



GRACE GLASS IS BRIDE OF THOMAS NOLAN

Local Wedding Of Interest

The wedding took place August 27 at Richmond Hill United Church of Grace Laurene Glass to Thomas L. Nolan, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. F. Nolan of Richmond Hill. Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a street-length dress of white chiffon over taffeta, with a full over-skirt and shoulder length veil and carried a bouquet of orange roses.

Two Die Thanksgiving Weekend Car Accidents

Markham and King Townships were the scenes of two fatalities over the Thanksgiving weekend. In the first one, Barry Gibbon, 21, of RR 1, Unionville, was killed when his car was in collision with another vehicle driven by Victor Jones, 29, of Scarborough at Concession 6 and Road 17. Gibbon suffered lung injuries and multiple fractures and died in Toronto General Hospital four hours after the accident. Markham Township Police said Gibbon was going west on 17 and Jones south on Kennedy when the accident occurred. Jones was taken to Scarborough General Hospital and released after treatment for head injuries. The Gibbon vehicle was a total loss.

A Toronto man, Francis Hutchinson, 48, was killed and his wife, Kathleen, 49, was injured when their car went off the road, about four miles from King City. Mrs. Hutchinson was taken to York County Hospital, where she was reported in good condition. She suffered broken ribs and facial injuries.

Extensive damage was done to a stolen car, which was found abandoned and upside down in an orchard at Silver Streams Farm early Sunday morning in Markham Township. Police said the car plowed through a fence into the orchard. The car was registered to William Neal, 324 Centre Street East Richmond Hill.

Land Owners Have Rights Too, Thornhill Ratepayers Told

Land developers had every right to develop their land and the planning board had to see that the wishes of the developers and those of the municipality were co-ordinated to bring about the best possible result, Markham Township Planning Director Ian Keith said last week at a meeting of the planning board in Buttonville. The meeting was called to discuss a proposed amendment to the official plan of the township, which would allow high rise apartments in part of Thornhill.

An overflow delegation of ratepayers, headed by members of the Thornhill Citizens Committee, was on hand to protest the amendment, with the majority admitting that, while some of their best friends were apartment dwellers, they didn't want anything implemented that would "destroy the present character of the village."

Not everyone was against the apartments, however. Several residents spoke up in favor of them, with one woman arguing that long time residents, who no longer had any use for their big houses, should not be forced to move away from the village because of that, but be able to move into an apartment.

The area concerned covers 18.5 acres on Yonge Street between Clark and Elgin, and 1.7 acres at Yonge and

Steeles. The amendment also — as opposed to the official plan — reduces the densities from 15 to 13.5 persons per acre, and from 25 to 18.5 persons, making the potential population 11,000, instead of 14,300.

Mr. Keith, who read from a report on the amendment, said an appendix to the report suggested that, "as a general principle the height of apartment buildings will be limited to seven storeys above grade."

He said a seven storey building would cover 21 per cent of a site, while a five storey building would cover 30 per cent. It was also found that the lower buildings had a greater number of two-and-three bedroom suites than the higher ones.

One of the main objections of the ratepayers is that the addition of high rise apartments would mean more school age children and subsequently more schools to accommodate them. Education costs now constitute 52 per cent of taxes.

Mr. Keith said public school costs for single-family dwellings amounted to \$140 or 36 per cent of the tax paid. Taxes for apartment dwellings were \$30 or 12 per cent.

"It is significant to note then, that the average cost of public school education is greater for the average

single-family household than the average apartment unit, both on the basis of dollars and on a percentage of taxes to the municipality," Mr. Keith said, reading from his report.

He said a substantial increase in two-bedroom apartments, such as in maisonettes, would boost the costs to about 40 per cent of the tax revenue.

Mr. Keith said that, contrary to being a continuing financial loss to the municipality, with "anticipated reduced general administrative costs per dwelling unit in contrast to single-family development, apartment development should be a tax bonus to the township."

In the matter of services, water supply and sewer disposal facilities in the area of the proposed amendment were satisfactory. Storm drainage facilities were not adequate, however, and apartment developers were being asked to pay a suite fee to cover the estimated costs of these facilities.

Increased fire protection would be necessary and extra police would be needed, although the latter need was not expected to increase as quickly with new apartment development, as with single-family development.

Dr. John Fotheringham, one of the spokesmen for the group, said that no mention had been made of expected

traffic problems, or possible road widening.

Mr. Keith said it was difficult to find even engineers who were willing "to come to grips with the problem." It seemed to be impossible to develop an urban project without creating such a problem.

So far as streets were concerned, collector streets such as John, Henderson, Grandview, Glencameron, Proctor and Dudley, would require an additional 10 feet on each side. Beyond that, the existing 66 feet would be enough. The cost would be borne by the township. Other questions from the floor:

Q - Is it a must to have apartments? If Thornhill can retain an urban look, why can't we?

A - This is not a simple planning-in-a-vacuum area. We are faced with three land developers... they have every right to develop their land... We have to recognize that land owners have their rights, too. Forest Hill had more than twice as high an apartment density as Thornhill, which allowed it to keep out industrial development.

Q - The separate school board (Treasurer J. P. Loughran) is vitally concerned over costs. Anyone who says apartments will reduce taxes is very naive... Why not educate developers to build office blocks... It

would give employment to people in Thornhill and surrounding district.

A - (S. J. Gabsby, planning board chairman.) Is there a demand for these offices? (Mr. Loughran said he didn't know.)

Q - Is anyone giving consideration to people who have lived here all along? I think some thought should be given to people who would like to give up their homes and live in an apartment.

Q - Why not put up apartments? Nobody is going to build a big house there. (By the railroad.) You'll find apartment dwellers are just like you and me.

Q - Why weren't we informed of this before?

A - Public meetings have been held on this issue in July and December of 1964. The planning board meets the first Thursday of every month.

Q - Would it be a solution to take a poll of the people in the area?

A - Only two per cent of the people have turned out to protest... I think we have the answer (Gabsby).

Q - What about parkland? There's not one good part in the area.

A - We have 22 acres now and are looking for another 10.

Q - Why not sanitary sewers? (Prior to this Township Engineer Dusan Miklas had explained that a \$200,000

trunk sewer was necessary through the centre of the village and apartments would pay for half of it.)

A - Sanitary sewers are already in... Your tax bill will be less as a result. (When apartments are assessed for their share.)

Q - How many suites are being proposed?

A - About 1,000.

Q - Why don't you listen to the majority of people?

A - Is it the majority?

In summing up, Mr. Gabsby said, "All we are trying to suggest is that we have some control so it will at least keep up a good appearance for Thornhill and the township. Without the board, development goes along higgledy-piggledy."

"We don't have the money here to buy land... We can't set up the kind of buildings we want. If we have industry here, we have to have some place for them to live."

He said the board would further consider the amendment before passing it on to council.

Mr. Miklas said there must be services to attract industry and that a proper site control plan was needed, or developers might go before the OMB and get permission for a 25-storey building.

Reeve Charles Hopper said the ratepayers would be notified when the matter came before council.

Danish, Canadian Cakes Feature Fall Wedding

Rev. C. G. Higginson heard the wedding vows of Gail Roberta Wright and Jens Arne Moller in Richmond Hill United Church on September 4. Yellow gladioli and bronze chrysanthemums formed the attractive fall setting.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Wright of 254 Lennox Avenue, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Johannes A. Moller of Aalborg, Denmark, who were represented by proxy by Mr. and Mrs. A. Neilsen of 139 Parkview Hill Crescent, Toronto.

The church's organist, Franz Loesgen played the traditional wedding music.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a floor-length white satin gown with a free-flowing train from the waist. The petal point sleeves and bodice were accented with beaded lace. An embossed rose design on both sides and along the bottom of the skirt emphasized the lines. A headpiece of lily-of-the-valley and pearls held a "just below the shoulder" veil and her bouquet was of large yellow roses and white carnations.

Mrs. Sandra Carson was matron of honor; Sharon Wright,

senior bridesmaid; and Miss Wilma Bolderekeij, junior bridesmaid. They all wore street length dresses of gold peacock blue with matching headpieces and shoes. Their bouquets were of yellow sweetheart roses and bronze mums.

Bert Bolderekeij was best man and Gordon Wright and Joe Van der Heide were the ushers.

At the reception held at Richmond Heights Restaurant Mrs. Wright received the guests in a sky blue lace dress with matching three-quarter length jacket and accessories. Mrs. Neilsen, proxy for the groom's mother, wore a jacketed beige sheath dress with matching gloves and hat. The tables were graced with two wedding cakes, one Canadian-style, made by the bride's mother and the other a traditional Danish wedding cake.

For travelling to Northern Ontario, the bride wore a wool suit of mint green with gold hat and gloves and black purse and shoes. The young couple have taken up residence at 55 Trav-born Avenue.

Out-of-town guests were present from Beaverton, Lindsay and King City. An honored guest was the bride's 94-year-old, great aunt, Miss Bertha Smith of Rexdale.

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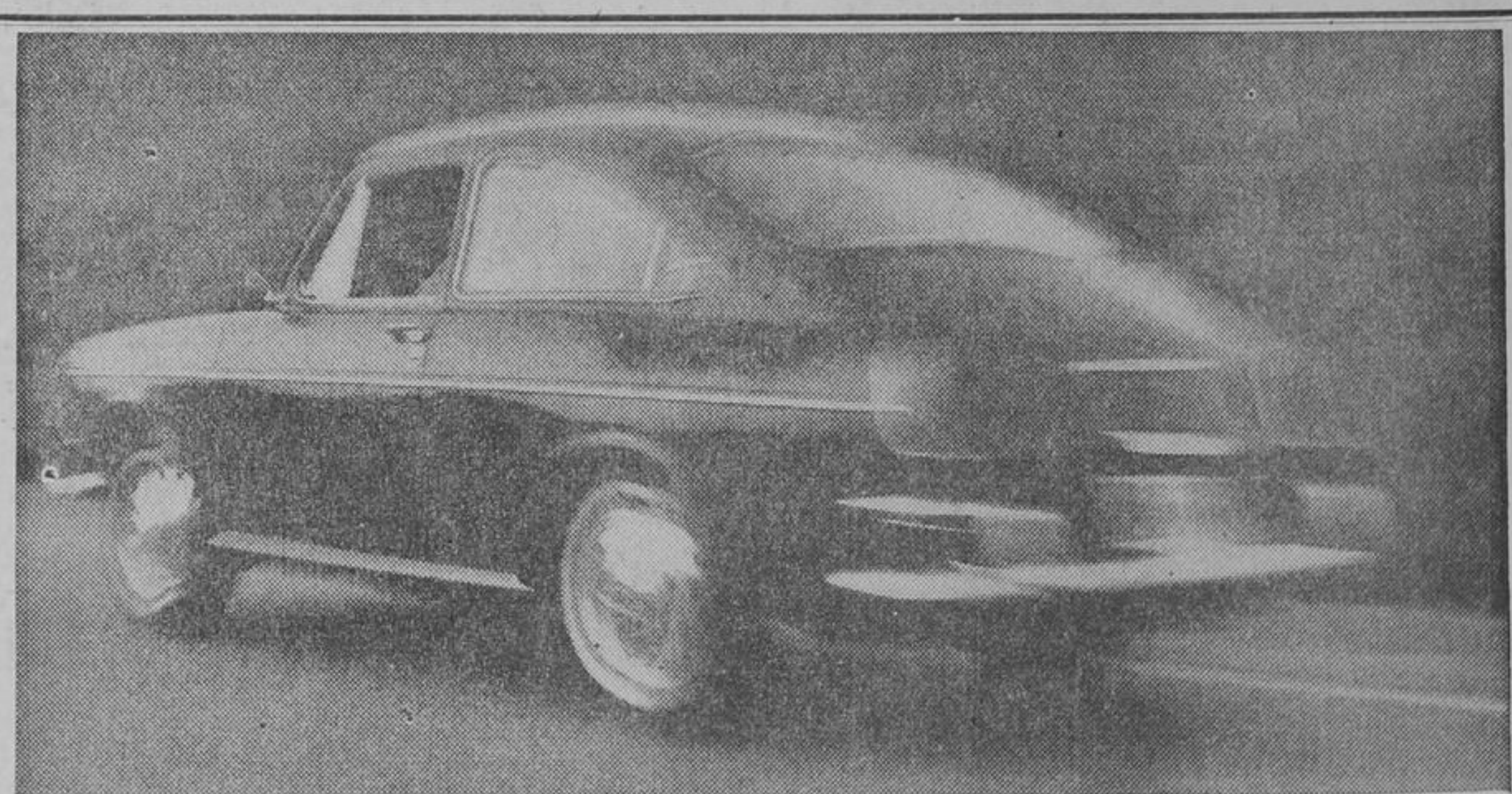
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