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## Farmer loses right arm in harvester

MARKHAM — A Markham area farmer lost his right arm in a forage harvester accident, Thursday.

George Reesor, McCowan Road, R.R. 2, Markham, is a patient in Scarborough Centenary Hospital. If his recovery continues, he could be released this week.

The tragedy occurred on the original Reesor farm, Steeles Avenue, Markham. The 53-year-old man was attempting to clear away corn while the machine was in operation. His hand became caught up in the mechanism, severing the arm below the shoulder.

"He was afraid he might faint in the field," wife Anna told The Tribune, "so he ran to the house to get help."

Ice packs were applied to stop the bleeding.

An ambulance was called but operators had trouble finding the farm, Mrs. Reesor said. Ernie, their son, drove his father to hospital.

En route, they spotted a police officer on radar duty. The constable provided an escort the rest of the way. Mr. Reesor remained conscious throughout the ordeal.

An ambulance driver went to the accident scene, hoping to retrieve the arm and have it reattached. Unfortunately, it was too badly mangled, Mrs. Reesor said.

The accident occurred with such suddenness, the victim couldn't believe what had happened. Anna said her husband complained little of pain, but a blood transfusion was provided immediately on his arrival at Centenary.

"In Emergency they did a super job," she said, "I can't say enough for the way they handled things."

Mrs. Reesor drove first to the 'home' farm, then to the hospital.

It was back in December, 1985, that Anna and George along with son Ernie purchased the Ezra Grove property on McCowan Road.

She told The Tribune her husband's "doing very well and in good spirits." She admits major adjustments lie ahead "but we're pleased everything's going as well as it is." She voiced appreciation for support provided by family friends, helping them through their ordeal of the last few days.

"We'll just go on from here," she concluded.

## Fire pumper makes splash

STOUFFVILLE — The Whitchurch-Stouffville Fire Department received delivery, Monday, of its long-awaited pumper truck.

The \$241,000 Mack, powered by a 285 turbo-charged in-line six cylinder diesel engine, was driven to Stouffville from Red Deer, Alberta.

The trip took 3 1/2 days.

The unit, equipped with an all-aluminum body, weighs 37,600 pounds. It contains several new features including rotating floodlights; strobe lights front and side and a top-mounted deck gun.

To make way for this most recent addition, the age-old Fargo, belonging to the Stouffville Volunteer Firefighters' Association, has found a new 'home'. It's used exclusively on parade duty.

## Retains faith

BALLANTRAE — Steve Cavan's faith in humanity has been restored.

On Aug. 29, he arrived home to find his wallet missing. It contained \$300 and personal papers.

Steve remembered the last place he'd stopped to purchase anything was a booth at the Stouffville Sales Barn. He immediately retraced his steps.

To his surprise, a merchant there was holding the wallet for safe-keeping. He said a lady, who he didn't know, had found the purse and turned it in.

"What a relief," said the Guelph University student, on work leave prior to getting married. "I sure didn't want to lose the money." Unfortunately, he said, he doesn't know who to contact to say thanks.

### Spotlight

The message is 'Smile' this Sunday at St. James Presbyterian Church, 101 Main Street East, Stouffville.

The 11 a.m. service will be taped by CBC-TV for viewing on the program 'Meeting Place' in October.

Except for television crews and cameras positioned inside and outside the sanctuary, the worship format will remain unchanged. The congregation, however, must be seated by 10:45 a.m.

Rev. Herb Gale will be in charge with special music by the senior and junior choirs. Accompaniment of the organ will be provided by Jean Thomas and at the piano by Susan McMullen.

The program 'Meeting Place' is broadcast nationwide every Sunday from 12 noon until 1 p.m. The viewing date for the service from St. James, Stouffville is Sunday, Oct. 18.

## CNE champ

STOUFFVILLE — Grand championships are earned, especially at the C.N.E.

Bill Hassard, R.R. 3, Stouffville, added this award to his trophy case, Sept. 1. A Percheron mare, one of six Hassard horses entered, captured the title in tough competition. A yearling stud colt was Reserve Junior Champion.

"We're really thrilled," wife Cathy told The Tribune.

The mare had to win two of its divisions before advancing to the championships. It's a first at this level for Bill and Cathy. The Hassard Farm is still considered a novice entry compared to some heavy horse breeders who've been a part of 'show business' for years.



Colleen Whittaker, Glengall Lane, Stouffville, greets fellow students Sean Prosser, (left) and Mark Dorey with a refreshing spray of water following their completion of the Terry Fox Walk Sunday at Hatcham Hall. There were 140 participants with proceeds exceeding \$8,300. — Jim Thomas

## Marathon of Hope Walk raises \$8,312

STOUFFVILLE — Organizers are pleased.

The Terry Fox Marathon of Hope Sunday involved 140 people, mostly toddlers to senior citizens. Proceeds total \$8,312 and climbing.

Bleeders are still coming in, sharper on Dixie Sellers told The Tribune.

Carrying the heaviest financial responsibility on his young but enthusiastic shoulders was two-year-old Scott Bacon, son of Larry and Colleen Bacon, Park Drive South, Stouffville. Scott's personal pledges totalled \$1,521. Second highest was perennial participant Dr. Bill Murphy, Main Street West. He collected \$100.

Orchard Park Public School won the Tribune's Terry Fox Plaque with 18 students taking part. St. Mark's had 13. Stouffville District Secondary and Summitview eleven each.

Members of Stouffville's Schell family look part.

The participant from the farthest distance was Peter Rothchild from England. He's a brother of Mrs. Mary Baker, Tenth Line South.

The fastest time was again set by Peter van Nostrand of R.R. 1, Gormley. The Grade 13 St. Andrew's College student circled the route in 57:30. Second was Larry Gibbs, Percy Lane, Stouffville, (63:10) and third Mike Pyle, Island Lake Estates, (68:46). Mr. Pyle is 52.

Bill Murphy travelled the 10 km. distance twice.

The committee appreciated donations from the Silver Jubilee Bridge Club, (\$40), and the Silver Jubilee Euchre Club, (\$20).

Bill Sanders sold apples Sunday from in front of his home on Orchard Park Boulevard and donated ten dollars to the cause.

In addition to Dixie Sellers, others on the organizing committee included — Barb Schell, Beniah King and Bill Giles. Tabulators and helpers included — Berle Sanderson, Grace Murray, Phyllis Stouffer, Nancy Reid, Annakretz and Bun Sellers.

Fire Chief Bill Murphy accompanied Don Anderson, the Walk's headmaster, around the route in his car. Cross-overs were provided by members of the Stouffville Lions Club.

## Truck shot up

ALTONA — Durham Regional Police are investigating a shooting spree Saturday night or early Sunday morning that caused an estimated \$300 damage.

A truck, owned by Bob Davis, Stedline 23, Pickering, and parked in the driveway entrance to the farm of Gary Lewis, Altona, was riddled by gunfire.

In all, 22 bullets struck the cab, mangled the headlights, the radiator, the windows and the thermostat. The refrigeration unit, the single axle radio assembly, Mr. Lewis' transport caulk, lower to mangle, a many a store are daily.

The truck, usually driven by David Guilmetto of Uxbridge, was parked on the driveway entrance to the farm.

One Altona resident reported hearing the noise during the night. The damage wasn't discovered until the following morning.

## Officials concerned Town hydrants kept hidden

STOUFFVILLE — Officials are becoming increasingly concerned over home-owners who encroach on Town property and obstruct access to vital municipal services.

In an effort to enhance the aesthetics of their homes, some residents are actually building fences and planting shrubs around fire hydrants and hydro transformers on Town land.

"In the event of a fire, we need water as quickly as possible," explained Chief Bill Brown before a committee meeting of Council, Sept. 8, "we could lose valuable time looking for hidden hydrants."

Brown noted also that a firefighter could be injured while attempting to climb such obstacles.

Provincial legislation explicitly prohibits any obstruction to fire hydrants. A section of the Act states: "Hydrants shall be readily available and unobstructed for use at all times."

The fire chief suggested the number of residents in contravention of the law is growing, particularly in newly built-up areas.

Larry MacDonald of the Stouffville Hydro Commission also expressed concern about accessibility to facilities. "Sometimes we can't find a transformer because it's hidden by a shrub," he said.


Occasionally, MacDonald added, residents complain about damaged lawns after a service call has been completed and expect compensation for the defacement of areas outside their property lines.

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