

Two Men Hurt When Cars Hit Highway Traffic Island

A traffic island took a beating in four automobile accidents investigated by Georgetown Police during the past week.

The recently illuminated traffic island at the intersection of Guelph and Maple was rammed twice in the space of a little more than four hours and in both cases the driver of the car involved had to be treated for injuries.

At 10:05 p.m. Thursday night May 19 a 1963 Pontiac driven by Stan Van Der Meulen of Brampton, hit the island and resulting in \$1,000 damage to the car and \$300 to the island.

Van Der Meulen was treated by Dr. J.P. Panabaker at Georgetown hospital for contusions to his nose.

He was westbound on Guelph when the accident happened.

At 1:15 the next morning, Stan Horvath of London, received facial lacerations when his 1967 Chrysler sedan drove over the island. He was taken to hospital by Bert Jennings of

RR 1 Norval and treated there by Dr. Panabaker.

Police placed damage to his vehicle at \$300. Horvath was also westbound on the highway.

Cars operated by Glen Lance of Pembroke, and Allan Stewart Taylor of Guelph, collided on the controversial Mountainview Rd. bridge Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock resulting in \$340 damage.

Police said Lance was northbound and Taylor southbound when they hit in the middle of the narrow span.

A minor accident the same day involved vehicles driven by William F. Hunter, Terra Colla, and Agnes S. Meal, RR 2, Georgetown. They collided opposite 75 Maple Ave. W. at 6:30 p.m.

Mrs. Meal was making a left turn into the driveway at No. 75 Maple Ave. W. when in collision with the Hunter car which was passing according to police.

Total property damage was less than \$150.

IN THE MAIL BAG

Civic Group, Town Cooperate Beautify Hwy. With Maples

17 Edith Street,
May 16, 1968.

Dear Sir:

Who says that there can't be co-operation between the Town corporation and its citizens? A good example of co-operation was the recent planting of thirty red maple trees along Guelph St. from the eastern limits to the plaza.

Working with "Steamer" Emersonson of the town council, and Frank Moretti, the town foreman, members of the Georgetown District Civic Group sited, dug and backfilled the 8' saplings, complete with peat moss, bone meal and fertilizer.

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William Connolly, 64 Former Donmar Employee

A Donmar employee when he lived in town, William Connolly, 64, died suddenly at his home Lakewood on May 17.

Born in Belfast, Ireland, he came to Canada as a young man first lived at New Toronto and then in Georgetown. He left town when he took a position with the Small Arms firm. He was employed with Wilson Motor Bodies until ill health forced his retirement several years ago.

Mr. Connolly's wife, Bridget Boyle, died 32 years ago. He married Hilda Neis in 1962, who survives. He also leaves a family of six children, Frank and Mrs. James Yates (Beth) of Georgetown, Mrs. Herb Cook (Rosemary) of Acton, Robert of Clarkson, Mrs. K. Reid (Margaret) of Los Angeles, California and Thomas of Peterborough; one brother Robert of Oakville; and 21 grandchildren.

Funeral services took place at the Skinner & Middlebrook Funeral Home in Port Credit.

Mrs. Wilfred Chiasson Town Resident 2 Years

Mrs. Wilfred Chiasson, 35, of 29 Resway Drive, died at Toronto Western Hospital on May 4.

The former Emelia Landry, she was born at St. Simon, New Brunswick and lived there until 1950. She moved to Hammer, Ontario in 1951 and was married there in 1953. Mr. and Mrs. Chiasson moved to Georgetown the following year.

She leaves her husband and two children, Colette and Rhea; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Severin Landry and brothers and sisters Francis of Brampton, Wilfred of North Bay, Leonidas of Pine Falls, Manitoba, Donald and Alexis of Sudbury, Mrs. Romeo Laubert of Athabrigde, N.B., Emery, Jean Baptiste, Leonard and Mrs. Ben Lariviere of Hammer. She was predeceased by a brother Rhea and sister Bella.

Funeral mass in St. Jacques Church, Hammer on May 7 was conducted by Rev. Lucien Daoust. Six of her brothers were pallbearers.

etc., as well as providing supplementary help for the cost of drugs and other needed medicines and treatment. On this basis, the Province could have provided the medical insurance protection that our people need without the wholesale upheaval which will occur on July 1st, 1967.

M.P.P. Reports to Georgetown from Queen's Park

by George Kerr

An announcement was made last week by the Federal Government that a Medicare program was to start in Canada on July 1, 1967. There was nothing new in this latest announcement and the four main principles set down as requirements to the Provinces in order to receive a subsidy have not really changed in the last year or so.

The four principles are that provincial plans must: (1) Provide doctor services, (2) Provide universal (compulsory) coverage of the population, that is a minimum 90% rising toward 95%, (3) Provide benefits portable to other provinces, (4) Be under public control, that is, be operated by a government or by a non-profit agency subject to government audit.

The main conditions, in effect, require compulsion and the elimination of all private medical insurance plans in the provinces. There is some encouragement in the report out of Ottawa that although the plan must be under public control, that is operated by the government, it also allows "a non-profit agency subject to government audit." I hope this means plans such as P.S.I. and those provided by many farm co-ops in Ont. will be acceptable. If so, this will eliminate much of the Ontario Government's objection to the Federal conditions and allow our own Provincial Plan, OMSIP, to continue to operate as well.

However, I still feel that this is a pressure play by the Federal Government interested in embarrassing Ontario. We in this Province have a new plan now in operation. It provides low cost, subsidized or free medical insurance for nearly two million subscribers. If all people who we expect to join do, about 98% of the population in the Province will be covered by some form of medical health insurance.

It is important to realize that Medicare is a provincial matter. The Federal Government is saying to the Province that if you operate a plan that is based on the four principles I have mentioned, Ottawa will pay half the cost and the Province will still have to find about \$123,000,000 for such a plan. The cost of OMSIP on the other hand has been estimated to cost a maximum of \$70,000,000.

I feel that Ottawa's money would have been more effective and less controversial if it was used to increase its hospital bed grants up from \$2,000 (which is about 15% of cost) and which amount has not been increased since 1958. The Provincial grant is about \$5,300.00 per bed and with the cost of hospital construction steadily increasing, we are now required to provide more money by way of loans.

Further, the Federal Government could have assisted in the cost of providing medical schools, nursing schools, clinics,

Served Masons As Lodge Deputy District Master

Prominent in Masonic lodge circles, John Aberdeen (Deane) Leslie died suddenly at his home in Acton on May 16. He was a past district deputy grand master and a past Master of Walker Lodge, AF & AM, Acton.

Mr. Leslie was the son of the late John and Mary Thornton Leslie and farmed on the family homestead which his grandfather had cleared at the 4th Line and Stewarttown crossroad. He specialized in poultry.

After selling his farm over 15 years ago, he spent his winters in Florida and lived in Guelph in the summer. His first wife, Hazel Stewart died in 1947. In 1955 he married Alice Gertrude (Dot) Blow and since then had made his home in Acton.

He had been a member of the Presbyterian Church, Georgetown and later of Knox Church, Acton.

Besides his wife, he leaves a brother George and a sister Mrs. K.C. Lindsay (Isabelle) of Georgetown. He was predeceased by brothers Lieut. Edwin, killed in action in World War 1 and Blake.

Rev. A.H. McKenzie conducted the funeral service on Thursday at the Rumlis-Shoemaker Funeral Home, Acton and interment was in Greenwood Cemetery, Georgetown. Pallbearers were Herb Ritchie, Neil Bowles, John Watkins, Lorne Dobberrhien, Warren Wood and Donald Lindsay.

John C. Quabury Was Master 2 Lodges

Prominent in fraternal organizations in Port Dover, John Christian-Quabury died on May 15 at Simcoe.

He had been Master of both the Masonic and Odd Fellows lodges in that town, and had served as an elder and on the board of Grace United Church.

Mr. Quabury leaves his wife, Gertrude Brock; a family of six children, C. Ray of 17 Elizabeth St., Georgetown, Jack of Hamilton, Ernie of Hagersville, Mrs. Alan Wight of Brantford, Mrs. Ken Lawrence and Mrs. William Buck of Port Dover; 28 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral service in Grace United Church on May 17 was conducted by the Reverend Vardy. Interment was in Port Dover Cemetery.

Only Two Summons for Fireworks Infractions

Just two summonses were issued by police to people contravening the fireworks by-law.

Chief Constable Roy Haley said the charges were laid during the week prior to the community fireworks display in the park Monday night. He said a quantity of fireworks was also confiscated by the department.


Two Track Entries Qualify For Ontario Track-Field Meet

Georgetown District High school athletes competed in the CWOSSA "A" Track and Field meet last Thursday. While the representation was small, those competing made a fine showing.

Two entries qualified for the All Ontario Track and Field meet to be held in London Saturday, May 26th. Mike Cummins won the senior 800 in a time of 2:04 on a wet track. The mile relay team composed of Terry Lane, Mike Toe, Jeff Nurse and Mike Cummins also won their event in an approved time of 3:35.

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Injury, placed third in the senior 800. Chris Cook in the two mile and Rupert Bragg-Smith in the intermediate 800 showed promise, but did not place this year. Nick Seovos placed fourth in intermediate 440 yards.




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