

Couple Killed In Two Car Collision

An accident occurred Sunday afternoon at the corner of No. 7 highway and Jane St. in Edgeley which took the lives of Mr. Hugh MacDonald, age 56, and his wife Ethel of 43 Lamont Ave., North York. Mr. MacDonald was travelling east on highway No. 7 and as he attempted to make a left-hand turn at Jane St., his car collided with a west bound provincial police cruiser driven by Constable N. B. Ferris. Mr. and Mrs. MacDonald were instantly killed and Constable Ferris, suffering from a fractured skull, was removed to Toronto General Hospital. He had been on the force a little over a month and was pursuing a stolen car when the accident occurred. A number of people in the community returning home from afternoon church service camp upon the accident a few minutes after it had happened and offered their assistance.

June Ross, John Kell Oratorical Winners

Richmond Hill District High School took high honours at the District Oratorical contest held by the Lions Clubs at Aurora Tuesday evening, May 13. From some eleven contestants June Ross of the local school had highest score for her prepared speech on "Elocution" and an impromptu "The Value of the Church today."

Miss Ross represented Thornhill Lions Club.

John Kell of Richmond Hill, representing the local Lions Club placed fourth with a prepared speech "Is Russia Prepared for another World War" and an impromptu on the "Province of Ontario." Both these students held high scores and will compete at the Canadian National Exhibition in August. Two other contestants who placed 2nd and 3rd, from Stouffville will also compete at the CNE.

Aerial Photographs Of Village & Area Bought By Planning Board

Members of Richmond Hill's five-man Planning Board gathered Tuesday evening at the Municipal Hall for their weekly discussion on planning problems. The board has adhered faithfully to its weekly meetings, oftentimes finding it necessary to call special sessions to take care of important matters at hand. Planning is not only being done for the village itself but for the area surrounding it, so that if and when annexation of any outside area takes place, this area too will be well planned, and not interfere with or disrupt the planned area of Richmond Hill.

The Planning Board is working extremely hard and is by no means taking its job lightly. It is preparing plans for the segregation of the village into three areas, industrial, residential and commercial. Many people have asked the members just what planning has been or is being done for the area proposed to be annexed by Richmond Hill. The board would like it made known that it is giving the problem close study so it will be prepared to recommend to council that certain controls be laid in the area annexed, if or when, this takes place.

The board is making a survey of the village and district on the basis of the welfare of the community as a whole, for the protection of the people's property and buyers of property, or in fewer words for the benefit of all. It is understood that in making a plan advantageous to the majority there is bound to be some who disagree. As Colonel Nash of the Department of Planning said "planning is permissive, not compulsory. The Planning Board is only a recommending body, not a legislative one."

One of the most important accomplishments of the board up to date is the obtaining of six separate aerial photographs of the village and district from the Survey Branch of the Provincial Government through the Don Valley Conservation Association at a nominal cost.

These photographs, taken in 1948 and enlarged three times their size, will be displayed in the Liberal Office windows at a later date, and it is the hope of the members of the board that people will be interested enough in its work to view one of its first projects. The photographs include the

area surrounding the village as a possible means of seeing the inadequacies of roads, and to plan to prevent crooked intersections where concessions meet. Members have stated their desire to work in friendly co-operation with the other planning boards of the surrounding districts, those of Markham and Vaughan Townships, for the overall good of the area. Apparently the village and district appears entirely different from the aerial view and board members feel it would be well worth while for the public to get a glimpse of them.

Again showing its untiring interest in the planning of Richmond Hill and district was the board's meeting with several members of the Department of Planning, one of whom was Colonel Nash. The board interviewed these men, receiving much helpful information and ground work from them, or as Chairman N. A. Todd fittingly described the meeting, "They dropped pearls of wisdom in our laps." One of their recommendations was such an aerial survey as described before.

The members feel that the time will come when the job of planning the district will become too big for five men alone and therefore will welcome any suggestions, in writing, from the public, and state they will give these their careful consideration.

The goal of the board is to prepare a master plan of the village and district, and it is continually working towards this end. Members are co-operating in all ways possible with council on these matters and to prove the excellent work the board is doing is council's complete endorsement of that body.

No Decision Reached On Truck Purchases By Markham Township

At Monday's meeting, Markham Township Council read a letter from the Department of Highway's district engineer J. V. Ludgate, regarding their recent truck tenders. Mr. Ludgate informed members that if they pick any tender other than the lowest one, they must give a written explanation to the Department. Mr. Ludgate suggested that if they wish to purchase a four-wheel drive truck costing \$12,000 as advocated by Deputy-Reeve James, then they must call for new tenders. Some time ago the township advertised only for tenders for the purchase of a new pick-up truck and a new dump truck. The Department stressed that the Township must keep their machinery purchases to a minimum.

The only way the Council can spend over the \$7,000 set aside in their budget for the purchase of both trucks is to pass a supplementary by-law or make a money transfer from one item in the budget to the truck account. Either of these two plans have little chance of gaining departmental approval, which is necessary if the council wishes to secure a subsidy towards the purchase of the new trucks.

Councillor LeMasurier made it quite clear he is against spending any more than the \$7,000 set aside in the budget for this purpose. "I won't be party to any plan to mortgage the future," stated Mr. LeMasurier. Councillor Hooper suggested they build the garage at a saving and transfer that money to the truck account.

Mr. James reported that the truck company would be agreeable to financing the \$5000 difference if it was decided to purchase the four-wheel drive truck. "What about the Department of Highways?" asked Mr. LeMasurier.

Reeve Timbers stated he didn't feel like "bucking" the Department. "We have no provision in our budget for a four-wheel truck this year," stated Mr. Timbers. Councillor Hooper opposed accepting the lowest tender on the pick-up truck until the specifications of each truck had been checked.

The matter was then referred back to the Road Committee

(James and Hooper) for further consideration.

Carrville Road
A group of ratepayers from Langstaff under the chairmanship of Mr. Thomas, attended the meeting to request the ditching of the Carrville Road. Attempts by Reeve Timbers to refer their brief to the Road Superintendent and the Committee for consideration was the signal for a lively verbal exchange.

Mr. Armstrong claimed that Deputy-Reeve James as chairman of the Road Committee had promised action on the road six or seven weeks ago. "We wrote to the railway and to date have received no answer," stated Mr. James. "Markham Township has the highest budget in its history," stated Mr. Armstrong, "so let's spend some money on the Carrville Road."

Councillor LeMasurier, who sided with the ratepayers, claimed the Road committee had promised two years ago to improve Ruggles Ave. once the telephone poles were removed. "Those poles were removed weeks ago and still no action," concluded the speaker. Mr. James replied the poles in question were removed only two weeks ago.

Councillor Hooper told the ratepayers the township had a bad year in 1951 and the Road Committee was kept busy consolidating their 150 miles of road. "I agree the Carrville Road should have been done," added Mr. Hooper, "and we will get it done shortly."

Reeve Timbers and the Road Committee were unable to give the delegation any definite date as to when the work would be completed. "Hasn't the Road Committee drawn up a schedule of work for our roads?" asked Mr. LeMasurier. "Not yet," replied Mr. Hooper. "Five months have passed and still no schedule," reported Mr. LeMasurier.

Councillor LeMasurier contended that people all over the township are complaining about the roads. "Only a few people from the front end are complaining," replied Deputy-Reeve James. Reeve Timbers felt there was no room for complaint.

Councillor Lennie suggested the Road Committee give the matter serious consideration at its next meeting.

Lions To Hold Mammoth Auction Sale Fri. & Sat. May 30 & 31st.

Something just a little different will be offered on May 30 and 31 when Richmond Hill Lions Club will hold a Mammoth Auction Sale in the Lions Community Hall on Centre Street east in the village. It is several years since such a project has been undertaken in the village. In 1939 the Lions sponsored a similar auction sale in the High School gymnasium with the late Carl Saigeon acting as auctioneer.

Present plans call for the sale to begin at 8 o'clock Friday evening, and if the number of articles to be auctioned is too great for the sale to be completed in the one evening, it will be continued Saturday afternoon and evening.

It is planned to make a general canvass of the village on Monday and Tuesday evenings May 26 and 27, so if anyone has saleable articles any club member would appreciate a call, with pick-up made as soon as possible.

Some of the valuable items donated so far include a garden tractor, dining room suite, refrigerator articles of good clothing, a lawn mower and an automobile.

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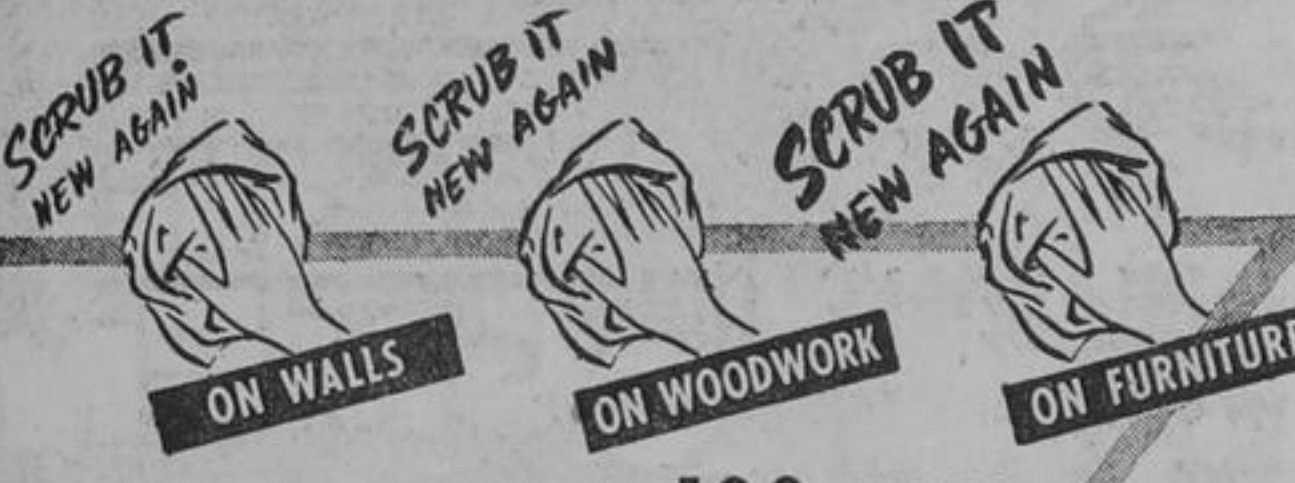
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