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By John Addison

It is difficult to convey, to anyone who has not been constantly in the House of Commons, the tension of recent days and weeks. One issue after another has arisen to take attention from the last previous issue. The state of parliament has been one which, if you could be there, the electors of Canada would not tolerate a moment longer. It is a condition of indecision and almost chaos. It is a condition which must be quickly resolved, if there is to be any kind of stable government in Canada.

As Representative
In these newspaper columns, I have attempted to be non-partisan; I have attempted to tell the readers of this newspaper of matters in which the Member of Parliament for York North could write as representative of all the people of the constituency. I continue to try for that objectivity.

Therefore, when I refer to the unsettled state of parliament created by a minority government and by the irresponsible behavior of a "rightist rump", known as Social Credit, I am referring to parliament as a whole. I am referring to parliament as an institution, and in the opinion of most of us, that parliament, that institution of Canadian democracy, is in danger.

Serious Trouble
If the present state of affairs is permitted to continue; if an extremist group of 30 members is permitted to have the power of life or death over the present parliament, then we are in serious trouble. It is not an exaggeration to say that what we are witnessing is not far from the situation which existed in the German Reichstag (parliament) which eventually led to the rise of Hitler.

Very few people in Germany then worried about this small rump group in the parliament. The German people didn't think it was dangerous. But the German (Continued On Page 5)

Announce Plans To Add New Lines At Discount Plaza
While the local branch of the Canadian Legion goes ahead with plans to occupy the second story of the Discount Plaza building on Yonge Street, Plaza officials have announced plans to extend their facilities on the ground floor.

Angelo Ferraro, co-owner of the building, announced this week that appliance and furniture would be added to the merchandise available at the store.

"The Liquor Control Board's recent decision to grant the Legion a license to operate upstairs will in no way affect our business," Mr. Ferraro said.

Included in the Legion's facilities will be a men's beverage room with a seating capacity of 70, a dining room seating 80 and a banquet and dining room seating 500, Mr. Ferraro said.

"Tax Jump Statement Irresponsible" - Mayor

Mayor William Neal of Richmond Hill this week termed statements by Ward 2 Councillor Alex Campbell that taxes could jump as much as four mills this year as "irresponsible" and "ill-advised at this time". "Statements of this kind can only do our town a great deal of harm. They certainly won't encourage industry to settle here."

The text of Mayor Neal's statement follows: "The present administration is just beginning its second month in office and yet Mr. Campbell has seen fit to try and forecast the mill rate several

months in advance of its actual setting. If Mr. Campbell is sincere and not just headline-hunting in the newspapers, then he should discuss any questions regarding our finances with the finance committee, of which he is a member.

"This is the proper place for him to state his views.

"Regardless of all this talk about more annexation, I don't intend to lose sight of several important projects in which our people are vitally concerned. These include the paving of Bayview Avenue, a community swimming pool,

and basement flooding caused by sewer back-up in Beverley Acres, the Richmond Street-Kerrybrook area and the Gentry Court area. I am also very concerned about the redevelopment of Yonge Street and the completion of the long-awaited change-house in the town park. All of these projects should receive top priority by council.

"As to annexation itself, I am still opposed to any mass annexation scheme which will only result in a quick profit for some outside promoter at the expense of the present property owners.

"Only annexation I would consider would be for a specific industry where the municipality knows exactly what it is getting. Richmond Hill wants something more than extravagant promises and all this loose talk about prestige industry. If some industry is ready to build close to Richmond Hill, then let them tell council of their plans. I am sure we'd be pleased to consider annexation under these circumstances. But we don't want some land promotion deal by outside interests who seem determined to force annexation on Richmond Hill regardless of the cost."

On Yonge TTC Line

PREDICT BUS FARE HIKE

Cathers Won't Seek Tory Bid In York Riding

C. A. Cathers, M.P. for York North for five years in the House of Commons until last June's election, has announced that he will not seek the Conservative nomination for the election expected on April 8. A nominating convention will be held on February 16th in Newmarket.

Mr. Cathers gave poor health as the reason for his retirement from public life. First elected in the Diefenbaker sweep in 1957, Mr. Cathers was re-elected in 1958 and then defeated last June. Mr. Cathers is 61, and resides in King Township.

Long active in the Conservative Party Mr. Cathers sought his party's provincial nomination in 1948 and then the federal nomination in 1949. He was the Conservative federal candidate in 1953 when he was defeated by Liberal Jack Smith. He ran again in 1957 and was elected.

Donald Findlay Q.C., president of the York North Progressive Conservative Association said that some time ago Mr. Cathers had told the party's executive of his decision.

"I deeply regret that Mr. Cathers will not be our candidate," Mr. Findlay said. "He has done much for the people of York North during his career in public life. Many of his good deeds have been quietly done and do not show on the surface, but people in every corner of York County know of this great man's kind and generous spirit."

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(STAFF PHOTO)

Curl Rare Game At Local Club

A Richmond Hill rink skipped by Sam Sutherland curled an eight-ender in the regular men's schedule at the Richmond Hill Curling Club last week. Other members of the rink, which downed a rink skipped by Dr. Al Smith, were Elgin Barrow, vice-skip; Paul Street, second; and Fred Alore, lead. Experts say an eight-ender in curling is rarer than a hole-in-one in golf.

CONVENTION DATES
See page 3 for Liberal, Conservative and NDP federal convention dates.

Officials Reach Agreement

Hill To Pay Any Increase Of Providing Facilities

A meeting of Vaughan Township and Richmond Hill officials had been kept in the dark about future plans to link a re-entention tank to be built west of the hospital with the Pleasantville system.

Richmond Hill agreed to pay all of the \$7,500 cost of a Pleasantville stub on the hospital system and the entire cost of any Pleasantville sewer.

Agreement to pay the \$7,500 was subject to approval of the cost of sewage treatment for the hospital as a recoverable item by the Ontario Hospital Services Commission.

May Hold Paving On Bayview

Indications are Bayview Avenue between Markham Road and the Gormley Sideroad will not be paved until at least 1965. At Tuesday afternoon's meeting of York County Council, the Toronto and York Roads Commission indicated it would be 1965 before it could be assumed officially by the county.

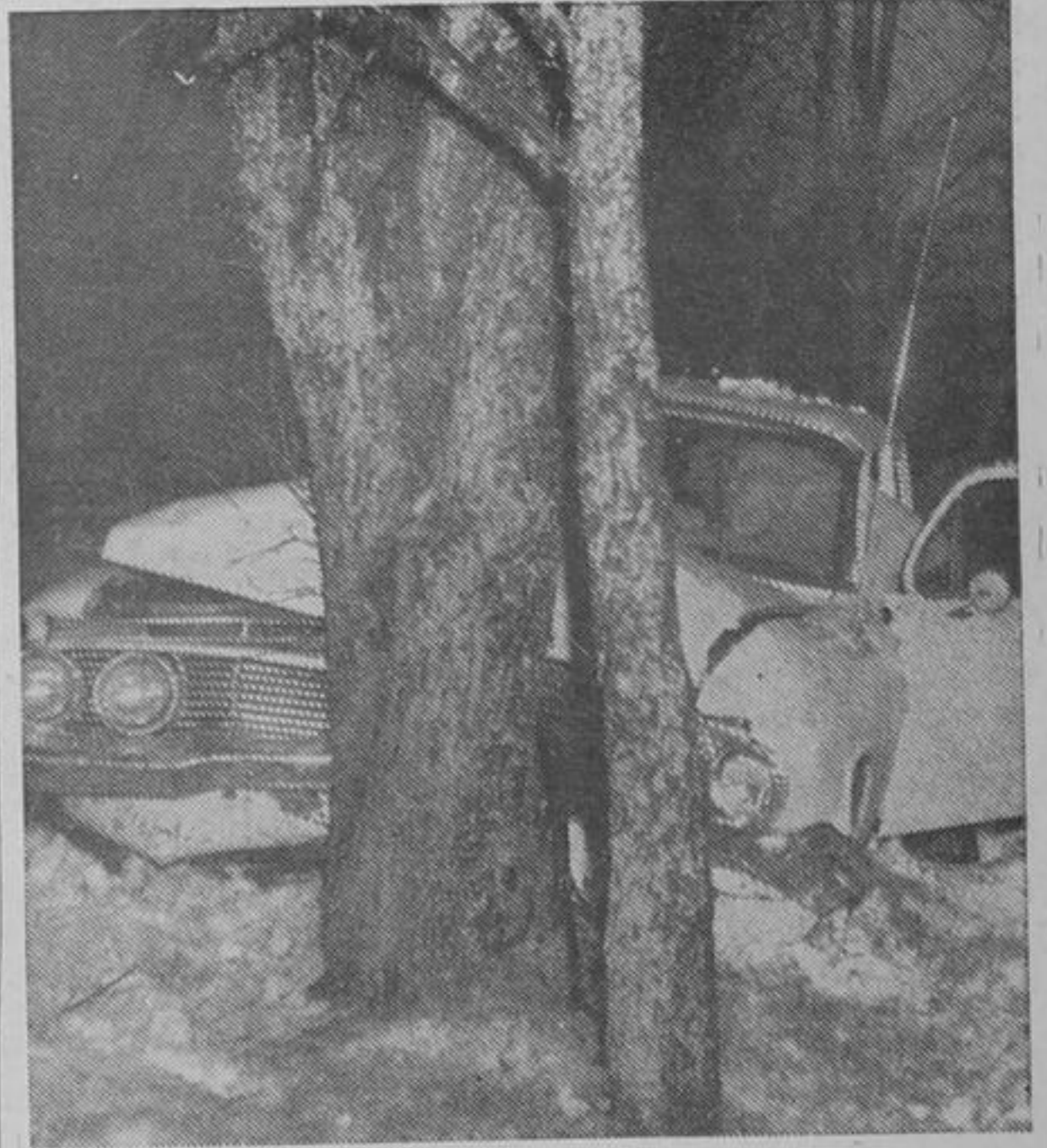
The two municipalities also set up a meeting between their consulting engineers to iron out other problems involving sewage treatment for the hospital.

Keith Hopper, representing Vaughan, will meet with Proctor and Redfern, consulting engineer. (Continued On Page 7)

For Provincial Seat

All signs point to a lively contest for the York North Liberal nomination for the provincial legislature. Two prospective candidates have already signified their intention of seeking the nomination and a third is expected to announce her candidature shortly.

This Sign You'll See More In '63 See Page 6, Col 9 For KEITH "HOMES FOR SALE" H. KEITH LTD. 8242 YONGE STREET THORNHILL AV. 5-1156



Frederick G. Henry, 46, of 19 Bunker Rd., Thornhill, was killed Saturday when his car went out of control on Highway 7 near Highway 48 and hit a tree. He was returning home from a hunting trip on property owned by relatives in Markham Township when the accident occurred. Mr. Henry received severe chest injuries when he was thrown against the steering wheel. His wife and two daughters, aged 18 and 16, survive.

(Photo by Gerry.)

Boost Subsidy \$4,000 For Town Bus Service

Richmond Hill Council Monday night upped the annual subsidy on its local bus service from \$6,000 to \$10,000, despite opposition from Reeve Floyd Perkins.

All five other members of council favored the increase in a recorded vote called for by Mr. Perkins.

Increase in the subsidy will permit Trailways of Canada Limited to continue with its two-bus service, started on an experimental basis in November last year.

The contract, effective January 1, is for an 18 month period.

Mr. Perkins said any increase would conflict with the austerity program council has promised this year. He suggested the money could be used better elsewhere.

Councillor Walter Scudds, chairman of the transportation committee, told council revenue in January reached its highest peak ever and said the money would be well spent to provide a necessary service for the town.

"People are always wondering what they get for their tax money," Mr. Scudds said. "Here's a chance to give them something."

Replying to Mr. Perkins' statement the service had lost \$1,200 in January, Mr. Scudds explained the town would pay only \$10,000, even if the service went \$14,000 in the hole during 1962.

Mr. Scudds suggested the passenger load would pick up as people became more aware of the increased service. He said his committee would embark on a strenuous publicity campaign.

In urging council to approve the increased subsidy, Mr. Scudds recalled the decision to expand the service last fall had been made after requests from ratepayers.

Addition of the second bus made it possible for bus users to get anywhere in town in 18 minutes, he stated.

He estimated that about 3,400 are using the bus service. On a recent count, 544 passengers used the service in one day.

Member Resigns From York Board Gives No Reason

Resignation of Mrs. Kathleen James, Thornhill, as one of Markham Township's three representatives on York Central District High School Board was revealed at Monday night's meeting of Markham Township Council.

Her resignation came as a surprise, since she was re-appointed for a second three-year term only in December.

Mrs. James gave no reason for her resignation.

Other Markham Township representatives are John Honsberger and W. R. Masters.

Council will consider a replacement at next Monday's meeting.



Reaching For 50 Homes

Area Chairman R. D. Little of the York County Hospital Campaign presents star canvasser Norman Bone of 34 Elizabeth Street, Richmond Hill, with his tenth canvassing kit as Mr. Bone reaches for the 50 mark in homes he has called on for support in building the new hospital on the Maple Sideroad. Mr. Little hopes to wind up the campaign by the end of February and anyone wishing to help is asked to attend a canvassers' meeting next Wednesday night at 8 p.m. in the Lions' Hall.

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