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Claremont man shot Intruders surprised

CLAREMONT — Duncan Spang, 71-year-old resident of Claremont, was in "critical, but stable condition," late Monday, after being shot at his residence, Sunday morning.

According to Inspector Doug Bulloch, Durham Regional Police, Spang surprised three men going through the Claremont Road home he shares with his brother, Harvey, after returning there from their other farm, less than a mile away, about 9 a.m.

Inspector Bulloch said that four shots were fired at the elderly man, one of them hitting him in the stomach. The

men fled, but Spang managed to make his way to his car and drive across the road to the meat packing plant of Larry Valtoudis, where he honked his car horn for help.

Durham police received the call about the shooting at 9:13 a.m., and at 9:50 a.m., a team of detectives spotted three men in a car on Highway 7.

The men were stopped, the car searched, and police arrested two brothers, Wayne Charles Kennedy, 22, and Randy William Kennedy, 20; and Ronald Joseph Perrault, 21, all of Seagrave.

Shattering event

Neighbor now locks doors

CLAREMONT — Some six hours after the shooting of his neighbor, Duncan Spang, 71, of Claremont Rd., Larry Valtoudis, who operates a meat packing plant across the road from him, was still upset.

It was Valtoudis, Spang went to for help after being shot in the stomach by three burglars, about 9 o'clock, Sunday morning.

The pair's mail boxes sit side by side on the north side of the highway, and the two men regularly exchange greetings when they check them in the morning. However, last Sunday there was "little in the way of small talk" when the injured Spang drove into Valtoudis' yard, his horn blaring.

"I thought maybe it was some kids, that sometimes happens," said Valtoudis, who had been upstairs in his office at the time.

When he realized who it was, he ran downstairs and found Spang clutching his stomach. "He told me he had been shot and to call police."

A Greek immigrant, Valtoudis said that police found it difficult to understand him and thought it was someone playing a trick. However, with the help of his 14-year-old son, he got the message, through and police were there in a matter of minutes, he said.

The ambulance tore by the first time, but was soon re-routed and the injured man was taken to hospital.

"I want to say thanks to Durham police," Valtoudis said; "they worked very good."

Durham police picked up three men in less than an hour and charged them in connection with the matter.

The incident has left Mr. Valtoudis distressed, however. His front door, usually open, is lock-

ed now, and he has a heavy, thick cane within reaching distance by his desk.

"I don't like it," he told The Tribune. "I never see anything like that ever before. I'm scared."

Was active sportsman

CLAREMONT — Both a public service and a masonic memorial service were held from the McEachnie Funeral Home, Pickering, for Frederick (Fred) Evans following his passing, Dec. 1 in Scarborough Centenary Hospital. He was 93.

Fred Evans is best remembered by long-time residents as the operator of the Claremont Creamery, a business he conducted many years. He was an enthusiastic curler, lawn-bowler, hunter and fisherman.

Born east of Claremont, the son of Joe and Alice (Seebek) Evans, he later married Minnie Gleeson, now a resident of Parkview Home, Stouffville.

Prior to his passing, both lived at Parkview and, for a short time, in Port Perry.

Besides his wife, he leaves one daughter, Marion and one son, Garry, both of Port Perry; five grandchildren, Dale Jackson, Jan Fykes, Rick, Ron and Donna Evans; and one great-granddaughter, Cheryl Jackson.

Rev. Edward Cook, of Claremont United Church conducted the public service, Dec. 4 with interment Claremont Union Cemetery. The pall-bearers were Gordon Benson, Tom Hammond, Rick Evans, Ron Evans, Wilf Morley and Charles Bath.

Antique cars like new

GOODWOOD — It's an open-air showroom of antique and classic cars.

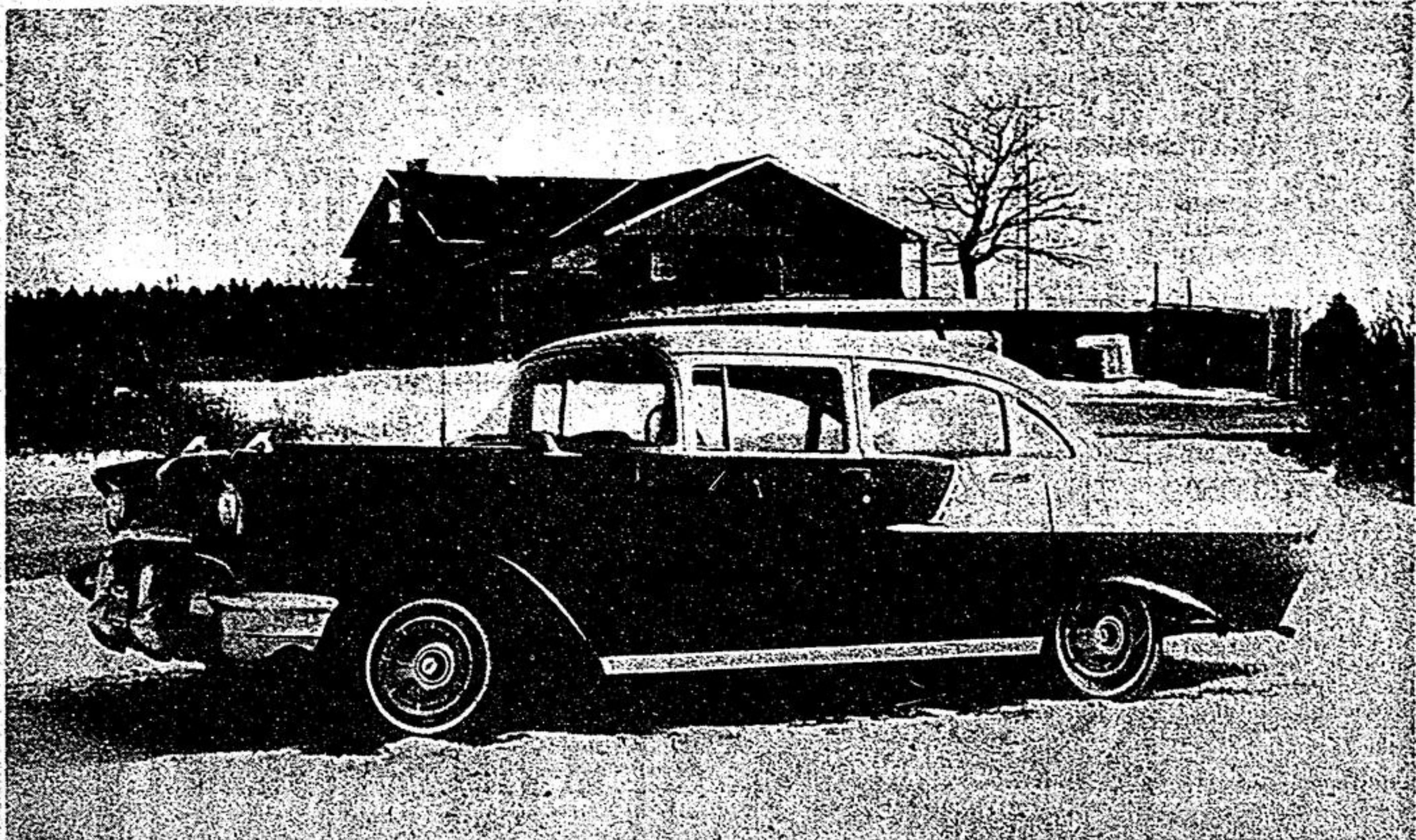
The operator is Armand Robitaille. The location is Hwy. 1A, a mile east of Goodwood.

Motorists travelling this route, take delight in seeing "what's featured" from week to week. Many stop, if nothing more than to recall pleasant memories. Vehicles of yesteryears have a way of doing this.

Although a refurbished automobile may seem expensive, it's not when the work is measured in hours, Armand explains. For example, a 1959 Lincoln carried a price tag of \$6,000 and a 1953 Chev sold for \$3,500.

Right now, Armand's "bringing back to life" a 1950 Ford "woody wagon". He hopes to have it ready by the summer of '84.

Armand's fame is spreading. "People are getting to know," he says, "they leave one in or tell me where one is." He often sells for others, and while his open-air "showroom" wasn't designed by General Motors, it serves his purpose.



The latest antique car on sale at Armand Robitaille's "open-air showroom" is a 1957 Chev. Armand refurbishes old automobiles as a hobby and finds Hwy. 1A an excellent site to display the products of his handiwork. —Jim Thomas

Uxbridge girl with Singers

To leave on world tour

UXBRIDGE — Eighteen-year-old Jennifer Stadelbauer of R.R. 1, Uxbridge, is looking forward to an event in 1983 that will truly be a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

On June 7, Jennifer and about 35 members of The Continental Singers, based out of California, will leave on a world tour that will take them to such countries as Switzerland, Au-

stria, and Hungary as well as various stop-off points across the United States from New York to Los Angeles.

The choir, comprising 20 vocalists and 14 instrumental-

ists, will return Aug. 25.

Jennifer, a Grade 12 graduate of Uxbridge Secondary School, is an accomplished flutist.

Although mostly self-taught, she took lessons for two years

from Peg Albright in Pickering. She played in the U.S.S. Concert Band.

Jennifer auditioned for the choir last summer, when representatives visited Uxbridge and participated in a service at the Baptist Church. Her selection came as a wonderful surprise, she said.

The Continental Singers are renowned across the United States. There are more than 500 in the total organization including members from all over the world.

The choir's "tour of duty" will be a rigorous one, with a concert every day. Jennifer's looking forward to it, describing the opportunity as "an experience of a lifetime".

'Midnight haulers' concern chairman

UXBRIDGE — The "age of the midnight hauler" may soon be on its way in Durham Region, says Chairman Gary Herrema, back at the helm for another three years, following his recent election by his fellow councillors.

The chairman uses the term quite literally, too. With the long-term problem of waste disposal in Durham, as in other areas, a never-ending concern, he feels that people will eventually be taking the matter in their own hands, scattering

their refuse by the wayside after dark.

"We have to come up with some proposals," says Herrema, who last year appealed to Uxbridge Township Council without success, for use of some worked-out gravel pits as possible dump sites.

"Everybody creates garbage," he said, "but nobody wants it near them. People feel there are truly alternatives, but where are they?"

"We're going to have midnight haulers dumping it in ditches, before we get to that problem."

As part of the means of tackling the matter, Herrema said that Council will be setting up a special committee, featuring lay people, to contribute their ideas and energy.

Another way of making sure that the various municipalities have their say is through the creation of an enlarged management and administration committee, with the various mayors all sitting on it.

There was no such coordinating committee before, and Herrema sees this as one that will "streamline things and get communication going."

The chairman says that next year's budget will be "tough," with no new programs being instituted, unless there's the accompanying development and services to go with them.

As for new industry in the Region, "everything is in a holding pattern."

This will be Herrema's second term as regional chairman.



Fir tree setting is spectacular

UXBRIDGE TWP. — While December may not seem the most propitious month for farmers to perform their annual harvest, a couple of Uxbridge Twp. growers wouldn't have it any other way.

In fact, Ruth Spademan and Norma Shearer have been making preparations for the past eight years. That's when they planted their present crop

of pine and spruce. Now, with Christmas just a present or two away, the trees are fast leaving the anonymity of their 200-acre patch, to become centres of attraction in various homes throughout the area.

The buyers are also the harvesters, and they've been clearing them off for the past two weeks, so that it's mostly five-footers around now, and taller ones at another location near Utica.

Ruth and Norma have been growing and selling Christmas trees for 30 years at their farm and cross-country ski resort, north-east of Coppins, Corners. And they couldn't have picked a more beautiful location, their home sitting high on a hill just below the stars, from where they can view their farm, ski trails and the city beyond.

It all came about when they left the RCAF after the Second World War, where they had served as wireless operators, and decided that, rather than put all their money in insurance to guarantee their futures, as everyone advised, they'd invest it instead in land and build up their own insurance.

They did, and have had both the great satisfaction of developing their own business, and living in a spectacular setting as well.

Christmas or not, some people complain of the prices, says Ruth. However, she just asks them if they'd wait all that time to grow their own, and the complaints drift off into the pines.

The trees are a crop, she says, and as a result, her group, the Christmas Tree Growers' Association, were successful in having the sales tax removed.

Just another indication that they obviously know their business.



Fall corn harvest continues through December

It's been a long (and discouraging) harvest season for area corn-growers. Hundreds of acres are still standing. John Hoover and Lambert Yake are working long hours in an effort to finish up by

Christmas. They have about 300 acres to go. This field is east of Goodwood, south of Hwy. 1A. The price is about \$2.50 per bushel, about half the peak rate of 1981. —Jim Thomas



"You look friendly, but that's close enough"

Kermit's a friendly frog, at least he (she) made friends with dozens of little people at the Claremont Lions' Christmas Variety Show in the Community Hall, Dec. 5. However, five-year-old

Michelle Norton prefers to remain at a safe distance. Kermit, in reality, is Cathy Young of Claremont.

—Jim Thomas