

## Bomb Threat At School Pupil Injures Himself

A telephone bomb threat closed MacKillop Public School on Lucas Street for the afternoon, Wednesday, April 16.

Officials closed the school after a mysterious caller telephoned the school that a bomb had been placed in the building. Richmond Hill Police refused to allow the school's 670 pupils, who were on a lunchbreak when the threat was received, back into the school.

A two hour search by police and teachers failed to turn up a bomb.

John Wheeler, the teacher who received the call said the man called twice the first time at about 12:45 p.m.

Mr. Wheeler said the conversation went as follows:

"Is Mr. Davison (the school principal) there?"

"No, he's at lunch."

"Tell him I'll call back again."

"Who shall I say was calling?"

"That I won't say." Then the caller hung up.

He telephoned again about 10 minutes later and said "There's a bomb planted in the school" and hung up immediately.

"There was something queer sounding in the voice," said Mr. Wheeler. He said it was a quality that could not be disguised or impersonated.

"The only time I heard anything like it was several years ago when I had a student in opportunity class. He had that same particular quality," he said.

Mr. Wheeler said the voice was definitely adult but could have been either male or female.

The sole casualty in the scare was a 13-year-old boy who while jumping for joy at the news of the unscheduled holiday injured his knee on the screen around the baseball diamond in the school yard.

The bomb threat at MacKillop School is one of several that have been received in York County schools recently.

Several weeks ago a similar call caused the evacuation of a Newmarket high school.

Officials connected with Markham District High School, Town of Markham, would neither confirm nor deny a report that a similar threat had been made there earlier in the week.

All they would say was that they had not been informed of one.

## Delay Misener Case Until Lawyer Named

Rolf Misener of Maple, charged with cruelty to animals, was remanded, April 17, in Richmond Hill Criminal Court to April 24 to allow him time to retain a lawyer through legal aid. Trial date will be set April 24.

The Ontario Humane Society charged Mr. Misener after they found 17 dead dogs and seized 62 diseased animals from his Vaughan Township fur farm, March 6.

The society later destroyed all but five of the seized animals.

## Police Accident Report

### Three Boys Hurt Crash Stolen Car

Three 16-year-old boys were arrested after they smashed themselves and a stolen car up on the corner of Concession 5 and 16th Avenue, Markham Township, April 18.

Charged with possession of a stolen auto are Michael Sedor of Brown Hill, driver of the car, and two passengers, Malcolm Rogers and Mike Atkinson, both of Toronto.

Rogers was still in hospital Monday morning, with head injuries, a broken jaw, left arm and injured hip. Atkinson was released from hospital after treatment for a broken nose as was Sedor who suffered a broken shoulder.

The three were injured when their northbound car went out of control on Concession 5 and struck a cement post on the northeast corner of the intersection.

No one was injured when a tractor trailer carrying steel girders rammed a bread truck which in turn rolled a passing car over at the intersection of Yonge Street and the Vaughan Sideroad, April 18.

Richmond Hill Police charged Robert Dowdall, 36, of Foxboro, Ontario, driver of the tractor trailer, with running an orange light.

Police said the tractor trailer was eastbound on the Vaughan Sideroad when it struck the rear of a northbound bread truck, driven by Joseph Trotter, 33, of Harding Boulevard, Richmond Hill. The bread truck collided with a northbound car driven by D. Radavanovich of Toronto, overturning it.

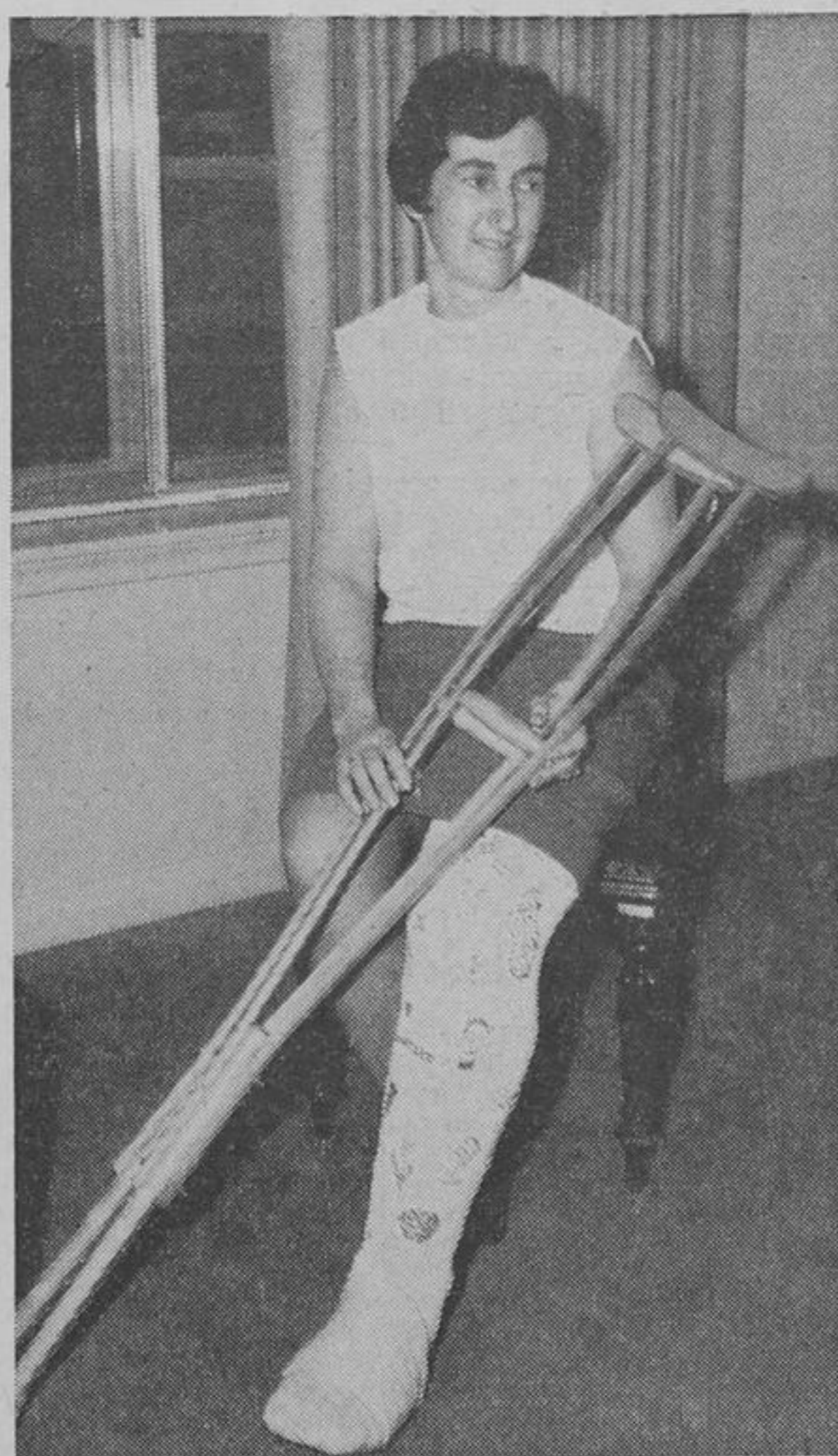
Total damage was estimated at \$1,200.

A seven-year-old South Taylor Mills Drive boy was injured last week when he was knocked off his bicycle by a car.

Gordon Dumas required five stitches in his knee after he collided with a car driven by Louis Moore, 57, of South Taylor Mills Drive. Mr. Moore was backing out of his driveway at the time.

Vaughan Township Police are investigating a two-car accident at the Maple Post Office, April 18.

Charles Watson of Toronto collided with another car driven by Mrs. Joan Lines of Maple. Damage was estimated at \$200 to each vehicle.



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

Mrs. Joan Paton does not expect to do much dancing when she attends the York Central Auxiliary's annual White Rose Ball at the Inn On The Park on May 2, but as dance committee chairman she predicts it will be the best ball ever for the YCHA. A broken leg has not prevented her from taking a lead in the plans and preparations for the big event.

## Chairs YCHA Ball From Chair

By MARGARET LADE

They say you can not keep a good man down. Nor can you defeat a determined woman.

Mrs. Joan Paton of Driscoll Road, Richmond Hill, had been appointed chairman for the White Rose Ball, the big annual money-raising event of the York Central Hospital Auxiliary, and was getting plans nicely underway when she broke her leg.

"It was a freak accident," said Mrs. Paton. "I was curling in a bonspiel at Toronto Cricket Club in February when a rock from the next sheet hit me from behind and broke my leg in three places."

So, with plaster cast from toes to thigh, Mrs. Paton has been carrying on with organization plans for the ball, scheduled for May 2 in the Centennial Ballroom at the Inn On The Park.

"Fortunately I had already been down to the Inn to make arrangements for the dinner before my accident, and we had had some organizational meeting, so plans were pretty well underway. Now it is a matter of attending to the details."

If a meeting is necessary, her co-convenor, Mrs. Sheila Sharpe, and ticket convenor Mrs. Pat Hepler, come to the house.

"It is nice to have something to think about when I can't get out and around. It keeps me from going around the bend to have people coming in and phoning all the time."

This is the fifth annual White Rose Ball, and the auxiliary hopes to raise \$2,000 for the hospital from the sale of 300 tickets, at \$20 a couple, plus proceeds from a lucky draw.

The White Rose is the emblem of the auxiliary, and volunteer workers at the hospital have a white rose embroidered on their attractive coral-colored smocks. A large arrangement of white roses will adorn the stage at the dance, but decor will be in bright springtime colors.

The tables are being set with pale lilac tablecloths, and a group from the auxiliary is making flowers of crepe paper and bristol board in hot pinks, lilac and lime green for table centrepieces.

There will be cocktails available before dinner, said Mrs. Paton, and while dessert and coffee is being served, there will be a fur fashion show, featuring a professional commentator, three professional models and models from the auxiliary.

"I am sure the husbands will groan," laughed Mrs. Paton, "but the women will love it!" Then there will be dancing to the music of Frank Bogart and His Orchestra.

After all the time and effort she has put into it, Mrs. Paton is hoping that she will not have to take her crutches along when she attends the ball.

She was in hospital for a week following her accident, and got a patient's eye view of the work of the many auxiliary volunteers who do innumerable

odd jobs for staff and patients. Her mother came from Montreal to supervise the household — engineer husband Donald Paton, three sons, age 10, 11 and 13, and their three-year-old sister — until a housekeeper could be found.

But, Mrs. Paton found housekeepers are very much in demand, and hers had to leave at the end of two weeks.

Thanks to the co-operation of an efficient cleaning woman, who comes in twice a week, and the willing assistance of the boys, who help with meals and washing up, she reports that things have been running quite smoothly around the Paton household.

Her large cast is due for removal next week. "I'll be glad to get out of this plaster — it is so heavy, but I may have to wear a walking cast for awhile."

Mrs. Paton is warm in her praise of the volunteer workers of the auxiliary.

"They are in the midst of redecorating the gift shop, giving it a new spring look, and we have plans for enlarged facilities when the new addition is built. Ruth Miller is director of volunteers, and her quarters are pretty cramped now, but they are doing a marvelous job."

A gift cart is wheeled from room to room once a day with gifts and personal items that may be needed by patients.

"Our newest project is the baby photography service. A volunteer takes pictures of new babies, and they are developed by a professional studio. It is a very popular service," said Mrs. Paton. "We bought the equipment second hand from a hospital in Toronto."

Mrs. Paton was chairman of a local branch of the auxiliary for two years, and is now in her second year of a two-year term as corresponding secretary for the general executive.

Money raised by the auxiliary has provided many pieces of equipment to aid in diagnosis and treatment of patients — equipment that is beyond the means of the operating budget and not covered by government grants.

"The administrator always has a list of needs," said Mrs. Paton, "and we try to provide them in order of priority."

Auxiliary funds paid for a portable x-ray unit for the hospital, and an Armstrong incubator for premature babies.

Priority items on the auxiliary list for this year include nymatic dictating equipment to speed establishment of medical records, an electro-cautery unit for the surgical department, and a tissue imbedding centre for the laboratory to speed up diagnosis of tissue.

For recreation, she and Mr. Paton curl with Richmond Hill Curling Club during the winter; then when the good weather comes they head for their cottage in Muskoka at every opportunity.

"It is nice to get away from the telephone and the television and the rush and bustle for awhile."

## Won't Join York-Oshawa

### Turns Down District Health Plan Ontario County Loses On Grant

Ontario County is still bucking provincial government attempts to persuade the county to amalgamate its health unit with the York-Oshawa Health Unit.

Although it is faced with a serious budget deficit, and may have to drastically curtail services, the Ontario County Council last week turned down a plan for union which would mean \$104,392 more in immediate amalgamations.

The amalgamation of health services in York and Ontario Counties and the City of Oshawa was proposed in March 1968, by Health Minister Dr. Matthew Dymond, who represents Ontario County in the Legislature.

Ontario County Council, however, remained adamant in its refusal to give up financial control of its own health unit.

By agreeing to provide joint services, the York-Oshawa unit which came into being July 1, 1968 qualified for a 75 percent provincial grant.

Ontario County is getting only 50 percent of its budget requirements from the province.

Dr. Dymond has continued in his efforts to bring the county into the enlarged unit, but the county council rejected the plan again last week.

Despite its determination to run its own health service, the Ontario County Council anticipated an increase in the provincial grant, and budgeted accordingly, approving expenditures of \$421,000 during 1969.

When he learned in March that there would be no increase in grants, Reeve John Williams of Pickering Township predicted that the county would run out of funds for health services around the end of July. "The budget can't be changed," he claimed.

In rejecting another appeal from Dr. Dymond last week, he said, "Dr. Dymond himself has admitted that in a very few years we would pay more in our 25 percent share than we now pay in our 50 percent share."

Deputy-reeve Norman Lyons

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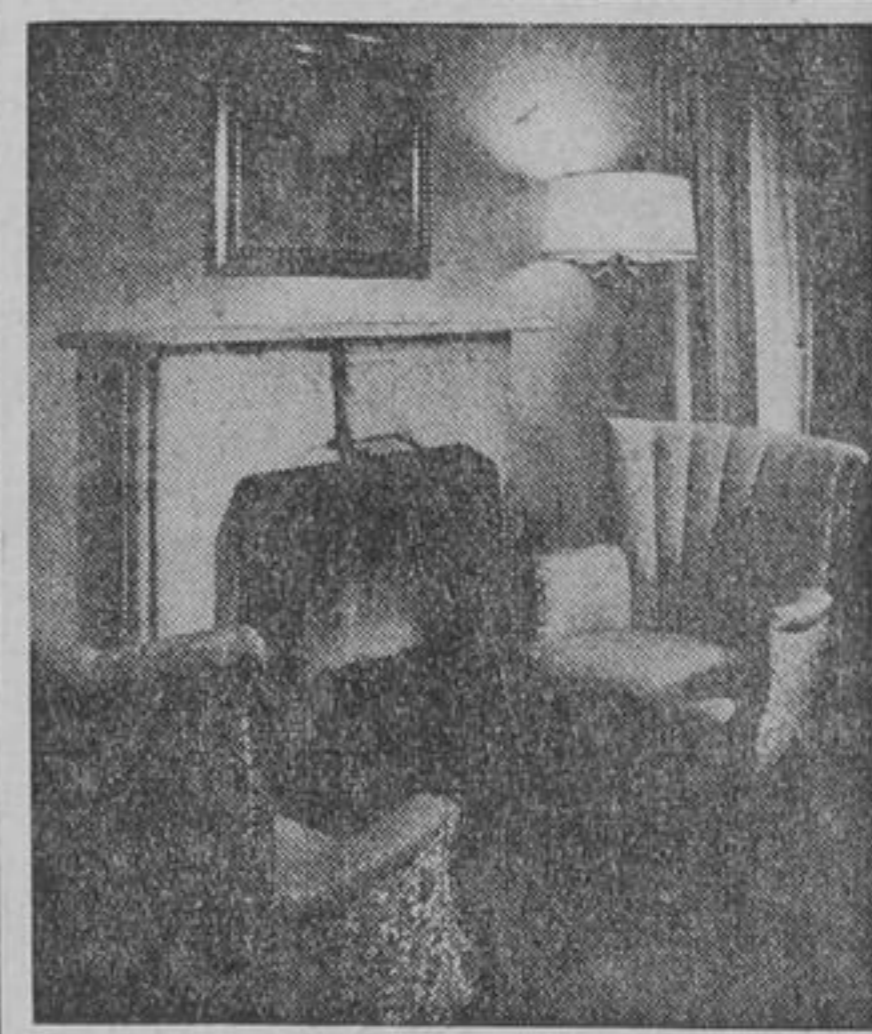
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