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Hydro gloves would have saved life

DICKSON'S HILL — Landscape worker Craig West died almost instantly Aug. 7, 1985, after being struck by 16,000 volts of electricity while standing in a tree, Dr. Michael Su Gai told an inquest jury Monday night.

The chief intern on duty at York Central Hospital where Mr. West was taken after the accident, said attempts to revive the victim were in vain.

"For all intents and purposes he would have been dead in the tree," the doctor said.

Attendance was good

STOUFFVILLE — While decisions made by members of Whitchurch-Stouffville Council may not always please the electorate, meeting attendance, for most, is close to perfection; in fact, for Fran Sainsbury and Jim Rae, it was perfect in 1985.

In the past twelve months, gold stars were earned by Ward 4 Councillor, (now Mayor), Fran Sainsbury and Ward 3 Councillor Jim Rae. Former Mayor Tom Wood missed only one meeting. Ward 2 Councillor Ron Robb was away on two occasions.

Ward 6 Councillor Jim Sanders was absent three times; Councillors Margot Marshall, (Ward 1), and Councillor Wilf Morley, (Ward 5), four each.

There were 49 meetings in total plus many committee discussions not tabulated here.

A break-down follows:

Out of 29 Council meetings, Councillor Sainsbury attended 29; Councillor Rae, 29; Mayor Wood, 28; Councillor Robb, 28; Councillor Sanders, 27; Councillor Marshall, 26; Councillor Morley, 26.

Out of 20 Planning meetings, Mayor Wood attended 20; Councillor Sainsbury, 20; Councillor Rae, 20; Councillor Robb, 19; Councillor Marshall, 19; Councillor Sanders, 19; and Councillor Morley, 19.

His testimony was presented before Coroner Dr. James Outred at Newmarket.

Mr. West was pronounced dead at 1:15 p.m., about 50 minutes after his arrival at hospital.

The 21-year-old man was working for Gary Bouwmeister Landscaping of Ballantrae, pruning a tree at 62 Dickson's Hill Road, R.R. 2, Markham. According to forensic scientist Dr. Steve Pausak, a branch he was cutting hit a hydro wire conducting 16,000 volts through Mr. West's left hand to the rest of his body.

Dr. Pausak held the two pieces of branch (where Mr. West was making the cut at the time of the accident) and showed how the it fell, touching the wire on one end and falling onto Mr. West's left hand at the other.

Dr. Hakfai Chiu, the pathologist who performed the autopsy on Mr. West, reported burns on the back of his left hand which penetrated the full depth of the skin and on the outer part of his right heel, where the current left his body, as well as smaller burns on the insides of his calves and his back.

Dr. Chiu told the inquest the victim died of acute heart failure and congested lungs.

Dr. Pausak suggested the use of electricians' gloves while working near high tension lines.

"These gloves would have prevented the current from entering his body," he said.

He described the gloves as made of rubber about two to three millimetres thick.

He agreed, however, such gloves would be cumbersome for a landscape worker.

Dr. Pausak was also asked whether the trimmed branch would have to have touched the wire to conduct the electricity. The physician said it was possible the branch did not touch the wire, but would have to be within a half-inch of the line for the electricity to arc from the wire to the branch.

The inquest was expected to conclude on Tuesday.



Family re-adopts homeless dog

Several weeks ago Linda Clark welcomed a dog named 'Duke' into her family's home. As far as children, she said, she and her husband, Dr. J. G. Clark, have had a number of dogs. Since then, the pup have all been adopted and 'Duke' remains the only one.

Mrs. Gladys, 64, said she was 'glad to have the dog back' after it had been found by a child in a nearby area. She said she was 'glad to have the dog back' after it had been found by a child in a nearby area. She said she was 'glad to have the dog back' after it had been found by a child in a nearby area.

Family receives aid

GLASGOW — A plea for assistance, published in the Jan. 8 issue of The Tribune, for nine members of a Glasgow area family, has resulted in unbelievable response.

Office phones rang continuously Thursday and Friday as residents, some calling from a distance, offered assistance to Beverley Tustin, husband Charles Sheffield and children, made homeless following a fire at their rented home on the second concession of Uxbridge, Dec. 26.

Mrs. Tustin, sons Eddie and Don, and Emma Croft, a family friend, have found temporary lodging in a house north of the hamlet. Daughter Cindy, husband Allan Vaughan and children, George, 6, and Trudy, 5, remain in one of two buses parked at the fire site. Mr. Sheffield and Stephen Tustin are living in a second bus located nearby.

The buses are heated by propane and lighted by an electrical hook-up to the barn.

The Goodwood and Claremont Lions Club have provided clothing. The Stouffville Lions Club is giving them food vouchers and firewood. BCds and mattresses have been donated. The Markham Clothing Centre has offered apparel free of charge.

Present needs include woolen blankets, towels, drapes, a rug and kitchen utensils. Tribune staff are making deliveries as items are brought in. The Tustin home has no telephone.

Mrs. Tustin said she couldn't believe the response. "I never knew I had so many friends," she stated. A proud woman, she said it bothered her greatly to request assistance. "We'll survive," she said, "there are brighter days ahead."

Prisoner of war

The Ogden Funeral Home, Agincourt, was filled, Saturday as friends and relatives from a wide area paid their respects to the memory of Bruce Lintner of Bracebridge and formerly of Stouffville.

Mr. Lintner died suddenly Jan. 7. He was 63.

One of those in attendance was Fred Castle, formerly of Stouffville and now living at Sutton. Fred, along with Mr. Lintner and Wilf Tunney of Markham spent three years in a prisoner of war camp following their capture during World War II. They were members of the Royal Regiment of Canada. Private Lintner and Private Castle joined up for overseas duty the same day. The POW camp was known as Stalag 8B.

Rev. Pettipas, a chaplain from Scarborough, General Hospital, spoke of Mr. Lintner's willingness to defend his country as his patriotic duty. "He didn't ask much but he gave much," he said.

Besides his wife, the former Jean Pasquino, Mr. Lintner is survived by two daughters, Ruth and Antoinette; four grandchildren, Jeannine, Lisa, Robert and Christopher; three brothers, Ted of Picton, Roy of Kitchener, George in Toronto and one sister, Edna Hass of Elmira. He was predeceased by brothers Charles, Harry and Billy and a sister Margaret.

Honored

STOUFFVILLE — A painting, completed recently by talented artist Jim Bessey of 135 Booth Drive, Stouffville, was presented by the Province of Ontario to Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone.

The presentation was made at a gala party in Mr. Nakasone's honor, Sunday night.

The painting, of a barn near Manchester, east of Port Perry is entitled "Winter Morning In Ontario." An official of Prime Minister, David Peterson's Office made the selection.

Home-owners reject boxes

STOUFFVILLE — Town Council is 'sold' on the convenience of Community Mail Boxes, but residents on Stuart Street don't share members' enthusiasm.

In a letter to Mayor Fran Sainsbury and Councillor Jim Sanders, dated Jan. 7, 1986, Jerry Sanford and Doug Hackert have requested the municipality halt further work on the project "until this question is given proper and due consideration by Town officials."

According to complainants, the accompanying petition is signed by every resident on the street.

Canada Post plans to erect 85 boxes in town, none more than 600 feet from any one home. Completion of the work is expected in March.

Mr. Sanford claims home-owners were never consulted. They just started digging holes without saying a word," he said. He described their public relations as "poor."

"It's typical of what we've

come to expect from postal people," he stated.

While the system may be convenient to folks who are house-bound, Mr. Sanford says there's nothing inconvenient about parking on Main Street and picking up mail at the Post Office. "It's only 20 feet from the car," he said. It's better too, he said, when the weather's inclement.

"No one wants them," Mr. Sanford told The Tribune, referring to people living on Stuart Street. He suggests others feel the same but were never given an opportunity to register an opinion.

Mayor Fran Sainsbury doesn't share the petitioners' views. She describes it as an improved service that people will appreciate once it's available. The boxes, she says, are already in storage waiting to be installed.

Former teacher Dies in blaze

UXBRIDGE TOWNSHIP — A retired schoolteacher died Jan. 8 in an early morning blaze that gutted a house on the Uxbridge-Scott Township.

Kenneth Taylor, 64, was pronounced dead after flames engulfed his home shortly before 1 a.m., according to Durham Regional Police.

Mr. Taylor was the only occupant in the dwelling at the time of the fire, police said. The victim's wife, Mary Taylor, was away teaching school at Orillia.

Firefighters from both the Uxbridge and East Gwillimbury departments responded to the call.

The blaze is believed to have originated from a wood stove located in the basement, police report. The Ontario Fire Marshall's Office was called in to investigate.

Damage to the three-bedroom, single-storey dwelling is estimated at \$75,000. A tractor and snow plow were also destroyed.

The Taylor house is located on the south side of the Uxbridge-Scott Township.



Reunion

SILLOAM — Silloam, a quiet hamlet boasting only a few dozen inhabitants, will come alive one Saturday this summer when former S.S. No. 8, (Uxbridge Twp.) holds a reunion.

The community is located on Durham Road 8. The school is now a Community Hall.

Betty (Mrs. Ivan) DeGeer, R.R. 3, Mount Albert, has set the reunion wheels in motion. The first organizational meeting was held at her home, Monday night.

Although plans aren't final, Mrs. DeGeer sees no reason why the gathering can't be held on location. The property should be adequate to accommodate everyone, she says.

In an effort to publicize the event, The Tribune is seeking as many school pictures as possible. Interviews will also be conducted with former teachers and students.

Condemned

STOUFFVILLE — Tear it down. The recommendation to Council follows a Business Improvement Area board meeting, Jan. 8.

The request relates to the much-discussed Sanders Block building on Main Street.

The board, unanimous in its decision, said the century-old structure is not only an eyesore to the downtown but a safety hazard.

A copy of the motion will be forwarded to the Chamber of Commerce.

B.I.A. member Jack Chambers suggested the Town issue the owner a demolition permit, then enter into a site plan agreement after the building is levelled. The board is of the opinion Council is demanding a site plan first before agreeing to removal of the now-vacant store.

Mr. Chambers said people coming out of the Bank of Commerce, the Bank of Nova Scotia and the I.G.A. are immediately confronted by the ugliness of the structure situated directly across the street. It was noted also that someone could be seriously injured by falling debris as the building appears unsafe.

Cut hair for clues

Several days prior to the arrest of 26-year-old Guy Morin, charged with the murder of Christine Jessop of Queensville, police arranged for a student hairdresser to attend a band practise in Stouffville. There, on the pretext of 'doing an experiment', the girl obtained strands of the accused's hair. These were later matched with fibres found on the victim's body.

This information was revealed in evidence presented at the Supreme Court trial currently underway in London, Ont.

Morin, a clarinet player with the Whitchurch-Stouffville Concert Band, resided at Queensville, next door to the Jessop family.

On the night of the 'experiment', the student also obtained hair samples from other musicians so as not to arouse suspicion, the trial was told. A few evenings later, Morin was arrested by police at Ballantrae. He was on his way to a band practise in Stouffville at the time.

The seven-man, five-woman jury also heard testimony from undercover police officer Gordon Hobbs. Sgt. Hobbs posed as a child killer to gain Morin's confidence. Hobbs said the accused told him he had the mind of a monk enabling him to "store things in the back" so he wouldn't be tormented by the memory of the slaying.

Janet Jessop, mother of Christine, testified that on the day her daughter's body was found, Mr. and Mrs. Morin visited their home but were not accompanied by their son.

The trial continues.

Patients come first

STOUFFVILLE — The issue facing Ontario physicians is not extra-billing in itself, according to Dr. Patrick Wat, but rather freedom of choice.

"I probably will never extra-bill," Dr. Wat said in an interview this week, "but I think the choice should be ours."

The executive of the Ontario Medical Association (OMA) decided to act against the new legislation, three days after it was announced, Dec. 19. The new ruling makes it illegal for doctors to charge more than the rate paid by OHIP.

The OMA's council members will vote Saturday on what action, if any, will be taken to protest the new law. The executive has proposed a series of revolving strikes. OHIP permits doctors to charge \$42 for a half-hour visit. None of the physicians in Stouffville charge more than what's allowed, Dr. Wat said.