

James Rumble, Member Pioneer Family, Dies After Long Illness

Lifelong resident of Richmond Hill, James Rumble, died after a lengthy illness on October 20.

Born on the homestead of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Rumble on Bathurst Street on June 21, 1887, Mr. Rumble farmed his own land, which stretched from Yonge Street to Bathurst Street on the northern limits of Richmond Hill. At first he and his wife lived in the brick farm home near Yonge Street, which still remains on Benson Avenue. Here their family was born.

When the property near Yonge Street was subdivided more than 40 years ago, (the area now occupied by Benson, Hunt, Rumble and Lucas Avenues), the family moved to the home at the corner of Bathurst and Mill Streets, where Mr. Rumble continued to live until his last illness.

Mr. Rumble was predeceased by his wife, the former Nellie Cowie, and six brothers and sisters: David, William, Mary Jane, Margaret (Mrs. D. Proctor) and Alice (Mrs. George Vanderburgh). He is survived by a son, William of Richmond Hill, and two daughters Margaret (Mrs. A. Wallbridge) of Belleville and Beatrice (Mrs. H. Corner) of Richmond Hill; 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, and a brother, Frank S. Rumble of Richmond Hill.

The funeral was held at the Piper Funeral Home on October 24 with interment being made in Richmond Hill Cemetery. Rev. C. G. Higginson of Richmond Hill United Church officiated. Pallbearers were grandsons James Wallbridge, Bruce Wallbridge, William Trout, Brian Crittenden, Wayne Gates and David Thomson.

Hill's VOW Will Hear "Teach In"

A tape recording of the recent University of Toronto "teach in" will form the basis for discussion at a meeting sponsored by the Richmond Hill branch of Voice of Women to be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Hutchinson, 20 Doncrest Road, Thornhill, November 13.

At the October 25 meeting of the group, held at the home of Mrs. A. Vockeroth, 21 Ida Street, Thornhill, discussion took place concerning the current conflict in Kashmir. The extreme hardships and oppression suffered by the people of Kashmir was noted and the group instructed its secretary to write to Prime Minister Lester Pearson and the Honourable Paul Martin, Minister of External Affairs urging them to use all possible influence to bring about a peaceful settlement.

Miss Helen Coleman presided at the meeting during the absence of the president, Mrs. Mary Donnelly.

When Mrs. Donnelly and Mrs. Beatrice Bryant arrived later in the evening, they reported on the distribution of leaflets at an all-parties candidates' meeting at Aurora. The sheets urged voters to ascertain from candidates their parties' stand on three questions of paramount importance. They pertained to the war in Vietnam, recognition by Canada of the Peoples' Republic of China and the seating of China in the UN; and the removal of nuclear weapons from Canadian soil.

Members present decided to participate in further dissemination of these leaflets to help arouse awareness of the urgency of these external affairs problems.

Next general meeting of the group will be at the home of Mrs. Donnelly, 164 Church Street S., Richmond Hill, November 25.

Police Accident Report Cookville Resident Gives Rush To Deer Season In Vaughan Area

A Cookville resident has rushed the deer season a bit in Vaughan Township.

According to Police Chief James Davidson, Fred Bonham, 38, was driving his car east on Maple Sideroad, about half-a-mile east of County Road 7, at 7:30 pm, October 29, when a deer leaped out in front of his car.

Mr. Bonham escaped injury but the deer was killed instantly.

As a result, the House of Concord will dine on venison for the next week.

In another accident in the township, Wayne Keeling, 16, of Lot 22, Concession 9, told police he was driving along the 7th Concession, one mile south of the Maple Sideroad, when a tree fell onto the roadway in front of his car.

Mr. Keeling's car sustained \$500 damage.

An errant Mustang and a herd of horses tangled on Bayview October 31, at 16th Avenue and Highway 7 in Markham Township.

Only in this case, the Mustang was a 1965 model, driven by Janet Craddock, 19, of Toronto, who was going south at the time and collided with some horses, which had escaped captivity from nearby.

The Mustang suffered damage to its front end in the amount of \$120. The horses received assorted bruises.

In an accident October 30, about 7:30 pm, a car driven by Ken Wright, 27, of Toronto, received \$400 damage when it went off the road into a telephone pole and then turned over.

The accident occurred on Don Mills Road and 19th Avenue.

William Neal Doesn't Take His Retirement Any Easier

By JIM IRVING

In an age where it's almost considered a status symbol to be dissatisfied with your job, or to lament for what might have been, William James Neal, 324 Centre Street East, must seem something of an anachronism.

"I've always liked my work," said Mr. Neal, who retired this month after 44 years in the car business, 35 of them in Richmond Hill as Dodge-Chrysler dealer. "I never found anything I'd like to do better, and I don't know anybody whose job I would have wanted."

"I've always enjoyed life," the father of five sons continued, "and I think I've had all the good kicks out of it. . . . I haven't made a million, but I'm all right!"

Mr. Neal's bright, blue eyes readily back him up on that, and even though he's officially retired, it's easy to see that he's not taking this new phase too seriously. In fact, he and his wife still continue to operate the motor vehicle licence bureau, just as they have since "1933 or '34".

times in this work", he said. "There are different ways to do business and you have to be flexible. . . . You learn along the way. . . . It's a real education."

Mr. Neal feels that one of the reasons he never decided on something less hazardous than the car business, was that he had "a bit of a gambler in me".

The start of his 44-year gamble began with the selling of Maxwells and Overlands — "In those days, if you wanted to sell a car, the agent gave you one and you sold it". Later, the Chrysler Corporation bought out the Maxwells Company, and except for the one Jack Benny still drives, became part of the history of that time.

He came to Richmond Hill in 1929, a young man in a young business, locating on Yonge Street South, next to where "The Liberal" now stands, and the first lot in the then village to be subdivided.

Mr. Neal and his building remained until last year when he moved to the other end of Yonge Street to make way for a parking lot, but the area then as it is now was the constant site of cars. Only during Mr. Neal's tenure, they were mostly in the Chrysler mold, "streamlined and full of pep".

"Chrysler pioneered 'streamlining'," Mr. Neal said, "with the Plymouth Airflow in 1932. That was also the start of setting engines in rubber, which took the vibration out of the car."

He said that Chrysler also pioneered the use of hydraulic brakes while other companies were still considering them.

The pioneer spirit has always been strong with Mr. Neal and has helped him to move along readily and easily in the demanding car business.

"You can't be behind the

licence bureau and the used cars "I've still got to get rid of a retired man?"

Wouldn't the sunny climes of Florida or the Bahamas be more in line with the schemes of a retired man?

Mr. Neal doesn't think so. "Some things you'd like to see", he said.

And so far as the onetime mayor and longtime businessman of Richmond Hill is concerned, he is just getting started only partly so, what with his said, "I'd like to see the ed.



WILLIAM NEAL Retires After 44 Years

He's open weekdays from 9 am to 7:30 pm, and Saturdays to 5 pm. "I should close at noon on Saturdays, but I like to give the people a chance", Mr. Neal says.

He's also at the bureau every morning at 8:30 — "There's always somebody waiting to pay some money, so I have to be there".

His desire to see to his customers' interests has always been part of Mr. Neal's business philosophy, a philosophy not always that easy to maintain, especially when his not-so-conscious customers phoned at all hours of the night and Sunday to inquire about a noise in their new car, or some other suspected fault.

"They always got you, no matter where you were", Mr. Neal said.

However, he didn't consider it enough of an infringement on his time to ever consider looking elsewhere for work, it was the kind of thing he had wanted ever since he had come back from the war — "the one they did the fighting in" — and got into the garage business in Woodbridge in 1921 as a mechanic.

He had thought of going back to school, but felt he was too old, and his formal education stayed where it had been when action during World War II, the war started, half way through Humberstone Collegiate in Toronto.

"If you didn't go then (to war), they'd call you yellow", Mr. Neal recalled. "And you can't call an 18-year-old yellow. You can call me anything you want now, but not then. I sometimes wonder where I would have gone if I had con-

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Richmond Hill To Be In Toronto Phone Service Area By Late '66

Plans to draw Richmond Hill into the Toronto telephone community by late 1966 are proceeding on schedule, according to the Bell Telephone Company of Canada.

The project, which has been on the drawing boards since 1963 when it was approved by a majority of local Bell Canada customers, will eliminate long distance charges on calls from Richmond Hill to the Willowdale-Don Mills and Toronto exchanges.

It will increase the number of telephones which may be reached without going through long distance from the present 20,100 to more than 691,700.

This means that Richmond Hill customers will pay a rate increase, as Bell rates, which are approved by the Board of

Transport Commissioners for Canada, are based on the number of phones which can be reached without paying long distance.

Effective with the introduction of the plan, customers with individual residence lines will pay \$6.95 a month instead of \$4.40, two party lines will be \$5.55 instead of \$3.45 and business lines will be \$18.45 instead of \$9.10.

The change is part of a Bell Canada Extended Area Service program which is being introduced in Toronto suburban communities. Phase one, which affects all exchanges surrounding the city proper will go into effect on November 28 of this year. The second phase, affecting Richmond Hill, is scheduled for about a year later.

AURORA: The 1965 "Man of the year" award of the Independent Retail Druggists Association of Quebec will go to Frederick A. Tilston VC, president of Sterling Drug of Aurora. Colonel Tilston, honorary colonel of the Essex and Kent Scottish Regiment, received the Victoria Cross in 1945 for heroism in action during World War II, the war started, half way through Humberstone Collegiate in Toronto.

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Assist For Dief From Local Man

Progressive Conservative leader John Diefenbaker, who addressed a PC rally in Richmond Hill last week, received extra coverage following his visit.

Besides being written up in the local and Toronto papers, Mr. Diefenbaker received an additional story in the Toronto Globe and Mail on his policies regarding municipal tax relief and his intention of appointing a minister of youth affairs, when local businessman R. D. Little, wrote to the morning paper protesting its failure to mention these points.

Mr. Little, who termed the daily coverage "slanted", also said the Globe had failed to mention the "warm enthusiasm of the meeting," and the fact that darts thrown in the hall were made from handbills concerning Vietnam, and not of PC candidate Don Martyn, as alleged by the Toronto paper.

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