



Lonely vigil

Protected from the chill of mid-winter winds, this beautiful thoroughbred bull keeps a lonely vigil in a corral at Angus-Glen Farm, R.R.1, Unionville. A Tribune cameraman waded through waist-deep drifts to capture this pose. When 'Angus' indicated resentment over the intrusion, the photographer left in a hurry. — Jas. Thomas.

Barn burns in \$40,000 loss

CANNINGTON - A large frame barn, on the property of Howard Doner, Cannington, was destroyed by fire, Saturday morning, in a loss estimated at \$40,000.

Mr. and Mrs. Doner, well-known in Stouffville, resided south of Bloomington before moving to the Cannington community in June, 1969.

The blaze was first noticed around 8 a.m., and in fifteen minutes, the entire building was a mass of flames.

Lost was \$9,000 worth of turnip-waxing equipment, a farm tractor, a cow, calf and steer and the children's pet riding horse. The house and a nearby implement shed were saved.

The cause of the blaze has not been determined.

Smoke, fire damage home

MT. ALBERT - Damage from smoke and fire was extensive but no one was injured in a blaze, Friday evening, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Paisley, Hwy. 48, R.R.1, Cedar Valley.

Much of the kitchen interior was destroyed but firemen from Mount Albert were able to contain the flames to that part of the house.

Mrs. Paisley and 2 year old daughter Michele were forced to flee the residence. They are now living at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Paisley, Mount Albert, until repairs can be completed.

Sheep damage claim

Dog owner must pay

MARKHAM - Dogs involved in sheep flock raids are the responsibility of the owner or keeper, Wm. Shearn, Bylaw Enforcement Officer, Town of Markham told The Tribune this week.

With respect to the slaughter on the farm of Harvey Brown, Hwy. 48 and 18th Avenue, Jan. 24, it is alleged that one or both dogs came from the property of Gerald Delaney, Markham, R.R. 2.

Mr. Shearn said that with

No inquest

CLAREMONT - There will be no inquest into the cause of a house fire, Dec. 12, that took the lives of two children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Peter White, an officer of the Whitby Detachment, Ontario Provincial Police, told The Tribune this week.

Investigation, the officer said, indicated the blaze started in the dining room of the two-storey home. The origin, he stated, was thought to be electrical, but no conclusive evidence had been turned up to support this suspicion.

Mrs. White remains a patient in Oshawa General Hospital.

Sight impaired

MARKHAM - A veteran employee of Amalgamated Electric Corporation Ltd., has lost the sight of his left eye, following a one-in-a-million type accident, Jan. 27, in the parking lot outside the plant.

George Hanna, Lawlor Boulevard, Toronto, was attempting to start a fellow worker's car with cables extended from one battery to another.

An explosion occurred and bakelite struck him in the face.

The victim was rushed by taxi to the Scarborough General Hospital for emergency surgery. Physicians now feel certain the sight of the second eye can be saved, Mrs. Hanna told The Tribune.

small claims, the settlement is usually made between the livestock owner and the owner of the dogs. In this particular case however, the municipality will settle with the farmer first, then deal with the other party, Mr. Shearn said.

While a total figure cannot be assessed for several weeks, the amount of the damage is expected to exceed \$2,000.

The claim is one of Markham's largest in recent years.

Vandalism shocks councillor

PICKERING TWP. - Acts of vandalism, described by Pickering Twp. deputy-reeve George Ashe as 'willful and malicious', have been reported in a recreation area of the new Donald Beer Memorial Arena.

Mr. Ashe told how, in the second floor pool room, cues had been deliberately broken, hundreds of holes had been punched through the ceiling and cigarette butts ground into the floor.

The deputy-reeve explained that people were allowed in only on an admittance basis, but many entered illegally by means of the fire escape. He attributed the damage to the irresponsible actions of a few. He urged anyone who might be able to identify the culprits, to come forward.

New Regional police office

Charge site — 'political issue'

YORK REGION - Regional Council was the scene of a lively debate, Thursday, after Newmarket Mayor Bob Forhan charged that the selection of a site for the new Regional Police Headquarters had become a 'political issue'.

"Quit playing games", he told council, "everyone knows that the south wants it built in Richmond Hill".

Mr. Forhan's outburst was touched off after the engineering committee gave a cool reception to a proposal to locate the police headquarters in the vacant Office Specialties building on Prospect Street, Newmarket.

Committee chairman, Anthony Roman, told council that a resolution recommending the purchase of the 22 year old site had been made but that no formal offer to sell had been received from the owners.

He suggested the police offices be located in the regional buildings until a suitable location could be found.

But Mr. Forhan's charges did little to convince the rest of Council that the Office Specialties Building should house the new Regional Police Force.

Richmond Hill Councillor Don Plaxton warned

that renovations on the old building would bring the price up to nearly \$300,000.

"What's the point of paying three hundred thousand for an old building when for \$500,000 we could have a new one", he asked.

"The price is definitely on the high side", added Markham councillor Jim Jongeneel. He said he didn't care where the project was located but felt the headquarters should be housed in a new building built to police specifications.

Aurora Mayor Dick Illingworth was critical of the project as well. He felt that the installation of 7 cells in the basement would present serious problems since the police desk would be on the main floor.

"Prisoners should be watched at all times", he cautioned.

But Richmond Hill councillor Gordon Rowe had the last word. He reported that he had "looked the building over and suspected it would need a new roof before long".

He further predicted that the maintenance on the building would be 'something fierce' and that the amount of fuel consumed would be 'tremendous'.

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Mortgagees press for action against 'Century City' firm

Caught in financial squeeze

GOODWOOD - Ninety mortgage-holders who sold their properties to Century City Developments Limited almost three years ago, but have received no payments in principle or interest since last May, are growing impatient. So impatient, they've called a meeting for the township hall at Goodwood, Feb. 10 to establish what action, if any, they should take to collect at least a portion of these delinquent funds.

Residents not directly affected, will not be admitted. On Jan. 28, Louis Devor, a company official, attempting to pour oil on troubled waters, explained that it was the Provincial Government's failure to sanction the scheme that had held up progress on the venture.

A multi-million dollar loan, he said, had been withdrawn when Queen's Park, through its Toronto-Centred Design for Development Plan had established the area for recreation, agricultural and open space uses.

Mr. Devor said the company had no intention of giving up the project and while he didn't blame the mortgagees for attempting to protect their investment, all applications for closure would be opposed through the courts. He urged all interested parties to bring pressure to bear on M.P.'s and Cabinet Ministers, setting out the seriousness of each month's delay.

Mr. Devor said that in the company's opinion, the prices paid for land (\$1,500 average per acre) had been fair. He said he was certain most former owners weren't interested in getting their properties back but only in receiving the original price agreed upon.

Revealing the firm's decision to embark on the Century City development in the first place, Mr. Devor said officials had outlined their proposal before a private meeting of several Provincial Ministers back on March 19, 1968. He said none had expressed opposition to the plan. On the basis of this reception, he said, the company proceeded to assemble large quantities of land.

Wave smashes boat

MARKHAM - Twenty-two months of hard work has ended in near disaster for Captain Bruce Robertson, two members of his family and crew, when their 65-foot, twin-hulled catamaran, capsized and sank in Mona Passage, west of Puerto Rico.

The beautiful boat, christened 'Saorsa' and weighing 12 tons, was built on a site at conc. 7, Markham. On completion, last

August, it was transported on a G.M. Smith float to Frenchman's Bay.

Although no one was injured, Captain Robertson, his daughter Dale, 17, son Michael, 14 and crew members, David Morris and Sharon Morrow were forced to cling to one section of the ship for 36 hours until rescued.

"She broke up in less than 15 minutes," said the disillusioned Captain. He attributed the breakup to a 'freak wave'.

'Doll house' destroyed

High school student loses everything

STOUFFVILLE - A 19 year old girl, a Grade 13 student of Stouffville Dist. Secondary School, lost all her personal belongings, Wednesday, in a fire that destroyed her small rented cottage home on the property of Albert Holzschuk, Main Street East.

Miss Gaye Menges, a resident there since Jan. 2, was absent from the premises when the fire was discovered by tenant, Ronald Hardy, living in a

basement apartment with Mr. and Mrs. Holzschuk.

The structure, erected originally as a tool shed, was described as an oversized 'doll house' by Fire Chief Walter Smith. The cause of the blaze was not immediately known although an inside electric heater is suspected.

The loss in total is estimated at \$2,000. The building was insured.

Miss Menges did not learn of the fire until she returned some time later. While almost everything she owned was lost, most of her school books had been taken out two days before.



Uxbridge Twp. clerk-treasurer honored at farewell gathering

Elwood Foskett, clerk-treasurer of the Twp. of Uxbridge, during the past 13 years, was honored, Friday evening, at a farewell gathering, held in the home of councillor and Mrs. D'Arcy Higgins, Uxbridge, R.R.4. Mr. Foskett (third from left) was presented with an

honored silver tray and his wife, Effie, with a bouquet of red roses. Shown with them here are - Reeve and Mrs. Robt. Nesbitt. Mr. Foskett is the new deputy-clerk. Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville. — Jas. Thomas.

Cottage breakin

STOUFFVILLE - A Stouffville district youth was scheduled to appear in Provincial Court, Brechin, this week, charged with possession of stolen property from a cottage residence in Scott Township.

John Robert MacKay, 18, of R.R.4, Stouffville was arrested by officers of the Brechin Detachment, Ontario Provincial Police following an intensive investigation into the case.

The residence is owned by Norah Dawson of Willowdale. Miscellaneous articles, including a number of antiques, were taken, police said. Several items have been recovered.

An O.P.P. spokesman said that charges are also pending against one or more Stouffville boys under the Narcotics Control Act. This phase of the investigation, however, has been turned over to the R.C.M.P., he said.