

# Burkholder released after 14 hours

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by the Israelis. It may require re-establishment of farms and small businesses and in some cases making sure a family has food and shelter, at least temporarily.

"They planted a lot of evergreen trees," his mother said, "and seedlings of olive and fruit trees which the farmers can buy at a reasonable cost."

"They also introduced better pedigree rams so the stock can become better, and have upgraded herds in a few places where there is cattle," she added.

## Youths charged

Two youths, including one from Markham, have been arrested in connection with three recent break-ins at the liquor store on Main St.

York Regional Police said the store was first broken into Aug. 2 when a front window was smashed. Liquor was stolen and damage was estimated at \$1,200.

The liquor store was again broken into Aug. 3 and between Aug. 5 at 11 p.m. and Aug. 6 at 1:05 a.m.

The suspects were also arrested in connection with a Wednesday break-in at the Scarborough Fairs Convenience Store on Finch Ave. Cash, cigarettes and canned goods were stolen.

The youths, ages 16 and 17, were arrested on Main St. Markham at 3:30 a.m. Wednesday. They were transported to 28 Division and released to appear in court.

"He understood he was there to help any one who needed help, not to tell people what to do. I can't think of any reason anybody had it in for Bob," she reflected on Thursday. "They're there to help."

Relatives in Markham heard about the incident on the radio Thursday morning. Dave Burkholder, also of Markham, phoned a radio station to find out about his brother after hearing the report.

A representative of External Affairs Canada contacted them Thursday morning to say someone would be sent from a Canadian embassy in the Middle East to Lebanon to work towards Mr. Burkholder's release. The Canadian embassy in Lebanon was abandoned in June.

Mrs. Burkholder expects her son and his family will continue their stay in Lebanon until June of next year.

Before this incident, she and her husband had last heard from Mr. Burkholder on July 31. He phoned home to wish his mother a happy birthday. The Burkholders met their son and his family in Cypress for a holiday in May.

Mr. Burkholder is a graduate of Markham District High School and University of Waterloo. After graduating from university, he and his wife went to Nepal on a similar mission.

They lived there for three years before returning to Canada. After 18 months as a social worker in Parry Sound, Mr. Burkholder was asked by the Mennonite Central Committee to work in Lebanon.



Bob Burkholder is seen here with his Benjamin and wife, Jill, sons, Daniel (in his arms), Christian.

# Finally, a school for adults only

A former elementary school in Thornhill has become York Region's first school for adult education.

Starting in September, the York Region Board of Education will offer day and evening classes at Langstaff School for Adult Education. Registration will take place on Monday, Sept. 9 and Tuesday, Sept. 10.

During the day, English as a Second Language courses and academic upgrading (in English and math) will be offered with no fee to the student.

General interest courses such as personal finances, physical fitness, enjoying your child, drawing and painting, and conversational Hindi are also scheduled. These will be offered on a "cost-recovery" fee basis.

Barbara Rowe, co-ordinator of continuing education with the York Region Board of Education, explained that many of these courses are offered through the board's night school program.

"Our aim is to reach adults who, because of work or family schedules, cannot get to the night classes," she said.

Evening classes to be offered at the Langstaff Centre include total fitness, yoga, hunter education/firearm safety, the Holocaust and English as a Second Language.

Mrs. Rowe said one advantage of establishing this type of centre is the availability of an "educational environment designed to meet the needs of adults."

For example, adults tend to favor tables and chairs rather than desks as in traditional classrooms.

Langstaff Public School was closed in June 1983 because of insufficient enrolment. Located at 8210 Yonge Street, south of Hwy. 7, the Langstaff School for Adult Education is accessible by public transportation.

For further information call 731-9556.

# Markham man charged after spectacular crash

A 39-year-old Markham man has been charged with making an improper left turn following a spectacular Aug. 2 accident in Seugog Township.

According to Durham Regional Police, a Pontiac station wagon, driven by a Markham man, collided with a 1985 Chevrolet driven by a Seagrave man.

Police said the Chevrolet was passing traffic eastbound on Durham Region Road 21 in Utica just before 5 p.m., when Marsh attempted to turn left on to the concession road.

On impact, one of the vehicles veered off the road and smashed into a 1982 Plymouth

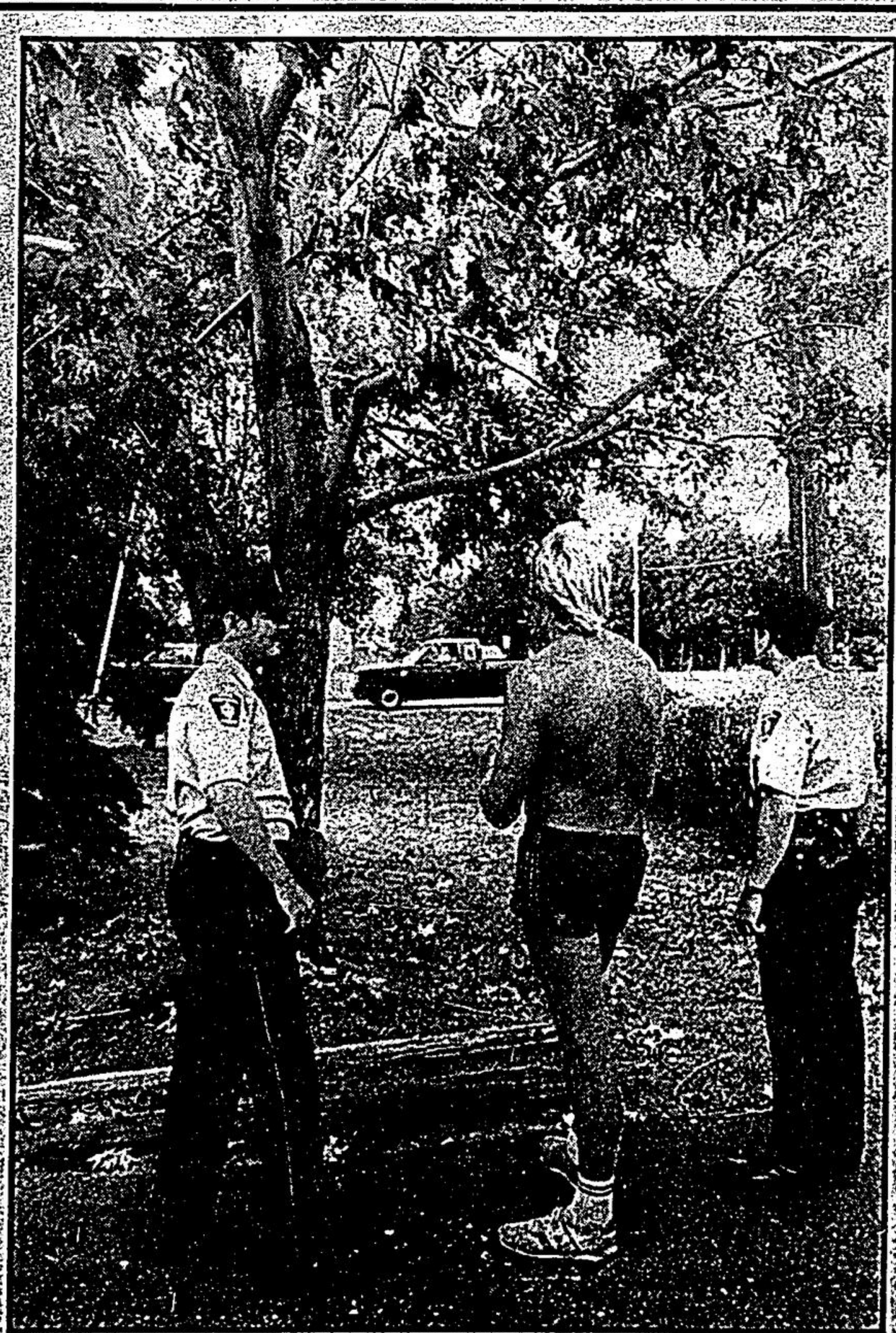
parked beside the Utica General Store, causing about \$7,500 damage. It also wiped out a phone booth and smashed a corner of the building for a total of \$13,000 in damage.

A fourth car, also parked by the store, received minor dents.

Police reported no serious injuries, but estimated that total damage in the crash may exceed \$35,000.

The Chevrolet, valued at \$14,000, was listed as a write-off. The station wagon sustained \$2,500 in damage.

The driver of the station wagon suffered minor cuts and bruises. The Seagrave man escaped injury.



## Accident scene

York Regional Police investigate the scene where a 21-year-old Mount Albert man was electrocuted while

cutting branches away from hydro wires at a home in Dickson Hill Wednesday.

— Sjoerd Witteveen

# Teens charged with assault

Two Markham youths, ages 15 and 16, have been charged with assault following an incident at a Lindisfarne Way residence in Markham Tuesday.

According to York Regional Police, two youths were observed drinking and causing a disturbance behind a Lindisfarne Way home at 7:15 p.m. Tuesday. When a

man attempted to break it up, he was assaulted with a broken beer bottle.

The man fled the scene and notified police. The youths were arrested Wednesday and taken to 28 Division.

Charges include assault and assault with a weapon.



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