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## Blaze destroys farm house two buses family's refuge

GLASGOW — Nine members of a Glasgow family are crammed into the confines of two stationary buses after fire destroyed the interior of their rented farmhouse on the second concession of Uxbridge Township, Dec. 26.

The children and grandchildren of Charles Sheffield and Beverley Tustin are utilizing this temporary accommodation until something more permanent can be found. Six are living in one bus and three in another.

Beverley says she's thankful they're all alive.

The blaze, attributed to faulty wiring, started in an upstairs bedroom and quickly spread. Sons Stephen and Eddie awakened the rest of the family. They escaped only in night attire.

When attempts to put the fire out proved fruitless, Beverley went outside and threw the 'breaker' on an front yard pole, cutting hydro off to the house. She then ran barefoot through the snow to the residence of David Mackenzie some distance away.

Due to the hour, (5 a.m.), she had to bang several times on the door. In the meantime, daughter Cindy had driven into Stouffville and called the Fire Department from a pay phone at Tenth Line and Main.

While volunteers were able to save the house, the interior is damaged beyond repair. Airport officials plan to tear the structure down. The Tribune was told.

There's no insurance on the contents.

Mr Sheffield was able to save a few pieces of clothing and most of the family's Christmas presents. Their furniture was either badly scorched or destroyed, Mrs Tustin said.

Son Stephen suffered the only injury. He was struck in the chest when the television set exploded.

"We're alive and all together, that's the main thing," Beverley said. She told how members of the Claremont and Goodwood Lions Clubs had come to their assistance with vouchers totalling three hundred dollars. Most of this has already been used to buy clothes.

While Mrs Tustin says the two buses are heated, they lack toilet facilities and all drinking water must be boiled. The couple are looking for something more permanent and airport officials have promised to contact them as soon as a place becomes available.

Anyone able to assist is asked to call The Tribune Office at 640-2100.



Six members of a Glasgow family are living in this bus and three in another after fire ravaged the interior of their farm house on the second concession of Uxbridge Township. The vehicles lack washroom facilities and all drinking water must be boiled. The parents are presently looking for permanent accommodation. — Jim Thomas

### Five suspects charged

STOUFFVILLE — Five men, ranging in age from 25 to 32, have been arrested and charged following an attempted theft at the Stouffville I.C.A. Dec. 29.

The suspects, all from Metro Toronto, were to appear in court Jan. 8, (today). They turned themselves in over a three-day period after contact was made by investigating officers of York Regional Police.

Each is charged with theft under \$1,000.

### Terrier returns Minus pups

STOUFFVILLE — Back in November, Linda Clark welcomed a wire-haired terrier into the family's Booth Drive home. Hours later, the appreciative pooch gave birth to eight pups.

Since then, all have been adopted, all except the mother. A canine control officer at Kennel Inn, Aurora said that, due to space restrictions, she'd have to be put to sleep.

Mrs Clark couldn't sit idly by and see this happen. She's bringing the pet home today.

Problem is, the Clarks already have one dog. "We don't need another," Linda said, "besides, we're not sure the two will get along." She wants someone to adopt the terrier.

"It's well-trained and very friendly," Linda told The Tribune, "she'd make a wonderful pet."

Mrs Clark claims it wouldn't have been right to have the dog "put down." She said she'd been in touch with the pound almost daily just to make sure this didn't happen.

Anyone interested in giving the pet a good home should call 640-3335.

### Supt. Clifford Cox Hangs up holster

WHITCHURCH — On March 15, 1956, Clifford Cox joined the Markham Twp. Police Department as a Constable.

On March 31, 1986, he'll retire from the York Regional Force, as a Superintendent.

His climb up the ladder of success, spanning a period of thirty years, holds memories that could fill a large book.

However, Supt. Cox has no plans to write his memoirs. He'll be too busy feeding horses and shovelling snow.

Despite the pressures of regional law enforcement, Cliff Cox has never lost touch with his roots. He can now sit back and joke about incidents that, at the time, seemed deadly serious. He can even recall the names of fellow officers who, like uniformed sardines, operated out of the Buttonville Station with exacting efficiency.

Helping people with their problems has been the most satisfying.

### About turn

STOUFFVILLE — When lay participation in Parks and Recreation was abandoned in 1983, Fran Sainsbury, then a councillor in Ward 4, voted against the motion.

Now, as mayor of Whitchurch-Stouffville, she feels council did the right thing.

With several major projects then on the go including the new Rec. Centre, it was only right that decisions be made by elected representatives, Mayor Sainsbury said.

"Much was accomplished," she stated.

The one major hurdle left is what to do with the old arena. When this issue's resolved, Mrs Sainsbury hopes to turn Parks and Recreation back to a committee of lay people with council representation.

"We have residents here with expertise in this area," Mayor Sainsbury said. "A decision on the old arena is expected early in the year."

part of police work for Cliff. "Success in anything depends on co-operation," he says. This he received, both from the police and the public.

Will he miss it?

Sure, I will, he admits, but I'm prepared. He looks on country living as a form of therapy. So does wife Marion. They love their new home and the 22 acres that surrounds it.

"Any regrets?" Supt. Cox was asked.

"I'd like to see the Tribbling murder solved," he replies, "any unsolved case is always on your

mind."

Cliff and Doug (Tribbling) started their police careers together.

Supt. Cox comes by his profession honestly. In fact, police work is a 'family affair'. Brother Harvey was chief of the Markham Twp. Force; his uncle Art Harrison headed up the O.P.P. Detachment at Vandorf and his uncle John Harrison held the position of district chief of Metro Toronto.

Yes, police work has been good for me, he agrees. I've also tried to be good for it. Success in anything depends on co-operation.



A policeman thirty years, Superintendent Clifford Cox will retire from the York Regional Force March 31. Mr. Cox says if he had his life to live over again he would choose the same career. He and wife Marion have purchased a 22-acre retirement property on the Aurora Bldroad, east of Ballantrae where they will raise and board horses. — Jim Thomas

### Residents not informed Delay postal boxes Town mayor urges

STOUFFVILLE — Mayor Fran Sainsbury has recommended no additional footings be installed for Community Mail Boxes in Stouffville until residents are fully informed about what's going on.

Mayor Sainsbury made the request at the conclusion of a meeting with postal officials Friday. About 85 of the units will be located in town; none more than 600 feet from any one house. The new pick-up and delivery system goes into effect this spring, possibly March, Dale Wells, Community Mail Box Co-ordinator told The Tribune.

Improved service is the main reason for the change, Wells said. Only on rare occasions, (to purchase stamps and money orders), will it be necessary for people to go to the Post Office. However, those persons living in close proximity to the central depot, will still pick up their mail there.

Councillors Wilf Morley, Jim Sanders and Wayne Emmerson said they'd received complaints from several home-owners with respect to proposed box sites. The majority of these will now be moved, officials agreed.

"It's a good program," said Councillor Sanders, "but every one in town must be informed

otherwise, it could go down the drain."

Wells admitted to a breakdown in public relations due to a change-over in staff.

Individual boxes will be identified by a street address. Each box-holder will receive a set of two keys. Should these be lost, the lock will be changed and new keys provided.

The Community Mail Box system is free of charge.

Stouffville's present postal code, (L0H 1L0), will change, but not for a year so firms can use up existing stationery. The same goes for the Stouffville rural routes although boxes will not be placed in these areas.

The maximum number of customers per box will be 38, with the average about 23, Wells said. Local couriers have been advised of the system, he stated. Three new jobs will be created.

### Ambulance only on trial

STOUFFVILLE — The ambulance is stationed in Stouffville as a pilot project. Councillor Ron Robb told The Tribune this week. If the demand for service between 12 midnight and 8 a.m. warrants round-the-clock operation, approval is likely.

Councillor Robb, Chairman of the Protection to Persons and Property Committee, met with Ministry officials Tuesday.

"There's a lot of money in

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involved," Robb said in a telephone interview, Monday. He explained that to keep the vehicle operational 24-hours-a-day will require eight fully trained persons on staff.

"I want the facts and figures," Councillor Robb said.

The busiest periods, Robb explained, are from eight in the morning until twelve at night. After midnight, it could be extremely busy or nothing at all, it's hard to know. He pointed out that while a price can't be placed on human life, commonsense must prevail.

According to Robb, the Ministry of Health is monitoring the Stouffville situation with comparison checks during hours from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., 4 p.m. to 12 midnight and 12 midnight to 8 a.m.

"If the situation warrants, I'll push for it," the Ward 2 councillor stated, with respect to post-midnight service, "but there are a lot of questions that must be answered first."

### Sports promoter

STOUFFVILLE — This is not a time for exaggerated grief, but a time for gratitude, gratitude for a life that was long, happy and useful.

These words were spoken by Rev. Cecil Tiller of Stouffville United Church at the service Saturday for Milton (Milt) Smith, formerly of Stouffville and more recently of 19 Adelaide Street, Pefferlaw.

Mr. Smith died Dec. 31 at River Glen Haven Nursing Home, Sutton. He was 91.

Milt Smith was best known for his operation of Stouffville Florists, a flourishing market garden and greenhouse business on Ninth Line South. He was assisted there by his late brother, George.

He was also an enthusiastic sportsman, following the exploits of the Stouffville Red Sox Baseball Club and serving in a managerial role with the Stouffville Clippers of the O.H.A.

He was a strong supporter of the arena construction project in the late 1940's.

"This was a lifetime of service," Rev. Tiller said, "a life of giving rather than getting."

Besides his wife, Mr. Smith is survived by one brother, Frank. He was predeceased by brothers, George, William, Fred and John. Spring interment will be made at Stouffville Cemetery.

### Top lawyer takes case

Noted criminal lawyer, Clay Ruby, is representing Guy Morin, 25, of Queensville at his first degree murder trial that opened in Ontario Supreme Court, London, yesterday.

Morin is accused of killing nine-year-old Christine Jessop, also of Queensville. The two families were neighbors.

Christine disappeared from her home Oct. 3, 1984. Her body was found Dec. 31, 1984, near Sonya's east of Sunderland.

An autopsy showed she had been sexually molested and stabbed several times.

Here in Stouffville the case has attracted much interest because Morin was a member of the Town's Concert Band at the time of his arrest. He was en route to Stouffville to attend a band practice when stopped by police on Hwy. 48 at Ballantrae.