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Trees saved

STOUFFVILLE — Residents' anger Monday flared as hot as the brand marks on several town trees.

Reports that a number of age-old maples were to be cut down within days prompted calls to this newspaper and to Ward 6 Councillor Jim Sanders.

Sanders responded quickly, putting the project on hold until it could be discussed Tuesday.

"Something's gone wrong," he replied.

Councillor Sanders said the Town has a Tree Committee that's supposed to monitor such things. "Somehow it got by them," he stated.

He noted that once a mistake is made in this regard, nothing can be done. "It's not a case of woops and put it back," he said.

Sanders said not a single tree, earmarked for cutting, would be touched until everything's thrashed out.

"Someone obviously became over-exuberant," he concluded.

New plant

RINGWOOD — Upper Canada Post & Beam Ltd. will soon have a new home.

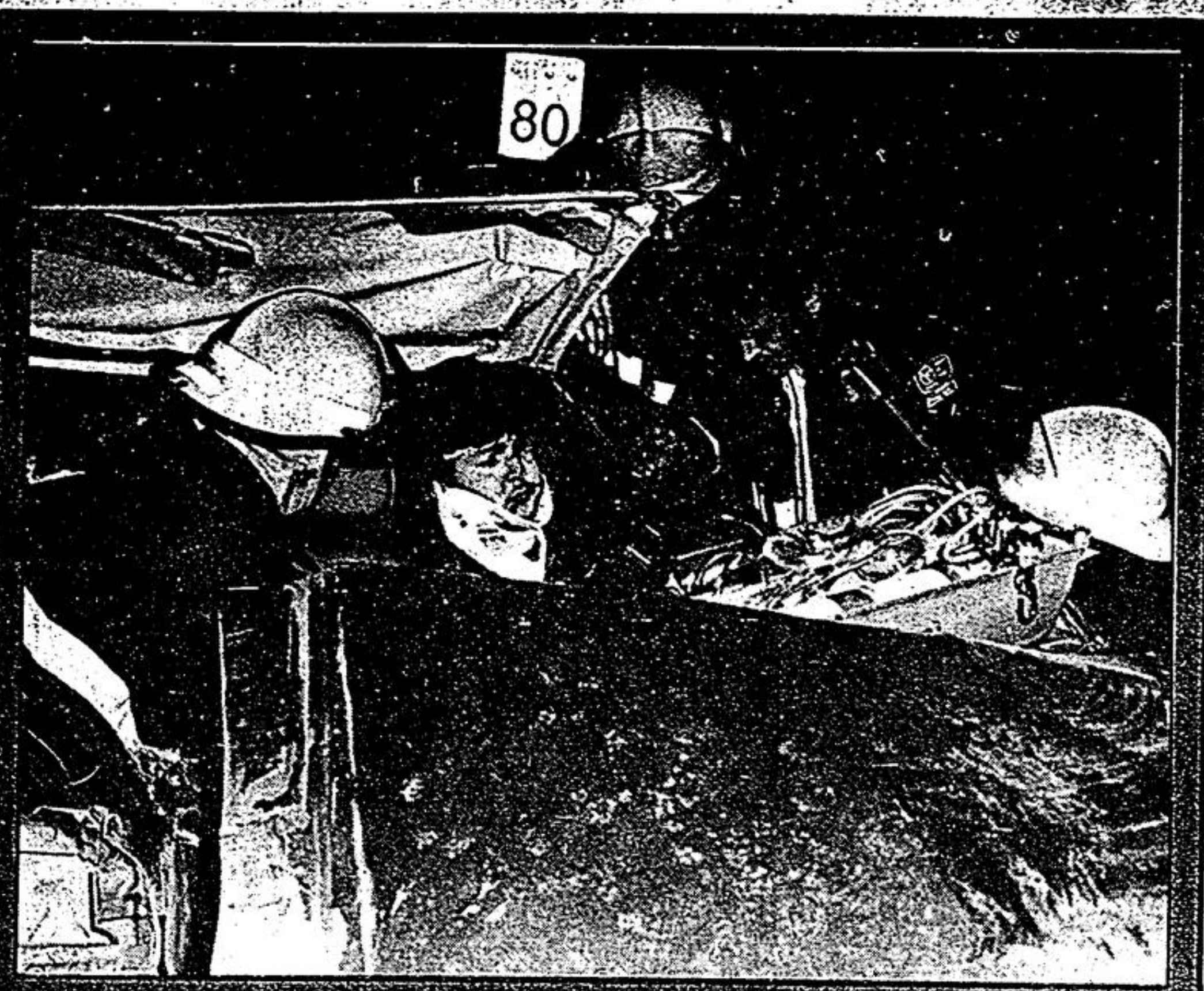
Construction started Wednesday, (today), on a single-storey, \$750,000 plant at a location on Slater Road, east of Woodbine Avenue, Vandorf. Completion is expected in July.

Two buildings will occupy the three-acre site, one of 15,000 square feet and the other 5,000 square feet.

The firm acquired the Ringwood property in May, 1984.

Upper Canada Post & Beam will divide its holdings with part of the operation moving to the former Almira Mill on 19th Avenue, Markham.

The refurbishing of this structure will commence as soon as the Vandorf plant is finished, company president David McFarlane told The Tribune.



Markham firefighters work to rescue driver of a 1989 Mustang Saturday. The car was crushed by the weight of a 1989 Chevrolet and a 1989 Ford Bronco that collided with it. The driver was rescued from the wreckage.

Stouffville resident survives crash

STOUFFVILLE — Someone was watching a 1989 Mustang crash into a 1989 Chevrolet and a 1989 Ford Bronco on Highway 404 Saturday. The driver of the Mustang, a 26-year-old woman, was rescued from the wreckage.

The crash occurred at the intersection of Highway 404 and a residential street. The Mustang was crushed by the weight of the other two vehicles.

The driver of the Mustang was rescued from the wreckage. She was taken to a hospital and is expected to survive.

"A special girl" Tragic loss mourned by young-old

By JIM THOMAS

STOUFFVILLE — "A very special girl". These were the words used by Ron and Joan Wardley, Shane Court, Stouffville, to describe the love held for daughter Melinda, killed in a two-car crash at the intersection of McCowan and Stouffville Roads, Feb. 14.

Melinda, 20, and sister Nicole, 23, were passengers in a Chevrolet Cavalier driven by Nicole's boyfriend, John Domato, 22, of Uxbridge.

Occupants of the second vehicle, a 1989 Mustang, were Michael Hilliard, 23, and Shari Lehman, 27, both of Stouffville.

Mr. Domato, Nicole and Melinda were en route to Markham for evening dinner when the crash occurred.

The impact was on the passenger side of the Domato car where Melinda was seated.

Dave Glover, a volunteer with the Stouffville Fire Department was one of the first on the accident scene.

"I went to the person (Melinda) who seemed most seriously hurt," he told The Tribune.

She spoke to him, he said, and her pulse appeared quite strong. "Then it faded," he stated. "She died in my arms."

Her last words were: "How's my sister?"

Mr. and Mrs. Wardley, and daughters moved from the Sutton area to Stouffville three years ago. Nicole is a student enrolled at Seneca College. Melinda was a hairdresser-in-training at Fame International, Stouffville. She was described by employees

there as an excellent worker, well-liked by everyone.

She was also a fine equestrian with many ribbons and trophies to her credit.

The O'Neill Funeral Home was filled to overflowing for the service, Saturday. The floral tributes were beautiful.

Rev. Paul Scuse of Christ Church (Anglican) Stouffville, described the tragedy as "like a bad dream — a nightmare."

"There's a sense of anger at the injustice of it all," he said.

Rev. Scuse referred to the uncertainties of life.

"None of us know how much time we have left. But knowing there may be no tomorrow gives new meaning to today," said Rev. Scuse. Even at 20 years, Melinda lived life to the full, he concluded.

Spring interment will be made at Stouffville Cemetery.



MELINDA WARDLEY

Prime Gormley land welcomes industry

GORMLEY — The Gormley Hwy. 404 Industrial Secondary Plan has been approved by Whitchurch-Stouffville Council.

The area takes in 1,100 acres, including 640 acres in Phase 1.

The Official Plan Amendment was given second and third readings, Feb. 14 over the objections of Russell D. Cheeseman, representing Lebovic Enterprises Ltd., and Robert Jarvis, acting for 763713 Ontario Ltd.

Both men stated an established industrial site of such size would limit the location of further industrial lands in Whitchurch-Stouffville for the next 25 years.

They suggested the Ministry of Agriculture and Food would be loath to remove additional farm properties for this purpose. Further, they said, the Medical Officer of Health would be hesitant to permit a large number of industrial buildings on septic tanks.

Paul Johnston, speaking on behalf of the Gormley group of developers, urged approval of the amendment, saying it had the support of both the Ministry of

Benefit game Good cause

STOUFFVILLE — It's a game where everybody wins.

The benefit hockey contest, Saturday, will pair two teams of oldtimers, Chefero Sand and Gravel Classics, and Betz Pools Clippers. Starting time is 8:30 p.m., with all proceeds going to Ernie Kennedy and family, Tenth Line South.

Mr. Kennedy lost both arms in a gravel pit accident Dec. 13.

Organizers are anticipating a crowd of close to 1,000. The Town is giving over the Rec. Centre free of charge and the referees and linesmen are donating their services.

The Stouffville Amateur Hockey Association will conduct a 50-50 Draw.

Later, the band, Country Gold, will provide music for listening and dancing pleasure in the upstairs lounge.

The Chefero Classics will be managed and coached by Jim Wagg, and Ray Steel. The manager of Betz Clippers is Al Hachey. Their coach is John Boyd.

Traffic lights 'shaded'

STOUFFVILLE — Let there be light!

At present, everyone's in the dark with respect to the future of traffic lights at Mostar Road and Main Street West, Stouffville.

On Tuesday, Paul Whitehouse, the Town's engineering coordinator attempted to enlighten Council as to what's happening with the project.

According to Mr. Whitehouse, the pole bases, conduit and poles were installed without approval from the Town or the Ministry of Transportation.

In addition, the Ministry has not approved the design. The dog-leg intersection, (Mostar Road and Glengall Lane), does not meet MTO standards. The Ministry would prefer the intersection be reconstructed so the streets are properly aligned.

According to Mr. Whitehouse, the capital expenditure for design and construction, (if and when approved), would be the responsibility of McNeil Pharmaceutical (Canada) Ltd., and Cable Tech Ltd. Maintenance costs of the lights, (if and when approved), would be the responsibility of the Town.

Two die in separate accidents

STOUFFVILLE — Two people were killed and four others injured in separate accidents, Tuesday.

A Keswick man died when his Ford Escort was struck broadside on Hwy. 47, north of the Sales Barn. Injured and in hospital is Ken Smelser, 93 Booth Drive, Stouffville.

Two hours later, a truck and stationwagon collided on McCowan Road, north of 18th Avenue, Markham. A 26-year-old woman was killed. Her one-month-old son and his grandmother were injured. The truck driver, Hans Hegemer, 44, of Markham, was also hospitalized.

Police said the northbound stationwagon veered into the southbound traffic lane.

The flatbed truck was hauling a trailer carrying steel waste disposal bins. The load jackknifed.

The truck veered out of control following impact, hit a hydro pole and tree. The stationwagon came to rest in the east ditch.

Late Tuesday, the deceased was identified as Kimberly McGillyray of Agincourt. Son Kyle is a patient in the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto. Mr. Hegemer is in York Central Hospital, Richmond Hill.

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Rough ride

WHITCHURCH — The stretch of Vivian Road between Hwy. 48 and the 7th Concession (McCowan Road) is in a decrepid state of repair.

So says Margot Marshall, Councillor, Ward 1.

"I can't think of a road in worse condition," Councillor Marshall told a meeting of Council last week.

Whitchurch-Stouffville had asked the York Regional Engineering Committee to prohibit heavy truck traffic on the road until it was upgraded, but the Region refused.



One killed, three injured in Markham crash

A 26-year-old Agincourt woman died and three others were injured following a collision between a truck (above) that veered into the ditch and a stationwagon, a flat-bed truck and trailer on McCowan Road, Markham, Tuesday. Hans

Tenants 'dig in'

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Bonus draw

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