

Better PR job

Dear Mr Thomas:
The Tribune has long been a booster of Markham Fair. I am too. I consider it a top priority event each fall.
I'm concerned that new people moving into the area, (particularly the Markham area), are not as enthusiastic. This attitude is reflected in attendance. It seems to be dropping each year.
What to do about it?
I feel a more intense public relations job must be done through our schools. Someone should be assigned to speak to assemblies, (elementary and secondary), and explain exactly what the Fair has to offer.
Young people are not just the FUTURE of Markham Fair, they're the PRESENT.
Although school exhibits keep climbing, there are many other areas where pre-teens and teens could be involved.

Sincerely,
(Mrs) Margaret Kelly,
R.R. 2, Gormley

Road crumbling into the Lake

MUSSELMAN'S LAKE — If improvements aren't made soon to the Ninth Concession around Musselman's Lake, there won't be any road to improve.

This was the warning issued by Ward 2 Councillor Ron Robb at a committee meeting March 11.

Councillor Robb said erosion had deteriorated the road shoulder to such an extent, sections could fall into the water.

"One of these days, the road's going to collapse and then we'll have a real problem," he warned.

It was explained that an expenditure of \$7,400 was to be shared by York Region and the Town with a further \$7,400 to be expended by the Province.

The project was subsequently shelved.

Road Supt. Ron Gibson agreed to the seriousness of the situation.

Councillor Robb also expressed concern related to Lakeshore Road. At one location, he said, the surface drops 1 1/2 feet. "The people are becoming annoyed," he concluded.

Late Fred Mowder Many friends

PICKERING — More than 200 people filled the McEachnie Chapel, Pickering, March 23, coming from a wide area to pay their respects to the memory of Alfred Clifford Mowder.

Mr Mowder was a patient in Ajax-Pickering Hospital one month. He'd been in ailing health for over a year.

Born on the 8th Conc. of Pickering, the son of Joseph and Elizabeth Mowder, he attended the nearby Atha Public School and spent most of his life in the area.

Mr Mowder had several occupations over the years including salesman, farmer, storekeeper and interior decorator. He was a quiet man with a dry sense of humor.

He was proud of his nieces and nephews. They brought him much joy.

Rev. Howard Zurbrigg of Pickering United Church conducted the service with spring interment, Stouffville Cemetery.

Besides his wife Irene, Mr Mowder is survived by one brother, one sister, several nieces and nephews.

Woman terrorized by pair

A 31-year-old Bloomington Road man has been found guilty of attempted murder and his companion, also 31, has been found guilty of assault causing bodily harm at the conclusion of a case heard in Newmarket District Court.

Ronald Freiwald and Debbie Bowden will be sentenced by Judge Joseph Taliano, April 28.

The two were charged back in March, 1984, after Freiwald's former common-law wife was allegedly terrorized when lured to his house on the Bloomington Sideroad.

Sylvia Roman told the judge and jury trial what happened after she arrived at the home of her former boyfriend.

She said Freiwald and Bowden talked of using a knife, a rope and a chainsaw. She described how she was led outside into the snow and told she would be killed.

She recalled asking if she could take her purse to which Freiwald replied "you won't need it" and "it won't hurt for long".

The 23-year-old woman said she was kicked, punched and choked by the accused man. When she managed to escape, he caught her again and committed further acts of violence.

Crown Attorney Garth Burrows said both Freiwald and Bowden were part of a deliberate attempt to murder. He described the charge as one of the most serious in the criminal code.

Burrows said Freiwald stuck a knife in a nearby tree and held a rope for the woman to see. At one point, he placed his hands around the victim's throat and stuffed her mouth with paper.

The crown attorney asked for a penitentiary term of seven to fifteen years.

Counsel for Freiwald agreed his client had admitted doing "something wrong", but insisted he'd been provoked by an earlier incident. He suggested a reformatory sentence.

As for the accused Bowden, Burrows said that without her help, Freiwald's scheme wouldn't have worked.

Her counsel pointed to the fact she has a heart problem: "Imprisonment," he said, "will be devastating to her life."

Judge Taliano will pass sentence April 28.

Roll out welcome mat

More homes mean more people and more people mean more calls for Welcome Wagon hostess Diane Darling.

During the period from Feb. 16 to March 15, Mrs Darling visited the following newcomers to Town:

Ms J. Aschwanden, 50 Linden Lane, Stouffville, (from Don Mills); Mr and Mrs J. Harvey, 250 Lori Avenue, Stouffville, (Scarborough); Mr and Mrs Ken Clark, 136 Aspen Crescent, Stouffville, (Toronto); Mr and Mrs Bruce Douglas, 256 Lori Avenue, Stouffville, (Kitchener); Mr and Mrs Don Burdick and family, 132 Hawthorne Avenue, (Alberta); Mr and Mrs Ken Harden and family, 113 Hawthorne Avenue, Stouffville, (Tampa, Florida); Mr and Mrs Clyde Newman and family, 57 Park Drive North, Stouffville, (Toronto); Mr and Mrs Jody Brown, 172 Sunset Boulevard, Stouffville, (Toronto); Mr and Mrs Karen Johnson and family, 84 Alderwood Crescent, Stouffville, (Don Mills); Mr and Mrs Barry McKinley and family, 286 Lori Avenue, Stouffville, (Markham); Mr and Mrs Eric Holman, 2 Elk Street, Stouffville, (Scarborough); Mr and Mrs Wes Robbins and family, 54 Bernick Crescent, Stouffville, (Markham); Mr and Mrs Paul Davidson, 40 Rose Avenue, Stouffville, (Scarborough); Mr and Mrs Peter Burkholder and family, 114 Millard Street, Stouffville, (Uxbridge); Ryan Towle and Vivian Brown, 9 Elk Street, Stouffville, (Unionville); Ken Potts and Lisa Fraser, 292 Lori Avenue, Stouffville, (North York); Greg Judge and Monique Assinck, Valley Road, R.R. 2, Stouffville, (Agincourt); Ms. S. Budge and family, 40 Aspen Crescent, Stouffville, (Oshawa); Mr and Mrs Bill Cook and family, Highcrest Road, R.R. 2, Stouffville, (Grimsby); and Mr and Mrs Steve Nettleton, Goodwood, (Peterborough).

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