

Man ruled insane in child killing

CLAREMONT — A 37-year-old Toronto man has been ruled not guilty by reason of insanity in the killing of his nephew near Claremont last January.

David Allen Phillips had admitted killing two-year-old Tomi Koskinen at his brother Charles Phillip's farmhouse, on Conc. 7 about two miles south of the Pickering hamlet.

A eight-man, four-woman Ontario Supreme Court jury took just 30 minutes to reach its decision in Whitby Sept. 20.

The accused had pleaded not guilty to a charge of first degree murder.

Mr. Phillips was not in control of his actions when he stuffed a mitten down his nephew's throat Jan. 19, then stabbed him in the chest with a letter-opener, psychiatrist Dr. Russell Fleming testified.

Court was told that Mr. Phillips has paranoid schizophrenia.

The serious mental disorder caused him to lose touch with reality, according

to psychiatric reports.

Defence lawyer Terry Kelly and prosecutor Ed Bradley agreed the only issue in the case was the question of Mr. Phillips's sanity.

Mr. Phillip said voices had ordered him to kill his nephew and set a fire to "burn the demons" that existed in the boy's bedroom.

Although only a few victims of paranoid schizophrenia ever become violent, Dr. Fleming said that's exactly

what happened in this case.

In the psychiatrist's opinion, Mr. Phillips had no control over his actions when he killed his nephew due to the delusions.

The man's action of killing the infant, someone he loved, could have been construed by him as a test, Dr. Fleming, director of the forensic unit at the Mental Health Centre in Penetanguishene, added. "It's now evident Mr. Phillips

requires lengthy and ongoing treatment in a hospital... which could last for the rest of his life," he told the court.

Mr. Phillips has been sent to the Penetanguishene facility, where his future progress will be reviewed annually by an independent panel.

The slain boy's parents should be consulted if Mr. Phillips is ever considered for release from a mental institution, the court ruled.

Hamlet on hold until study completed

CLAREMONT — A final report on Claremont's water situation is expected to be completed by Nov. 15, according to the Ministry of Environment's district officer for Durham-York regions.

Ken Hogg said that analysis and test drilling at well sites in the north Pickering community will be finalized by the middle of October.

It will then take the consulting firm Simcoe Engineering Limited, Pickering, about a month to compile the test information and present its report in mid-November.

A draft study on Claremont's water system, prepared last year indicated that a high per-

centage of well systems were unsatisfactory.

Private replacement wells or a communal water system are two proposed solutions.

A total of four experimental wells are being drilled in the hamlet at a cost of about \$88,000. The first, already complete, is located at Claremont Public School and the second is now being drilled at the Royal Canadian Legion.

The other two are to be located on private properties.

While the Town of Pickering has also pushed for further investigation into the condition of the hamlet's septic system, Mr. Hogg said such a study will not proceed at this time.

He said Durham

Region's department of health services has already monitored the hamlet's sewage situation and found it not severe enough to warrant further action.

"It's the ministry's opinion that there isn't a major private sewage problem in Claremont," Mr. Hogg said.

He added that "a follow-up assessment" on sewage could be conducted after completion of the water study.

Durham Regional Councillor Norah Stoner said she'd like to see the government fund (75 per cent) restoration of both wells and septic tanks.

Peter Gillespie, president of the Claremont and Dis-

trict Community Association, said he feels the last thing residents want is another study.

"If there were to be a sewage study, the community would be concerned with the impact it would have on the passing of the hamlet's development plan," Mr. Gillespie commented. "The town is fed up with studies. We just want to do a little development and make it a better place to live."

The Hamlet of Claremont Development Plan, supported by the Town of Pickering back in May of 1979, can not receive final approval from the municipality or region until the water study is complete.

Mr. Gillespie feels

the delay is having a serious negative influence.

"It's delaying the development of the commercial core of the hamlet," he told the Tribune. "And it has resulted in substantial cost to the owners of the proposed development lands."

The four properties in point, situated on the northeast, northwest, southeast and southwest quadrants, represent a total of over 100 new homes.

This could attract about 400 residents, boosting Claremont's population over the 1,000 mark and infusing some much-needed vitality, Mr. Gillespie said.

But until this growth is allowed to occur, the local real

estate agent doesn't feel the hamlet can attract the sort of commercial enterprise many would like to see.

"There's no question people want development," Mr. Gillespie said. "I think everyone realizes Claremont could be

the thriving community it once was. A lot of residents remember how it used to be before the airport land expropriation."

Antique shops, a hardware store, doctor and lawyers' office, and a barber shop are some of

businesses the community association president would like to see locate in the Four Corners district.

Town plans team functions

UXBRIDGE — A study team from the Ontario Association of Architects will arrive Thursday, Oct. 11, to begin an extensive study of the town.

The volunteer project, known as Community Assist for an Urban Study Effort (CAUSE), is designed to help Ontario communities deal with environmental, architectural and habitation concerns.

A report based on the group's findings is produced as a blueprint for future planning and development.

The westerly entrance to Uxbridge on Hwy. 47 and the local pond and stream system are among

the items already on the study agenda.

Members of the nine-man CAUSE group, visiting here are: John Osburn of Timmins, team chairman; committee liaison Blain Nicholls of Sudbury; Peter Dewitt, Sudbury; David Gilchrist, Sarnia; Jonas Spence-Sales, Toronto; Peter Niccetta, Essex; Douglas Sinnamon, Toronto; Richard Yallowega, Ottawa; and Paul Boland, Toronto.

They'll be working in Uxbridge until Monday, Oct. 15.

The team's first day (Oct. 11) will serve largely as an orientation period.

An informal luncheon will allow CAUSE members to meet with steering committee representatives and other local residents.

This will be followed by a tour to help familiarize the visitors.

The Twp. will host

an official reception Thursday evening, at which time the public can express their views on Uxbridge's future. It will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Uxbridge Music Hall.

The team gets down to business on Friday, Oct. 12, with some members taking to the skies for aerial photography. They'll use a variety of methods to collect pertinent data.

Saturday and Sunday (Oct. 13 and 14) will also be regular study days, followed by the final CAUSE presentation at the Music Hall early Monday afternoon.

They're expected to complete their five-day visit at around 4 p.m. on Monday.

A total of 10 local people are on the CAUSE steering committee. They are: Uxbridge Twp. Mayor Bill Ballinger; Durham Regional Councillor Gerri Lynn O'Connor; Alex Williamson, businessman; Jim Woods, realtor; Ron Tindley, chairman of Uxbridge Chamber of Commerce; Harry Stemp, media; Dorothy Fletcher, chairman of L.A.C.A.C.; Twp. Planner Alex Grant; Walter Taylor, Clerk; and Administrator-Treasurer Ron Kester.

UXBRIDGE TWP. — Durham Regional Council wants to change the name of Regional Road 23 to Lake Ridge Road.

The proposal, now being circulated in accordance with the Municipal Act, is designed to assist the travelling public.

Regional Road 23 runs through Durham Region from Bayly Street (Regional Road 22) north to Lake Simcoe where it intersects with Highways 12 and 48, northeast of Beaverton.

The only portion excluded from the Lake Ridge designation would be Mara Road, Osborne Street and Simcoe Street, all in Beaverton.

Regional Council is now seeking input from involved municipalities, including Uxbridge.

Uxbridge Twp. Council has tabled the proposal while Durham Region awaits public reaction.

Also discussed at Thursday's Council meeting was the proposed name change of Brock Road (Durham Road 1) to General Brock Road.

The purpose of this move is to avoid confusion with Brock Street in Whitby. Both presently have the same exit signs off Hwy. 401.



Model homes begin Testa Heights subdivision

Developer Gino Testa is proud of the workmanship displayed in two model homes at his Testa Heights subdivision, East Street, Uxbridge. Mr. Testa was out at the site last week overseeing final construction details. He says these models, a starter home and a larger fam-

ily unit, will demonstrate the quality of his proposed 19-lot first phase. If the market proves strong, the developer plans to build a total of 120 homes within three years. Prices start at \$99,900.

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Claremont Winter Carnival Plan beard contest

CLAREMONT — Some well-known hamlet faces will soon undergo a clean shave, but it won't last for long.

An official shave-in will be held Saturday, Oct. 13, kicking off a beard-growing contest that's part of the second annual Claremont Winter Carnival.

A 'Face Feel' and 'Photo Face-off' will run from noon to 1 p.m. at Glenda's Hair Place, Brock Road.

All entrants will be shaved and photographed to begin the fourteen-week growing period, explained organizer Peter Gillespie. Beards will be judged on the

carnival's opening day, Jan. 24.

The contest is open to everyone, although each participant can enter only one of the four categories, Mr. Gillespie noted. About a dozen residents have already confirmed entry.

There will be clas-

ses for best natural untrimmed beard (Gaby Hayes), best trimmed beard; best goatee; and best decorative mustache.

Prizes will be awarded in all categories.

Beard-growers can enter after the Oct. 13 date as long

as they begin with an official shave.

The winter celebration will enjoy a four-day run in 1985. Dates are Jan. 24, 25, 26 and 27.

Other planned events include a Snow Queen contest; church worship; pancake breakfast; cross

country ski races, as well as micro-light flying demonstrations.

An organizational meeting will be held at the Community Hall tomorrow (Oct. 4) at 8 p.m.

Carnival committee co-chairmen are Peter Gillespie and Al Graham.

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New heliport opens

UXBRIDGE — A ribbon-cutting ceremony helped officially open a new heliport at Uxbridge Cottage Hospital on Thursday, Sept. 27.

A number of dignitaries were on hand including Durham-York M.P.P. Ross Stevenson and Uxbridge Twp. Mayor Bill Ballinger.

The heliport will provide 24-hour access for the Ministry of Health air ambulance 'Bandage 1'. The helicopter is used to transport critically ill or injured patients. Although Cottage Hospital administra-

tor Rene Krizanc doesn't expect to use the facility more than about 10 times a year, he feels it will prove invaluable during the winter months.

"Very often the critical time is in the winter when the roads are badly clogged," the administrator explained. "That's when we depend on the heliport."

The project, including another landing pad at Community Memorial Hospital in Port Perry, was funded by the provincial health ministry.

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