

Tragedy averted

DICKSON'S HILL — Pilot Larry Covens of Thornhill had planned to land his disabled Cessna 150 on a driveway leading to the Markham Airport, east of Hwy. 48 near Dickson's Hill.

At the same time, he spotted a car on the narrow gravel 'strip'. Rather than risk the lives of its occupants, he nosed the single-seater into a nearby field.

"There was only about five or six seconds," Covens told The Tribune.

The craft was flying at an altitude of about 250 feet when the engine's cylinder head blew.

Covens said he'd been thoroughly trained on what defensive action to take under such circumstances. "You do what you've been taught to do instinctively," he stated.

The pilot was accompanied by his instructor, Michael Heckbert of Bolton. Neither man was hurt.

Although the plane can be repaired, the cost would be close to the price of a new one, Covens concluded.

Calendar of Events

The Tribune's Community Focus publishes a weekly Calendar of Events for the area. Individuals or organizations wishing to use this free service should call 640-2100 or 649-2292 no later than Friday preceding publication.

Feb. 3

A Community Ball meeting has been called for Wednesday, Feb. 3 at 8 p.m., in the Whitchurch-Stouffville Recreation Complex. Diamond times and new projects for the upcoming season will be discussed.

The annual Canadian International Farm Equipment Show will be held at the Toronto International Centre Feb. 3 to 5. Money-saving tickets are available at local farm equipment dealer outlets and the Co-op.

Feb. 4

The Gilbert and Sullivan production of 'Together

Again' will be presented Thursday, Feb. 4 in the auditorium of Parkview Village, 70 Ninth Line South at 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 5

The Goodwood Christian Women's Club will meet on Friday, Feb. 5 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Goodwood Community Centre. 'Love Boat' is the theme with Corrie Hubert the guest speaker. For reservations call Muriel Keeping at 640-4905 or Linda Morrison at 852-5760.

Feb. 6

The Markham-Stouffville Family Life Centre is offering a workshop entitled 'Career Focus For Teens', Saturday, Feb. 6 from 2 to 4 p.m., at the Markham Public Library. The program will provide a first step in career planning. Registration fee is

\$35 per person. The workshop will continue Saturday, Feb. 27 also from 2 to 4 p.m.

Feb. 7

The Stouffville Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion holds its annual Timmy Day, Sunday, Feb. 7 from 1 to 6 p.m. There will be lucky draws and many prizes with all proceeds going to the Easter Seals Society's Timmy Program.

Feb. 8

Home Support Services will show a 'sneak preview movie' on Monday, Feb. 8 at 1:30 p.m., in the Silver Jubilee Club. For transportation call 640-6554.

Feb. 9

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Adult Skating Club is holding

a Valentine Skate, Tuesday, Feb. 9 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Town Rec. Centre.

The Uxbridge Players are holding auditions for the performance 'Midsummer Mink', in the Music Hall, Tuesday, Feb. 9 at 7:30 p.m. For additional information call 852-6074 or 852-7661.

Feb. 10

The Bethesda Women's Institute is holding a pot-luck luncheon on Wednesday, Feb. 10 at the home of Lillian Carr, Ninth Line South, Stouffville, beginning at 12 noon.

Feb. 11

The Stouffville Missionary Church is hosting a Valentine Coffee Hour, Thursday, Feb. 11 at 7:30 p.m., featuring a cake-decorating demonstration by Vera Francis; special music by Judy Steckley and Wendy Williams and guest speaker Janet Paxton.

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