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Degradation of teenage girl worst in judge's experience

By BRUCE STAPLEY

CLAREMONT — "In all my years as judge, I've never heard a case where one human being has been so degraded."

So commented Judge Donald Dodds, Friday, in sentencing seven Claremont area teens to last January. terms of from one to 15 months in youth detention centres for their

part in the beating of a 16-yearold girl following a house party

The seven had earlier pleaded guilty to charges of forcible confinement, assault causing bodily harm and committing indecent

Several of the accused sat crying in the prisoners' box 'as sentences were read. Because all are considered Youthful Offenders, their identities can't be revealed. The five girls and two boys range in age from 15 to 18

Charges against three others have already been dealt with through the courts.

summarized the nature of the case before Judge Dodds handed down the sentences.

In discussing the actions of one of the boys, the C.A. equated his behavior with "that of a psychopath."

"The victim," he said, "still has nightmares and headaches. She had to go to hospital in April because of a kidney infection related to the beating. Her family is seriously considering moving to British Columbia so their daughter can again put her life together."

O'Driscoll explained how the girl's attackers had reacted to a claim the victim had stolen some items of clothing as the teens were cleaning up the Claremont area farmhouse following a weekend party.

He described the atmosphere surrounding the assault as "like a carnival.

The girl, he said, was repeatedly kicked and punched. She was then stripped, urinated upon, forced to roll in the mud, drink melted ice water and bark like a

verandah.

O'Driscoll said one of the accused ground her heel into an open wound on the girl's leg while asking "does it hurt?"

She managed to escape, he said, but was dragged back and beaten again. Later, she ran to a nearby farmhouse and asked for help. She was admitted to Ajax-Pickering Hospital.

"This conduct has shocked the being in the worst possible way."

In sentencing an 18-year-old

She was then handcuffed to a male to 15 months, Judge Dodds expressed his disgust.

Blows delivered to the face and body of the victim were devastating. Your conduct was vicious and cruel. For one so young, your behavior was astonishingly vindictive," he

Judge Dodds stated that, in his opinion, the youths "literally tried to out-do each other in degrading one of their own."

Only one of the accused had a Both the accused and their community," stated Judge previous criminal record. All parents listened intently as Dodds, "each of you was involved were handed a 12-month proba-Crown Attorney Greg O'Driscoll in the degradation of a human- 'tionary period with specific restrictions governing their conduct after sentences expire.

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Wolf-dogs ravage farmers' sheep flocks

*WHITCHURCH — Some people call them wolves. To others, they're wild dogs. Whitchurch-Stouffville livestock valuator Dave Paisley claims they're a cross between the two.

:Whatever the descriptive, they're causing havoc among animal at a time, he explains. sheep flocks in the area.

Valuation claims to the end of

September total \$10,000. The Town's budget for all of

1988 is only \$6,500. So far, 50 claims have been

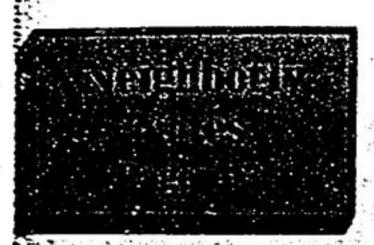
situation will likely get worse.

"With most of the rabbits and groundhogs gone, these predators become more desparate for food."

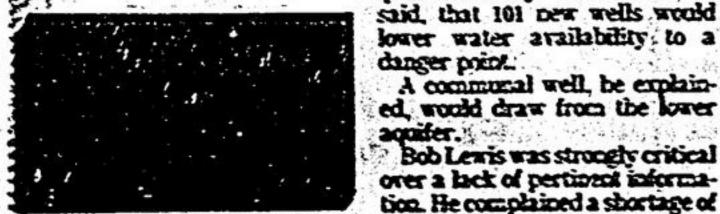
The crossbreed, (a domesticated coyote), is bold, says Paisley. They'll come close to farm buildings and attack in daylight, he explains.

Mr. Paisley is hired by the Town to evaluate livestock losses. He determines the type of animal responsible and notifies the municipality. The Town then reimburses the farmer. Losses attributed to wolves or coyotes are covered by the Ministry of Natural Resources. The evalua-Tion fee is not included.

"It's more than money." Town Treasurer Ed Blackburn says. Some farmers have been victimized two and three times. They're becoming upset."



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The Ministry pays no compensation for kills by dogs.

than wolves, says Paisley. "Wolves kill for food but dogs attack out of mischief."

Often, they kill more than one Two German Shepherds

The loss totalled \$3,000.

received. Mr. Paisley says the factor' sets in, Mr. Blackburn asking them to become more insuffocate as they crowd together

That's what residents of

Bloomington were asking

themselves at a public meeting in

Stouffville's Latcham Hall, Oct.

The discussion related to a pro-

posed communal water system

and the effect it might have on

we doing here?

existing wells.

private wells fail.

hooked up at no cost.

would-be area developers.

Planning Advisory Committee

A communal well, he explain-

Bob Lewis was strongly critical

chairman Wili Morley told the meeting a communal water supply is necessary. The fear is, be

Lack of facts

angers residents

he'd attended.

The problem of containing Dogs are more destructive coyotes and wolves is made difficult due to the fact it's illegal to hire someone to shoot them, says Blackburn. Also, because they're such willy creatures, farmers have little success.

They can be trapped, the destroyed more than 12 sheep. treasurer explains, but only at certain times of the year.

One of the dog's owners was At a Council meeting, Oct. 4, a traced. He paid half the damage. resolution was passed authoriz-When a dog attacks, the 'panic ing a letter be sent to the Ministry said. Sheep have been known to volved in dealing with this recurring problem.

Rumble averted

A potential "rumble" at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School, Friday, was prevented when staff and senior students intervened.

Principal Peter Bright said three carloads of youths arrived at the school around 1 p.m. One of the males is said to have entered the building. Permission to see an apparent 'victim' was refused.

Two teachers later went outside and identified the vehicles. License numbers were turned over to police.

Mr. Bright praised those students who refused to be intimidated by the gang. One Stouffville boy was allegedly kicked in the face but this was not confirmed.

Mr. Bright said he has no idea from where the youths had come or what initiated the altercation.

STOUFFVILLE - There'll Library; Latcham Gallery be an election in Whitchurch Mrs. Adams is advocating Marie Adams, owner and the acquisition of quality industry; continued aesthetic improvements on Main Street

Hat in ring

Stouffville's Ward 5: manager of Marie Adams Christian Supplies and Country Club Donuts; Main Street East announced her can-

didacy Tuesday. She'll attempt to fill the position made vacant by Councillor Wilf Morley's bid for the mayoralty. Doug Alles, North Street, Stouffville, is also a candidate in Ward 5.

Mrs. Adams has been actively involved in many volunteer community organizations including Home Support Services: the Whitchurch-Stouffville Strawberry, Restival; the Multiple Sclerosis Association; the Committee on Affordable Housing; the Public

and additional affordable housing.

MARIE ADAMS

Industrial site urged for town

STOUFFVILLE - Joe Lebovic / By having industrial sites close and his firm Nugget Construction to Stouffville, businesses such as Company are asking that a por- banks and restaurants would tion of their property, east of the benefit, he said. 9th Concession near the C.N.R. right-of-way be zoned industrial.

The company wants to erect four or five warehouse-type buildings there.

Planner, has recommended GO-Station to this site. Council not support the application.

Mr. Lebovic, in attendance at a meeting, Oct. 4, suggested if more locations for industry were made available, (other than available all pertinent studies Gormley-Hwy. 404), the price of land would remain more affordable and the industrial area would grow more quickly.

"Don't reject us out of hand," Mr. Lebovic asked, "but treat us like any other applicant."

Councillor Jim Sanders said a suggestion had been made to Michael Sanders, the Town relocate the present Stouffville

Mayor Fran Sainsbury noted that Stouffville required a ringroad around the former village. Planning Advisory Committee She said certain properties might

be required for this purpose. Mr. Lebovic promised to make and information so the application could be properly addressed.

The committee offered no hint of approval or rejection.



Home-owner David Bourne demanded developers be required to post a bond guaranteeing the existing water supply. It Sup to the creator. should be large enough, he said, to cover the cost of hooking into tartern contest. the communal system should Randy Alcorn of Alcorn and Associates, said existing owners could book into the system at the outset. They would pay for the lead-in from their property lines. However, if they declined and their wells failed, they would be Mr. Alcorn reprsents four

It can be the uguest, the prettiest or the funniest the choice of facial features the Tribune's first maal Hallowe'en Jack-o A lkree meneber commitce will do the judging day Ment of the tenn. Monday Oct 31 All school aged boys and guit are mysled to the part. Futrants names manifer palemated ne later Pries Jellon A Swalch Water to my Barthau there (ISI); Disser for

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