

Mayor is "pleased"

Budget hike

UXBRIDGE — Uxbridge residents will have an overall hike of 7.12 per cent in their tax bills this year, an increase of between \$50 and \$60 on an average assessment of \$4,000.

Mayor Bill Ballinger said he was "very pleased" with the \$6,121,194 budget, which was passed by a meeting of council, last week.

The total budget for 1982 was \$5,714,568.

"We set an objective of 5 per cent and we came in just under it," he said, referring to the local portion of the bill, which showed a 4.9 per cent increase over last year's mill rate.

"I think it's reasonable in a restraint year," he added. He said he was "reason-

ably pleased" with the Region's 6.9 per cent increase.

Education costs, as usual, led the way. The separate school showed an increase of 8.38 per cent; elementary schools, 7.34; and secondary, 10.53.

In an interview later, Mayor Ballinger said that, while he could "justify" the local and regional levels, he couldn't "speak for the school board.

"I make no bones of disassociating with the school board," the mayor said.

Township business administrator, Ron Kester, who presented the budget, listed several additional levies, including 3.45 mills and 2.93 mills in Goodwood, on business and commercial, and residential, respectively, to defray the cost of street lights.

Garbage pickups, which added five per cent to last year's rates, will mean \$47.25 on each residential unit within the urban area of the former Town of Uxbridge, and \$49.35 on similar units in Goodwood and Pineview Estates at Coppins Corners.

Councillors see craters

UXBRIDGE — Members of township council took to the air, Saturday, in an effort to look at "some craters on the moon."

That's the name they've given to some worked-out gravel pits in the township, which have been the subject of complaints from residents because of their very existence; the probability that some others may soon join them, has also caused considerable consternation.

As a result, members of council went up in a couple of planes supplied by their engineering consultants, Totten, Simms and Hubicki, and spent two hours both viewing and reviewing the terrain.

Councillor Don Jackson said they wanted "to see what the pits do and what scars they leave."

The trip was to "bring out the points of rehabilitation, too."

He said they wanted to fly over Wagner's Lake, as well, to check out the build-up there. Council had an application for a subdivision, and had also discussed a development plan for the area.

Councillor Ian Morrison said the council members also wanted to view the township's assets, "so that we'll become that much more appreciative of it all." A report of the trip will be presented to council.

Best ones Mini-Putt

UXBRIDGE — Those critics of township council who might feel it putters around too much, would have had proof positive of it if they had been at last week's council meeting.

In fact, it came in very solid form from a member of Durham Regional Police, Constable Dale Allan, who is also president of the Region's Police Association.

That form was a huge trophy, which P.C. Allan presented to council for its winning effort in a recent Mini-Putt tourney. The tourney, which has been staged for the past three years, pits teams from the area council and the media against a regional police team, as part of a fund-raising effort for crippled children.

"You beat us all," P.C. Allan said in handing over the trophy.

Mayor Bill Ballinger said that competing "gives all of us a chance to contribute in a small way, and we thank you for that."

Members of the winning council team, are: Councillors Ian Morrison, Gerri Lynn O'Connor and Sandy Ewen; and area businessman, Harvey Appleton.



Mary Hearn, Principal of Claremont Public School for the past two years, will take over the principalship at Vaughan Willard School, Pickering, this fall. Mrs Hearn says she's enjoyed her stay in Claremont but is looking forward to the challenges that come with an

enrolment of 550 students and a staff of twenty-four. Her successor is Jim Crosbie, currently the vice-principal at Dr. Robert Thornton Public School, Whitby. —Jim Thomas

Principal Mary Hearn New challenges

By Jim Thomas
 CLAREMONT — In the hallway at Claremont Public School hang several posters. By the hand and from the heart, each represents the young artist's concept of Principal Mary Hearn. One of these, signed simply Kim reads: "Mrs Hearn is our principal. She is very pretty. She's the nicest and best principal I've ever had. I don't want her to leave."

Another, from Sandra reads: "Mrs Hearn is our principal. She teaches us music. She's the nicest principal in the whole world. I love her."

On June 23, Mary Hearn will say goodbye to Kim; to Sandra and

the other 244 students under her care. She's accepted a principalship at Vaughan Willard Public School, Hwy. 2 and Dixie Road, Pickering. There are 24 on staff there with an attendance of 550.

Mrs. Hearn says she'll always retain fond memories of her two years at Claremont. "This is a close-knit community with parents who are keenly interested in what's going on. I have appreciated their co-operation".

While her new position will entail greater responsibility, she sees the benefits of "being small". One of these is a personal association with every pupil that enables her to call each by name.

Since the start of her teaching career 25 years ago, Mrs Hearn has held positions at Lord Durham and St. Andrew's Schools, Ajax; Sir John A. MacDonald, Pickering; Cedarvale, Oshawa and Frenchman's Bay. She was a vice-principal at both Cedarvale and Frenchman's Bay. During this 25-year period, she welcomed the arrival of two sons, Brian, now 21 and soon to graduate from Toronto University; Brian, 19, in Grade 12 and Darlene, 11, in Grade 6.

"I didn't know where Claremont was," she admitted, on learning of her appointment here in 1981. "The staff at Frenchman's Bay

bought me a compass and said 'head north'", she recalls with a smile. Mrs Hearn holds a Music Degree in piano and claims this training has been a help. She's quick to admit, however, that without the assistance of parents like Andrea Graham and Corinda Barber, and staff teacher Carole Redshaw, none of the student musicals would have been possible. Mrs Hearn says she has mixed feelings about leaving. "I like the school but I enjoy the challenge." The real challenge, however, will come, June 23, when little Sandra repeats the words on her poster—"you're the nicest principal in the whole world; I love you"

Brooklin

Spring Fair

BROOKLIN — Gary Herrema, Chairman of The Region of Durham, will officiate at the opening of the 72nd annual Brooklin Spring Fair, Thursday evening, June 2 at 7:30 p.m. The president is Allan Downey.

The show, to extend through Sunday, June 5, will include a Beauty Pageant (Thurs., 8 p.m.); Tractor Pull (Fri., 7 p.m.); Giant Parade (Sat., 10:30 a.m.); Horse Pull (Sat., 1:30 p.m.); Hell-Drivers (Sat., 6:30 p.m.); Bed and Bath Tub Race (Sun., 11:30 a.m.); Horseshoe Tournament (Sun., 11:45 a.m.); Harness Racing (Sun., 1:30 p.m.); Old Tyme Fiddlers Contest (Sun., 7 p.m.).

The Ontario Guernsey Association Show begins at 9 a.m., Friday with the Carlsberg Wagon and Horses on parade at ten. The Dog Obedience Show starts at 7:30 p.m. The Appaloosa Horse Show is at 10 a.m., Saturday, with Dairy Cattle Judging at 1 p.m.

The Arabian Horse Show begins at 8:30 a.m., Sunday followed by the Dairy Goat Show at eleven. It's the third largest in Canada. The Sheep Show (judging and shearing) begins at 1 p.m. Beef Cattle Judging is also at one. Logging and nail-driving competitions are at two. Admission to the Fair is \$2.00 with children under twelve free. A four-day Fair pass is \$4.00.

Two motorists charged

UXBRIDGE — Two people suffered minor injuries in separate accidents in Uxbridge Township, last week, it was reported by the Uxbridge detachment of Durham Regional Police.

Susan Blondell, Newmarket, was treated at Uxbridge Cottage Hospital and then released after being taken there when her car rolled over on Regional Rd. 8, west of Uxbridge, May 28, about 8:10 a.m.

Police have charged her with careless driving.

A passenger in a car, driven by Harold Billing, was also treated and then released after sustaining minor injuries in an accident at Concession 4 and Regional Rd. 8.

Police said the Billings vehicle was in collision with a car driven by Bruce Clark, 20, of Toronto.

Clark has been charged with failing to yield.

A barn, belonging to Arthur Binnington, of

Reach in Scugog Township, was destroyed in a \$50,000 fire, May 29.

Police said there were no cattle in the building at the time, but a quantity of tools were lost.

Cause of the fire is unknown.

Scot Green, 22, of Mount Albert, told police that a man came up to him in the community hall at Zephyr, about 2:30 p.m., May 28, and punched him in the face, "for no apparent reason."

As a result, Scot said he

lost three teeth.

An Uxbridge man is being sought by police.

Tracey Evans, Brock Rd., Claremont, resorted to police that two wicker, high back chairs, and a wrought iron table, freshly painted, were stolen from her home, May 27, about 8 p.m.

A Siberian Husky, valued at \$200, was taken from the home of Glen Gibson, Lot 6, Conc. 5, May 27, sometime after midnight.

The dog is valued at \$200.

Rescue!

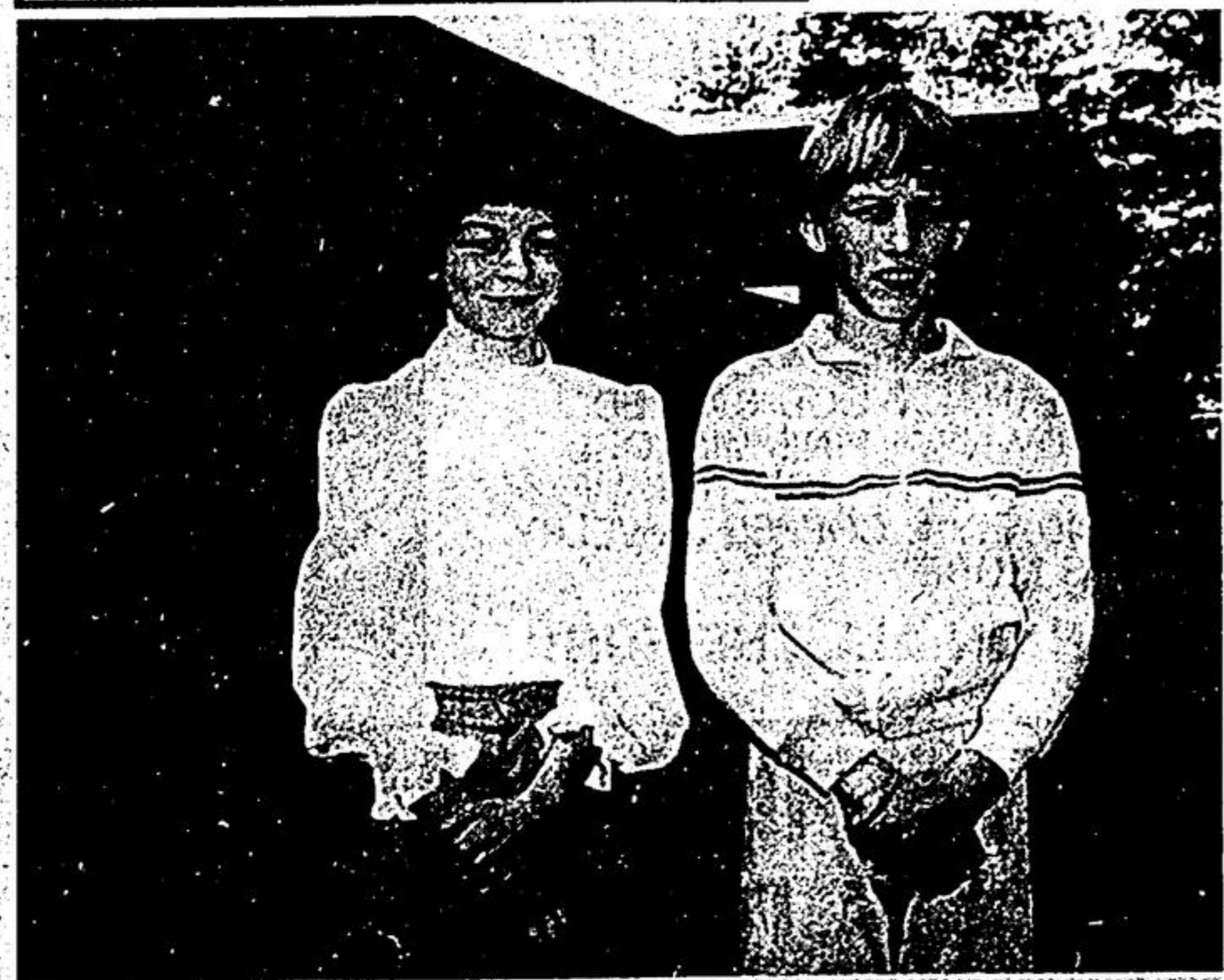
CLAREMONT — A Claremont area police officer, working out of Metro's 43 Division, has been credited with assisting in the rescue of a Scarborough man, after a canoe overturned in the Rouge River.

Constables Michael Brooks and an associate, waded into the stream fully clothed and pulled 25-year-old David Oille to safety. Both the victim and his companion, 17-year-old Miranda Seip were admitted to hospital for treatment of exposure.

Sheila Brooks, Michael's mother, said she knew nothing of the near-tragedy until friends began phoning and saying they'd heard it on the radio.

Later, when Michael came home, wearing a sergeant's uniform, she knew it to be true. "It was all he had to put on," she said, "we're still drying out his boots".

Often, she said, she used to wonder why officers go through such rigorous training programs. Now, she better understands, she stated.



Best Fire Prevention Posters

Jennifer Greer and Jason Budd, both ten and in Grade 5 at Claremont Public School, were honored recently for completing the best Fire Prevention Posters in Ontario and the Town of Pickering. They each received \$140 and framed certificates for this outstanding accomplishment.

—Jim Thomas



Guides receive All-Round Cord awards

Six Claremont Girl Guides received their All-Round Cord awards, Monday, at a Mother and Daughter Banquet in the Legion Hall. Honored by District Commissioner Nancy Hannah of Uxbridge were: Front Row (left to right)—Darlene Jordan, Balsam; Heather McCance, Claremont; Laura Adams, Claremont. Rear Row (left to right)—Pam Evans, Claremont; Jennifer Greer, Green River and Donna Carruthers, Claremont. The 27-member company comes under the leadership of Guiders Carolyn Evans, Linda McCance, Pat Morrison and Faye Greer. —Jim Thomas