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School bus is enveloped by gas fire

CLAREMONT - School bus driver, Mrs. Shirley Pilkey encountered an experience last week on the Don Valley Parkway, she'll not soon forget.

While southbound into Toronto, with a passenger list of 19 students and two teachers from Ajax High School, she was met by a 'wall of flame' when a pup trailer from a huge tanker broke loose, struck the median and exploded.

"Except for the median, it would have struck us," Mrs. Pilkey said, "the flames covered the whole bus."

The driver said that fortunately none of the side windows were open. She said the heat was intense.

"Luckily I kept going," she noted, "had I panicked and stopped, it could have been tragic." She said two cars were following. They were the last to get through before police closed off the road.

Trucks hit driver dies

MARKHAM - A fatal accident, involving two pick-up trucks, occurred at the corner of conc. 10, Markham and Hwy. 7, Dec. 23.

Joseph Dart, 60, of Cannington, lost his life in the collision. His vehicle travelling west, struck the other broadside.

The impact carried both trucks to the north-west corner of the intersection.

The driver of the second vehicle, Terry Edward Moore, 24, of R.R. 1, Uxbridge, was taken to Scarborough Centenary Hospital for treatment and observation.

Receipts-\$350

STOUFFVILLE - School spirit at Stouffville High, said to be at its highest level in years, shone out from the stage, Thursday, and won the admiration of an appreciative audience.

The second annual Variety Show, directed by Jim Brodie and produced by Pauline Foulds, raised \$350, exclusive of \$52 contributed by the students of Grade 13.

The money has been allocated as follows: Green Gables Manor, Bloomington, \$152; Crippled Children, \$100 and student activities, \$150.

A beautiful tapestry and painting, completed by a resident of Green Gables, was presented to H.J. Waite, Chairman on the Board of Whitchurch - Stouffville Public Library, and a teacher on the staff of S.D.S.S.

The show's staff advisor was Mrs. Dianne Stuart, and the master of ceremonies, Julie Bell.

Arrest follows chase

STOUFFVILLE - Most of Stouffville citizens were snugly behind doors celebrating Christmas at about 10 p.m. Monday, when an O.P.P. cruiser careened through town in pursuit of a vehicle, heading west along Main Street.

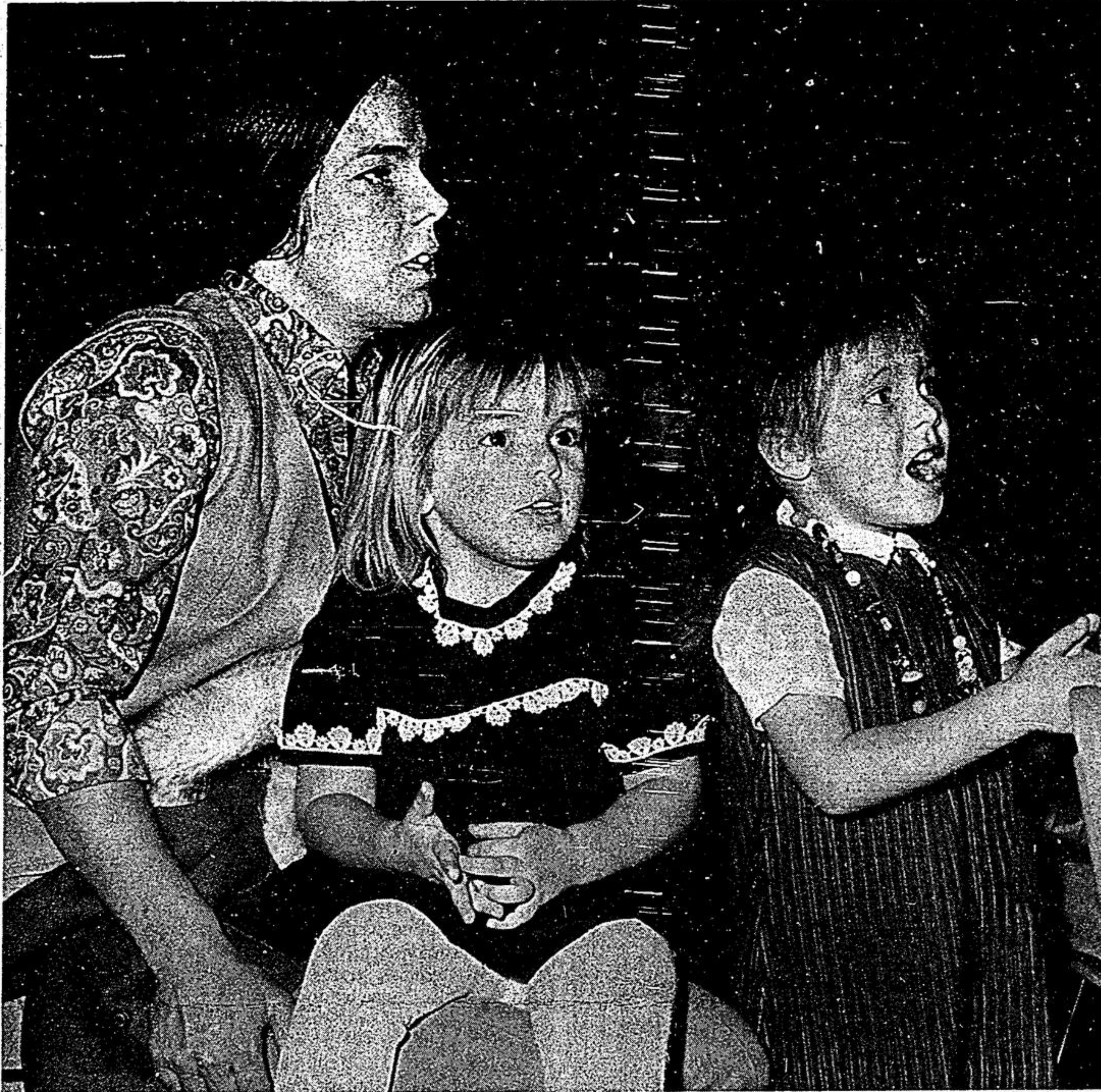
The 85-90 m.p.h. chase, followed an investigation by Constable Wm. Phillips, of a break-in at Dean Watson Motor Sales Ltd., Hwy. 47, south of Uxbridge.

Once through town, the fleeing driver turned north on Hwy. 48 and the pursuit finally ended when he lost control of his car and it ended in a ditch near Pefferlaw.

Assisting the Whitby Division were units from York Region, Oak Ridges and Brechin.

Kerry Jack Morden, 17, of Uxbridge, has been arrested and charged with break-enter and theft.

What's so exciting on stage?



Happiness and anticipation are mirrored in the faces of Sharon and Katherine Craig, R. R. 1, Claremont, attending the Stouffville Players' pre-Christmas production of 'Mother Goose', in Latham Hall, Saturday. Mrs. Norman Craig (the

former Lynne Foord of Stouffville), reflects her children's interest in the show. The three performances were well supported and enthusiastically acclaimed by young and old alike.

Is it this....or maybe this?



No Stouffville comedy production would be quite complete without John Foulds, Second Street, in the cast. He 'gracefully' portrayed the eldest daughter of the 'Old Lady who Lived in the Shoe' and despite a couple of nosedives midway through his dance, he completed his ballerina whirl without a hitch.



A lead role in the production was taken by Frank Mellon, Tindale Road, as 'Twinkle Toes', the good fairy. But like his co-actor, John Foulds, he also took a tumble while 'tripping' the light fantastic across the stage. He is shown here, about to make a one-point landing.

Traffic bypass would serve centre core

Main St. congestion
is priority problem

STOUFFVILLE - Rather than concentrate on utilizing the Bloomington Road as a bypass route around Stouffville, Town Council will press for construction of an alternate artery to the south, linking Hwy. 48 with Concession 10, with feeder roads leading onto Main Street.

Mayor-elect Gordon Ratcliff said such a recommendation, now on paper, would ease weekend traffic congestion in Stouffville, yet still allow people to enter the downtown core, if they so desired.

Mr. Ratcliff said a rough sketch plan had been prepared by Mayor Ken Laushway "and it looks real good". He said traffic and parking problems in Stouffville would be top priority issues in 1973-74.

The Mayor-elect foresees the construction of 300 new homes in Stouffville, with the build-up concentrated in areas north of Stouffer Street and on the former Booth farm, south of Main. He said two subdivisions would likely go ahead in the former Twp. of Whitchurch, one of these near Lemonville. He noted that the government-imposed 'freeze' on land in Whitchurch, was creating a serious problem.

Mr. Ratcliff said he would like to see the hamlet areas expand to a maximum of 500 as provided for in the Official Plan. He said consideration should also be given to additional growth in the Pine Orchard - Cedar Valley district.

Mr. Ratcliff favors a commercial complex at Hwys. 47 and 48, (Ringwood), and the creation of an Industrial Mall at Wesley Corners, Don Mills and the Aurora Road. Further industrial build-up should be considered too on Main Street West, he feels.

The Mayor-elect said he appreciated the work of committees, with many individuals giving freely of their time. He mentioned particularly the Whitchurch - Stouffville Recreation Committee. "They've done a wonderful job," he said.

On the question of a Recreation Co-ordinator, he said he didn't feel the Town was yet ready to hire such an employee on a full-time basis.

Mr. Ratcliff said he was confident that much would be accomplished in the two years ahead. "I feel I have an excellent Council," he concluded.

New boundary plan 'shocks' Twp. reeve

UXBRIDGE TWP. - Surprise, commented Uxbridge Township reeve Bob Nesbitt, was too mild a word to describe his reaction to the province's restructuring proposals for the Township and 21 municipalities south and east, in establishing a 9-municipality regional area.

"It was a shock," he commented.

The proposal amalgamates the Township, Town of Uxbridge and part of Pickering Twp., north of the 7th conc., which is excluded from airport and community lands. The most startling aspect, according to the reeve, is the annexation of Scott Twp. by York Region, through unification with East Gwillimbury.

The prospect of regionalization had already prompted meetings between Scott, Uxbridge Town and Township representatives before the proposal was revealed and as a result, recommendations sent to the province had set down reasons

for favoring their amalgamation.

The preference was disregarded and, speculated the reeve, "Apparently ordinary, everyday councils don't count for anything."

He continued that he anticipated Ontario County would disappear. "It is the only County in the Province that has no capital debt of any significance. It is one of the many reasons for getting rid of us. I was surprised they had to get rid of North Pickering at the same time."

With feelings running high in the County, submissions will be made to the province but, cautioned the reeve, they must be compatible. Representatives elected to 1973 councils are to appear at a meeting, Jan. 5, although it is prior to some being officially sworn in, to take a consensus of the situation. "We want to make sure that whatever we say, we say it together," concluded Mr. Nesbitt.

Seeking fire 'scoop' reporter's car burns

STOUFFVILLE - A CFTO cameraman and his lady assistant were all set for the 'scoop' story of the year - an on-the-spot photo of a Friday night fire in Stouffville.

With this thought in mind, they left Toronto early, wended their way up through the fog, and selected a location of convenience, (in a no-parking zone), on Main Street, opposite the firehall.

There, they patiently waited, 9 o'clock, 10 o'clock - nothing.

Then it happened. The siren wailed, volunteers raced to the scene and curious spectators milled about.

Was it the fire-bug again?

No, merely a short-circuit in the motor of the cameraman's car, causing an estimated \$300 damage.

"I knew I should never have left the city," said the disgruntled reporter.

Family safe

GORMLEY - Rev. and Mrs. Walter Kelly and family, residents in the earthquake-ravaged city of Managua, are reported safe, although their home was destroyed.

Rev. Kelly's mother, Mrs. Marion Kelly, lives at R. R. 2, Gormley.

Meager reports coming out of the stricken area tell how the pastor, his wife and two daughters were forced to flee in the night, taking refuge in the countryside. He was able to contact family relatives in the United States via HAM radio.

The death toll has been estimated at between three and five thousand.