Teen booze party enflames residents

DICKSON'S HILL — Disgust and contempt are the reactions of residents here to the holding of a teenage drinking party, Friday night, an event that extended into the early hours of Saturday morning.

The outdoor 'social', that one complainant called "an orgy", took place at the home of Bill and Theresa Austin, east of old Hwy. 48, north of the school. At one point, the crowd was estimated at close to three hundred.

The people began arriving around 9 p.m. By midnight, more than 100 cars lined both sides of the road.

Noise emenating from the property was so loud, it could be heard east and west to the 9th and 7th Concessions, callers said.

Police were summoned several times, but no arrests were reported.

"What could one officer do in a situation like that?" a resident asked.

"It's a quiet community, but this sort of thing gives the area a bad name," a lady commented. Guests, she said, obviously came from a wide area. "They must have advertised it."

Hundreds of beer bottles littered the ditches with hundreds more scattered about the Austin lawn. Children were out collecting them Saturday morning. One mailbox was broken off.

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Uxbridge-Markham fair queens enjoy a day at the 'Ex'

Uxbridge Fair Queen Jodi Armstrong (left) and Markham Fair Queen Darlene Murray enjoy themselves on a carousel at the Canadian National Exhibition after competing in the Miss CNE contest last week. Both Darlene and Jodi finish their reign as fair queens this fall as the local organizations gear up for new selections. Both ladies enjoyed the competition although they weren't finalists. — Sjoerd Witteveen

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Shot in ambush
Officer dies in hospital

YORK REGION — York Regional Police Constable Douglas Tribbling is dead.

The 28-year police veteran was shot three times at point blank range during a break-in investigation, Sunday, on Steelcase Road, west of Woodbine Avenue in Markham. He died Tuesday night in North York General Hospital. Constable Tribbling was 49.

"He was a real decent individual, an excellent policeman," said Police Chief Bruce Crawford. "It was inevitable," he stated.

At press time, funeral arrangements were not complete.

News of officer Tribbling's death was told to Markham Mayor Carole Bell at a Town Council meeting, Tuesday evening. She called for a minute's silence out of respect for the constable and his family. There are three daughters, Kelly, 26; Robin, 23 and Valerie, 20.

Harvey Cox, former Markham Twp. Police Chief, now retired, was extremely 'close' to the victim. It was Chief Cox who hired Tribbling as a police office clerk, March 15, 1956. The new staff member showed so much promise, Cox promoted him to the rank of constable six months later. In Sept. 1965, he was again promoted, this time to the rank of detective. Cox described Tribbling as "an outstanding officer."

Constable Tribbling elected to enter the Steelcase Road plant alone, despite the fact he'd radioed for assistance. A fellow officer found him minutes later, lying on the floor. He had been shot three times in the chest with one bullet striking a main heart artery and another damaging his liver. The burglar fired two more shots, but both missed, Chief Crawford said.

Crawford stressed that a 45-man special investigative unit had been assigned to track down the killer or killers.

PC candidate seeks big lead

YORK-PEEL: In 1980, Sinclair Stevens of the P.C.'s bettered his closest rival, the late Wally Harkness of the Liberals by more than 6,500 votes.

He hopes to widen this margin of victory, Sept. 4. Stevens, the Riding representative since 1972, sees room for improvement due to the fact he won by 15,000 votes in '79. "I hope to win back some of the votes I lost," he said, in a telephone interview, Monday.

Strongest opposition is expected to come from Pam McPherson of the Liberals. John Hall is again representing the N.D.P. Thomas Dreesen is a candidate for the Libertarians and Ray Pritchard is running as an Independent. All four are expected to attend public meetings in Aurora High School, Wednesday (tonight), at 7:30 p.m. and in Newmarket's Old Town Hall, Thursday, (Aug. 23), at seven.

Stevens claims many previously non-committed Conservatives "are walking in off the streets" and offering assistance.

Stevens says he's been working closely with Party Leader Brian Mulroney on a statement of expenditures to be made public Aug. 24. "I think Mr Turner's, (the prime minister), going to be awfully surprised when he hears the figures," he said.

The Riding M.P. claims he's not all that 'sold' on candidates' meetings and what they accomplish. He feels most people are committed to one party or another before they come. "The room's divided and they root for their favorite," he said. Also, he claims response is difficult when four candidates are asked the same questions. "I don't mind confrontations, but for the audience, the answers become a blur." More can be accomplished at private meetings, he claims.

As for the "peace issue", main subject of Thursday's meeting in Newmarket, Stevens says no one's against peace. The problem is, agreeing to nuclear disarmament without rendering the country vulnerable to Soviet attack. "I can't understand why we should be pressured into making concessions," he concluded.

Hearing

BLOOMINGTON — A second public meeting, related to proposed residential development in the Bloomington area of Whitchurch-Stouffville, will be held in Latcham Hall, Stouffville.

The tentative date is Tues., Oct. 2 at 8:45 p.m.

The hearing relates to planned development on residential lots north and south of the Bloomington Road, west and east of the 9th Concession.

At the first meeting, Aug. 7, much opposition was expressed concerning build-up in the community. Fears were voiced related to water, sewage, noise and traffic problems.

Chevy fan club

MUSS. LAKE — The Southern Ontario Chapter of the Vintage Chevrolet Car Club of America, held its annual reunion last weekend at Cedar Beach, Musselman's Lake.

The cavalcade of Chevys, attracted the attention of cottage-owners and trailer residents alike as they rolled onto the site Friday evening and Saturday morning.

"It's a family thing," Bob Crocker, the membership secretary from Scarborough told The Tribune. About 75 families belong.

All that's required is an interest in Chevrolets, Crocker explained. However, to be classified as 'vintage', a car must be at least 15 years old.

The parent organization is in the United States. It was established in 1961. Membership in the national club is a necessary requirement. The cost is $20 a year. The regional fee is $15.

On 'long hauls', drivers travel in groups of three and four. "Anything more and it becomes confusing," Crocker said. On one occasion he recalled meeting members travelling in an opposite direction.

It was the club's first visit to Cedar Beach. Last year, they met in Guelph and in 1982 at Woodstock.

Driving the farthest distance was David Porter of Elmira. He owns a 1966 Chevrolet El Camino. The oldest car, a 1928 Chevrolet two-door coach, was displayed by Rick Laurie of Niagara-on-the-Lake. The People's Choice was a 1956 Chevrolet Bel-Air, owned by Donald Lampkin of R.R. 1, Fergus.

This 1956 Bel-Air, owned by Don Lampkin of R.R. 1, Fergus, was the 'People's Choice' in competition at a South Ontario Vintage Chevrolet Car Club reunion held at Cedar Beach, Musselman's Lake on the weekend. — Jim Thomas

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To Japan with love

STOUFFVILLE — Five years ago, Margaret Randall retired from the staff of Orchard Park School. But she didn't retire from teaching. Her career merely took a turn—to the east, the Far East, first Taiwan and now Japan.

"I love the Orient; I love the people there," Mrs Randall told The Tribune. Her sponsor is the Free Methodist Church.

Mrs Randall returned to her Osaka home, Friday, but not alone. She took along two of her grandchildren, Kim and Scott Randall of Lindsay. They'll remain two weeks.

"I love my work," Mrs Randall said. "I'm one of the luckiest people in the world."

A deeply committed Christian, Margaret Randall says she's been led by the Lord. She teaches the Bible and also provides instruction in English.

Despite miles of separation, Mrs Randall has never lost touch with those she came to know at Orchard Park. She remembers it as "a wonderful school in a wonderful community." Following the 25th anniversary reunion last fall, several teachers and former pupils wrote letters, recounting events since last they met. "This brought me great joy," she said.

In total, Mrs Randall's been teaching 35 years with no thought of slowing down. "I never grow weary," she says, "the Lord paces my work and gives me what I can take."

Extend Hwy. 404

WHITCHURCH — Through the office of York North M.P.P. Bill Hodgson, The Hon. James Snow, Ministry of Transport and Communications has announced an immediate start on the next phase of Hwy. 404.

The firm of Bot Construction Co. Ltd., of Oakville, has been awarded the contract for grading and paving that section extending from the Bloomington Road to the Aurora Road, a distance of about 2.5 miles.

The contract price is five million dollars.

Still in coma

STOUFFVILLE — "No change" is the latest word on the condition of Reta Laushway, a patient in Sunnybrook Hospital, Toronto.

Mrs Laushway suffered a fractured skull in a fall, Aug. 13, outside her home on Park Drive North. She's been unconscious ever since.

Progress will be slow, attending physicians told her husband, Monday night. Although still in a coma, there have been no setbacks, they said.

Mrs Laushway was watering a hanging basket on the front porch of their residence when the chair, on which she was standing, overturned. She struck her head on a cement step below.