

## Probation on kidnap count

**DURHAM REGION** — An Uxbridge man, who pleaded guilty to a charge of abducting a 15-year-old Clarendon girl last July and contributing to her delinquency, was put on two years' probation by Judge Norman Edmondson, Monday morning at Ajax Provincial Court.

W.B. Affleck, counsel for the accused, Murray Allan Neil, 33, told the court his client was now living with the girl, who has since turned 16, and is planning to marry her.

The case was to have proceeded two weeks ago, but had to be put over when the girl, a chief witness in the matter, failed to show.

Court was told that the mat-

ter arose shortly after the girl had an argument with her mother, as to her relationship with Neil. The mother allegedly slapped her face and the girl joined Neil at his place.

Affleck said the two had a chance to go to Florida for a short visit, and they did. The girl was reported missing, July 18, 1981.

Crown Attorney E.H. Bradley, said the girl's mother was "concerned" about the two living together, and that "it is probably not in the best interests to suggest a suspended sentence" for the accused.

He said that Neil, who was also charged with failing to appear, and with having sexual intercourse with a female under 16, had only part of a

grade 8 education. "Part of his failing to appear was an inability to appreciate all that was concerned," he said.

Bradley said the accused had a previous record dating back to 1968, when he was convicted of causing a disturbance. He was convicted of theft over \$200 in 1974, and with possession of dangerous weapons in 1980.

Judge Edmondson said he "understood the mother's concern," but thought it best Neil be placed on probation for two years. It would allow for some supervision, he said.

He fined Neil \$500 on the charge of failing to appear, and withdrew the other charge.

There was no charge laid against the girl for failing to appear.

## Lucky to be alive

**CLAREMONT** — A Clarendon transport operator is recovering in hospital at Renfrew following a roll-over last week that killed one passenger and injured another.

Steve Wideman suffered severe concussion and a broken right arm in the single-vehicle accident that occurred when

the truck's "fifth wheel" broke loose, separating the tractor from the trailer. He was carrying a load of corn at the time.

The one man was able to struggle up the embankment onto the main road and flag down a passing motorist who summoned police and an ambulance.

It is believed Mr. Wideman

was thrown from the cab by the impact. "He's lucky to be alive," a member of the family told The Tribune. The deceased was from the Clinton area.

Donna Wideman, Steve's wife, left immediately for Renfrew when news of the tragedy came through. She's been there ever since.

## Warning to rustlers

**CLAREMONT** — Larry Valtoudis of Valtoudis Meat Packers, Clarendon Sideroad, apologizes to a reporter for his difficulty with the English language. Despite his difficulty, however, the message is clear: Intruders stay out.

The nights of May 13 and 20, thieves visited his plant, helping themselves to 10 live beef cattle from the backyard the first time, and then breaking through an outside wall into a freezer the second time, bypassing the alarm, and taking a quantity of loins and beef steaks.

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Uxbridge — A reasonable budget for all is the way Mayor Bill Ballinger described the 1982 budget for Uxbridge Township at a meeting of council, last week.

Councillor Don Jackson, head of the finance committee, which handed down the \$5,714,568 budget, said that taxes were up 11.55 per cent for farm and residential, "for the

two old townships, and up 9.65 per cent for the town. Last year's expenditures totalled \$4,999,519.

The administration has done a great job," Councillor Jackson said.

A breakdown of the figures is as follows: township, \$1,596,080; Durham Region, \$1,241,712; separate school, \$58,589; elementary school, \$1,529,097; secondary school, \$1,289,090.

And, despite his recent trouble, he is not downhearted. "It's a good business," he says. "No complaints."

## Re-open Museum

**GREENWOOD** — The weekend of June 12 and 13 marks the re-opening for the season of the Pickering Museum. Activities are planned for young and old alike.

The site is a restored 19th century village of homes and shops nestled on the banks of Duffin Creek in Greenwood.

Costumed participants will add a personal touch in bringing the project back to life.

The museum curator, Felicity Nowell-Smith is planning many craft demonstrations by weavers, spinners, quilters and rug-hookers. Guides will be providing tours Wednesday through Sunday all summer long.

Restoration work will be continuing in the months ahead, thanks to receipt of a grant. The museum consultant is presently studying the history of the Brougham Hotel, geared towards its interior refurbishing. The exterior was restored last year by students on a summer grant program.

A museum gift shop will be open. It will sell locally produced crafts. Refreshments will be available at the nearby Greenwood General Store or box lunches can be ordered.

For additional information call 683-2760 (Ext. 279).

## Flags fly half mast

**UXBRIDGE** — The flags were at half mast in Uxbridge last week.

They were lowered at the Royal Canadian Legion on Franklin St., and at Uxbridge Library on Toronto St., in memory of Elwood McNamara, Mr. McNamara, 62, of Brock St., died last week in Uxbridge Hospital after a lengthy illness.

A retired butcher, he had lived in Uxbridge the past 14 years and was a member of the Legion during that period. He also worked as a part-time bartender at the Legion Hall.

A spokesman for the Legion said that it is customary to fly the flags at half mast on the death of one of their members, if the member requests it. The flag is also lowered at the library as it is the cenotaph flag.

The deceased is survived by two sisters and four brothers. A service was held at Low and Low Funeral Home, Friday night, with burial in Uxbridge Cemetery, Saturday.



Ellen Martyn of Goodwood, leader of the Stouffville Branch of La Leche League in Canada, firmly believes that breast-feeding is the secret of happy mothers and healthy children. Her

boys, Joshua, two and Luke, 4½, are good examples. La Leche League is an international organization, active in 45 countries around the world. —Jim Thomas.

## Breast-fed babies best

**GOODWOOD** — Breast feeding's best. No one's more certain of this than Ellen Martyn of Goodwood, and she has two handsome, healthy boys to prove it.

Ellen is the organizer and leader of La Leche League's new branch in Stouffville, an association that promotes the benefits of breast-feeding in 45 countries around the world.

Meetings locally are held once a month, usually in private homes. Mothers and mothers-to-be are welcome. The contact number is 640-3801.

"It's not automatic — it's an art that mother and baby both learn," Ellen says. Contrary to some opinions, it's only on rare occasions that a mother can't breast-feed her child, she claims.

The practise is gaining popularity, Ellen says, because mothers are discovering there's no suitable substitute. "It can't be duplicated," she states.

While women only are welcomed at meetings, Ellen feels a husband's understanding is important. "It's nice if he's involved but it's not essential," she says.

Some mothers feel breast-feeding "ties them down," but Ellen claims the exact opposite is true. Many mothers work and continue to breast-feed their babies, she says. "In public, it should be done discreetly, she feels.

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## Radios for school buses

Dear Editor: I am pleased to report to the parents of children attending Valley View Public School and Clarendon Public School that, at the regular meeting of Durham Board of Education, April 26, members agreed to the installation of two-way radios in buses, commencing

September 1982. This means of communication will improve service in the area and give parents greater peace of mind regarding the safety of their children, particularly during the winter months.

I wish to thank those trustees who supported us in our endeavor including Mr. A.R.

Irwin and Mrs. Linda Carder, also Pickering councillor Nora Stoner. A special thank you to Uxbridge trustee Heather Beveridge for her help and guidance during the period of negotiations.

Sincerely,  
Robina M. Davis,  
R.R. 2, Clarendon.

## Hamlet to stay same

**UXBRIDGE** — The hamlet of Goodwood will stay the size it is. For the time being, anyway.

An attempt by Rocco Auciello, a resident of the area, to have the development plan for Goodwood "extended to include part of lot 17, Concession 3, Highway 47," in order to build a home on the property, was turned down by a meeting of planning board, last week.

"Our responsibility is to plan, not to accommodate," said Mayor Bill Ballinger, after Auciello had said he wanted to "accommodate" his partner.

"You have one piece of property and one house, and that's all you can have," Mayor Bal-

linger said. "The moment we deviate and try to accommodate, it's a new ball game. Scattered development doesn't make any sense."

Durham Region planning commissioner, Dr. M. Michael, who was in attendance, said that approval "creates problems, financial and otherwise. Then you get upset when taxes go up."

"They're high now," Auciello replied.

"You pay for a quality of life," said the mayor.

"There's more to life than cutting the lawn," the applicant said.

The mayor, however, had the

last word. "Caveat emptor, buyer beware," he said. His motion to disapprove, was carried.

## Honored

**UXBRIDGE** — An 18-year-old Uxbridge resident was honored in a brief ceremony at a meeting of township council, last week.

Mayor Bill Ballinger told Steve Dunkeld, R.R. 2, Uxbridge, that it was "a great honor" to be able to present him with a memento—a township pin—in recognition of his recent feat in winning the provincial plowing championship.

## Rodeo

**UXBRIDGE** — Everything from ladies' barrel-racing to bare-back bronco-riding will be featured at a rodeo, June 5 and 6, at Pleasure Valley Park, Brock Road, south of Coppins Corners.

The event, sponsored by the Ontario Rodeo Association, will also include bull-riding, calf-roping and steer-wrestling. The action starts at 2 p.m.

Admission is \$4, adults; children under thirteen \$3; senior citizens free.



On Saturday morning, the Youth Group of Goodwood United Church, held a car wash in the Community Park under the leadership of Ruby Johnson and Sylvia Ribble. One of the participants in the project was 11 year old Susan Gribble, Goodwood Gardens, Hwy. 47. —Jim Thomas.

## Ride donkeys

**UXBRIDGE** — There are probably those that say politicians are inclined enough by nature to make asses of themselves, without having to proclaim the fact in public.

Be that as it may, members of Uxbridge Township Council are showing that they're not going to be cowed by such subversive thinking. To a man and a woman too — they're going to vacate the council chambers for the playing fields — or maybe that should be the

braying fields — of Goodwood Community Park, June 4, for a game of donkey baseball.

No experience necessary, it seems, and some might say that puts the councillors ahead right there. If so, you can be sure that their opponents, Goodwood Lions, will have plenty to bray about that.

Game time is 8 p.m. Admission is \$2, adults, and \$1, under 12. Proceeds go toward Goodwood Park.