

'Hippie Commune'

Youths are terrorized by armed hoodlum gang - one suspect arrested

ZEPHYR - Following a one-hour reign of terror, in which five members of an isolated 'hippie commune' were threatened, then shot at and assaulted with a motorcycle chain, Ontario Provincial Police have been able to piece together sufficient information to make one arrest.

place, firing shots into the wall, ceiling and chesterfield. One also began swinging the chain, striking Steven Caneen across the shoulder and hitting others about the legs. The girl was not harmed.

An officer of the 'Breckin Detachment' told The Tribune that one man had been taken into custody. He declined further comment on the case. The raid on the rented farmhouse, four miles east of Zephyr, occurred about 7:30 a.m., Sunday, while the tenants, four youths and a girl, were still asleep. The men, armed with a shot-gun, a hand pistol and a .22 cal. rifle, ordered the group to hand over all their money, which they did, an estimated \$400. But the hold-up did not end there. They began shooting up the

"They went crazy," said one of the youths, "they seemed to think there was more money around and tried to scare us." Another said one bullet passed so close to his head, he could feel the wind. "Believe me, it's no fun pulling on your pants in the morning with a rifle stuck in your face. It will be good to return home".

All residents come from the United States, including one from California and another from Tennessee. The 'family' rented the house back in May, but must now vacate as the property has been sold. They keep four dogs, but they, like their masters, offered no resistance.

"They were as scared as we," said one. As the three hoodlums left, the premises, they fired a shot into the rear tire of a parked car and tore the wiring from the motor.

Police were given a good description of the get-away car, a green 1968 or '69 Ford. Road blocks were set up without success.

School sales by tender

YORK REGION - The Region schools which have been declared surplus will be sold by sealed tender. This decision was made by the Board of Education at a recent meeting. While there was some feeling that the schools should be sold by public auction, (Whitchurch-Stouffville Council had urged adoption of this method) the Board decided against it.



Prize steer - a wonderful pet

To eat it or pet it - the decision will rest with the person who wins it at the Stouffville Trade Fair, Saturday night. The annual Beef Draw is sponsored by the Kinsmen Club with proceeds for Community Service Work. Gordon Joice,

Rupert Avenue will be pleased to sell you a ticket at .25 cents each or 5 for \$1. The weight of the animal is estimated at 700 pounds although Mr. Joice declined to lift it to find out. - Jas. Thomas.

Five-room addition Greenwood School

GREENWOOD - A 5-room addition is planned for Valley View Public School at Greenwood. Ontario County Board of Education has given the 'green light' to preparation of sketch plans, with construction likely to start some time in 1972.

"They are both good schools," he said, "I see no reason to close them down now". He noted too that such a decision could cause concern among parents who prefer keeping their children in smaller schools as long as possible so they don't have so far to travel. Valley View School

presently includes nine June, 1971, the student rooms. At the end of enrollment was 240.

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Village of Claremont Community spirit revived

CLAREMONT - It was just two years ago that The Tribune conducted its own personal survey on the people and the places within the Village of Claremont.

The community had just lost its 'police village' status to become just another hamlet under the protective wing of parent, Pickering Township.

Some were unhappy with the change and generally spirits were at an extremely low ebb.

The newspaper story said so and this too, irritated many residents.

But that was 1969. In 1971, things are different.

Sure, gravel trucks still rumble up and down the Brock Road and a couple of commercial establishments are still vacant, but on the whole, Claremont has 'bounced back'.

For example, the Community Park is second to none in the area; a parkette has

been created at the 'four corners' and the bowling green is 'groomed' to perfection.

Homes too look better - some are beautiful.

Such was the feeling of Art and Penny Massey, house-hunting in the area. "We're sick of living in a 3-room apartment", said Art, a graduate law student, "and we don't intend to raise our children in one. This is a wonderful

community and we wish to become part of it".

And the end may be in sight for gravel truck traffic too. The Ontario County Road Department has commenced work on an overdue bypass to the east, thus leaving 'downtown' Claremont to local shoppers and visitors.

Yes, Claremont, almost 'dead', is now, very much 'alive'. Just ask the folks who live there. And they should know.

P.M. to arrive by helicopter

PICKERING Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau will be visiting Pickering September 10, as part of a tour of Southern Ontario.

The Prime Minister will arrive in a helicopter, landing on the parking lot of Pickering District High School about 10:30 a.m. He will appear at a question-

and-answer session with students.

Responding to an invitation from MP Norm Cafik (L-Ontario), a number of students from separate schools in Ontario County will attend the session.

The Prime Minister will leave Pickering to visit Oshawa, Peterborough, and Port Hope.

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