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Gutted interior of the service station section of Sorenson Chrysler Highway 7, Concord, is seen after last Thursday evening's fire. The 1965 Dodge seen right, was completely destroyed. Damage is estimated at around \$30,000.

## \$30,000 Fire At Concord

All of Vaughan Township's fire fighting apparatus was called out last Thursday night as members of both its permanent force and four volunteer fire brigades battled fires in three different areas.

First call was to Maple Airport where a barn used for repairing planes was on fire and two tankers, two pump trucks and a rescue truck were dispatched to this blaze.

Next call was to a car fire at Nashville and a pump truck was released from the Maple fire to go there.

Around 9 pm a third call came from Concord where a service station was on fire.

Initially, three pump trucks and an aerial truck and a rescue truck were sent to Concord and when the Maple fire was under control, two tank trucks were also dispatched there.

The Concord fire was at Sorenson Chrysler Plymouth Ltd. Hwy. 7 East of Dufferin Street and General Manager Peter Henning stated that he and four salesmen were busy in the showroom and on the lot. As three of them entered the service station area, the floor burst into flames. While waiting for firemen to arrive, an attempt was made to fight the fire with two fire extinguishers but "they were useless" said Mr. Henning.

When firemen arrived on the scene around 9 pm, Albert O'Brien of the Richvale Fire Brigade was injured as he jumped off the truck and was immediately taken to York Central Hospital by ambulance but was released at midnight.

Firemen were hampered by dense clouds of black, oily smoke from a stock of tires which were on fire and in spite of masks and air tanks, one fireman, Robert Read, was overcome by smoke and taken to hospital by ambulance at about 10.30 pm. He was released next morning.

Fire Chief James Davidson termed the Concord fire a dirty one, chiefly because his men found the building had three showrooms and on the lot. As three of them entered the service station area, the floor burst into flames. While waiting for firemen to arrive, an attempt was made to fight the fire with two fire extinguishers but "they were useless" said Mr. Henning.

At the height of the fire, as well as seven fire department vehicles, there were police cruisers, a water truck and a Vaughan Township Hydro truck at the scene. The hydro department was called to cut off hydro service to the burning building.

Cars lined the shoulder of both Highway 7 and Dufferin Street and onlookers watched for several hours as firemen appeared and disappeared in the clouds of smoke. For part of the time, police officers with flares diverted traffic from Highway 7 north and south on Dufferin Street because of the dense smoke.

Firemen were not able to leave the scene until close to 4 am. Cause of the blaze is not known although Mr. Henning reported that there was a strong odor of Varsol when the fire first broke out. Varsol is a solvent used to clean motors.

No estimate of the cost of the damage was available but the fire was confined to the service station portion of the property and the showroom, added to the building in 1962, received only smoke damage.

## Vaughan May Permit 14-Acre Camp Ground

A request for a 14-acre camp ground and trailer park which was turned down by Vaughan Township Planning Board will be reconsidered by the township council.

Deputy reeve Garnet Williams at the July 9 council meeting felt it was unrealistic to turn the proposal down. "You can go right to Saskatoon and find a spot to park a trailer every night but when they come to York County, there is nothing," he said. "I don't think we should have it all over the place, but we should have some facilities for tourists."

The proposed site is the property of Mrs. K. M. Troyer on the south side of Highway 7, immediately west of Woodbridge.

Councillor Charles Birkett, council's appointee on the planning board, advised that he had voted against the plan because he did not feel the site was suitable. The land was high, flat and close to the highway, he said. "No one objected to the facility, they just felt it wouldn't be practical there."

Mr. Williams advised however that the site is as far as from here to the Maple lights from the highway" and that it included ravine land on the banks of Rainbow Creek which would be ideal for a camp site. "It's part of the Thackeray Site," he said, (the 700 acre site which Metro Toronto last year proposed using for garbage disposal).

Councillor Dalton McArthur confessed that he was not entirely familiar with the property and suggested that if planning board was only opposed because of the site, that council should look at it more carefully.

On motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. McArthur, the matter was tabled until the next meeting to allow Mr. and Mrs. Troyer to meet with council.

The plan calls for 28 camping sites, no eating area and would be served by privies rather than a septic tank system. Trailers would not be permitted to park more than 14 or 28 days.

Councillor Birkett warned that there would have to be precautions taken to see that a permanent trailer home site did not develop. It was suggested that this could be assured by a system of monthly licensing.

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A report of the finance and general purpose committee (which includes the whole council) submitted at last week's council meeting stated that "it is reluctantly recommended that the conciliation board's report be accepted as a basis of settlement."

However, on a motion of Councillor Charles Birkett, it was agreed that this be referred back for further discussion, in camera.

The discussion took place at the end of the meeting and the finance and general purpose committee report was adopted with the exclusion of the word "reluctantly."

These terms, however, and at a meeting held in Maple last week, voted 21 to 4 to go out on strike.

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"The police force will be driven right up the wall," Mr. Gadsby felt however that the reduced limits would produce a psychological effect which would keep speeds down.

Third reading of the bylaw was passed July 8, at which time Reeve Rumble had some misgivings, feeling that the limit should have been set at 40 mph. Councillor Anthony Roman stated however that he had travelled the gravel roads during the week and found 35 mph seemed the safest speed.

The bylaw still requires approval of the Department of Highways before it comes into effect.

## See New Dump Legislation Threat To Metro Fringes Supersedes Local Bylaws

York Centre MLA Donald Deacon was the sole member of the Ontario Legislature to actively oppose July 4 a bill which will permit any municipality in the province to dump garbage in a neighboring municipality.

"Under this legislation a municipality can go into King Township or some other area to dump garbage and get it away from its own boundaries," said Mr. Deacon. "We saw last year a very costly case where Metropolitan Toronto used its very strong power against a weaker municipality which objected to what it felt was an infringement on its rights. The municipality had to spend many thousands of its taxpayers' dollars on legal fees to protect itself."

Mr. Deacon was objecting to Section 18 of Bill 155 which amends the Municipal Act. The section is described as "facilitating the locating of disposal sites outside the confines of any one municipality." It permits a municipality to acquire disposal sites "in a local municipality," subject to agreement with the municipality. If agreement cannot be reached, appeal will be made to the Municipal Board which will hold a public hearing.

The amendment also extends the power of the OMB and permits it to order the amendment of any official plan or of any local municipality's bylaw to permit a garbage dump of which the OMB approves. This means that a municipality no longer has the protection of its own bylaws or official plan against location of a garbage dump within its boundaries.

Mr. Deacon urged that the question was one which should be taken hold of by the province and not left in the hands of the municipalities to "fight out among themselves."

"There have been many sad experiences in other jurisdictions where a wealthy municipality adjoining a less wealthy one bribes the less wealthy one by large payments," he said. "They dump garbage in the less prosperous municipality, causing pollution conditions which are very difficult to clear up later."

He suggested that the section be amended and that OMB approval of the location of a dump by one municipality in the territory of another only be allowed when the first municipality can prove that it has no available site within its own boundaries.

Mr. Deacon received some support from Ian Deans, an NDP member representing Wentworth Riding.

Mr. Deans stressed that the health aspect of landfill operations should be looked into closely. A health problem exists in this regard on Hamilton Mountain, he said, and before the legislation is passed the Department of Municipal Affairs should review the conditions under which sanitary landfill would be permitted anywhere. "There are many areas where the natural fluids from the dumps are flowing into the natural waterways and we must stop this immediately," he warned and added, "I do not believe the landfill method has proven too satisfactory, particularly in municipalities the size of Hamilton."

Minister of Municipal Affairs Darcy McKeough replied however that officials of his department felt the proposed legislation was the best way to handle the problem until some cheaper method of garbage disposal is found. He admitted however, that "it is a very messy, tricky problem and there is no easy solution to it."

"Stop eating" was the solution suggested by Minister of Correctional Services Allan Grossman.

Mr. McKeough noted however that some very large landfill projects have resulted in attractive parks, as at Belleville.

Mr. Deacon reiterated that he felt the province and the Department of Municipal Affairs should be taking the responsibility for solving this area of dispute between municipalities instead of leaving them to fight it out among themselves, "especially when you have a very large municipality, such as Metropolitan Toronto, up against a small one to the north."

Mr. Deacon noted too that at last winter's OWRC conference at the Inn-on-the-Park

there had been discussion of sanitary landfill in freshwater bodies with a protective barrier and treatment of seepage in sewage plants. "It is quite possible that Metro Toronto could make excellent and valuable land development available on park development along the waterfront if it pursued this line of attack on its garbage disposal problem instead of attacking small municipalities to the north," he said.

In spite of Mr. Deacon's protests, however, section 18 of the bill was passed and given three readings.

It still requires Royal assent before becoming law.

## Strike Action

### Vaughan Agrees To Discussion Conciliation Board's Report

Vaughan Township has received a request from the Ontario Department of Labor and will send a representative to meet with CUPE representatives today (Thursday) to discuss the recent conciliation board report concerning wages and hours of its 30 outdoor workers.

The conciliation board majority report dated July 8 recommended a general increase of 6 1/2% retroactive to January, 1968 and a further 7% increase next January for the outdoor workers.

It also recommended that the work week be reduced to 42 hours effective immediately and to 40 hours next January.

The men refused to accept these terms, however, and at a meeting held in Maple last week, voted 21 to 4 to go out on strike.

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## Markham Rural Area Bylaw Sets 25 Acre Min. Lot Size

The Ontario Municipal Board has not yet handed down its decision regarding Markham Township's rural area bylaw.

"Twenty objections to the bylaw, described as a "deliberate attempt to control the potential hazard of urbanization" were voiced at the hearing held at the township's municipal offices July 4.

The bylaw, No. 2325, sets 25 acres as the minimum lot size on which a building permit may be obtained in areas zoned for agricultural, A1.

Other categories set out in the bylaw are Rural Residential 1 (RR1) one acre with 150 foot frontage; RRA, 2 acres with 200 foot frontage and RR4, 10 acres with 300 foot frontage.

Markham Township's former Planning Director Ian Keith, now deputy planning director with the Borough of Etobicoke, testified for the township. When he had come to the municipality in 1965 there was no over-all zoning bylaw, he stated, and there had been considerable trouble with 10 acre lots.

The new bylaw was drawn up in June and July of 1966 and it was advertised and comments invited. About 50 responses were received, most of them favorable.

Stating his belief that the bylaw conforms to the township's official plan, Mr. Keith stated, "It is the municipality's intent to preserve, if it can, the rural areas from urbanization and maintain rural areas for rural development."

He described the bylaw as "a combination of a holding bylaw and a long range plan" and noted that agricultural zones close to urban centres could be developed in time.

Township Clerk Harry Crisp thought some of the objections to the bylaw could more correctly be classed as applications for rezoning. Some requested permission to sell farm lands which had been owned for many years, with retention of the family home and an acre or two of land.

In this category was Frank Reesor who owns the east half of Lot 10, Concession 9. His solicitor John Brevin advised that the house had been in the family for 100 years but the bylaw would not permit Mr. Reesor to sell the farm land and retain two and a half acres with the house. He asked that this decision be allowed.

Township Solicitor Paul Mingay, in reply, advised that the council recognizes this problem but believes that each case should be dealt with separately under an exception to the bylaw.

A case in point, he said, was that of John Passmore who lives at Lot 59, Concession 1, front-

## Set 35 mph Limit Markham Twp. Roads

Motorists traversing gravel roads in Markham Township in any direction will shortly be restricted to travelling at no more than 35 mph following last week's passing of bylaw 2392 by Markham Township Council.

Originally, a bylaw had been prepared restricting speeds to this figure only on north-south gravel roads but at the July 2 council meeting Reeve Stewart Rumble pointed out that all the north-south arteries are through roads and unless speeds were reduced on the side roads also, problems would ensue.

Deputy-reeve S. J. Gadsby had originally proposed the speed reduction on north-south roads because of heavy weekend traffic which scattered gravel put on the roads during the week.

Reeve Rumble felt however that there were other reasons than loss of gravel for reduced speeds, such as sight distances

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Hi Kids! I'M GIVING AWAY FREE BIKES and other prizes!

The annual Elmer's Summer Safety Contest will be carried again this summer by "The Liberal". Last year a young North Thornhill girl won a CCM bicycle, one of the first prizes in this contest, which is province-wide. Through the years many other young readers of "The Liberal" have won second prizes, accessory kits, in similar contests.

The contestant is asked to cut out and color the weekly contest picture and list the errors on a separate sheet of paper, sending both to the address given with a properly filled out entry form. The first contest appears on Page 2 of this week's issue.

There will be a different picture published each Thursday for four weeks. Each week two CCM bikes, one boy's and one girl's, and 25 accessory kits will be offered.

## Historical Plaque Unveiling July 25

Marking the site of the residence of the late Colonel Robert Moodie, first casualty of the rebellion of 1837, a historical plaque will be unveiled at the TTC bus loop, Yonge Street North, July 25 at 7 pm.

The plaque is being erected by the Ontario Historical Sites Board following a request by Richmond Hill's Centennial Committee made some three years ago. Although approved almost two years ago, erection of the marker was delayed until this year because of the great demand for similar plaques during Canada's Centennial Year.

A cordial invitation is extended to all citizens of Richmond Hill and surrounding area to participate in the short ceremony which will be attended by representatives of the provincial and area governments.

In 1837, Col. Moodie's residence was on Lot 49, Markham Township, very near the site of the present bus loop.

## Dynes All-Ontario Sr. A Tournament Champions

By FRED SIMPSON Ironman Bob Domik put the stopper to any of his critics in Windsor last weekend as he pitched and hit the Richmond Hill Dynes Jewellers into the All-Canadian Fastball Finals August 30 in St. Catharines.

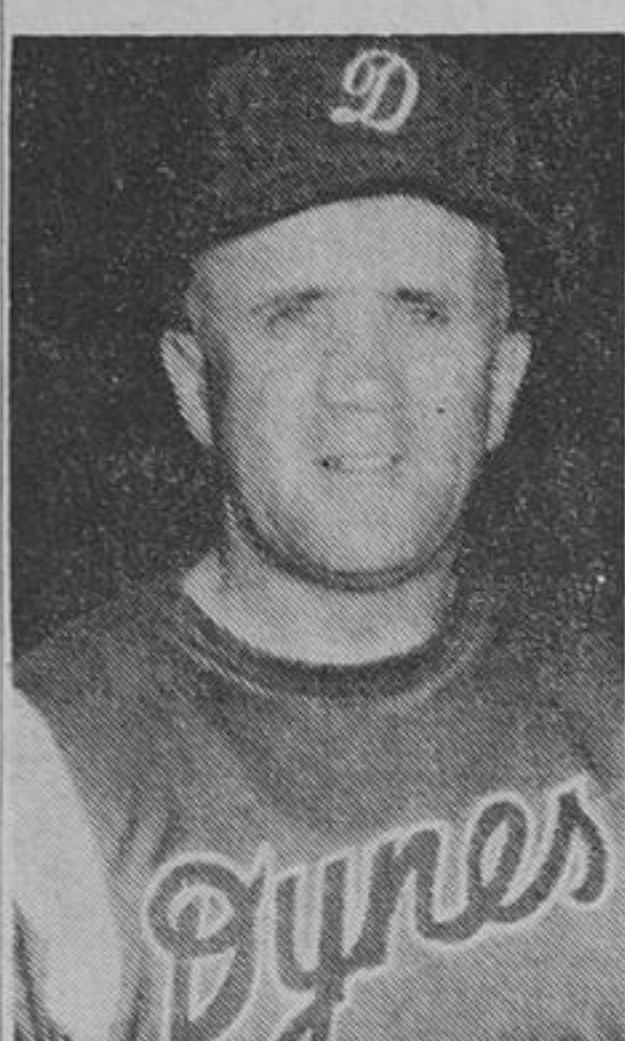
Domik, the only hurler the Jewellers took with them to Windsor, accomplished the following:

Hurled three games on Saturday and another back-to-back three games on Sunday.

Won five games, lost only one. Enroute he gave up but four runs, had four shutouts, only 22 hits against him, and struck out a total of 53 batsmen.

He also drove in the winning run that enabled Richmond Hill to win the right to represent Ontario in the All-Canadian Fastball Finals.

That winning run came in the sixth and final game Sunday as The Jewellers battled Sault Ste. Marie through six scoreless innings of the seven-inning game.



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But it was Domik who had to hold up or all would have gone down the drain. Hold up he did.

The Jewellers opened the tournament play Saturday morning, downing Windsor 5-0 behind Domik's one-hit pitching. He struck out 15 batters including three in a row in one inning after walking three in a row.

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Richmond Hill Lions Club 1968-69 Executive

The men who will guide the Richmond Hill Lions, the town's senior service club, during the coming year are pictured above following their recent installation: Front row (left to right) 2nd Vice-President George Chassie, 1st Vice-President Fred Waters, President Reg Williams, Past President Peter Dyson, Secretary Don Montague, 3rd Vice-President Norm McDermott.

Back row (same order) Directors Bill Honeyman, Ben Hindle, Bruce Smith, Treasurer Grant Marshall, Lion Tamer Alf Bryant, Director Ev Baker. Absent when photo was taken: Tail Twister Dan Boyle.