

Caretaker assaulted

STOUFFVILLE - Whitchurch Twp. police are continuing their investigation into a reported assault at the Stouffville Sales Barn, Hwy. 47, that caused injury to the caretaker of the property, Steven Lancaster.

Mr. Lancaster was struck on the head, face and chest by a masked assailant who attempted to enter his quarters around 11 p.m. Following the scuffle, in which the employee was knocked to the ground, the man fled. Nothing was stolen.

Although no gun was seen, it is believed the intruder was armed.

Mr. Lancaster was treated in hospital and later released.

Fire escort

MARKHAM - When fire men found it impossible to extinguish a smouldering blaze in a load of garbage, Hwy. 48, north of Markham, a police escort of three cruisers was called in to accompany the vehicle to a nearby dump.

"What's it like back there?" radioed the officer in the lead car to the constable at the rear.

"The blaze is not so bad," he replied, "but the pollution count sure is high."

Can marry - can fight

Too young to drink

STOUFFVILLE - Kenneth Boyle, Valley Road, Musselman's Lake is 20 years old and married. He could, if he so desired, serve in any branch of the Canadian Armed Forces. However, he's still too young to drink.

Without passing a personal opinion, Judge Russell Pearce took note of these facts when the accused appeared before him, Jan. 15, charged with consuming liquor while under the legal age of 21.

Boyle pleaded not guilty.

He explained how he was stopped by police on the night of Dec. 31, north of Stouffville. He said he had spent the evening at the home of his mother-in-law and denied consuming any alcohol. He told the court how he had requested a breathalyzer test but, because of his age, was refused.

Constable David Hadden testified as to an odor of liquor on the accused's breath. He said the youth's eyes were red.

Judge Pearce, in rendering a conviction, limited the fine to \$10.

Recognition - at last

STOUFFVILLE - Where there's life, there's hope.

The management of Stouffville's Peewee softball team, Ontario finalists of 1970, refused to give up.

They felt the club deserved recognition, but separate appeals before council and the recreation committee were ignored or rejected.

The lads had their hearts set on new jackets.

Now, they'll get them, new jackets and a banquet too, thanks to a group of sports-minded citizens who followed the team through all of last summer.

The dinner, in the Stouffville Masonic Hall, is being prepared by the players' mothers in co-operation with members of the Altona Women's Institute and volunteers from the Stouffville Rangers. The date is an evening in March.

The fund is still short of covering the total cost. Anyone wishing to contribute to the success of this project is asked to contact either Jack Watson, 283 Main Street West (640-2335) or Will Morley, 361 North Street (640-3422).



Maybe some day - another Bobby Orr

Monday through Saturday, Jan. 25 to 30, is Minor Hockey Week in Stouffville - and across Canada. Hundreds of little Bobby Orr's and Davey Keon's will be scrambling around arenas across the country, cheered on by proud moms and dads, brothers and sisters. Such a lad

is 5 year old Michael Glenn, a Mite League defenceman in the Stouffville Minor Hockey Association. He's the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Glenn, Mill Street.

-Jas. Thomas

Lions Club organizes bike marathon May 1

STOUFFVILLE - A bicycle marathon, that with the co-operation of the entire community, could develop into the largest fund-raising venture ever organized here, will have its beginning from the Stouffville Memorial Park, Saturday,

Husband Charged

Home 'not fit for dogs'

UXBRIDGE TWP. - Conditions described as 'unfit for dogs' were found, Sunday, when police and Tribune editor, Jas. Thomas visited the site of a dilapidated farm house, north of 'gravel hill' in Uxbridge Township.

A family of three, including a baby boy, were living in only two rooms of the frame two-storey structure. The temperature inside was about 40 degrees.

The situation came to light when the young mother arrived in Stouffville. She said she feared for her life.

Charged with threatening is William Cammack, R.R. 3, Stouffville. A loaded, 22 calibre rifle was seized.

The child, police said, was extremely dirty and weighed less than eleven pounds.

The interior of the house was sparsely furnished. A motor-

cycle, with extended handlebars, was 'parked' against one wall. There was a small portable television set on the table. Mr. Cammack, currently unemployed, was living on welfare.

Police said that Mrs. Cammack and the child had been taken in by her parents.

Business booms

STOUFFVILLE - Business is booming at the Stouffville Licence Bureau - snowmobile business.

Operator, Mrs. Marian Murphy reports 693 sales this winter, both new and renewals. The licence period extends from Oct. 31, 1970 to Oct. 31, 1972. The cost is a flat \$4.00.

At Markham, licence manager Fred Hayward reports sales exceeding the 800 mark.

May 1.

Arranged through the special activities committee of the Stouffville Lions Club, the route will extend over a distance of 30 miles. The chairman is Lion Bill Murphy.

Here's how it works. A participant, boy, girl, man or woman, selects one organization or one project that he or she would like to assist financially. He then goes looking for sponsors who pledge 'x' cents per miles covered. At the end, 50 percent of the money earned goes to the organization of his choice and 50 percent to the Lions Club.

For example, a cyclist obtains 10 sponsors at .10 cents each per mile. If he completes the 30 mile course, he earns \$30. Fifteen dollars would go to his pre-selected project and fifteen dollars to the Lions.

The bike-a-thon is not a race. Entries must be 7 years and over and all children must have signed parental approval.

The first mass contingent of riders will move out at 9 a.m. All participants must report back by 5 p.m. Check points will be set up at intervals along the route and 'guards' will be located at all crossroads and highway intersections.

"The safety of the cyclists is our first concern," said chairman Bill. An estimated 90 adults will be required to police the project.

Five trucks will patrol the route, carrying spare bikes and repair kits. Motorcycle escorts will also assist along with members from St. John Ambulance.

Riders should take along sufficient food but water will be provided.

A map of the route will be published when finalized.

Regional post

MARKHAM - Mrs. Alma Walker, former Mayor of Markham Town, has accepted a social worker's position within the Region of York. The office is located at York Manor, Newmarket.

Previously, Mrs. Walker served as committee chairman, Home for the Aged and a member of the Board for five years.

"I love every minute of it," she told The Tribune.

'Revenge' cited

Business firms hit by gas shutoff spree

STOUFFVILLE - The plight of the striker, involved in a current nine-week wage dispute with the management of Consumer's Gas Company, was not enhanced, but rather impaired, when persons unknown, shut off the fuel service to many business places here, Sunday.

The Branch Office at Richmond Hill began receiving complaints early Sunday morning. When the cause was discovered, a systematic check was made throughout the town.

The temperature in one second storey apartment dropped to forty degrees. Water pipes in the Stouffville Bakery were frozen solid, but luckily did not break.

Glen Waugh, District Manager, said that with most business establishments closed and many owners away, it was difficult to reach everyone. He said the police department was very co-operative. About 35 places were affected, many in the west end Plaza.

"It had to be someone with an intimate knowledge of the area," said Mr. Waugh, "it's not something a kid could do".

Malicious acts of this nature are a rarity, he explained. He said his firm could do little to protect itself, terming it unwise to place locks on outside meters.

He said the penalty for conviction of such an offense could be very severe. Instances of a similar nature had occurred in Toronto, he said, but Stouffville was the only area in the region to be hit, Sunday.

"Stupid - just plain stupid," said one irritated merchant.

Man found frozen

STOUFFVILLE - The frozen body of a Stouffville area man was found outside his home, early Sunday morning by a neighbor, who had risen unusually early to check his stock.

Charles Wellington Baker, 48, R.R.4, Stouffville, was reported dead at the scene by Coroner Blair Mitchell and taken by Newmarket ambulance to York County Hospital.

Temperatures at 6 a.m., Sunday went down to 15 degrees below zero.

The victim's death has been attributed to exposure. Investigators included Staff Sgt. David Fellows and Constable Ronald Lowcock, Whitchurch Branch, York Regional Police.

Offers municipal site

BALLANTRAE - The pre-selected location of municipal offices in Stouffville, to serve the expanded area, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, is proving a major inconvenience to many ratepayers, says Clayton Clouter, Gormley, R.R. 1.

Mr. Clouter is the developer of a 57-lot V.L.A. subdivision at the intersection of Hwy. 48 and the Aurora Sideroad.

Instead of spending several thousand dollars to improve the

municipal site in Stouffville, Mr. Clouter has agreed to donate sufficient acreage in his development at Ballantrae for a new building.

In discussing the matter with The Tribune, he termed it completely unfair that a resident, say in the area of Cedar Valley, should have to drive all the way to Stouffville, a distance of over twelve miles. "What's worse," he said, "when you do get there, you can't find a place to park".

Mr. Clouter argues that a more central location should be established immediately rather than investing money in a project that is obsolete before it is completed.

Hire clerk

GOODWOOD - Uxbridge Township has a new Clerk - new perhaps to some of the ratepayers, but certainly not new to the job.

He's Donald S. Kennedy, Riverview Drive, Markham. Mr. Kennedy held the position previously for 3½ years, resigning in 1958 to accept a teaching post on the staff of Markham Dist. High School.

Council finalized the selection at a special meeting, Jan. 18. Mr. Kennedy assumes the office, Feb. 1.

Gormley exchange

Free-call to Toronto

GORMLEY - Beginning Dec. 1971, all residents in the Gormley (887) exchange will be granted expanded free-call service to Willowdale, Don Mills and Toronto.

In announcing the plan, Gordon B. Wansbrough, Bell Manager, said 831,000 additional telephones would be added to the local calling area at new monthly rates.

Monthly rates (residential) at present and as proposed are as follows: Individual Line, \$5.15 to \$7.20; Two-Party Line, \$4.00 to \$5.75; Multi-Party Line, \$3.60 to \$5.20.

For a business service, an Individual Line will increase from \$12.50 to \$19.15 per month.

Mr. Wansbrough said the proposal followed a survey of Gormley Exchange residents. Seventy percent were in favor of the extended service, he revealed.

With regard to Stouffville, Manager Wansbrough said the number of long-distance calls to Toronto had not yet reached a total that would demand the same consideration accorded residents at Gormley.



Stouffville Ski-Doo team sets prize-winning pace at District meets

Clocked at speeds on the straight-away of up to 80 miles per hour, this team of devil snowmobile drivers has won many awards in district meets so far, this season. They are (left to right) - Bill Brown, Tim Kennedy, Marvin Betz, Keith Betz and Glen

Avery. They race every Saturday in competition at Markham and will participate in the big Kinsmen-sponsored meet in Stouffville, Feb. 21.

-Jas. Thomas.