

# Hockey family injured in crash



BRANDON PRIDHAM

STOUFFVILLE — A ten-year-old Stouffville boy participated in an Atom Hockey Tournament at Collingwood, last weekend, hours after the family car was demolished in a head-on crash near Stayner and he himself was hospitalized with injuries.

Brandon Pridham, his parents, Bruce and Carole Pridham and his younger brother, Philip, age eight, of 20 Victoria Street, became the rallying call for the Clipper kids as a "let's win it for

## Son aids title win

Mrs Pridham" cry went out from the Stouffville bench.

And win it they did with Brandon scoring one goal and assisting on three others.

Mrs Pridham, a Grade 2 and 3 teacher on the staff at Summitview School, was most seriously hurt. She underwent surgery, Monday, in Sunnybrook

Hospital, Toronto and isn't expected back in class until September.

Eight-year-old Philip was asleep in the seat at the time of the crash. He was thrown part-way through the windshield. A nearby resident rushed both boys to hospital.

Investigating officers called it "a miracle" all weren't killed.

The trip to Collingwood for Bruce and Carole Pridham and family, started out as a March 'break' vacation. Bruce is the manager of the Stouffville Atom Clippers and Brandon plays with the club. Philip is a member of the Novice Clippers, participants in the same tournament.

Brandon, his foot still

wrapped in bandages, was elected to accept the Championship Trophy on behalf of his team. Coach Glenn Whitebread, in an appreciated gesture, then presented the award to Brandon's family.

One Stouffville spectator said she'd never witnessed a more inspiring performance by a hockey team. "They won it for Mrs Pridham," she said, "they respect her as a teacher and as a friend".



PHILIP PRIDHAM

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## At Ballantrae Tests show some wells are polluted

BALLANTRAE — Abnormally high levels of chlorides and nitrates in several Ballantrae wells has prompted the Environment Ministry to conduct additional studies to find the source of the problem and come up with solutions.

Councillor Tom Wood, in whose ward the properties are located, feels certain

the contamination is from road salt and septic tanks. He rejects suggestions the landfill site is responsible.

"Let's not get the people unduly upset," Councillor Wood urged members of Council at a meeting, March 13, "these are shallow wells and the problem has nothing to do with the dump."

Mayor Eldred King in-

formed Council, the original water test program, dating back to 1982, had come about as a result of the landfill operation. He said seven wells exceeded acceptable amounts of chlorides and nitrates. Two of these have since been replaced.

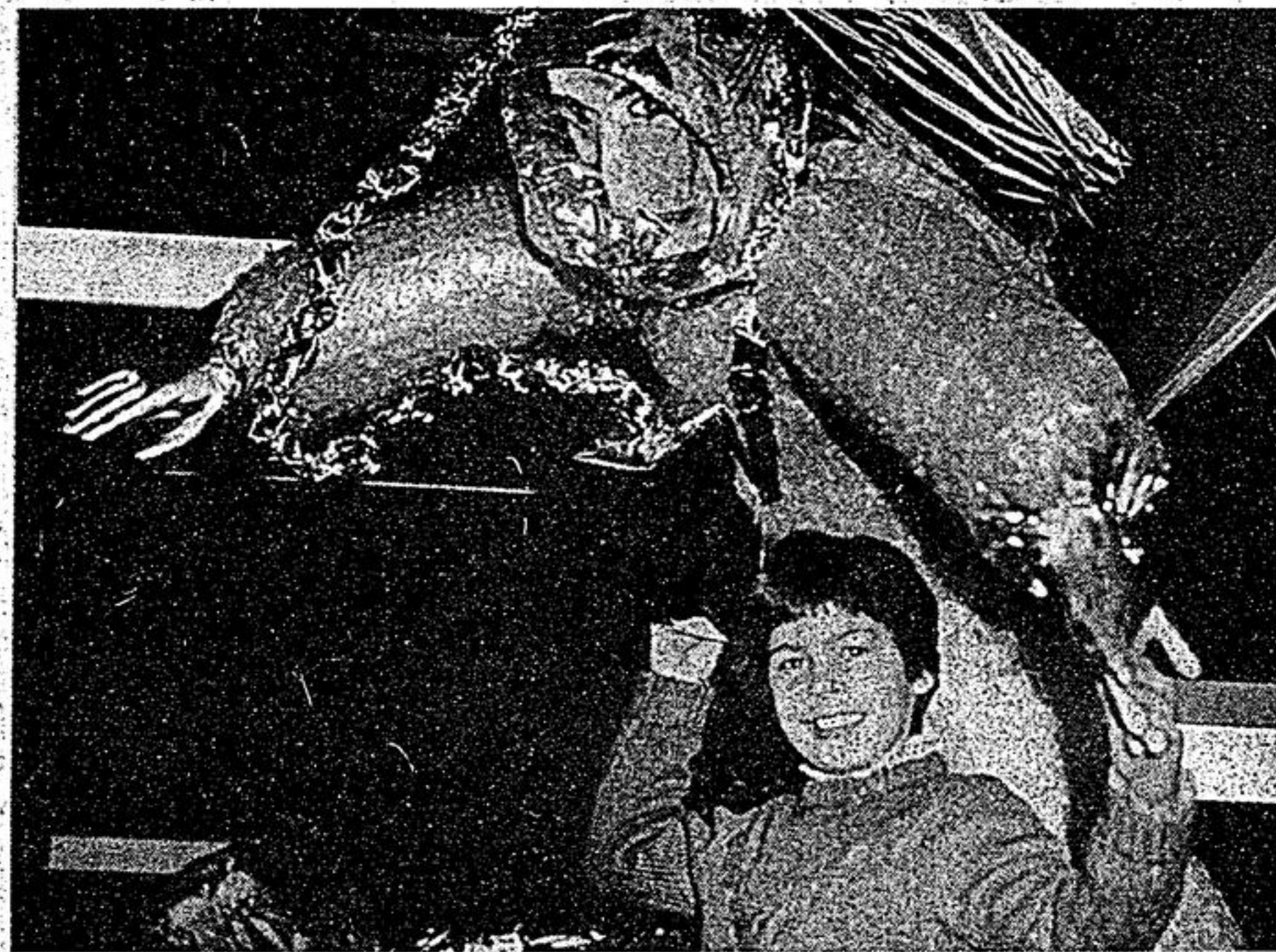
Mayor King said a specific area has been established and the water in every well there will be tested. No cost is attached to this project, but should replacements be required, the Environment Ministry will subsidize the expense up to 75 per cent, he explained.

Councillor Wood said the problem's by no means new. "At last," he said, "we're getting the Ministry to do something about it."

Wood claims the ground level in that area is "shaped like a saucer", holding surface water in one place.

Although Mayor King agreed shallow wells are more susceptible to surface run-off, not all are of this type. "The wells vary in depth," he said.

Councillor Wood cautioned against "giving residents the wrong idea." He said the salt (chloride) content was high in several wells when checked before. "This problem's nearly two years old," he stated. As to a potential health hazard, Wood said it wouldn't be advisable for infants to drink the water or someone with high blood pressure or a heart defect.



Last week, was March 'break'. The majority of children that didn't travel to Florida, attended activities at the Town Library where "Space" was the feature attraction. Shown here with an astronaut is eight-year-old Katie McKnight, Bethesda Road.

—Jim Thomas

## School to handle overflow

DICKSON'S HILL — Trustee Harry Bowes sees many possibilities for Dickson's Hill School after more than 400 students are re-enrolled at E.T. Crowle in north-east Markham.

Dickson's Hill, he says, could be used as a 'holding school' to accommodate children from the Markville area. If this isn't necessary, it could become a 'specialist' institution for Art or French Immersion.

"Certainly, it's too good a facility to close down," he said. Bowes stated that, at present, there are eight portable classrooms on the site. These will be removed when E.T. Crowle becomes operational.

As for the future of the building, Bowes says the board will want to take a look at the projected enrollment for September before reaching a decision.



Centre of activity

The proverbial "book worm" at the Town Library is always an attraction but seven-year-old Lesley Osborne of Booth Drive, Stouffville, shows no fear of her bug-eyed friend. More than 500 children visited the Library during the March 'break' period.

—Jim Thomas

## Old store to get new look

STOUFFVILLE — The former Card's Hardware Store in Stouffville's central core will, in the words of realtor Jack Baird, "end up as one of the show buildings in town".

This was also the optimistic approach taken by the Business Improvement Area board when word of the property's sale and proposed renovations were revealed at a B.I.A. meeting, March 14.

Identity of the new owner was not revealed.

Three stores will be created on the lower floor, Mr Baird explained, each containing 2,200 square feet. The second-storey will accommodate two apartments with rentals around \$300 a month.

Improvements are also planned for the exterior, Mr Baird said. The Markham realtor told the board, a sketch of the finished premises should be available soon and this would better indicate what the new owner has in mind.

## Day Care in wrong location

STOUFFVILLE — Mayor Eldred King has no quarrel with the philosophy of day care, but he's opposed to such a centre being established at 220 Sunset Boulevard.

"The location's improper," Mayor Eldred King told The Tribune. He said the fact up to 45 children could be enrolled there is disturbing. "We have to concern ourselves with numbers," he stated.

In addition to numbers of children, there will also be additional cars as parents arrive to deliver and pick up their sons and daughters, he explained.

Mayor King said a subdivision will eventually be located to the south, thus placing the proposed day care centre between two private dwellings.

## Collision

STOUFFVILLE — "God was with me," Mary Hamerston of 114 Manitoba Street told The Tribune.

Mrs Hamerston's car was in collision with a tractor-trailer on the Stouffville-Gormley Road, Friday afternoon. Despite the fact her auto suffered \$5,000 damage, she escaped with minor lacerations and a broken finger.

Driver of the transport was Alexander Grenick of Scarborough. There was \$500 damage to his vehicle.

Mrs Hamerston said the pavement was icy in places. She said minutes after the accident occurred, the sanders came by.

York Regional Police summoned an ambulance to the scene but Mrs Hamerston declined admission to hospital.

## Town brochure Seek help

STOUFFVILLE — A committee of council is planning a brochure to publicize the Town. Members are seeking YOUR help.

Needed are photos of things unique in Whitchurch-Stouffville, either colored slides or prints. They can relate to buildings or landscapes, still life or action — anything of a positive nature, chairman Fran Sainsbury told The Tribune. The deadline is March 30. "It's time to tell the world how proud we are of our community and why we chose to live here," Mrs Sainsbury said. All submissions will be returned if a name and address are enclosed.

Entries can be delivered personally to the Municipal Office, 19 Civic Avenue, Stouffville or mailed to: Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, Box 419, Stouffville, Ont. (L0H 1L0).

## To prevent fire hazard

STOUFFVILLE — Taking a cue from problems experienced in Markham, Richmond Hill and Vaughan, Council here has reacted favorably to a recommendation from the York Region Fire Chiefs Association and will not permit the "squeezing together" of subdivision homes.

"It's become a real serious thing," Fire Chief Walter Smith told The Tribune. He pointed to Markham and Richmond Hill in particular, where close to 30 homes of this type were recently destroyed when flames spread from one to another.

Houses, in Whitchurch-Stouffville, meet the safety standard as set out by the Association, Chief Smith said. The Council resolution will see that this standard is maintained, he stated.

In at least one municipality, the homes are so close, the eavestroughs of one hang over another, Chief Smith explained. "There isn't room for a fireman to get in and put a ladder up," he said. Even worse, the division in between is sometimes blocked, making entry impossible. A minimum of four feet should separate each house, the recom-

mendation reads. "We're not into this yet," Chief Smith concluded. "so now's the time to stop it."



Pretty as a picture

There was a price on the frame but not on the picture at the Silver Jubilee Club's spring bazaar, Saturday. The photo in reality is Emily Foley, Church Street North, Stouffville.

—Jim Thomas

## Public question Rec. Centre cost

BALLANTRAE — Lack of interest in 'grass roots' culture and recreation meetings during the past three weeks, didn't hold true at Ballantrae, Monday night.

An estimated 50 residents, many associated with the newly formed Rate-payers' Association, attended the public fact-finding session in the Whitchurch Centennial Centre.

The main thrust of queries from the audience related to the proposed Recreation Complex and its cost.

"The people here are concerned and legitimately so," Councillor Tom Wood said later. He admitted the turnout, so poor in other places, surprised him. "It's always better in Ballantrae," he joked.

Councillor Jim Sanders,

Culture and Recreation Committee chairman, fielded the majority of questions. He said the anticipated \$1 1/2 million debenture would cost each homeowner approximately \$35 a year over the next twenty years. Some considered it fair while others appeared resentful.

Councillor Wood, in whose

ward the meeting was held, was asked directly if he favored the project. He replied "40 per cent for and 60 per cent against". He intimated that should the Town not receive a Wintario Grant, he'd be 100 per cent opposed.

"We're talking a lot of money. I'm becoming alarmed," he concluded.

## Tax increase

STOUFFVILLE — A tax increase is a certainty in 1984, Mayor Eldred King told The Tribune, but by how much, he can't say. "We've gone over various budgets but nothing's finalized," he said. The picture will be much clearer in about four weeks, he stated. Capital expenditures are anticipated in both the Recreation and Fire Departments, the mayor said. A new frame must be installed under the 1960 G.M.C. pumper, to meet insurance regulations.