

No doctors in the house

STOUFFVILLE — Is there a doctor in the house? That's what Elsie Boland of R.R. 1, Goodwood would like to know.

Mrs. Boland describes as "shocking" the fact not a single physician was available at either of the two medical centres in Stouffville on a recent weekend.

"Do they never have emergency cases," she asks, "or are people just taken to hospital?"

For a place the size of Stouffville, at least one doctor should be on hand, she writes, — "even if he must spend his time reading Harlequin Romances while waiting for patients."

Cafe razed

Summit View Restaurant, the site of countless wedding receptions and banquets on Yonge Street, south of the Stouffville-Gormley Road, was destroyed by fire, early Monday morning with a resultant loss estimated at \$700,000.

Fire Chief Robert Kennedy of Richmond Hill said an employee residing in a section of the building, smelled smoke about 2:15 a.m.; and turned in the alarm.

A shortage of water ham-

pered efforts to control the blaze, Chief Kennedy said. A nearby pond was dry and municipal services don't extend that far north. Tankers called in from Aurora and Markham had to fill up at hydrants a mile and a half from the scene.

Cause of the fire was not immediately known. A heavy thunderstorm passed through the area about the same time the blaze was first observed, but there was no indication the building had been struck by lightning, the Chief said.

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Learn of son's death 3 days after crash

By Ed Schroeter
MARKHAM — Four hours prior to a tragic auto accident that took his life, 17 year old Stephen Rudling, Drakefield Road, Markham, spoke to his

parents on the phone. He told them he'd see them later following their return from a cottage vacation.

Ronald and Marie Rudling did return, but Stephen didn't.

He and two others died instantly when the car in which they were riding, veered off the third concession of Uxbridge Township and slammed into a tree. The auto burst into flames on impact.

Due to difficulty in obtaining identifications, Mr. and Mrs. Rudling didn't learn of their son's death for three days. Chris Latam, 18, also of Markham, died in the same crash. His home was at 111 Wellington Street West.

"He was liked by everyone," Mrs. Rudling said, "he had a zest for life and a good sense of humor"

Mrs. Gloria Allison, a neighbor and close friend of the family, said she would remember Stephen as "a sunshine person". "I thought the world of him, he was always

coming over and wanting to help"

Stephen was employed at Lawson Graphics in Toronto. Co-workers had nothing but praise for their fellow staff member and friend.

More than 100 relatives and close companions visited the Rudling home to pay their respects.

In lieu of flowers, the family requested donations be sent to Participation House. "This is what he would have wanted," said Mr. Rudling.

Surviving, besides his parents, is one brother, Bryan and grandparents, Mrs. Mary Chaytor and Mrs. Winnifred Rudling.

Chris is survived by his parents, David and Sally Latam; a brother, Greg; a sister, Theresa and his grandmother, Veronica Peel.

Postman was too speedy

STOUFFVILLE — A local businessman who, in error, paid out \$52 dollars, last week, is warning others not to make the same mistake.

Brian Blenkhorn of Constellation Electric received, what he thought was a bill from Intra Canada Telecommunications for an advertisement in the Ontario Classified Telephone Directory.

It was, in fact, only an offer to place an ad.

He paid it, he said, believing it to be an invoice from Bell Canada for a notice inserted in the yellow pages that comes due

about this time of the year. The firm that looks after this service is called Tele-Direct.

"I'm generally a very careful person," Mr. Blenkhorn told The Tribune, "I considered it just another bill to pay"

After seeing a news story in the July 17 issue of the paper, he re-read his "notice" and discovered it to be only a solicitation for advertising and not an invoice. He said he tried to stop payment on his cheque but was too late.

"Unfortunately for me, the mail was sorted quickly that day," he stated.

Pay increase

DURHAM REGION — Although discussions were held behind closed doors, a report leaked through the keyhole

claims a seven per cent pay raise will be recommended for the chairman and members of Durham Regional Council in 1981.

If the information is correct, it will mean Chairman Walter Beath (if he decides to stand), will receive \$38,015. His salary at present is \$35,528. Councilors' stipends will go from \$12,980 to \$13,889. The chairman also has free use of a car.

The new salaries, to become effective Jan. 1, 1981, must be ratified by the '81 council in December.

The last raise for the chairman and council members was two years ago.

W.I. anniversary

By Jim Thomas
GORMLEY — Mrs. Jack Gamble, (Roxie to her friends), moved from Gormley to Bond Head, three years ago. But separation by miles can't separate her from the company of folks "back home," she enjoys so much; particularly the

Women's Institute. A charter member of the organization, she seldom misses a meeting. However, Saturday's gathering in the Vandorf Community Hall was "special" — the local W.I.'s 50th anniversary. Eighty people attended, including some from as

far distant as Gravenhurst and Eagle Lake.

To mark the occasion, Mrs. Gamble was presented with an engraved silver spoon. Mrs. Russell Ellas made the presentation.

"These fifty years have been wonderful," Mrs. Gamble said in reply, "the Institute has meant a lot to me". She, along with the president, Mrs. Alec Chalmers, cut the beautiful anniversary cake made by Mrs. Florence White of Pine Orchard.

Others associated with the Gormley W.I. include life members, Mrs. Norman Brown and Mrs. R.C. Baycroft; Mrs. Russ Ellas, Mrs. Deb Baker, Mrs. Paul Draper, Mrs. Clarence Cruickshank, Mrs. Ken Baker, Mrs. Bruce Risebrough, Mrs. Ken Jeffels, Mrs. John Walmsley and Alma Heise.

Linda Draper is the Institute secretary.

Gertrude Baycroft summarized many of the accomplishments of the group during the past half-century in a prepared history entitled "Fifty Years of Achievement". The first meeting was dated July 8, 1930 in the home of Mrs. Joseph Jones. Officers elected at that time were Mrs. William Carlisle, president; Mrs. Joseph Jones, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Ed Leary, 1st vice-president and Mrs. E.J. McMullen, 2nd vice-president. Membership was twelve but later climbed to thirty-three by the end of the year.

A tribute was paid to past members now deceased, including the late Elva Smith, a district president. Mention was also made of the Harvey triplets, referred to as "Gormley's famous three". Both their mother and grandmother were Institute members.

While men attending Saturday's celebration were in the minority (80 to 3), the youngest in the audience was a boy. Five week old Darryl Boynton accompanied his mother, Anne Boynton from RR 3, Orton, Ont.



On Saturday, the Gormley Women's Institute celebrated the 50th anniversary of its founding. Here, President Joan Chalmers (left) and Charter Member, Roxie Gamble cut the anniversary cake at a gathering in the Vandorf Community Hall.

Jim Thomas.



Beverly Simmonds, 21, of Epsom, was the piano accompanist for a congregation of 18,000 at the Baptist Congress in Maple Leaf Gardens, Toronto.

Beverly Simmonds

Congress pianist

UXBRIDGE — On July 12, twenty-one year old Beverly Simmonds of Epsom (RR 1, Port Perry), achieved the ultimate thrill of her long and dedicated service with the Uxbridge Baptist Church.

Bev. was the piano accompanist for a 'congregation' of 18,000 and a choir of 3,000 at the Baptist Congress in Maple Leaf Gardens, Toronto. The guest speaker was Dr. Billy Graham.

"Exciting" is the word used by Bev to describe the massive audience that filled the Gardens to capacity. With only one practice prior to the event, Beverly said she was satisfied with the way things went. She also played for other services that began July 8 and extended through July 13.

Preparing to enter her 4th year in the Faculty of Music at the University of Toronto, she hopes some day to impart to

other young people, some of the skills that she herself has acquired at the elementary, secondary and university levels of education. With the exception of the flute and oboe, she can play just about every instrument. The latter two, she'll add to her list of accomplishments this year. Her present instructor is Patricia Parr, Toronto and before that, Marie Devereux, Aurora. She already has her own class of nine pupils.

Beverly is the pianist at Uxbridge Baptist Church and admits she enjoys the association, not only on Sundays but with Young People's at mid-week gatherings. "Involvement in youth work means a lot to me," she says.

While Congress was the largest event she had ever attended as a participant, Bev. also served as pianist at the Baptist Federation Convention

in Regina, Saskatchewan in 1979.

Her family moved from Toronto to the community of Epsom, ten years ago.

David Simmonds, Bev.'s father, also played a key role in the Baptist Congress. He was the Chairman of the Local Arrangements Committee for Canada. It comprised a membership of 2,000 Canadians, all excellent people, he said.

With a registration of 21,000, the Congress represented the second largest convention of its kind ever hosted by Toronto. In 1975, it was held in Stockholm, Sweden. The suggested location in '85 is Honolulu, Hawaii.

Mr. Simmonds praised the co-operation received from members of his own church in Uxbridge. The 500-voice Canadian choir that sang each evening prior to the Saturday service, included many Uxbridge members, he said.

Proficiency appreciated

By Jim Thomas
CLAREMONT — Betty Pegg stands back and admires a beautiful painting by renowned artist, Robert Bateman, and expresses grateful appreciation. The life-like picture of three evening grosbeaks perched in a tree, is a treasured gift from the staff and students at Claremont Public School, Betty's "second home" for the past eleven years.

Now retired, Betty says she plans to do many of the things for which she never had time before. Photography is one. She specializes in 'shooting' birds with hundreds of colorful photos as proof of her skill.

Mrs. Edgerton Pegg, RR-2, Claremont, entered the teaching profession back in 1958. Her first position was a Grade 6 class at Dewson Street School, Toronto. The starting salary for women back then was \$1,000. The men, however, received a \$500 'bonus', she recalls with a smile.

Following marriage, she taught music in such rural areas as Cedar Creek, Audley and Balsam.

On her return to full-time teaching, she went to West Rouge, then Bayview Heights and finally, Claremont. She had kindergarten classes at each location. "They were my favorites," she says of the hundreds of boys and girls who passed through her hands.

She has nothing but praise for her principals and vice-principals all the way down the line; the "cream of the crop", she calls them. At a farewell

gathering in her honor, last June, four were in attendance - Bob Weaver, West Rouge; Jim Fox, Bayview Heights; Al Ward, formerly of Claremont

and Stan Todd, the current Claremont principal. Mr. Todd made the presentation.

For Betty, the Claremont School was ideal; close to home

yet outside her community. She admits she'll miss the associations and likewise, she'll be missed by those associated with her.



Betty Pegg, a public school teacher 22 years, eleven of which were spent at Claremont, holds the beautiful Robert Bateman painting she

received at a farewell gathering last month. Betty announced earlier her decision to retire at the end of June.

Jim Thomas.