



REPORT

Langstaff Man Dies Of Injuries Nov. 3, Is 36th Traffic Victim In York County

A Langstaff man died as a result of injuries received at a 6.45 pm on November 3 in a two-car collision on Highway 7 and Dufferin Street.

Dead is Emilio Curtis, 38, of 5 Rockwell Road, who had been westbound and attempting to turn south on Dufferin Street when his car was in collision with a car driven by Douglas Hambleton, of 18 Thornhill Avenue, Thornhill, who was eastbound.

Mr. Hambleton received head cuts in the crash and damage was estimated at \$3,800.

Roy Collins, of Toronto, received cuts to his right leg and hands and James Dunlop, of Islington, received cuts to his right side when the car driven by Mr. Collins was involved in a collision with a hit-and-run vehicle on Highway 400 near King Sideroad.

Bunny and Janet Neary, passengers in a car driven by James Neary, of Canadian Forces

Markham Twp. Seems To Favor Addition To Police Department

Markham Township Council, which earlier expressed concern about spending too much money on police facility expansion because of possible centralization of police forces under regional government, has decided to ask its architect to prepare detailed plans for an addition to the existing municipal building.

The decision was made following a committee meeting discussion with Police Chief Harvey Cox and Paul Wise, an architect with Marani, Routhwaite and Dick, of Toronto.

After learning of council's decision of November 3, Chief Cox said plans are not finalized as yet on whether the addition will be more rooms created in the basement area of Markham Township Municipal Building or construction of a wing allowing the police department to have facilities on two floors.

The number of personnel on duty for eight-hour shifts and working in the office varies from five to six, added the chief.

"We are definitely cramped in our present basement facilities and have been cramped for a few years," said the chief.

"When the architect comes back with detailed plans we will have to give this more study to decide what would be best," he said.

The Markham Township Police have a staff of 27 officers and civilians occupying less than 1,400 square feet of space in the municipal building basement.

Included in this area is a cell block containing two cells, the communications room, locker room, police offices and staff rooms for the uniformed officers, detectives and administration.

Couple Are Injured Rescuing Dogs From Fire At Locust Hill Kennel

Thomas Dewsbury, proprietor of Dewsa Kennels, Locust Hill, and his housekeeper, Gertrude McKenzie, were seriously burned Sunday evening in a vain attempt to save seven valuable bull dogs.

Also lost in the blaze which levelled the farm home was a quantity of furniture owned by Donald Goldsworthy, who was in the process of moving.

Mr. Goldsworthy told firemen he was last in the building on the evening of November 5 and nothing appeared amiss.

At 12:32 am on November 6, Vaughan Township Firemen had been called to the residence of Eric Dawber, 91 Yongehurst Road, where they were unable to save a newly-constructed tool shed.

The building was valued at \$600 and tools lost were valued at \$300. Firemen believe the blaze may have been started by a cigarette butt left burning by youths.

A vacant barn owned by Jethro Grant, of Weston, burned to the ground on November 8. Firemen were called at 7:55 pm but were unable to save the structure located on Oster Lane in the Concord area.

Employees of Snap On Tools, at the intersection of Bowes Road and Keele Street, were evacuated from the plant at 8:41 am on November 4 after a lift truck snapped a valve on a natural gas pipe.

Firemen were called to the scene to shut off the pipe and to blow the accumulated natural gas from the building. There was no fire.

Both are now being treated for burns to their heads, arms and bodies at Centenary Hospital in Scarborough.

Markham Township Police report fire was discovered in the Dewsbury home at 8:10 pm on Sunday and the couple was burned as they attempted to rescue the four adult bull dogs and three puppies trapped in the house.

Saved were eight bull dogs and 14 Irish wolf hounds housed in a nearby kennel which was saved by firemen from the Town of Markham and the Markham Township volunteer brigade at Unionville.

The Ontario Fire Marshal's office will investigate a fire of undetermined origin that destroyed a home owned by Paul-Way Investments, of Toronto, on November 6. The home was located on Concession 5, Vaughan Township.

The blaze was discovered at 3:01 am by a patrolling provincial police constable who drove from Highway 400 to the farm home after noticing a glow in the sky.

Plans For 2 Cty. Hospitals Revised

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increases before the buildings are completed.

He added that York County Hospital is not scrapping its original plan, just reviewing it, but it may be eight months before they are ready to call for tenders.

Mr. Walter assured the council there is great urgency for immediate expansion at York Central, which now has 126 beds. At the end of September there had been 10,716 outpatient treatments in the emergency department, compared with 8,643 in the same eight-month period last year, an increase of 23.98 percent.

BEDS IN CORRIDOR

Work in the laboratory unit has increased by 15.66 percent, and x-ray examination by 13.4 percent, while visits to the physiotherapy department are up by 19.07 percent.

On some weekends, said Mr. Walter, emergency accident patients had to be placed in corridors, and beds are often placed in large bathrooms.

The council agreed to a recommendation that the county hospital commission be enlarged by both hospitals or alternatively by inclusion of the chief of both hospitals. These individuals would not have a vote on the commission.

WILLOWDALE: Controller Frank Watson, 49, who has served seven years on North York Council and five on the borough public school board announced last week that he is leaving municipal politics.

Last month Watson of Lord Seaton Road announced he wouldn't be standing for reelection as controller, but might run for alderman in Ward 8.

Watson is assistant manager of Ginn and Co., publishers of education books and teaching materials. He is chairman of North York Board of Health.

Mr. Plaxton suggested there might be a saving in tendering for both hospital additions at the same time.

Mr. Boyd commented there are few construction companies large enough to take on such sizeable projects, that in his opinion time and money might be saved in tendering separately and having two companies contracting, one for each addition.

Construction costs have risen considerably since plans were first prepared, and there will be one, perhaps two union wage

York Regional Government Issue Subject Of Still More Probing

By FRED SIMPSON

One thing remains certain about the shape regional government will take in York County. That certainly is uncertainty.

This was made fully apparent Thursday afternoon of last week when the Southern Six Committee investigating regional government in the county received the go ahead to institute an economic study of the municipalities involved.

The committee, established last spring by York County Council, reached decisions on regional government but very few of them were unanimous.

They did decide to:

- Launch an economic study of the three potential municipalities under the new regional government format which includes Richmond Hill, Markham and Vaughan Townships.
- A fourth municipality, Stouffville, will be approached as a separate entity from the other three due to its isolation from Richmond Hill, Markham and Vaughan.

The committee agreed that York County boundaries should remain as they are under a regional government setup with the exception of the Stouffville area which should "extend into Uxbridge Township in Ontario County."

Suggested north-south boundaries for the economic study were:

- A line between Dufferin Street and Bathurst Street as the boundary between Vaughan and Richmond Hill; a line between Concession 2 and Concession 3 of Markham Township as a boundary between Markham and Richmond Hill.
- Steeles Avenue would form the southern boundary of the three municipalities and the King-Vaughan and Whitchurch-Markham town lines would form the northern boundary of the three.
- Stouffville as a separate entity from the three would extend south, west, north and east to include parts of the present Markham, Whitchurch and Uxbridge Townships.

An indication of the divided feelings on the Southern Six Committee was apparent by the far from unanimous decision reached as to where regional responsibility should lie.

It was decided by a narrow 4-3 vote that the police function should be on a regional rather than local level. This was accompanied by a strong recommendation that police be administered by a committee of council and not by a police commission.

It was also a 4-3 calling for welfare to be handled at the local level rather than regional.

Guyana Struggles To Defeat Poverty Of Its People

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The remaining 15 per cent of the population is comprised of Chinese, Amer-Indians (the original natives) Europeans and North Americans.

Guyana is the only English-speaking country in South America and is more closely identified with Caribbean Islands remaining under British protection than with its neighboring Latin states.

However, Guyana has a close alliance with Brazil, its gigantic neighbor, and negotiations are now taking place which could see construction of an international road link between the two nations.

At the present time there is no road in Guyana which crosses the country from border to border and there is much interest in a possible link with Brazil since it could lead to a connection with the Pan American Highway.

Mr. Wilson said the newly-elected Peoples National Congress Party, which now controls the political destiny of the nation, is a democratic political organization with socialist national policies, but is strongly pro-west.

The opposition Peoples Progressive Party, which created turmoil when Guyana was granted its independence, is also a socialist organization, but has strong leftist leanings and is more sympathetic to dealing with the Communist Bloc for national improvements which it claims are not available through negotiation with the United States or the United Kingdom.

He describes the present political situation as being stable and believes racial factions are now more aligned than they ever were in the past.

Mr. Wilson says Guyana suffers most of the ills of an underdeveloped nation emerging from what was once a British colony.

"I don't want to sound like an anti-imperialist, but because 98 percent of the sugar industry is controlled by the British and 100 percent of the bauxite mining is owned by United States or Canadian firms, I am sympathetic to the views of Guyanans who find this control of their major industries objectionable," he said.

"Guyana is experiencing the problems of most developing nations in that its resources are flowing out with the population deriving little benefit from the natural wealth. However, it is questionable that Guyana will follow the pattern being established elsewhere with respect to nationalization and seizure of foreign-owned industry," he said.

Mr. Wilson said he has travelled extensively in the explored regions of Guyana and describes the jungles as being beautiful in their myriad displays of color, from flowers and animal life to birds and insects.

In his travels, he and his wife have driven in Land Rovers, have ridden on river steamers, in motor boats and in canoes to see the country which he describes as fantastically beautiful.

He added that although bauxite mining and sugar production are the largest industries, there is still an extensive gold and diamond industry.

Gold nuggets and diamonds are panned from rivers and streams much in the same manner as they were when the first British prospectors came to Guyana hoping to find the fabulous "Eldorado" that had escaped detection by the Spanish and is now regulated to the category of being a myth.

Mr. Wilson says he has been engaged in establishing a YMCA at Mackenzie independent of the Demarara Bauxite Company, a subsidiary of the Aluminum Company of Canada. Prior to 1967, the YMCA had been totally dependent on the firm.

He added that his present objective is the establishment of an independently operated YMCA and the training of a group of lay leaders with a program of activities being set up which their finances can sustain.

"Our board and committee levels are moving extremely well and will soon have sufficient funds to hire two Guyanans to replace me. There are now three full-time workers on staff assisting in a swimming pool program and working with volunteer leaders in sports and youth programs. My major focus in going back now is to prepare the Guyanans for taking over full operation of the YMCA and to assure their finances are in shape and that specific training programs for leaders will succeed," he said.

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