

Fire destroys seven horses

CEDAR GROVE - A fire, the second in two years, has destroyed seven more horses on the property of Rhiana Stables, 14th Avenue, Markham, near Cedar Grove.

It was back on March 4, 1969, that a similar blaze killed nine animals.

The blaze had made considerable headway before it was noticed and by the time firemen arrived much of the two-storey steel-clad structure was already levelled. The enclosure measured 160 feet long by 60 feet wide.

Owner, Mrs. Rhea Miller said all possible fireproofing procedures had been followed when building the barn. She noted however, that the flames seemed to spread even faster this time. 'In three minutes, it was gone,' she said.

Mr. Miller and a friend, Jim Gordon, utilized a car as a battering ram in an effort to break an opening in the side of the building, but without success. Mr. Gordon required medical treatment for a cut hand.

Four of the dead horses belonged to family friends. One of these was 'Goldie Boy', owned by 15 year old Susan Hall, Toronto. The young girl was overcome with grief when told the sad news.

Addition to Town pool

STOUFFVILLE - The Stouffville Lions Club is planning a third addition to the Community Swimming Pool, with construction planned for this fall.

While the official go-ahead on the project must still come from Town Council, no problem is expected in this regard. The cost has been estimated at between seven and ten thousand dollars.

The extension to measure 20 feet by 30 feet, will accommodate beginners only. At the present time, children graduate from the wading area into the pool utilized by more accomplished swimmers.

The depth of water in the addition will go from two to six feet with no diving board privileges. It will be heated.

The location is in the northwest corner of the present pool site. The construction will tie in with a major pool maintenance program already contained in the Town's 1971 budget.

Grand champions

STOUFFVILLE - Two entries from Rayercroft Ayrshire Farm, R.R. 2, Stouffville, won grand champion awards at Oshawa Fair.

Rayercroft Pansy's Cominander won first in its class. In addition, he was judged grand champion male.

Brookview Fran II was the top 4 year old and the grand champion female on the grounds.

The head owner is Warren S. Ramer of Richmond Hill.

Police dispute settled

YORK REGION - Settlement of a dispute between the York Region Police Commission and the Police Association has been announced.

The disagreement concerned alleged demotions to acting ranks made by the Commission at the start of this year. The Association charged that this was unlawful and began an action before the Supreme Court of Ontario for an injunction to prohibit exams scheduled for July 31. In addition, the Association asked the Attorney-General to appoint an arbitrator.

The new agreement provides for confirmation of all existing ranks by the Commission - an undertaking that has now been carried out. The Association has withdrawn its application for an injunction, and also the request for an arbitrator.

Promotional exams have been rescheduled to Oct. 30, according to Chief Bruce Crawford. The Commission has agreed to examine the possibility of extending the eligibility provisions for these exams.

Commission Chairman Judge William Lyon has expressed satisfaction with the terms of the agreement. Members voted unanimously to accept the settlement.



The driver of the van (left) was killed and the bus operator injured, in a head-on crash, early Saturday morning, on Hwy. 48, south of Dickson's Hill. Heinz Libertus, R.R.2, Claremont, was pinned in the cab of his northbound vehicle and pronounced dead at the scene. —Jas. Thomas.

Van - bus collide, Atha driver is killed

DICKSON'S HILL - A head-on crash involving a light van and a 49-passenger Gray Coach Lines bus, early Saturday morning, took the life of a 46 year old Atha resident.

Heinz Libertus, Claremont, R.R.2, was pinned in the wreckage of his vehicle, and although still alive when would-be rescuers reached the scene, he died a short time later.

The collision, about 2.30 a.m., occurred on Hwy. 48, south of Dickson's Hill. Damage was estimated at \$6,000.

The charter, southbound from Sutton to Toronto, was driven by Ronald Clayton of Willowdale. He suffered facial lacerations from flying glass, requiring treatment in Scarborough Centenary Hospital. Others on board, awakened by the severity of the impact, were hysterical with shock.

One man, who tried unsuccessfully to free the victim from his crumpled truck, wept openly while police and friends attempted to calm him. Ambulance operator, John Vance assisted two other ladies.

Firemen from Markham and Vaughan attended the scene but

no blaze resulted. One brigade member was injured when he tripped over a cable extended from a tow truck. Another cut his finger on a piece of glass caught up in a hose line.

It was two hours before a replacement bus could be pressed into service and transport the passengers back to Toronto. During the long wait, most of the people remained in the crippled unit. One man, suffering from shock, became violently ill.

The Libertus family moved to the Atha area about three years

ago. Surviving, besides the victim's wife are four sons, Jack, Fred, Jamie and Mickey.

Service was held at the chapel of St. James Crematorium, Toronto, July 26.

A Pekinese named 'Peppi'

Door-to-door search recovers pet

STOUFFVILLE - When 'Peppi', a pet Pekinese, sud-

denly disappeared from home, Mr. and Mrs. Jim McLellan and

family, R.R. 3, Stouffville, feared the worst.

But they didn't give up hope.

Mr. McLellan made two large signs and erected them on posts near the entrance to his property. They read - LOST, our pet dog, a Pekinese, on the townline, Wednesday afternoon the 14th. Please call with any information, 640-4638.

The children, Douglas, 18; Debbie, 16; Kyle, 9 and Karen 7 commenced a systematic search, first in a nearby pond and second in ditches along the road. But without success.

With its two front paws deformed, it was certain 'Peppi' hadn't strayed too far. 'We were afraid she had been run over,' said Kyle.

When, after three days, the dog had not returned, Mr. McLellan commenced a door-to-door search in Stouffville. A boy in a grocery store reported seeing a Pekinese meeting 'Peppi's' description and pinpointed the area. Mr. McLellan kept on looking.

Finally, his efforts were rewarded. A lady told of taking the pet in. It quickly responded to its name and Mr. McLellan took her home to a jubilant family reception.

'It was a little bit hungry,' said Kyle, 'but otherwise pretty good.'



Nine-year-old Kyle McLellan hugs her pet Pekinese 'Peppi', following its recovery in Stouffville. The McLellan family reside at the former Harry Stover residence, Stouffville, R.R.3. —Jas. Thomas.

'Drop in or out' Pickering Twp. teen centre costly venture

PICKERING TWP. Pickering Township's proposed \$47,000 teen centre, located in Bay Ridges, still isn't fit to use, but already vandalism is rampant.

Council, Monday, sank an additional \$7,000 into the venture, much to the concern of two disenchanted members, councillor Vic Rudik, Ward 1 and councillor Jean McPherson, Ward II.

Things had better shape up down there or else, threatened Mr. Rudik. He said he had retained certain misgivings about the project from the start, even though its promoters had promised assistance on a volunteer basis to complete the job. He termed it 'just the old sales pitch.'

'If there is not a marked improvement, I will have no choice but to put forward a motion to change the whole setup on management and operation,' he said. He admitted that at this stage, council had no alternative but to see the contract through to completion.

Mrs. McPherson said what disturbed her most was the spending of \$7,000 from the township's general fund. She observed that the building, on an isolated site, was subject to vandalism. She said windows in the structure had already been

Moon trip in terms of taxes

STOUFFVILLE - The latest U.S.-sponsored moon voyage, successfully launched, Monday, caused little stir in Stouffville.

With one exception. Mayor Ken Laushway observed that the mission's cost, \$400,000,000, would be sufficient to operate the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville (without grants for a period of 200 years).

smashed. Rather than a drop-in, she said, it would wind up as a drop-out centre.

Deputy-reeve George Ashe argued that council couldn't pull out now with 85 percent of the project completed.

Councillor Sherman Scott agreed. 'The township has an asset and we must take care of it.'

Councillor Ron Chatten suggested that chastising the operators wouldn't solve the problem. 'He said instead, a sympathetic attitude on the part of council was required.'

Police called to calm irate worm-pickers

MARKHAM - Thirty-six to one. Such were the odds against Bob Riddell collecting a \$15 service call account. He found himself facing 36 excited worm-pickers plus one driver with no money and a van with one flat tire.

As the story goes, the Riddell tow truck was despatched on request to a district golf course. When the 'chief' worm-picker discovered his O.M.L. membership would not cover the cost, he 'took off', later stopping in at Markham Boat Sales Ltd., Hwy. No. 7, for some free air.

Minutes later, Mr. Riddell was on the scene, 'trapping' the van

on the lot. His side was then strengthened by officers of York Regional Police and the O.P.P.

When payment was still refused, Riddell hooked on to the rear of the worm-pickers' truck and hoisted it off the ground.

Fully realizing the law was not on his side, and that trucking worms without a truck was quite impractical, the driver relented, handing over his ownership as security.

All and all, the pros and cons of the argument, some spoken in English, but mostly in Italian, lasted about two hours.