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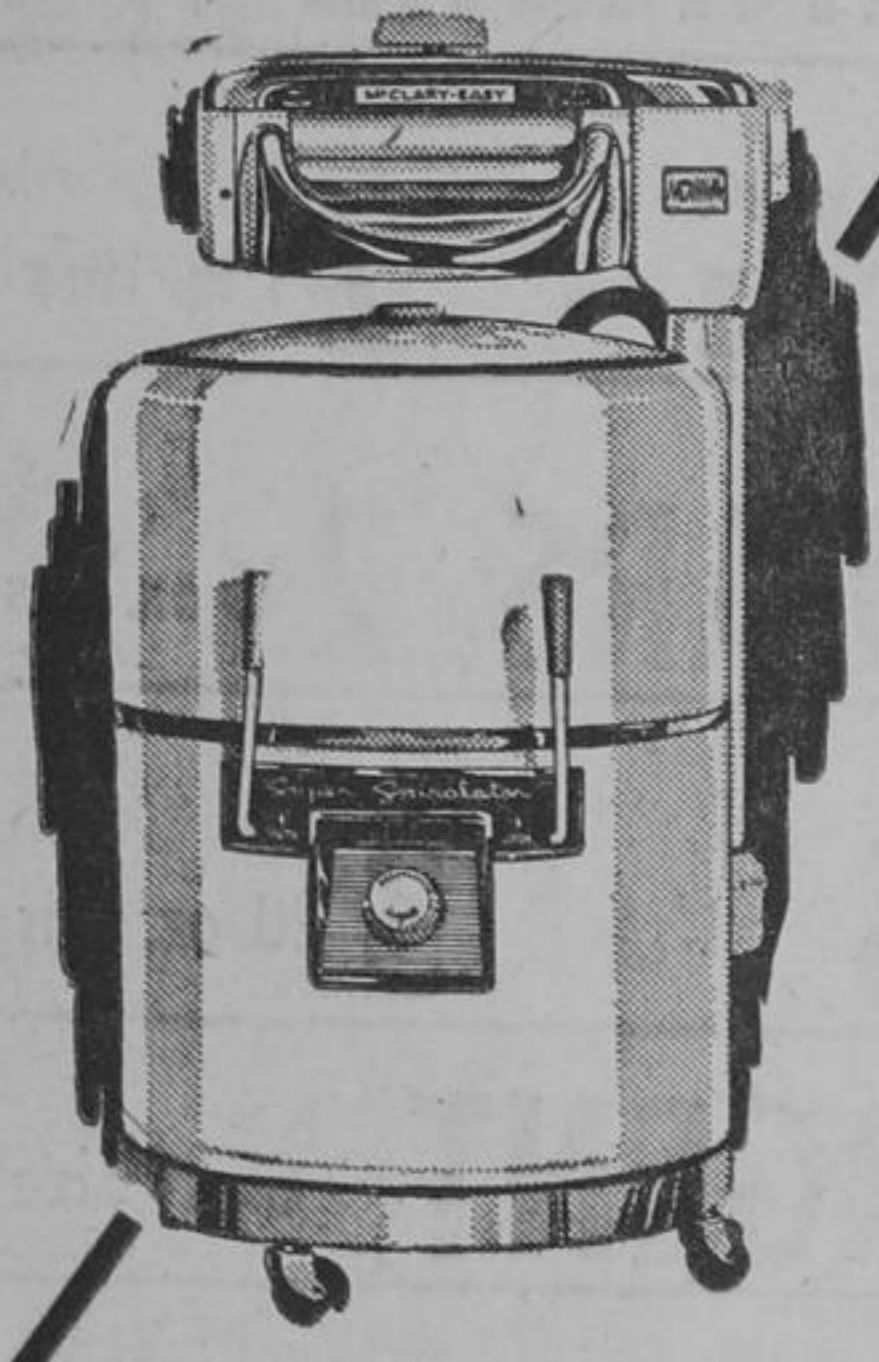
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Retired Police Officer Leads Interesting Life

By Mona Robertson

For a man who went into "retirement" eight years ago, "because he didn't want to leave it off until he was too old to enjoy it," Lawson Mumberson, Councillor for Ward Two, Markham Township, leads an extremely busy life, having spent the past four years on township council, where he is Chairman of the Police Committee and Chairman of the Roads Committee, as well as being on the Water and Sanitation, and Fire committees.

And his new career all began so quietly - First he was invited to speak to the young people's groups in the area.

This was a wonderful and refreshing period in his life. He told us during our interview with him, "I never realized there was so much pleasure in doing things for other people, especially the youngsters," forgetting that in over 30 years he served on the Toronto Police Force he had done

a great deal to circumvent and prevent juvenile delinquency, as well as apprehending criminals and bringing them to justice, for the good of humanity.

A remarkably keen man, with a logical and analytical mind, Lawson Mumberson never forgets a face nor fails to connect it with the circumstances. For instance: as a young police constable on the Toronto force, he received a merit mark for his perceptibility regarding car license numbers for hundreds of cars.

In one particular case, he was present when a man reported his car missing - but too agitated and excited over his loss to remember his own license number - P.C. Mumberson spoke up and systematically rhymed off the number as the man exclaimed, "But you don't even know my name!"

"That's correct," the youthful constable said, "but I have seen you, and your car, a number of times in this area." Being the type of man good cops are made of, Lawson Mumberson rose from the rank of constable at Court Street Station in Toronto, up through the ranks to the title of Acting Detective in 1928. During the war years he was made a Sergeant of Detectives, with 134 men under his command and direction, and in 1949 he was promoted to the rank of Inspector in charge of the 11th Div., Toronto.

Chose Place to Retire 24 Yrs Ago How then did he come to settle down to retirement in Markham by the Poweshock Road? Well for one thing, he had married a Markham township girl, Florence Glover of Victoria Square, and for another, he had planned his retirement, and where he would spend it, "way back in 1936. But it was not until 1943 that he bought his first piece of land at Victoria Square and that was seven-eighths of an acre what is now 17th Avenue and Don Mills Road. By 1949 he ended up with 100 acres, all in the one parcel - and a house that was, at that time 119 years old.

The house he left, as was, until he finally retired to the country in '52, but other work on the land commenced with his original purchase, and hundreds of trees, including 350 fruit and dozens of pines, were planted by him on weekends 'off duty.' During one summer holiday he built the field-stone fence along the Markham Road just in front of the old cottage - which has now been entirely remodelled, and made into a gracious and picturesque country home.

When we visited the Mumberson's home last week we were told, "Look for the cedar hedge, just before Don Mills Road." And what a beautiful work of man and nature that hedge is, even though it is ninety years old, and how much protection it affords from bitter winter winds, as well as deadening the "triffling" sounds from the nearby highway.

The house itself, which has been remodelled from cellar to attic, presents an authentic, old-fashioned charm which is delightfully peaceful and serene, from its outside walls of dark-stained wood, to its inner walls of light-coloured knotty pine and its open fireplace in the living room in which a log fire burned cheerfully before us, dispelling the gloom of autumn which lay out-of-doors. And we knew right then and there why he had chosen to live in Markham Township, rather than follow the lead of 27 other officer-friends who have settled in California following retirement. Here was a man, who, during his police work had visited nearly every city on the North American continent, who was content to settle down finally right here, because of the "atmosphere."

Both Country Born Born near New Lowell, Ontario, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph James Mumberson, Lawson Mumberson was raised in Simcoe County on a farm between Barrie and Collingwood, at a place called New Lowell. His wife, Florence, is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Glover and her brother, Roy, is County Road Foreman in the Markham area.

Mrs. Mumberson is also an active worker in the community, being Sunday School teacher for a group of teenage girls; immediate past president of the Victoria Square United Church W.A. and former secretary of York Presbytery.

Both husband and wife are well-liked in their community and Mr. Mumberson is known for the great contribution he has given to municipal government in Markham township, particularly his guidance in the Markham Police Department, where a teletype - the only one outside of Metro which is tied directly with the large Metro police department - was installed through his knowledge of vital requirements needed to make Markham Township's police department even more efficient.

Mrs. Mumberson has also won a place in many hearts for her charm and interest in the people she associates with, and her interest is well-founded, for she was born and raised just across the road from her present home,

and attended school at Victoria Square and Richmond Hill High School.

All in all, we would say that the ratepayers who approached Mr. Mumberson, over four years ago, and practically pushed him into municipal work, as a councillor, knew what they were doing and what they wanted. And, as three acclamations to return to office prove, they got what they wanted, too.

Highland Park

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Powell Road School Graduation

The tenth annual banquet for the graduation class was held at Trinity Anglican Church Hall last Friday evening. Promptly at seven o'clock with the singing of "The Queen" and "O Canada" we sat down to a very delicious dinner prepared by the girls of this year's grade eight. Immediately after the graduation ceremony took place, Mr. Miller (the president of Powell Road Home & School) proposed a toast to the graduates. This was replied to by Judy Grimshaw, Mr. R. Colvin the past principal was introduced, Mr. M. Roberts the present principal and finally Rev. Willfor, the minister.

Mr. Askew, religious education instructor who addressed the graduates. His address was brief and to the point. He said "I hope this moment of thrilling attainment is just the first of many graduations, before you find your vocations." He urged them not to become drifters and passed on three words he hoped they would take with them, first DARE, for people not to be afraid to take on a challenge, second was DARE, that was a challenge to be different not just to follow a pattern, and third was LEARN, he explained to the boys and girls that no matter how old one got they could never learn everything, so keep ever alive and present the spirit to learn. Mr. Miller presented the citizenship trophy to James Hayes, Mr. Sands was called upon and gave a brief address.

The success of your future," he said "depends on your doing an A. I. job every time you are called upon no matter how trivial it may be." A miniature trophy was awarded to Jimmy to keep. This was given by the Powell Road Home and School Association. Trustee Mrs. Mona Robertson, Vice-Chairman of the new Township School Area of Vaughan was introduced. She expressed her pleasure at being present and hopes all the little problems confronting the newly formed School Area can be ironed out satisfactorily.

Mr. Bradbeer assisted by Mr. McRobert's presented pins and year books to the following graduates. Linda Bakala, Susan Barrow, Loraine Billington, Keith Buckingham, Gail Butterfield, Ian Calvert, Dennis Connor, Gillian Dempster, Judith Grimshaw, Mary Harvey, James Hayes, Anne Hymus, Frank Jennings, David King, Peter King, Diana Levey, Sandra McMillan, Clive Miller, Queen, Marcia Metcalfe, Roger Miller, Frank Reinholz, and Donna Sproule. David Fisher who moved at mid-term was not forgotten but received an invitation and a pin. The tables were cleared away and dancing commenced.

Thornhill United Church

Last Sunday was known as Reformation Sunday in an increasing number of Protestant churches, that was the reason for Rev. Hugh MacDonald's sermon "ARE YOU A PROTESTANT?" Church was very well attended, could be the extra hour was a factor, I personally vote for an hour like that most Sunday mornings. Sunday evening the full length film "Martin Luther" had a repeat showing, last February when it was previously shown.

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To Be Married November 19th



GAYLE ANN FULLER

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick G. Fuller, Richmond Hill, announce the wedding of their daughter, Gayle Ann, to Peter John LeMasurier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. LeMasurie, Langstaff, will take place on November 19th, 1960, at St. Mary's Anglican Church, Richmond Hill.

Photo by Lagerquist

Panel Discussion Is Duty Of Public Library Education

Over 100 librarians from all parts of Western Ontario gathered at the Richmond Hill Public Library on Wednesday, November 2nd, for the annual fall workshop of the circulation section of the Ontario Library Association. An informal luncheon was held at the Yangtze Pagoda Restaurant at which the delegates were welcomed on behalf of the Richmond Hill Public Library Board by Mrs. Peter Townsend.

Mr. Hammond then challenged the librarians present with being answerers of the public's reading. He stated that he had found that in one large library in Ontario ten books which he had selected from a banned books list were not available to the public. Most of the librarians present vehemently denied any practice of censorship in their libraries and maintained that books were chosen on literary merit and reader interest.

Re-elect N. J. Perry, York Summit Scout Head

"Finest get-together yet" - was the general consensus of opinion of the 173 who gathered on Friday evening for the annual meeting of the York Summit District Boy Scouts Association, in the fine new auditorium of the All Saints Anglican Parish Hall, in King City.

The entertainment highlight of the evening was the presentation of "The Gang Show", staged by members of the 1st Langstaff and 3rd Richmond Hill group, with six stage presentations, the hilarious acts, skits and singing that created continuous laughter and applause, which all the boys and their leaders undoubtedly deserved.

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Address of the executive of the council: R. Cameron; J. Derrick; J. Hedman; W. Lennox; J. Lunn; Mrs. A. Macnaughton; M. Mehlman; G. McIntyre; S. Painter; R. Smith; H. Swabey; D. Toogood; V. Trudel.

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