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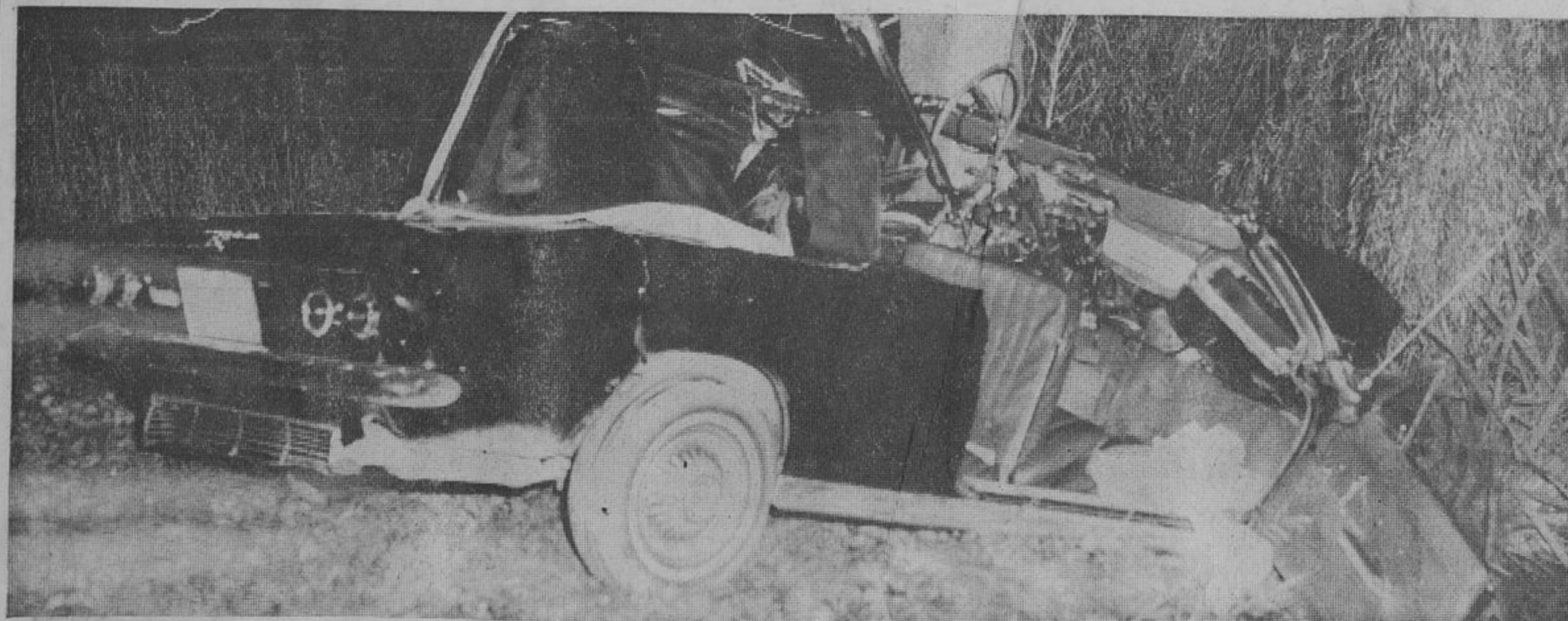
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Passenger Killed, Driver Badly Hurt

A passenger in this car, Carolyn Wright, 18, of RR 2, Gormley, was killed on Saturday when the car, a Corvair, collided with a Volkswagen on Don Mills Road at 17th Avenue.

The driver of the Corvair, Diana Dery, 17, of Richmond Hill, was taken to York Central Hospital with multiple injuries.

The driver of the Volkswagen, Hans Bueschleb, 24, of Willowdale, was uninjured. He was later charged with failing to yield the right of way.

Bueschleb was turning left from Don Mills onto 17th Avenue when his car collided with the Corvair southbound on Don Mills. The Corvair travelled 100 feet and smashed through two guard posts before crashing into a tree next to a pond in a private yard.



DEPUTY-REEVE GADSBY

Knock Down The Walls For More Space For Team Teaching—Pleasantville Staff

Pleasantville Public School teaching staff, under the leadership of Principal John Hincks, October 24, came up with constructive ideas for creating space for team-teaching classrooms, although on the surface they sounded destructive. "Knock down the two walls," was the advice given Richmond Hill Public School Board to pass on to the new York County Board of Education.

One wall designated for demolition separates a primary classroom from a sheltered area at the entrance to the kindergarten room. Since, as a rule, in inclement weather the kindergartners go directly into their room, this area of space is virtually unused. It would also require construction of an exterior wall. The other wall the teachers suggested removing separates two primary classrooms. Addition of broadloom flooring, trapezoidal desks and chairs for easy grouping, were also considered desirable—but the teachers expressed a willingness to forego these in order to get the extra space.

The teachers also felt that movable book shelves and work areas for all the children would be sufficient divisions of the space.

Questioned as to what open area will do for the pupils, the teachers explained that children are more enthusiastic if they can work in groups at something they want to do. "It gives them independence to a certain extent."

Another need to make team-teaching effective would be another teacher, or failing that, a lay teacher's aid, they said. Team-teaching requires a lot of organization and a lot of preparation. A lay person could help in routines and preparing equipment for the children, but another teacher would be best, because she would become a part of the team, was the consensus. But such a lay person would have to be capable and willing to work with the teachers. Trustee Peter Sale felt this was a plan which could be tried in a small experimental way.

Senior teachers, who have had students from teachers' college in their classrooms, felt student teachers could well be used as classroom assistants.

Assistant Superintendent Murray Dobson reported that the matter of teacher training is now under consideration and the system now used in British Columbia is receiving attention. In this system, before a student begins classes at the University, he or she spends four months

in a classroom as a teacher's aid and is paid a nominal sum.

After a year in classes the student comes back to the school for three months and before being admitted to the profession spends another period in the classroom. During these teaching periods the candidates, all pre-selected for the program, are supervised by the university and by the superintendent of schools.

Another teacher advised tapping the pool of mature women, whose families are grown, but who can't meet the qualifications for entrance to teachers' college. "As children get older their individuality increases and they need the group more."

However, they must be supervised by a person employed by the board—an adult who uses intelligence to guide the children," she said.

A senior teacher pointed out that although the school library is coming along very nicely, it is not really adequate for research in depth and should have more specific reference books. A resource person and tables where youngsters may spread out their material, electrical outlets where they can plug in viewers, would be invaluable. Level top tables are also needed instead of classroom desks.

Principal Hincks pointed out that the school still has a port-

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Hodgson Announces Wing Aurora Hospital

William Hodgson, MLA for York North, announced this week that the Ontario Department of Public Works will soon call tenders for construction of an occupational therapy and recreational building at the Aurora Ontario Hospital. This is the first phase of a three-phase development of facilities at the hospital for the treatment and rehabilitation of retarded adults.

It is estimated the single-storey addition at the south end of the present building will be about \$180,000. It will be 66 by 66 feet, will be built of concrete blocks, have a brick exterior and will include three activity rooms and a combined gymnasium and auditorium. A storage area and a small office for an instructor will be included in the basement.

When the other two phases of the development are completed, Mr. Hodgson said, the hospital will be equipped to serve 300 persons, with space for activities, education and rehabilitation of retarded adults.

Mr. Hodgson is a former reeve of King Township, warden of York County and is now serving his first term as a member of the Ontario Legislature. He is a Progressive Conservative

Senior Executive

Early Heart Surgery Patient Gordon M. Graham Died Oct. 25

Gordon McCalla Graham, retired chairman of the board of Simpson-Sears Ltd., died Friday in Toronto General Hospital following his fourth coronary attack suffered three weeks ago. Mr. Graham and his wife, the former Dorothy Frances Burton, have made their home at Tintern Farms, Bathurst Street, for the past five years.

Mr. Graham has been an invaluable member of the board of directors of York Central Hospital since its inception and has served on committees dealing with all phases of the hospital's work.

Sixteen years ago, Mr. Graham became one of the first patients to undergo the complicated heart valve operation and was the oldest patient the heart research team at Toronto General Hospital had operated on until that time. His wife has donated his heart for research to the hospital. He underwent a second similar operation in 1960.

Mr. Graham considered himself fortunate that in 1952 heart

research was one jump ahead of the heart condition that caused him to become so exhausted that in his office he was often forced to work from a couch.

He joined Simpsons in 1928 and became vice-president of Simpson-Sears when it was formed in 1953, a year after his first heart valve operation. He went on to become president of the company in 1957 and two years after a second operation in 1960 he became chairman of the board.

Mr. Graham was born in Stratford and educated in Vancouver and Victoria and at the University of Toronto. He was also a director of the Canadian Heart Foundation.

Besides his wife he leaves to mourn his passing two daughters—Mrs. W. M. Ross and Mrs. G. D. Cram, both of Toronto, and 13 grandchildren.

The funeral service was held in Rosedale United Church Monday afternoon with interment following in Carville United Church Cemetery a short distance away from his Vaughan Township farm home.

Vaughan Joins Bus Line Protest

Vaughan Township Council agreed last week to join with the Town of Richmond Hill and the Township of Markham in protesting the withdrawal of the seat tax exemption which has formerly applied to the operation of the North Yonge bus line.

Minister of Transport Irwin Haskett has advised the municipalities that the exemption was a form of subsidy when the line was operating at a deficit and that as it is now operating at a profit, the subsidy is to be removed.

The municipalities contend however, that the exemption was granted in lieu of payment for the right-of-way of the old radial line which was turned over to the province at no charge.

"This is one of the few ministers we haven't dealt with. Whose turn is it to go?" enquired Reeve Brian Bailey of his council members.

Consider Rescinding Bylaw Creating County School Bd.

The frantic preparations for next January's York County Board of Education may all come to naught if York County Council accepts a recommendation of its legislation and bylaws committee this week and rescinds the bylaw setting up the board.

Chairman of the committee is Richmond Hill Reeve Donald Plaxton. Other members are Vaughan Township Reeve Brian Bailey, Markham Township Deputy-reeve S. J. Gadsby, Whitchurch Township Deputy-reeve Lawrence Hennessey, Georgina Township Deputy-reeve E. G. Rixon, Newmarket Deputy-reeve C. J. Salisbury and Stouffville Deputy-reeve William Parsons.

Reason for such a revolutionary recommendation is that under the new provincial equalization factors York County has had an increase of 23% in its provincial equalized assessment. This will mean a substantial reduction in education grants—some have estimated as

much as two million dollars. No other county in the province has been affected to such a degree by the new provincial figures, although Simcoe County assessment is increased by 13.08%.

Cause of the sharp increase in York County is blamed on land changing hands at speculative prices in the Metro fringe areas.

Based on 1968 tax rates, the change would up Georgina Township taxes 12.9 mills, the steepest increase in the county. Clouffville would go up 6.2; Woodbridge 5.8; Sutton 5.6; Vaughan Township 5.1; and Markham and King Townships both 3.2 mills.

Richmond Hill's rate would drop 11 mills however, and Aurora's 9.8.

These figures were brought before county council at its July 25 session by Vaughan Township Reeve Brian Bailey. He objected at that time to apportioning members on the board in accordance with the new provincial equalized assessment as this was in effect, approving the equalization fac-

Simpson, Knott To Run For New County Board

Two more candidates have announced that they will seek election to the York County Board of Education December 2. They are Chairman Deena Simpson and Vice-Chairman Jack Knott of Richmond Hill Public School Board. Both made the announcement at the October 24 meeting of that board in Pleasantville School.

MRS. DEENA SIMPSON Mrs. Simpson took over as chairman of the board last fall to complete the term of Walter Hutchinson and is now completing another full year in that position. She has served six years as a trustee and for two of these as the board's vice-chairman.

She has also represented her board on the Interim School Organization Committee, since its inception. This committee was charged by the Ontario Government with collecting data and preparing in concise form a complete picture of the present educational operation in the county for the new board which takes over at the first of the year.

A resident of Richmond Hill for 11 years, Mrs. Simpson, having been educated in England, joined the home and school association to become acquainted with how her own children were being educated.

This aroused her interest in education and prompted her to seek election to the board of trustees. She lives at 232 Church Street South.

"I believe the new York County Board of Education should be a blend of experienced people from both elementary and secondary public school boards, to ensure that the high standards of education we have enjoyed in the past will be continued in the future. I also believe there should be a considerable representation of those who have already worked together on ISOC."

JACK KNOTT

Mr. Knott has lived at 60 Trench Street since 1954 and is completing his seventh year on the public school board, having served as vice-chairman for two years. He has also served on committees which have dealt with all phases of management, financing, and construction.

"Responsibilities of trustees of the new county board are going to be a lot greater," Mr. Knott told "The Liberal," "and will take more time. But the education of our children will go on. I believe that the new board must not become too big and too impersonal, but must keep the lines of communication with staff and parents open."

Destructive Fire At Maple Downs Club

The pro shop of the Maple Downs Golf Club, Dufferin Street, was gutted by a fire which started at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

Damage to the two-storey, split-level building and the equipment inside is estimated at about \$75,000. A number of expensive mechanised golf carts were among the equipment destroyed.

The cause of the fire is under investigation by the Vaughan Township Fire Department.

There was no damage to the club house, which is located adjacent to the pro shop, and no one was injured in the blaze. Twenty firemen from Vaughan Fire Department, hampered by a lack of water, battled for two hours to put out the fire. With no hydrants available firemen had to lay hose some 1,500 feet to a swimming pool at the rear of the property to get more water.

"If we had had enough water we probably could have stopped the fire quickly," says Vaughan Fire Chief James Davidson.



PHIL MIHOREAN

Ward 3 Candidate

Phil Mihorean, a native of Richmond Hill and graduate of the town's public and high schools and the University of Toronto, announced this week that he will be a candidate for Ward 3 councillor in Markham Township elections December 2. Mr. Mihorean, secretary-treasurer of Mihorean and Dahl-Jensen Limited, Unionville Village realtors, resides on a farm on Concession 7 Markham Township, near Peach's Corners. He is married and has five girls and two boys. He has resided in Markham Township for almost all of his 40 years and has operated a real estate brokerage for almost 20 years. (His home here was in the area south of Markham Road later annexed by the town).

For the past three years he has been a trustee of the Markham Township Library Board and for four years has acted as secretary-treasurer of St. Patrick's Separate School Board in Markham Village.

Three Way Battle Rages Over Trench St. Opening

By MARGARET McLEAN

A series of misunderstandings and working to cross purposes has created something of an impasse between Vaughan Township, York Central Hospital and York Central District High School Board, it was revealed at Monday night's meeting of the school board.

Cause of the dispute is a request by the township for dedication of a 10 foot strip of land on the west border of Don Head Secondary School, now under construction and scheduled for opening next September.

The township requires the 10 feet of school board land for the construction of Trench Street which will run north from Maple Side-road between the new school and York Central Hospital. The hospital has already agreed to dedicate 10 feet of its land for the road.

Chief cause of the high school board's dismay is the fact, revealed only recently, that the Toronto and York

Roads Commission has ruled that entrance to the school must be from Trench Street and not from Maple Side-road.

In a resume of the story prepared for board members Monday night, Superintendent S. L. G. Chapman noted that shortly after the appointment of the architect for the school, in November, 1966 he had discussed with Vaughan Township Planning Department the advisability of orienting the school to Trench Street. At that time, he was told that the township had no plans to build the road and if the school board wished to face the school on Trench Street it would have to construct the road itself.

As it was also desired to present as attractive an appearance as possible to the sideroad, the architect was instructed to design the building to front that way. It wasn't until March, 1968—after \$100,000 had already been expended on design

plans—that the architect reported that the Toronto and York Roads Commission would "likely request that access to the school be from Trench Street."

At that time, Vaughan Township engineer advised that the building of the street had been proposed but no construction date had been set. In April, however, the township requested the 10 foot land dedication, and in May, the board passed a motion to sell the strip to the township at cost, plus interest, \$2,280.

It wasn't until June that the board learned that the hospital planned to close its Maple Side-road entrance when Trench Street was built. York County Engineer A. J. Rettle advised at that time that while a temporary entrance would be permitted off the sideroad, the board would be required to close this when Trench Street was opened. Tenders for construction of the

school were already out at that time.

Following a telephone conversation between High School Board Chairman Allan Peck and Reeve Brian Bailey early in September, the board passed a resolution on September 30 that none of the Don Head Secondary School property be given or sold "at this time".

A letter from the reeve dated October 18 threatened that if the dedication were not given the road would be built and the available funds would be spent elsewhere. The board reiterated with a letter, repeating the September 30 motion but offering to meet with township representatives if desired.

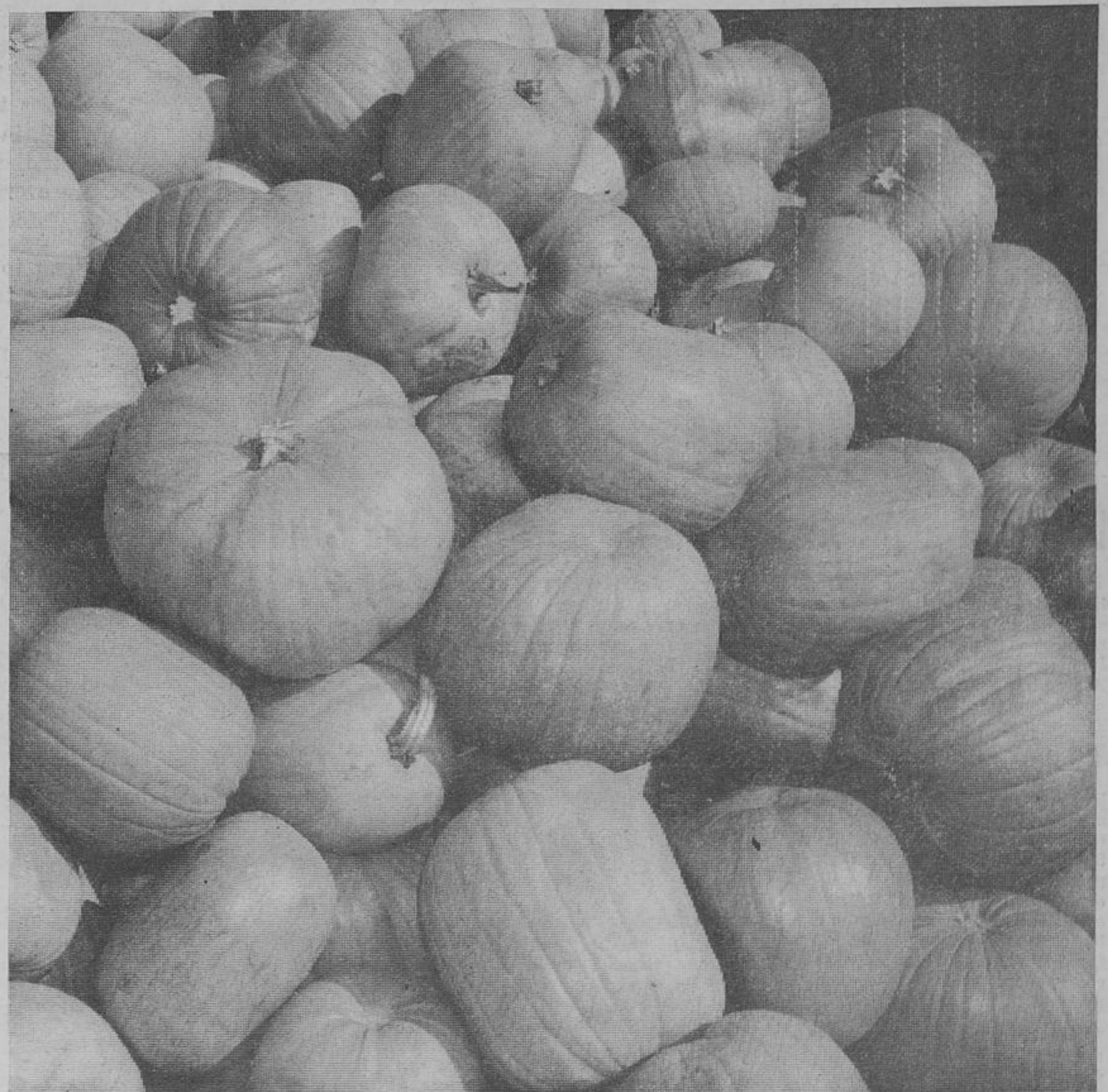
This precipitated a contentious meeting with representatives of York Central Hospital. "Eliminating threats and other emotional elements," reported Mr. Chapman, "It emerged that the new entrance to the hospital is to be from the north

and Trench Street must be opened by the summer of 1970 and the hospital board is afraid that if the money for the road is not used now it may not be available in 1969."

For its part, the high school board is concerned mainly with maintaining an entrance to Don Head School from Maple Side-road. It is also concerned with deeding land to one municipality which was purchased with money raised from four municipalities.

In order to resolve both these difficulties, the board on Monday night, passed unanimously a motion by Trustee John Honsberger that "We will sell the land for the price we paid for it or, if the municipalities give us their consent, will give it to them free; all on the condition that our present plans for entrances and all services need not be changed."

There, for the moment, the matter rests.



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

Jack-O'Lanterns For Hallowe'en Goblins

By this time this great pile of orange pumpkins has been converted into dozens and dozens of smiling, leering, happy and unhappy jack-o'-lanterns which will greet the young trick or treaters on their rounds tonight.

Many of the youngsters will be carrying bright UNICEF boxes in which you may drop your pennies to help the underprivileged children throughout the world. Your donations will help feed the starving, clothe the naked, and educate the uneducated.