedly the development would spawn growth in the municipality, providing needed jobs and purchasers for the many rural homes now on the market in the area.

Herrema said Regional Road 30 to Claremont is badly in need of re-construction, but the town is hesitant to go ahead because of the Seaton situation.

"Right now we're just patching it as best we can. There's no sense in building a

new road to a town that's stagnant."

He noted it would cost the Ontario government at least \$24 million to update the GO-train system, a venture the province will be reluctant to begin now.

The mayor added that Planning Committee was to conduct a secondary study for the Claremont area, but said this too may be further down the road.

"It really concerns me that

the Housing Ministry didn't have detailed discussion with the Region and the municipalities to outline the repercussions such a decision would have. I question if lack of communication can be labelled co-operative government," he said.

He concluded that although the proposed community would indeed be an advantage to Uxbridge, realistically the plan is "premature for today's market."

Construct new plaza

UXBRIDGE — It's been confirmed by Uxbridge Mayor Gary Herrema that construction on a proposed shopping plaza at Hwy. 47 and Banff Road, south of Town, will begin April 25.

The centre, south of Canadian Tire, will include a 27,887 square foot supermarket, with an additional 8,120 square feet accommodating four or five retail stores.

Jerry Sprackman of Landawn Shopping Centres Ltd., will develop the site.

Uxbridge clerk Walter Taylor said the food store will probably be a Zehrs franchise, popular in western Ontario.

The Town's chief building inspector and bylaw enforcement officer, Myron Bartkiw, is presently reviewing the plan.

Three charged in Co-op theft

STOUFFVILLE — Fast action by York Regional Police led to the arrest of three Claremont area youths following a break-in at the

Nab theft suspect

MARKHAM — A 25 year old Markham man stands charged with theft following a robbery, March 29 at Maggie's Supermarket on Main Street North. Bertram Pfeil of 12 Jerman Street was arrested at his home, April 1 and appeared in court for a bail hearing the following day. Cash, said to total \$3,300 was allegedly taken from the safe around 3:25 p.m.

Stouffville Co-operative Store on Edward Street, April 3.

Entry to the premises was gained around 11 p.m. Just as the trio was leaving, officers pulled onto the property and gave chase. One suspect was nabbed a short distance away with stolen merchandise in his possession. Later, two others were taken into custody.

Charged are - Robert Alan Price, 18, of RR 2, Claremont; John Steven Wideman, 17, of Franklin Street, Claremont and Ross Alexander MacDonald, 16, of Conc. 9, Pickering.

Store ransacked
A Musselman's Lake variety store owned by Vern Davies, RR 2, Stouffville, was entered during the night of April 3. Two pine doors were smashed and the interior ransacked, causing extensive damage.



The grandest in Unionville's Easter Parade

"Put on your Easter bonnet, with all the frills upon it..." Sunday at Unionville brought back memories of that familiar song, because for the first year, an old-fashioned Easter parade was staged along Main St. The theme was 'Days Gone By', and

here Jane Beaubien and 10-month old Julia, of 158 Main St., Unionville, dressed for the part, pose for the modern-day camera.

JoAnn Thompson

Late Mona Armstrong

Beloved music teacher

Mona Armstrong's magic with music will no longer radiate through York County's elementary schools. Her voice

and her hand were silenced, last week, when stricken suddenly in her home at Zephyr, north-east of Mount Albert. She was 57.

Mona Armstrong was a master music teacher, working out of a base school at Holland Landing. And while recent instructional programs were geared more to staff than students, hundreds of adults, here in Stouffville and elsewhere in York, will recall when she lent her talents to train them as children.

She taught at Summitview and at one time, led the junior choir in the Stouffville United Church. Her skills touched several generations.

Mona Armstrong was never one to rest on her laurels. She was always interested in improved methods and for this reason attended many musical workshops in the United States. At the same time, she would organize similar seminars in York County, to which she would invite her American counterparts.

As a young girl, she sang in the choir at Zephyr United Church and also served as

soloist at many weddings. She was an accomplished pianist and organist.

Music and travel provided great enjoyment. Because of this, she was particularly thrilled to attend a festival in Wales last June.

Mona Armstrong took a keen interest in her heritage and on several occasions visited England and Scotland to seek out family roots. She was planning a return trip to England this summer.

Born at Zephyr, the daughter of the late Byron and

Laura Armstrong, she lived alone in a house on the corner of the farm following the passing of her parents. She maintained an extremely neat place with a small garden where she spent her few spare hours.

The respect with which she was held was evidenced by the hundreds who visited the Roadhouse and Rose Funeral Chapel, Newmarket and attended the service there, Thursday afternoon. Many were teachers who had come to know her well. The floral tributes were beautiful.

Study into police force

STOUFFVILLE — "Is the York Regional Police Force short-staffed?"

The question was asked by Councillor Becky Wedley during a meeting with York Regional Chairman, Bob Forhan, recently.

Forhan replied that a special committee, consisting of a chairman, members of the police force, and representation from the public, would be set up by the end of April to investigate the effectiveness of the York Regional Police.

Some of the questions to be answered are whether or not there is adequate staff, and how various situations are presently dealt with.

Forhan said that police officials are upset at the implementation of the study, but added it will not be done to in-

vestigate possible wrong-doings within the department, but to suggest ways of making operations easier.

He said terms of reference for the committee would be outlined by mid-April.

School meeting

DURHAM REGION — The last public meeting before a decision is made on the possible closure of Webb Public School will be held, April 10 (tonight) at 7:30 p.m.

Recommendations from the public will be considered when the Accommodation Committee formulates its report.

The meeting will be held in Webb school.



Plan June reunion for Claremont class of '45

Do you remember? These students will and they'll renew many memories when Claremont Continuation School holds its reunion, June 14 and 15. This picture goes back to 1945 and is published by The Tribune thanks to the co-operation of Reta Laushway, one-time principal there. The pupils are: Rear Row (left to right) - Earl Anderson, Victory Morley, Bill Binsted, David Irwin, Bernice MacAvoy, Marjorie Petty, Mary Hodgson, Jean Story, Evelyn Gillies, Gloria Beverley, Jean Farr. Second Row (left to right) - Lloyd Prouse, Reg Kennedy, Ken Morley,

Doug Hinan, John Moment, Joan Sanderson, Beth Sutherland, Marion Manion, Lillian Binsted, Thelma Sanderson, Mrs. Reta Laushway. Third Row (left to right) - Helen Hodgson, Eira Watson, Jean Taylor, Isobel Prouse, Pearl Pilkey, Megan Beare, Luella Derusha, Georgina Pilkey, Marlon Redshaw, Isabel Madill. Front Row (left to right) - Joe Morley, Jack Wallace, Bill McKay, Dick Ward, Keith Ward, Bruce Lehman, Gilbert Williamson and Bill Manion.