

Using Gun To Get Loan Results In Conviction For Toronto Man

A Toronto man, who was originally charged with armed robbery following a visit to a priest January 23, was convicted last week in magistrate's court of carrying an offensive weapon.

Carlo Serio, 48 Prince Arthur Drive, was remanded a week for sentence. The original charge was not proceeded with, but was also remanded a week.

Magistrate O. S. Hollinrake said he would seek to see if the accused could be committed for psychiatric help before passing sentence.

Father Vilella, of St. Paschal Baylon Church, 92 Steeles Avenue West, testified he had been summoned to the front of the church by someone ringing the confessional bell. Mr. Serio had greeted him and asked for \$100 to help him with some legal expenses.

When the priest said he was unable to give him any money, the accused became angry. Father Vilella said, and had convinced him that he had a gun inside a package he was carrying.

The gun later turned out to be a Very pistol, used for firing flares.

Speaking through an interpreter, Joseph Parisi of Richmond Hill Mr. Serio said he had gone to the church seeking a loan, and had planned to "do away with himself," if he did not get it.

A ship's fireman, the accused had a previous record, which included a conviction of carrying a dangerous weapon, two convictions for false pretences, and one of watching and besetting.

He was remanded on bail.

Open Verdict By Sparks Jury

A recommendation that King Township fire calls be routed through the police department and that both police and fire officials familiarize themselves with fire department areas was made at the Sparks inquest, held in the King Township Municipal Chambers February 3.

The inquest was investigating the death of Dale Sparks, 25, who, along with his four brothers Ricky, 14, Patrick 10, Michael, 6 and Donald, 4 perished in the early morning of December 8 when fire swept through their farm home on Lot 22, Concession 11, King Township.

Presiding coroner was Dr. G. W. Williams of Aurora. Acting crown attorney was John Lawlor of Richmond Hill. The five-man jury consisted of Dominic L. Palleshi of Schomberg who acted as foreman, Forest MacTaggart of Nobleton, William Hodgson, former reeve of King Township, Jack Macklin of Temperanceville and Marvin Hunter of Laskay.

Ross Kennedy, chief of the Nobleton Volunteer Fire Brigade testified that he received a call at 6:15 a.m. reporting a fire on the 17th Sideroad. He told the caller that this was in the Schomberg Fire Brigade area and that he would call them. "The house was just inside the Schomberg area by my map" he said.

After calling Schomberg Fire Chief Walter Thompson, and the King Township Police Department, Mr. Kennedy said he went out in his own car to where he could see the glow of the fire and satisfied himself that it was not in his area. On his return, however, his wife told him the King Township police had asked for his assistance and he left with the tank truck at 6:35, reaching the scene of the fire at 7 p.m. The Schomberg Fire Brigade was already there but the house was completely destroyed, he said.

Schomberg Chief Thompson testified that although he had received a report of the fire from the Chief Kennedy "I was never called to go to the fire." The Schomberg area is bounded on the south by the 17th Sideroad, he said and the fire seemed to be right between the lines.

After receiving Kennedy's call at 6:15, he called him back to say he was going to the fire and he and his men left at 6:30, reaching the fire at 6:45.

The house was absolutely demolished, he reported. "We put water on the back shed, but it was a lost cause."

"If you had arrived half an hour earlier, could you have saved it?" asked Mr. Lawlor. "No, it would have been too late," Mr. Thompson replied. He stated that he had not been told there was anyone still in the house until after 8 a.m. when a bystander mentioned it.

Walter Sparks, the father of the dead children testified that he had arrived home around midnight on the night before the fire, heated himself a cup of coffee in an electric percolator, put a stick of hardwood in the kitchen stove and wood in the furnace and had gone to bed around 12:30.

He and his wife were awakened — he didn't know at what time — by the noise of an explosion or a dull thud. Thinking it might have been a child falling out of bed, he left

the downstairs bedroom occupied by him, his wife and the two-year old baby, Danny, to investigate and found the hallway filled with smoke.

He hollered to the children upstairs, ran back to pull on a pair of pants, a shirt and running shoes, told his wife to take the baby outside and ran upstairs to get the children.

At the top of the stairs he met 12-year old Maureen, (he couldn't see who she was in the darkness and smoke) took her downstairs, got some air and went up again for Karen whom he found at the top of the stairs.

After taking Karen down he broke open the front door of the house and told Maureen to go across the road to their neighbors to call the fire department.

He then tried to get upstairs again but couldn't. He heard Dale and 10 year old Patrick hollering and told them to go into the northwest bedroom of Michael and Donald where the smoke didn't appear so thick, shouting to them that he would put a ladder up at the window there and get them out that way.

However, when he got the ladder at the window and smashed it open the smoke drove him back. He went down and up the ladder several times but couldn't breathe, the smoke was so dense.

He then went around to the other side of the house where his wife had put Karen and Danny in their pick-up truck. told her he couldn't get the children out and got in the truck and drove her across to their neighbors.

Mr. Sparks estimated that from the time they were awakened by the noise until he took his wife away from the scene, not more than 15 or 20 minutes had elapsed.

Twelve-year old Maureen testified that Dale had been beside her at the top of the stairs at one point, but that he went back and she didn't see him again. She had been awakened by her father shouting that the house was on fire, she said.

Terence Champ, the Sparks' nearest neighbor said that his house was approximately 800 feet from the Sparks' dwelling. Maureen had pounded on their door a few minutes after he had been awakened by his clock radio at 6 a.m. he said and thought it couldn't have been more than 6:05 when his wife called the Nobleton Fire Brigade.

When he and his 15-year old cousin Barry Ellison ran to the Sparks house with a ladder and a lantern they could see flames in the doorway. Putting the ladder up to a south-west window, they found smoke coming out around the frame and the glass too hot to touch.

Barry Ellison testified that he had put his head in the window from the top of the ladder but the smoke was so thick he couldn't see anything. He went down and up the ladder a couple of times, he said, but couldn't do more than put his head in the window. The heat was so intense that his hair was singed the first time he put it in.

King Township Police Constable Ronald Russell advised that he had arrived at the scene at 6:20 but doubted that anything could have been done to

Special Offer!

Now...

forget seasonal change-over ... with the **ALL NEW SUMMER WINTER FOUR SEASONS**

On High-Speed Super-Highways — Good

On Rain-Swept Highways — Excellent

On Muddy Sideroads — Excellent

On Deep Snow — Good

Regular Catalog \$17.35 to 23.50 each

NOW SAVE \$12 to \$16

a pair (WITH YOUR OLD TIRES)

EASY TERMS

USE THE CASH BONUS COUPONS FOR **FREE INSTALLATION**

... If you've hesitated to put snow tires on your car, because they're used only a few months of the year — then here's your answer ...

"FOUR SEASONS"

The year-round tire you'll drive on confidently all winter — and with quiet comfort in Summer — AT GREAT SAVINGS — on popular sizes.

ROAD HAZARD INSURED
No time limit — No mileage limit

Extra! Cash and Carry **BONUS COUPONS**

Here's Another Deal 8.88 EACH

CREDIT is easy at Canadian Tire

NO DOWN PAYMENT

FREE — 30 Day Charge on All Goods and Services

BRAND NEW Snow or Regular passenger tires NO TRADE NEEDED

ROAD HAZARD INSURED 670-15 - 750-14 (Save on Other Sizes) CASH BONUS COUPONS

YORK CENTRAL HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

TAKE NOTICE THAT THE

Annual Meeting

of Members of the York Central Hospital Association will be held in the

YORK CENTRAL HOSPITAL

IN RICHMOND HILL, ONTARIO, ON

TUESDAY, the 23rd Day of FEBRUARY

— 1965 —

at the hour of 8:00 p.m. To:

(a) Receive and consider the Annual Report

(b) Elect Directors

(c) Transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

Dated at Richmond Hill this 3rd day of February, 1965, by order of the Board of Trustees,

G. WALTER, Secretary

Gravel Bylaw Took Long Time

The approval of Markham Township's recent bylaw by the Ontario Municipal Board, giving it control over the opening of gravel pits in the area, has been a long time in coming.

Only 15 minutes was needed by the board to reach its decision in the hearing at Buttonville last week before Chairman R. L. Kennedy and Vice-chairman, James Ludgate.

Township Solicitor J. D. Lucas, said council had been working toward some control over the gravel pit industry since 1954. He said that a 1963 bylaw had been ruled out by the OMB last year, which charged that it was discriminatory because it made two exceptions.

The new bylaw approved by the OMB was one amended by council in the fall. It takes in all land in the township, with only the pits now in operation, being excluded.

Objecting to the bylaw was Harry Burford, solicitor for James Sabiston Ltd., who said it would tend to drive business elsewhere.

Speaking in favor of the bylaw were Mrs. Maude Wilkins, who said the pits reduced the value of nearby homes, and Richard Jones, who said the pits usually wound up as garbage dumps.

Gravel Bylaw Took Long Time

The approval of Markham Township's recent bylaw by the Ontario Municipal Board, giving it control over the opening of gravel pits in the area, has been a long time in coming.

Only 15 minutes was needed by the board to reach its decision in the hearing at Buttonville last week before Chairman R. L. Kennedy and Vice-chairman, James Ludgate.

Township Solicitor J. D. Lucas, said council had been working toward some control over the gravel pit industry since 1954. He said that a 1963 bylaw had been ruled out by the OMB last year, which charged that it was discriminatory because it made two exceptions.

The new bylaw approved by the OMB was one amended by council in the fall. It takes in all land in the township, with only the pits now in operation, being excluded.

Objecting to the bylaw was Harry Burford, solicitor for James Sabiston Ltd., who said it would tend to drive business elsewhere.

Speaking in favor of the bylaw were Mrs. Maude Wilkins, who said the pits reduced the value of nearby homes, and Richard Jones, who said the pits usually wound up as garbage dumps.

WOOLWORTH'S

"SWEETHEART" SALE

HANDBAGS
PATENT LEATHER
Latest Shades
\$1.98 to \$3.98

"BOUCLE" SWEATERS
Pullovers and matching cardigans
\$3.99 and \$4.99

Rowntree's SMILES'N CHUCKLES
Chocolates 59¢ to \$1.95

NYLONS
Seamless first quality
400 needle - 15 denier
57¢ each or 2 pairs \$1.00

Valentine Packages
CARDS 59¢
Cutout Books 37¢

SHIRTS
Men's Sport and Dress
\$3.88 & \$3.99

WOOLWORTH'S
17 YONGE STREET RICHMOND HILL
Parking Off Church Street

PRESTIGE

THIS EMBLEM

Identifies your **WELCOME WAGON** SPONSORS...

firms of prestige in the business and civic life of your community.

For information, call AV. 5-1011

WELCOME WAGON

Mrs. R. Britnell Again Heads GHVS Hospital Auxiliary 1965

By MRS. LOREN GUILD

Gormley, Headford, Victoria Square Hospital Auxiliary held their annual meeting following a luncheon in Victoria Square Community Hall, January 30.

In her opening remarks the chairman, Mrs. R. Britnell expressed her appreciation for the untiring work of the members of the branch during the year. With a membership of 66 there are 14 regular hospital volunteers, seven doing part time work as well as sewers and knitters. Since 1962 the branch has paid \$1,400 into the general auxiliary, the outstanding projects being a fashion show and an Old English tea party.

Theatre night has been accepted by all of the branches for 1965. The play, Spring Thaw at the Royal Alexandra, May 1 at 6 p.m. Given a choice of a large dance or a small area dance the vote was affirmative for the large dance.

The 1964 officers retired and L. Mumberson, as chairman for the election called Mrs. N. Mortson to present the report of the nominating committee. Jean Clark and Rosemary Leek were appointed scrutineers.

Mr. Mumberson read the nominations singly and called for nominations from the floor. Lacking a response the slate of officers was accepted as presented, Chairman Mrs. R. Britnell, Vice-Chairman Mrs. J. McCague, Secretary Mrs. A. Wilson, Treasurer Mrs. L. Beatlie, Co-Chairman for Gormley, Mrs. F. Dullege, assistants, Mrs. R. Kent, Mrs. N. Mortson; Co-Chairman for Headford, Mrs. D. Young, assistants, Mrs. D. Calder, Mrs. E. Leek; Co-Chairman for Victoria Square, Mrs. L. Mumberson, assistants Mrs. Stan Boynton and Mrs. Carl Walker.

Mrs. R. J. Miller, director of volunteers installed the officers using the formal installation which calls for dedicated service in the work of the auxiliary.

HALL'S DOMESTIC FUEL OIL AND BURNER SERVICE
884-4361 RICHMOND HILL

HALL'S DOMESTIC FUEL OIL AND BURNER SERVICE
884-4361 RICHMOND HILL

ANNOUNCING ...

NEW LOCATION

AS OF MONDAY, FEB. 15TH

TAYLOR'S JEWELLERS

23 YONGE STREET SOUTH (Next to Woolworths)
Phone: 884-3311

WELCOME WAGON

Identifies your **WELCOME WAGON** SPONSORS...

firms of prestige in the business and civic life of your community.

For information, call AV. 5-1011

WELCOME WAGON

APPLIANCES REPAIRED

- ALL MAKES
- FREE ESTIMATES
- FAST SERVICE
- LOW COST

DO-IT-YOURSELF SAVINGS

First Quality Stainless Steel KITCHEN SINKS

Long-lasting, gleaming mirror finish. Self-rimmed — requires no frames. Sound-quieting insulation. Easy to install. (Less basket strainer).

SINGLE BASIN 18x20x7" overall **9.59**

TWIN-BASIN 18x31x7" overall **26.95**

BASKET STRAINER — To fit above sinks. Extra 1.98

MIXING FAUCET
For wall mounting or high-back roll-rim sinks. 8" centres **8.75**
AS ABOVE — Adjustable wall mount. 6"-10" centres **9.50**

Connecting Wastes
1 1/2" brass. For 2-basin sinks with 2 1/2" centres. End outlet. Each **3.49**
AS ABOVE — But with centre outlet. Each **3.99**

CHROME-PLATED SINK TAPS
For inside or out. 1/2" threaded outlet end. Brass. Each **1.29**
AS ABOVE — But is chrome-plated with plain outlet end. Each **1.35**

SHOWER HEADS
Better quality — Adjustable spray, ball swivel, chromed. Each **2.25**
Fully chrome-plated Shower Head — Ball swivel joint. Fine Spray. Each **1.25**
Deluxe Shower Head — Fully adjustable spray. Ball swivel joint. Chromed. Each **2.49**

1—BALL COCK ASSEMBLY — Adaptable to any tank with standard supply fittings. Each **2.39**

2—TOILET BOWL FLOAT — Sturdy plastic **.25**

3—TRIP LEVER — With chrome-plated handle. Each **.69**

4—RUBBER TANK BALL — Complete with rod. Universal fit. Each **.29**

Canadian Tire Associate Store

70 YONGE STREET N., RICHMOND HILL 285-1101 — 884-1196