

Wed In Civil Ceremony

The scene of the August 6 wedding of Brenda Firman and Keith George Prosser was the magistrate's office in the Richmond Hill Municipal Building. Magistrate Russell Pearse performed the ceremony prior to the regular sitting of court that morning. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Firman of 399 Browndale Crescent and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Prosser of 172 Felix Road. After a honeymoon in Niagara Falls, the young couple are now residing in Toronto.

Local Man Returns To Poland To Visit After 41 Years Here

In 1927 it took Wesley Nowicki of Norfolk Avenue, 10 days to travel from Warsaw to Halifax. He has just returned from a month in his native land, where he visited two sisters and a brother for the first time in 41 years. Air France jetted him from Warsaw to Montreal in nine hours and 50 minutes air time. Mr. Nowicki has been a resident of Richmond Hill for the past two and a half years.

When "The Liberal" asked him for impressions gained during his month-long visit, Mr. Nowicki, stated in his opinion the people, especially the young people, are much better off now than when he lived there. There are much greater opportunities for the future, since the government pays educational costs from grade school to university for those wishing to attend.

"There is religious freedom," Mr. Nowicki reported. "I attended four churches and there were large numbers of people in all four. However, churches in Poland have to pay taxes."

"The press has not as much freedom as in Canada," he commented, but noted, "They can and do criticize in many ways the people in the government."

Mr. Nowicki described the people on the streets as well dressed and apparently happy. "There is no traffic congestion because there are few privately owned cars. A car is a luxury and the average man can't afford one. However, the government provides very cheap transportation everywhere."

Much housing construction, equivalent to that in Canada, was noticed by the Canadian visitor.

He discovered that a construction worker would make 2,000 zolty per month. A man with a family of four would spend 80% of his wages to feed his family well, and his rent would consume another 8% for an apartment consisting of two bedrooms, a kitchen, a living room, and toilet, with heat and hot water. The remaining 12% would be spent on clothing for the family. "This is not too much," said Mr. Nowicki. Another interesting point was that the size of the family governs the size of the apartment — not the ability to pay. All are charged the same percentage of salary or wages for this accommodation.

Each worker receives a month's paid holiday each year.

Mr. Nowicki continued. If the wife works, the family can have more luxuries and generally speaking the wives work. They leave the small children with the family or in special homes. "The young people are happy and patriotic," Mr. Nowicki reported, but said, "The older ones are not so happy."

He commented on the fact that there are no strikes and no gangsters. "Criminals are punished very severely compared to our standards." His relatives and their friends asked him if reports of raping and strangling of women in North America, in their newspapers were true. When he reluctantly admitted they were he was told there were no such crimes in Poland.

The Poles also expressed great surprise at the recent shootings of prominent people in the U.S.A. They all condemn the U.S.A.'s action in Vietnam. "From what I have heard, the governments of all communist countries are helping North Vietnam — not with manpower, but materially," reported our traveller. "People in Poland fear greatly an atomic war, for which I cannot blame them."

"Their country was almost completely destroyed in World War II and one may still see the scars of war even in Warsaw, which is now almost 90% rebuilt with modern buildings — and without outside help," he told us.

Mr. Nowicki was greatly moved by the many monuments to the victims of the mass executions carried out by the Nazis throughout the country. "Most of these were Jews and they almost succeeded in eliminating the Jewish community," he commented.

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SCHOOL OPENING

REGISTRATION: All Secondary Schools will be open and Students are expected to register on the following dates:

Monday, August 26th to Friday, August 30th inclusive from 8.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.

and

Wednesday, August 28th from 7.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.

If you are new to the Community or if you have forgotten which of these dates your grade is to register contact the school for this information.

Students in Grades 9, 10, 11 and 12 will be issued texts when they register. Late registrants may have to wait for texts.

GRADE 13 TEXTBOOKS: Grade 13 Students may purchase textbooks at Langstaff Secondary School on the following dates:

Monday, August 26th from 12.30 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. and from Tuesday, August 27th to Friday, August 30th from 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.

No Grade 13 textbooks will be available through the schools after August 30th.

OPENING DAY — TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1968

On Opening Day, Students are required at all Secondary Schools at 9.00 a.m. As this will be a FULL day Students should plan to eat in the cafeteria which will be open, or to bring their lunches.

BUSES: Details of bus routes will appear next week.

Information may be obtained by calling:

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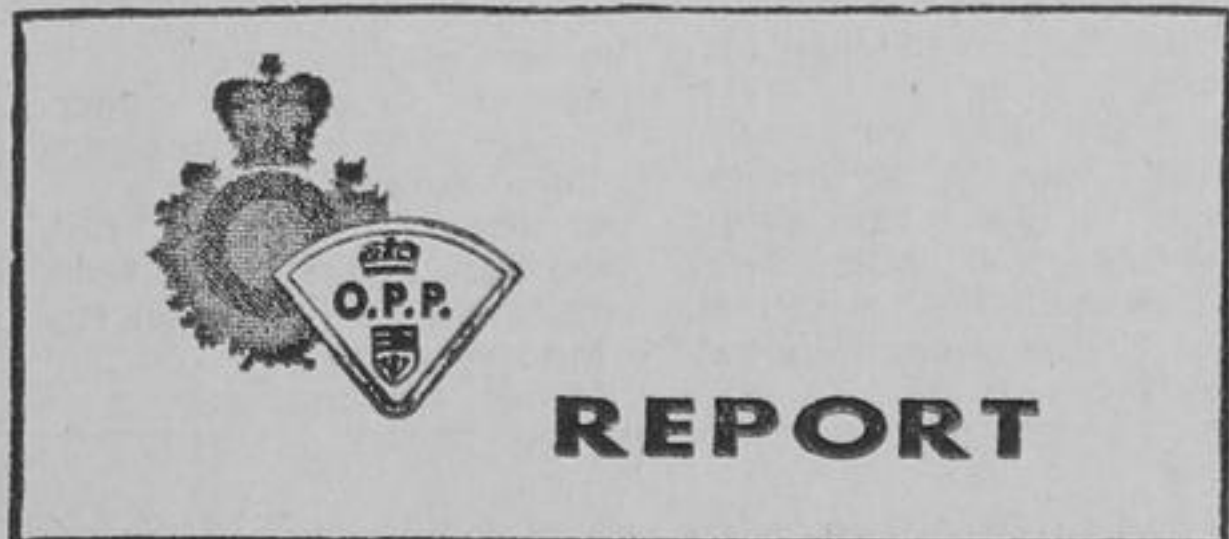
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REPORT

OAK RIDGES DETACHMENT

18 Persons Injured, Damage \$30,000 In 50 Accidents Investigated In Week

In the past week 50 accidents, in which 18 people were injured and property damage was estimated at more than \$30,000, were investigated by Ontario Provincial Police at Oak Ridges.

There is concern over the rising accident rate. So far this year the OPP at Oak Ridges have investigated 1,050 accidents as against 955 this time last year.

An American visitor is in serious condition in Toronto General Hospital after being involved in an accident at the recently-completed intersection of Highways 9 and 27, August 6. Harvey Yoder, 50, of Belleville, Pennsylvania, was driving a truck hauling a camper trailer northbound on Highway 27 when it was hit by a car travelling eastbound on Highway 9. Both vehicles were completely demolished. Damage was put at \$2,100.

Mr. Yoder's wife, Ethel, and two daughters, Virginia and JoAnn were taken to York County Hospital, Newmarket and released the next day.

The car driver, Harold Griffiths, 75, of 40 Vauxhall Street, London, Ont., and his wife, Barbara, were also taken to York County Hospital. Constable J. Hanna investigated the accident.

A small car was totally wrecked and its four occupants

taken to York County Hospital for treatment when it went out of control August 5 on Highway 11, just north of Aurora. The car was northbound at the time. Injured were: Gary Short, the driver, 19, of RR 1, Brighton; Steve Simpson, 19, 254 Patricia Avenue, Willowdale; George Beaumont, 18, 254 Patricia Avenue, Willowdale and JoAnn Hirst, 18, 335 Elmwood Avenue, Willowdale.

A broken collar-bone and numerous bruises were incurred by John Stott, 23, of 67 Roosevelt Drive, Thornhill, on August 8 when his eastbound motorcycle developed a speed wobble on Highway 7 just west of Highway 11, and threw him onto the centre median. He was taken to York County Hospital, Newmarket. Constable A. Vincent investigated.

AURORA: Marijuana valued at \$150 was seized recently by the town police and two men and two 15-year-old girls have been charged with possession of narcotics. Charged are Paul Zengen, 27, of Mimico and Terrence Donaldson, 24, of Toronto. The two girls are from Don Mills and Thornhill. A 17-year-old Aurora high school girl is also awaiting trial on a possession charge, following a separate action by town police and seizure of marijuana in a home.

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